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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

September 1, 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

[www.W4UA.org](http://www.W4UA.org)

## Resilience Through Amateur Radio for National Preparedness Month 2025

Source: ARRL Letter August 28, 2025

September is [National Preparedness Month](#), which is a good time to look at your personal, family, and community resilience levels. For 2025, the National Preparedness Month theme is "Preparedness Starts at Home."

Amateur radio is a valuable resource for communication and community



service before and during times of crisis, and can be a significant factor in your home's level of preparedness.

"Now is the time to make sure everything is in order," said ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV. For hams, it

means taking the time to check their equipment – from the ground to the antenna, so that it is ready. "Many hams already participate in daily, weekly, and monthly nets that help them hone their communication skills, but if you're not already active in one, this could be a good opportunity to get into it," said Johnston.

To extend your personal preparedness into helping provide community resilience, Johnston invites operators to become active in their local [ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® \(ARES®\)](#) activities. "ARES has been leveraging the utility value of the Amateur Radio Service for 90 years," he said. "We saw last year during Hurricane Helene how vital of a lifeline ham radio operators were for the affected areas."

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) [is predicting an above-normal 2025 Atlantic hurricane](#)

[season](#).

Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) Manager Bobby Graves, KB5HAV, says that should motivate hams, but not scare them. "Never let your guard down," said Graves. "Don't live your life in fear, just be aware." Graves



added that his net operators are spread across the Western Hemisphere, but they still have training sessions via radio nets and Zoom meetings.

### SEE MORE ON ARRL NEWS:

- [National Preparedness Month - Have a Go Kit](#)
- [National Preparedness Month - Ensuring Family Safety](#)
- [National Preparedness Month - Station Readiness](#)
- [National Preparedness Month - Get Involved](#)

## Hurricane Watch Net Marks 60 Years of Service

Source: ARRL Letter: August 28, 2025

This Labor Day weekend, the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) celebrates its 60th anniversary of providing critical communications support to the National Hurricane Center (NHC) and communities impacted by hurricanes.

As Hurricane Betsy was pummeling the Caribbean on Labor Day weekend 1965,

a ham radio operator started hearing calls for information from operators in the Bahamas. Jerry Murphy, K8YUW, sprang into action. He began relaying surface data and storm conditions to help those in the path.

That first net paved the way for what would become the Hurricane Watch Net. HWN has been active for 156

landfalling hurricanes, including 60 major hurricanes (Category 3 or stronger). Of those, 12 struck as Category 5 hurricanes. The net's longest continuous activation occurred during Hurricane Matthew in 2016, when operators remained on the air for 151 hours straight. Among the deadliest storms ever recorded by the net was

Hurricane Mitch in 1998, which claimed more than 11,000 lives in Central America.

HWN operates on 14.325 MHz and 7.268 MHz, often simultaneously, with net control stations strategically

positioned throughout the region to maximize coverage.

“The Hurricane Watch Net continues to serve the public interest by helping save lives during hurricanes. We are proud to carry forward the vision of our

founder, Jerry Murphy, who passed earlier this year at age 88,” said HWN Manager Bobby Graves, KB5HAV.

For more information about the HWN, or to get involved as a volunteer, visit [www.hwn.org](http://www.hwn.org).

## FCC Batch Filing System Unavailable

Source: ARRL Letter: August 28, 2025

As of Monday morning, August 25, 2025, the FCC’s Electronic Batch Filing (EBF) system—used by all VEC organizations to file exam sessions, individual applications, and club license applications—is not processing submissions.

This outage means that applications for new and upgraded licenses, as well as individual and club filings, are not currently being processed or issued.

ARRL VEC alerted FCC staff, who are working to resolve the problem. While the system briefly processed a small number of Monday’s submissions on Wednesday, it has since gone down again. Thousands of applications

remain pending on the FCC side.

ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, reported that the FCC has not provided an estimate on when the system will be restored.

Please check back on this ARRL News page for updates on the FCC outage as more information becomes available..

## The Best of Amateur Radio Honored With ARRL Awards

Source: ARRL Letter: August 21, 2025

ARRL honors the work of amateur radio operators who grow the hobby by advancing technology used within, and the operating culture, of the Amateur Radio Service. At the Second Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors, hams and journalists who have covered amateur radio were honored with awards.

The ARRL Technical Innovation Award is granted annually to individuals who are licensed radio amateurs with accomplishments and contributions which are of the most exemplary nature within the framework of technical research, development, and application of new ideas and future systems in the context of amateur radio activities. The Board bestowed the 2025 ARRL Technical Innovation Award on Matthew Wishek, NBØX, for his work on development of Opulent Voice Minimum Shift Keying transceiver implementation, and “modem module” architecture.

The ARRL Technical Service Award is given annually to individuals who are licensed radio amateurs whose service to the amateur community and/or society at large is of the most exemplary nature within the framework of amateur radio technical activities. The 2025 award was issued to Bill Meara, N2CQR, and Dean

Souleles, KK4DAS, who have developed and facilitated the “SolderSmoke Direct Conversion Receiver Challenge” education project, which has enabled high school students and many amateur radio operators to construct a working HF receiver.

