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# HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point  
Amateur Radio  
Club



W4UA

W4UA repeater 147.165 MHz +Offset 67 Hz tone

## HPARC Officer Nominations For 2025

*Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX*

The HPARC Nominating Committee met via zoom and have made the following recommendations for officers in 2025: David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF for President; Terence Crandall, N4TLC for Vice President; Keith Thomas, KA4JAH for Secretary, and George Williams, KQ4NBH for Treasurer.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the November Meeting,

and as stated in the HPARC bylaws, no further nominations may be made at the December meeting.

Please note that the recommendations made by the nomination committee will be made formally at the November meeting. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their help in selecting next year's slate of officers.

### HPARC Meeting

**Mario's Pizza & Zoom**

**2645 N. Main St.  
High Point, NC27265**

**November 4, 2024  
6:30 p.m.**

## New ARRL Partnership will Benefit Members 65+

*Source: ARRL Letter -September 19, 2024*

ARRL is pleased to announce a partnership with Grouper. Grouper provides benefits to ARRL members aged 65+ for staying active in their communities and these benefits include covering costs associated with your social activity. According to the United States Surgeon General, staying socially active in group activities has proven health benefits and is critical for older Americans, who have above-average risks of social isolation and depression.

For ARRL members with an eligible Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement plan, you'll receive a \$50

check from Grouper. In addition, if you continue to stay active in ARRL activities -- such as attending ARRL Affiliated Club meetings, getting on the air with friends, going to hamfests, or even just socializing with other members at the coffee shop -- Grouper will send you a \$20 social wellness incentive every three months.

From ARRL contests to Field Day and radio club meetings, ARRL and amateur radio activities keep our members socially connected and promote a healthier, more fulfilling life. We know you value community and camaraderie. Let Grouper support those values.



To redeem your benefit, visit <https://hellogrouper.com/arrl>.

Questions?

Please contact Grouper's Member Engagement Team at 833-445-2400 or [info@hellogrouper.com](mailto:info@hellogrouper.com).

### Single Sideband Activity Nights

**2 Meter SSB: Thursdays @ 9pm ET on 144.200 MHz**

**6 Meter SSB: Sundays @8:30pm ET on 50.155 MHz**

# ARRL Philanthropist, Radar Detector Pioneer, Michael Valentine, W8MM, Silent Key

Source: ARRL Letter –September 19, 2024

Michael “Mike” D. Valentine, W8MM, of Cincinnati, Ohio, passed away on Monday, September 16, 2024. He was 74. Mike and his wife of 51 years, Margaret “Peg” K. Valentine, have been the most generous individual supporters of ARRL® The National Association of Amateur Radio®. Valentine earned his amateur radio license as a teenager. “I was first licensed as WN8MSF and WA8MSF, simultaneously in the spring of my freshman year in high school, 1964. I was a combo Novice and Technician, as was customary in those days for technically proficient beginners...,” he wrote in his biography for the Quarter Century Wireless Association.



Michael “Mike” D. Valentine,  
W8MM, SK | 1949 - 2024

His interests in amateur radio and electronics led Valentine to enter the electrical engineering program at the University of Cincinnati, where he met Peg. He was selected by the R. L. Drake Company as an engineering coop student. He would go on to work for Drake and Cincinnati Electronics after graduation in 1973. He co-founded Cincinnati Microwave, maker of Escort radar detectors.

Mike and Peg founded Valentine

Research in 1983. The company designs, manufactures, and sells electronic devices directly to users. Their flagship model, the Valentine One®, and the Valentine One Gen2, brought many innovations in that space, including being the first radar detector to indicate the direction of the radar device relative to the vehicle. Valentine and his products have been profiled many times in automotive enthusiast media.

Together, the Valentines shared their success generously with many organizations including public television, higher education, the arts, and ARRL® The National Association for Amateur Radio®. The Valentines are the single biggest individual donors in ARRL history. They are Millennium Class members of the ARRL Maxim Society.

Mike served on the ARRL Second Century Campaign Committee, which coincided with ARRL's Centennial in 2014. The campaign, including the Valentine Challenge Fund which matched the dollar-for-dollar contributions of other donors, established an endowment to ensure ARRL's ongoing commitment to amateur radio.

In 2023, ARRL awarded the Valentines the inaugural Mary Hobart, K1MMH, Medal of Distinction during a donor recognition event held in Dayton, Ohio. “To say that the Valentines are great philanthropists is an understatement,” said ARRL Director of Development Kevin Beal, K8EAL, in remarks he made during the award presentation. “Mike and Peg have invested significantly in supporting the future of amateur radio. They have set the example for all our donors with their philanthropic leadership.”

In addition to his successful business pursuits and exceptional generosity to many organizations, Valentine could often be found



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cheering at University of Cincinnati Bearcats games, operating ham radio, and driving sports cars.

The Cincinnati Enquirer has published a Life Story with these additional details: A visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, from 9:30 AM until time of funeral service at 11:00 AM, at the Covenant First Presbyterian Church, 717 Elm St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. A reception will immediately follow in the Parish Hall. Burial will be held privately at Spring Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Mike's memory to the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) or The Matthew Mangine Jr. One Shot Foundation.

# Volunteers Needed

By: Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

Hello readers,

As many of you have heard in our club meetings, the HPARC has been working with the Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum to educate our younger population and their accompanying adults about the world of radio and morse code. Richard Weinbaum, KK4RR has been spearheading this partnership for some time and we have dates on the calendar for us to have an exposition and share our knowledge. To volunteer you must go through the museum's volunteer process. To get started, or to learn more, please contact Richard Weinbaum, KK4RR at 336-687-8001 or [KK4RR@mac.com](mailto:KK4RR@mac.com).

## NOVEMBER

### HPARC CALENDAR

- 4 — **HPARC Meeting**
- 9 — W4VEC Greensboro VE Session  
(Hinshaw United Methodist Church, Fellowship Bldg)
- 11 — Veteran's Day
- 17 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline
- 86 — Thanksgiving

### BIRTHDAYS

Bertolino, Marie  
Chambers, Steven      K4RCI

For W4VEC Test information, call or email Keith Thomas, KA4JAH, (336) 906-2469, KA4JAH@Aol.com

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**Breakfast every  
Saturday  
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8:00 a.m.  
—  
Biscuitville,  
2709 S. Main St.**

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The High Point Amateur Radio Club meets the first Monday of each month (except for holidays) at a local restaurant announced in the newsletter. Come early to enjoy dinner. The business meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short program of interest. Family and visitors are welcome to attend. For more information, please call or email one of the HPARC officers listed in this newsletter. Contributions and letters/emails to the editor are welcome.