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HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



W4UA

W4UA repeater 147.165 MHz +Offset 67 Hz tone

HPARC December Meeting and Holiday Party

Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

The December HPARC meeting/Christmas party will be held on SATURDAY, December 7, 2024. Please mark your calendar! We will have a brief business meeting at 6:00 p.m. which will then be followed by the holiday party. As part of the business meeting a vote will occur for the installation of club officers for the 2025 term. The program will be eating

and festivities! This is a time for club members to just enjoy each other's company.

The meal will be potluck from the club members. Email Keith Thomas if you have not done so yet, to tell him what dish you may be bringing. Please send your club dues directly to Peter Kapetanakis, HPARC Treasurer. His email address is listed in this newsletter if you need to contact him. Hope to see everyone there!

HPARC Meeting & Holiday Party

Hickory Chapel Wesleyan
Church Fellowship Building

301 Hickory Chapel Rd.
High Point, NC

December 7, 2024
6:00 p.m.

No Zoom

2024 ARRL Field Day Results Published

Source: ARRL Letter – November 7, 2024

Results are published, and the numbers are in. They paint a picture of a very active 2024 ARRL Field Day. Nearly 1.3 million contacts were reported during the 24-hour event. That is up from 2023's 1.25 million contacts. That's likely indicative of the continued rise of Solar Cycle 25 leading up to the event, but more people also participated this year.

Entries were received from all 85 ARRL and Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) sections, as well as from 27 different countries from outside the US and Canada. "It is encouraging to see a

rise in participation year to year," said ARRL Contest Program Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE. "ARRL Field Day is amateur radio's premier event, and the hams turned out for it."

Field Day is whatever you make it. For some participants, it's a contest; for others, it's a social gathering and club activity. Other groups use Field Day to showcase what amateur radio is all about to the public. Some groups use Field Day as an opportunity to introduce youths to amateur radio.

Class A, B, and C scores are included in the 2024 *QST* results article. The scores for Class D, E and F

stations and club aggregate scores are listed in the 2024 line scores on the web, as well in the digital edition of *QST*.

Results are available now on the ARRL Field Day website at <https://field-day.arrl.org/fdresults.php> and in the December issue of *QST*.

Congratulations

W4UA made #10 in the
4A - Commercial Category

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

W4UA Silet Key Memorial

Source: Mark McMahan, MB4MFP

In 2007, I assisted a photographer at a Marine ball in Greensboro. Outside the ballroom sat a table with a single chair. On the table were various items representing items of importance to the Marines. The table was reserved for those Marines who were MIA, KIA, or POW. This inspired me to do something similar for Hams in our club.

At the 2007 December meeting I started what I hoped to become a HPARC tradition: the Silent Key Memorial. The display is simple: a solitary key to represent our club members that are no longer with us (silent key), a candle to show they are still in our hearts and minds, and the list of club members and Ham friends no longer with us.

Silent key refers to an Amateur Radio operator who is deceased. The term is often abbreviated as SK. The key in the term refers to a telegraph key, the instrument that all early Amateur Radio operators, as well as many contemporary Amateur Radio operators, have used to send Morse code. The term SK is used to refer to any Amateur Radio operator who is deceased, regardless of whether or not they were known to have actively used a telegraph key or Morse code in their two-way personal communications.

When transmitted as two Morse code characters without separating audio delay, SK is a Morse code prosign meaning "end of communications," from the phrase "Stop Keying."

Regretfully we add two more names this year to our Silent Key Memorial list. They are Lewis Denny, KI4NID, and Kevin Riehs, KB4JHT.

Below is a list of Hams and Ham friends that is maintained on our club website: w4ua.org. Those with an asterisk before their name are HPARC Honorary Members.

Jim G. Kerr, W4UA, Dec 1984
Russell Moore, W4MLF, Aug 1980
*George Marshall, WQ4K, Mar 17, 1987
John Bivens, W4AEW, Sep 15, 1989
*J.B. Lawing, WA4WCL, Mar 3, 1990
Herman Hall, W4MDE, May 30, 1991
Gerald Roadhouse, WB4GPH, Jul 1991
Phil Wicker, W4ACY, Jan 3, 1992
Homer Suggs, N4MHX, Jan 8, 1993
Larry Robbins, WE4A, Apr 2, 1993
*Lomer McMahan, WA4RIS, May 19, 1993
Howard Grant, K4TYW, Jun 29, 1993
Ray Shackelford, N4JRO, Mar 2, 1995
Ray Embry, KA4WOW, Apr 17, 1995
*Tom Ellis, WA4CBC, Sep 23, 1995
Paul Eisele, WB4AEE, Jul 4, 1996
Clayton Hayworth, KB4TSQ, Jul 17, 1996
Adam Stein III, N1CVG, Aug 9, 1996
Homer Hammonds, K4GLY, Sep 16, 1996
Steve McMahan, WB4ZOS, Oct 1, 1996
Curtis Bell, N5LCC, Oct 3, 1997
Jim Floyd, K4ZAM, May 23, 1999
Worth "Splick" Russell, WA4DDB, Oct 6, 1999