The ARRL Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award recognizes the very best in amateur radio instruction and recruitment in memory of Herb S. Brier, W9AD (SK), long-time CQ Novice Editor, who represented the spirit of effective, caring, amateur radio instruction. The 2025 ARRL Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award was awarded to Dennis Simon, KB7UTV.

The ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award is given annually to a licensed radio amateur under the age of 21 whose accomplishments and contributions to both the community of amateur radio and the local community are of the most exemplary nature. Alexia Snethen, KM6LGG, received the 2025 ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim Award. She also is the recipient of the ARRL Foundation Goldfarb Memorial Scholarship.

The Philip J. McGan Silver Antenna Award is given to a licensed radio amateur for volunteer public relations efforts on behalf of amateur radio who best exemplifies the public relations efforts of Philip J. McGan, WA2MBQ

(SK). The 2025 awardee is Micah Martin, KN6VUT, of California, who has been recognized by his peers for his exemplary service in the Tehachapi Amateur Radio Association (TARA) as the club’s Public Information Officer (PIO), leading to a 59% increase in club membership and nearly tripling the number of license applicants in the area.

The Bill Leonard Professional Media Award pays tribute to late CBS News President Bill Leonard, W2SKE, by recognizing professional journalists whose outstanding coverage highlights the enjoyment, importance, and public service value the amateur radio service has to offer. The 2025 award for print reporting was given to Makena Kelly and Dell Cameron of WIRED for their article, [“Through Hurricanes Helene and Milton, Amateur Radio Triumphs When All Else Fails®”](#). The award for video reporting was bestowed upon NBC TODAY Correspondent Harry Smith for his report, [“Meet the students using radio waves to contact the ISS”](#).

More information about ARRL awards, along with nomination instructions, can be [found on the ARRL website](#).



# New ARRL® DXCC® Trident Award Plaque Honors 100 Confirmed Entities on Three Modes

Source: ARRL Letter: August 7, 2025

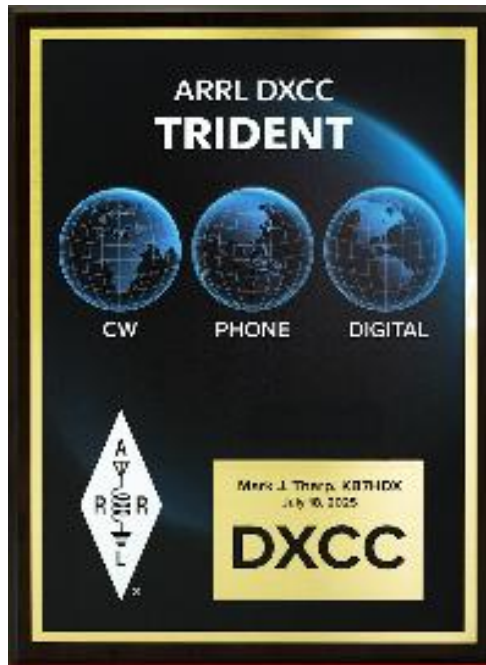
ARRL announces the DXCC® Trident Plaque, a new program to honor the accomplishments of radio amateurs who have confirmed QSOs with at least 100 ARRL DXCC award entities on each of three modes (phone, CW, and digital).

The basic award is issued upon application and confirmation by the ARRL Awards Department, and it is endorsable at levels of 200, 300, and Honor Roll, based on achieving that level **on all three modes** at the time of application.

The earliest QSO date, and starting date for the DXCC Trident Award, is November 1, 1976, when RTTY (now named digital) DXCC was introduced.

ARRL Radiosport and Regulatory Affairs Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, says the new award should be exciting to hams. "It gives all participants of the

DXCC program, especially those new to DXCC, something fresh to work towards," he said. ARRL has long had



the Worked All States Triple Play award, but this introduces the multi-mode achievement to the DXCC program.

Confirmation of QSOs toward the Trident is done only through the standard process by credits within the ARRL DXCC program via Logbook of The World® (LoTW®). No QSL cards will be accepted with a plaque application. If your DXCC credits are not already visible in LoTW, you must first link your DXCC and LoTW profiles by requesting a credit merge from the [ARRL Awards Desk](#).

To apply for the plaque or learn more, visit [www.arrl.org/dxcc-trident-award](http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-trident-award).

Celebrate your achievement and dedication to the DXCC program across all modes with the ARRL DXCC Trident award – a symbol of excellence in amateur radio operating and DXing.

## 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 ideas, 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           |



## 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 **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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](mailto: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 education our younger adults about the world of radio and KK4RR has been spearheading this dates on the calendar for us to have an 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](mailto:KK4RR@mac.com).



population and their accompanying morse code. Richard Weinbaum, partnership for some time and we have exposition and share our knowledge.

## 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 HPARC 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. Just contact me at [W4UA.Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:W4UA.Newsletter@gmail.com)



## September

### HPARC CALENDAR

- 1 — **HPARC Meeting**
- 1 — Labor Day
- 13 — W4VEC Greensboro VE Session  
(Hinshaw United Methodist Church)
- 21 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline
- 22 — Fall Equinox
- 23 — Rush Hashanah
- 27 — W4VEC High Point VE Session  
(Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church)

### BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|--------|
| Sledge, Dwight      | W4EIO  |
| Draughan, Bobby     | KM4UHU |
| Evans, Thomas L.    | NA4U   |
| Williams, George H. | KQ4NBH |

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

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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.