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HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



W4UA repeater 147.165 MHz +Offset 67 Hz tone
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HPARC Meeting

April 7, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Mario's Pizza
2645 N. Main St., High Point

Contact Keith Thomas, KA4JAH for Zoom info.

Single Sideband Activity Nights

2 Meter SSB: Thursdays @ 9pm ET 144.200 MHz

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

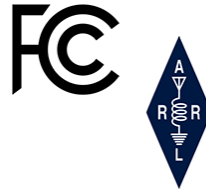
FCC Initiates Broad Inquiry on Rules to Delete or Amend

Source: ARRL News 3/20/2025

In a [Public Notice](#) titled "In Re: Delete, Delete, Delete," issued on March 12, 2025, the FCC is soliciting public input on any FCC rules in any service that members of the public believe should be deleted or modified "for the purpose of alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens." This is the latest in a series of similar proceedings going back to 1996, when the Communications Act was amended to require the FCC to periodically review its rules.

[ARRL](#), through its Executive Committee

and FCC Counsel, is conducting a review of the provisions in Part 97 and other related rules that apply to radio amateurs. ARRL is also soliciting feedback from its members. Rules identified as outmoded, obsolete, or that for other reasons should be repealed or modified, will be included in ARRL's filing to be submitted no later than the FCC deadline of April 11, 2025. The deadline for filing reply comments is April 28,



2025.

It is expected that the Commission will incorporate suggestions that it decides worthy of its consideration in a future Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that could be issued later this year. There will then be an opportunity for public comment on the specific rules that the Commission proposes for deletion or modification.

A PDF of the FCC Public Notice is available here:

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-219A1.pdf>.

Clubs are Gearing Up for ARRL Ham Radio Open House — Yours Can, Too!

Source: ARRL Letter 3/6/2025

Momentum is building for ARRL's Ham Radio Open House — an amateur radio event for clubs to put their most technological foot forward and show the public the true modern state of amateur radio. The events are to be held in April across the United States, on or close to World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) on April 18. This year's WARD commemorates 100 years of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

The goal for participation is 50 clubs in 50 states — but the more the merrier. ARRL is working with Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation (HamSCI and SciStarter to promote the event as part of April being Citizen Science Month.

"We've had a lot of clubs express interest and commitment to be a part of Ham Radio Open House," said ARRL Public Relations and

Outreach Manager Sierra Harrop, W5DX. "Thanks to some great volunteer outreach efforts, clubs are seeing the value of showing off the true current state of amateur radio," she said.

Many other clubs in overlapping hobbies are being engaged. Several astronomy clubs have agreed to partner with local ham clubs to co-host the event.

A public information training workshop will be held for ARRL Public Information Coordinators, Public Information Officers, Section Managers, club leaders, and others with an interest in hosting and promoting an ARRL Ham Radio Open House. The live, interactive, webinar is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 8:30 PM Eastern / 5:30 PM Pacific. Look for a registration link next week.

Plan your Ham Radio Open House in April using the resources and tips at

www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day.



Five Steps to Get Ready for April's Ham Radio Open House

Source: ARRL Letter 3/27/2025

We're only days away from April and ARRL's month-long [Ham Radio Open House \(HROH\)](#). Radio clubs, schools, and other groups that operate a shared ham radio station are urged to join the nationwide event to raise the visibility of amateur radio and related technology. April is also Science Citizen Month, and April 18 is World Amateur Radio Day. It's also the 100th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), making the month a perfect backdrop for engaging the public in an introduction to ham radio.

You know the experience when a newcomer visits your amateur radio station: they have a bit of overwhelmed amazement, taken back by all the new sights and sounds. You explain to them what each component does, but oftentimes they're gripped in a wide-eyed wonder about all the exciting technology in front of them; the gear, displays filled with radio signal waterfalls and other graphical interfaces, and the variety of sounds, from Morse code and digital to the voices of faraway people. Look out the window, and eyes are gazed on antennas of all shapes and sizes. In the best of situations, that sensory overload turns into getting on the air, turns into a new member of this hobby-of-hobbies, turns into a new radio amateur! That's the energy we are tapping into for ARRL Ham Radio Open House.

Show off all the cool things that can be done in amateur radio — leading with our

technological innovations, how radio works, and what we can do with our signals. Follow up with getting the visitor hands-on — let them participate in several of the 1 million acts of science that [SciStarter](#) is working to document as part of April being Citizen Science Month. Get the visitor on the air! Make them feel a part of it, from the moment they walk in.



ARRL wants your club to be successful. Here are the steps to prepare for your club's ARRL Ham Radio Open House:

1. Pick a date

Select a date (or dates) any time in the month of April to host your club station's open house to maximize visitor traffic to your operation.

2. Use the media kit

ARRL has created a comprehensive [media kit](#) prepared by veteran PR professionals on the ARRL Public Relations Committee. These pros want to help you shine and have given you a turn-key solution. Use as much or as little of it as you'd like — but it's all there: Sample press release, PR tip sheet, media outreach timeline, and more. Find it on www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day.

3. Location, Location, Location!

The ARRL Ham Radio Open House locator tool is available at www.arrl.org/Open-House. It is a two-way street. Add your club's information to the interactive tool or use it to find an activation already planned in your area. This is the same tool many are accustomed to using to find ARRL Field Day sites.