Earl Grant, WD4MDE, Mar 17, 2000
Edwin Peatross, KB4VGO, Apr 10, 2000
*Myron Buser, KQ4ZA, Jun 26, 2000
Wayne Williams, K4MOB, Feb 2, 2002
Robert (Bob) Thomas, K4AGV, Nov 4, 2002
*Ben Lewallen, N4OCS, Mar 1, 2003
Lee Groomes, W4YPV, Mar 16, 2003
Roy Neal, K6DUE, Aug 15, 2003
*Mires Zett, W4TU, Nov 5, 2003
Bobby Williams, K4OJT, Feb 2, 2004
Chet Gwyer, WN4IMZ, Oct 18, 2004
Ray Huff, NC4RH, Feb 8, 2005
Don Way, NS4L, Mar 15, 2005
Jim Williamson, W4VEC, Jun 24, 2005
*Monroe Kennedy, WB4VKK, Nov 23, 2005
Yancey Cecil, KD4WG, Oct 23, 2006
Fred Browning, W1HLP, Aug 26, 2007
*Rogers Albertson, WA4BPL, Nov 23, 2007
Barbara Gardner, KB4BPV, Jan 25, 2009
Tom Boone, W4COC, Jun 3, 2009
Fred Thomas, KI4YL, Oct 23, 2009
Dave Davenport, W4CGJ, Dec 23, 2009
Robert Moore, W4EQF, Feb 23, 2010
Paul Wilson, K4RUP, Sep 25, 2010

Wilbur Justice, KC4GER, Aug 19, 2011
Ernest "Kit" Klass, WA4URS, Mar 14, 2012
Linda Hall, May 18, 2012
James "Jimmy" Montgomery, K4CEW, Feb 25, 2014
Jackie Rogers, KB4JHL, Jul 19, 2014
Coy Hennis, WD4NHL, Dec 1, 2014
*Ben Rogers, KA4NHD, Apr 25, 2015
David Montgomery, WD4MKS, Sep 5, 2016
F.L. Warford, WW4FL, Dec 1, 2016
Wes Jones, WJ4DX (x WD4EMX), Apr 28, 2017
Roland Wright, KI4JWG, Jul 15, 2017
Scotty Carmichael, W1SJC, Sep 13, 2017
Luther "Luke" Pope, WD4NTF, Mar 30, 2018
Charles "Chic" Hudson, WA4ONJ, May 9, 2018
Warren Newton, WA4FCP, Sep 6, 2018
Sam Hall, K4AME, May 2, 2019
John Starrett, KK4WLG, Mar 25, 2021
Mike Walker, KE4MOY, Mar 15, 2023
Linda Worland, KW4UD, Dec 4, 2023
Issac Lewis Denny, KI4NID, Apr 25, 2024
Kevin Clark Riehs, KB4JHT, Sep 21, 2024

Our friends have gone on to where propagation is good, and all the signals are five and nine. God bless you, Ham Radio Operator, though your key is silent, your memory remains alive with us.

How to Let Kids Talk with Santa Over Ham Radio This Holiday Season

Source: ARRL Letter -November 27, 2024

Santa Claus will be on the amateur radio airwaves again this year.

The 3.916 Santa Net will be on the air every night at 7:00 PM CST from November 29 through December 24. Reserve a spot with Santa by making a pre-net check in. You can check in each night starting at 6:30 PM CST online at www.CQSanta.com.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be on the air, together, thanks to special arrangements with the [Cowley County Amateur Radio Club](#) in Kansas. They will be on the air on the 147.000 repeater and the Sunflower Net system, between 10 AM and noon CST on November 30 and beginning at 10

AM until band conditions change on December 14 and 21. In addition to the local repeater, the [Sunflower Net](#) offers connection options to Allstar, DMR, Dstar, Echolink, Fusion, Hamshack Hotline, M17, and P25. The club is also setting up a radio link at the local library to talk to Santa. A special effort is being made to give children who are hospitalized or otherwise unable to visit personally an opportunity to reach out to Santa.

Also, for the 4th year, Santa has sent Elf Chucky and his team of amateur radio operators to northern Colorado, to help make sure children of all ages can talk to Santa on station NØP from the North Pole. Thanks to the [Longmont Amateur Radio Club](#) and the

[Northern Colorado Amateur Radio Club](#), children can get into the holiday spirit by talking to Santa on the radio. Both are ARRL Affiliated Clubs. Get the details on that operation at <https://w0eno.org/santa>.



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 education 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 museums volunteer process. To get started, or to learn more, please contact Richard Weinbaum, KK4RR at 336-687-8001 or KK4RR@mac.com.

DECEMBER

HPARC CALENDAR

- 7 — **HPARC Meeting**
- 14 — W4VEC Greensboro VE Session
(Hinshaw United Methodist Church, Fellowship Bldg)
- 15 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline
- 25 — Christmas

BIRTHDAYS

Horne, Christopher – W4CKH
McCormick, George – KN4JPB
Pegram, Mark – KX4PZ
Scronce, Clifton – NC4ANQ
Wilson, Dean – N4DH
Worland, Ken – KW4UC

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Breakfast every
Saturday

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8:00 a.m.

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Biscuitville,
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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.