4. Be a social media superstar

Social media is how many people find activities. Make sure your club is using the power of this outreach tool to spread the word of your event. In the HROH media kit, you'll find a section devoted to social media best practices.

5. Be ready for next steps

You've planned for weeks, visitors are showing up in droves, they're having a great time getting on the air. Don't leave them hanging on what's next! Have a plan to get back in touch with them and welcome them to your next club meeting. Prepare a licensing class to enable them to dive right into becoming a ham. Let them know about your club's ARRL Field Day plans and have them be a part of them.

The majority of active hams are ARRL members, so let them know the value you get from an ARRL membership and encourage them to join. Don't forget about the free student membership for those aged 21 and under. www.arrl.org/membership.

ARRL thanks [HamSCI](#) -- Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation — and [SciStarter](#) for help preparing and promoting this event.

W4UA Programming Schedule

By: Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

This year we have Andrew Talbert, K4XAT as our club's Program Chair. He has been hard at work and has created a schedule of volunteers for programs to be help at our monthly meetings. Should you have any questions, comments, or idea, please feel free to contact Andrew, or any of the Club's officers.

**Programming Schedule is subject to change.*

2025 Program Schedule	
January	DMR
February	FT8
March	Wires-X
April	Geochron
May	SAT
June	Field Day Planning
July	Meshtastic
August	Show & Tell Your Ham Gear
September	QSL Cards
October	Remote FT8
November	HT Programming
December	Christmas Party



“Radio Connects” is 2025 ARRL Field Day Theme — Merchandise Available for Preorder

Source: ARRL Letter 3/13/2025

ARRL has released the logo and theme for this year’s [Field Day](#), June 28 – 29, 2025.

The theme for 2025 Field Day is “Radio Connects” — highlighting the many ways that wireless technology connects people across distances near and far. The event is part picnic, campout, practice for emergencies, informal contest, and most of all, fun! ARRL Field Day is the most popular ham radio activity held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend in June each year, more than 31,000 hams get together with their radio clubs, schools, or friends to operate from remote locations.

Ham radio provides a connection — both for practical communications and to form relationships with fellow radio amateurs. No matter who you are, or what your background or interests are, if you have an interest in radio and wireless technology, radio connects you with others.

The theme is universal, says ARRL Public Relations and Outreach Manager Sierra



Harrop, W5DX. “Local amateur radio clubs bridge generations. Contacts made across town or around the world allow cultural exchange, right over the air. In times of crisis, radio connects those in need with information. The whole point of amateur radio is to connect, both literally and figuratively,” she said. Amateur radio also inspires the next generation of technical leaders by providing a hands-on sandbox where students can gain experience in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Make your plans to connect with radio for ARRL Field Day. Use the Field Day site locator

to find a site near you. Clubs planning to host a site may list their event information there, as well.

Don’t Forget the Swag!

2025 ARRL Field Day [Radio Connects merchandise](#) is available for preorder from the ARRL Store. All the fan-favorite gear is back: tee-shirts (complete with ARRL Sections checklist on the back!), mugs, and pins are available for shipping in late April 2025. *Please note: any orders from the ARRL Store that contain 2025 ARRL Field Day merchandise will be held for shipping until the Field Day items are available in late April.*



For more information about 2025 ARRL Field Day and the “Radio Connects” theme — or to start planning your activation — visit www.arrl.org/field-day.

Ham Radio Classes

By: Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

The Tri-County ARC, High Point ARC, and Forsyth ARC have formed a partnership to provide online (Zoom) classes for those seeking to acquire their Technician Class operator’s license, or to upgrade to a General Class license.

Each course is comprised of 6 class sessions. Each class session is held via Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00pm ET and is free of charge.

The Technician & General classes are held in an alternating sequence. The next course is the **Technician** Course scheduled to begin **April 1st**. Please note, that the courses are meant to prepare you for the FCC license exam, but do not include the license exam itself.

Pre-registration is required for each course. Please contact Richard Weinbaum, KK4RR at 336-687-8001 or KK4RR@mac.com to register.

The starting dates for each course in 2025 are as follows:

Technician Course:

~~January 7~~, **April 1**, June 24, September 23

General Course:

~~February 18~~, May 13, August 5

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 adults about the world of radio and KK4RR has been spearheading this. We have dates on the calendar for us to 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.



HPARC Buttons

By: Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

For anyone interested I have HPARC Buttons for sale. There are two options as seen in the photos below. The Yellow button is larger with a 2.25" diameter and the white button is smaller with a 1.25" diameter. Profits from the sale will be donated to the HAPRC club. Suggested pricing is \$2 for the yellow button and \$1 for the white. You can purchase in person at club meetings, or if you wish to contact me direct, I can send to you through the mail. Postage may be applied depending on cost.



April

HPARC CALENDAR

- 7 — **HPARC Meeting**
- 12 — W4VEC Greensboro VE Session
(Hinshaw United Methodist Church)
- 20 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline
- 20 — Easter
- 26 — W4VEC High Point VE Session
(Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church)

BIRTHDAYS

Loggins, Dan	K04ZBL
Thomas, Keith	KA4JAH
Bateman, Douglas	N4DUH
Macchiarolo, David	AJ4TF

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**Breakfast every
Saturday**

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.