

JULY 2013

HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point Amateur Radio Club



JULY MEETING

For the July meeting, we will recap the events at Field Day. Perhaps with photos and video?

Of course the June meeting was about planning Field Day.

Field Day ran fairly smooth this year. Maybe because we have perfected this to a science. The weather was muggy but we didn't get rained on. Perfect for Field Day. I believe

everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves.

We have been missing some of your smiling faces at the meeting. Hope everyone is well. See you at the meeting.

FIELD DAY 2013 RECAP

The weather was almost perfect, we had good attendance, a few visitors – some possibly interested in becoming a Ham and/or club member. Tom Mills, who now lives in Pennsylvania, participated with us. We had a few sleep over at Field Day, TV coverage, no one got injured. I

call it a successful Field Day.

I believe David had tallied up over 500 contacts during Field Day. Unfortunately, we did not have any CW operators this year. CW contacts count as 2 points versus just 1 point for phone contacts.

David Montgomery, did his

usual great job of organizing the hot dog cookout. With a little help from Barbara Mixon this year.

I hope everyone had a great time at Field Day. It's all about the fun. At least for me. Missed some of you especially at the picnic. There's always next year.

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Icom America has announced sponsorship for HamStudy.org. This is a new website that offers free learning tools for existing and potential Amateur Radio operators.

HamStudy.org users studying for an Amateur Radio license exam can choose from three online learning modules for each Ham Radio license class. These are Technician, General or Extra. FCC Commercial Element 1, 3, 5 and 6 study modules are also available.

Educational materials include flash cards, question

lists and practice tests. Users who register for a free account can access personalized study history and submit explanations to Amateur Radio questions. Website registrants may also choose to log into their account using their Google or Facebook credentials.

HamStudy.org was created by Richard Bateman KD7BBC, Rich Porter and Michael Stufflebeam KV9G. It is optimized for mobile phones and tablets. Additional features are planned be integrated to the website in the near future.

Facebook users can receive regular site updates and study tips by "liking" HamStudy.org at www.Facebook.com/HamStudy. The website is directly accessible at www.hamstudy.org.

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HPARC Meeting July 1, 2013

J & S Cafe,
10210 North Main St,
Archdale, NC

Meal at 6:30 pm
Business meeting at 7:00 pm

A FIELD DAY 2013 SAGA

A Field Day 2013 Saga (as told by Mark I-am-the-only-allowed-smart-aleck-here)

Our saga starts with our heroes gathering at the usual watering hole (except for those who shall remain nameless except to say they consider laying on the beach and crossing frozen tundra more appealing than chasing the elusive signals on Field Day—egads! Perish the thought!).

After our heroes filled their bellies with nourishment for the long task ahead, our fearless leader, Warren I-am-their-leader-which-way-did-they-go, gives the command to our heroes to mount their trusty steeds and head for glory. Some depart for the Field Day site while a small band separate and go to retrieve our club's mast trailer and supplies.

Once assembled on site, Mark Just-call-me-Mister-Field-Day begins to bark orders to the troops. Dan aka Charles-Atlas mistakes the mast trailer for a catapult and attempts to launch our antenna into orbit thinking the higher the antenna the better the DX. But after we retrieve the antenna and bend the mast back into shape, all is well.

Next comes the task of assembling tents to place our stations together. Three stations — no more, no less.

Power is run across the field from the magical power receptacle, and radios are tested. Oh, no! Mark Well-it-worked-last-year discovers his radio is emitting indiscernible signals (and no it was not the Russian taxi service on 75-meters). Warren Tube-radios-are-better-anyway runs to his abode to gather his radio, and we are ready to start Field Day 2013 in earnest.

David I-got-Hawaii-first-nana-nana-so-there stakes his claim to the tent closest to the Port-a-office (let's hope the wind doesn't change directions) and operates 80 and 15-meters. A struggle ensues for the 20-meter tent but ends when Warren I-am-still-your-leader uses his executive power and takes control of the radio ("after all, it is MY radio"). The losers sulk to the 40-meter tent and everyone begins to collect contacts.

Dwight What-did-I-say manages to infuriate a old time sked operator (I've had a sked on this frequency since I was 2 and no Field Day contest is going to take it away from me besides I have been on this frequency for the last 40 hours).

Chigger I-am-a-Double-U-Double-U-Two-Vet is banned from the site after he asks "Ham Radio — that's just like CB radio, right?"

Around 4:00 PM, Tom I-just-flew-in-and-boy-are-my-arms-tired-what-did-I-miss shows

up with sweets and tries to tempt our heroes to leave their post so he can jump in their place. Having no luck, he stakes a position close by waiting for an opportunity.

Camera crews arrive to document this wondrous event while Dan I-am-wanted-in-17-states-let-me-outta-here disappears into the woods. David Just-call-me-PR-meister gets his 60 seconds of fame (45 seconds on News 14 and 15 on Fox-8) and uses his power of PR magic to cast a spell on the News 14 reporter (you want to become a Ham operator, you REALLY want to become a Ham operator). Roland is-that-a-TV-camera is seen peering from one of the tents behind the interview. Later David I-am-looking-for-bonus-points lures a small neighborhood child and his father into his tent and doesn't let them leave until they have made four QSOs. ("Son, I told you never to speak to strangers".)

Later after our heroes have collected 5000 contacts (give or take 4900), David Hot-Dog-King begins to prepare a glorious feast of tube steaks. Barbara How-did-I-get-roped-into-this shows up just in time to help David with the chores of cooking while her husband, John I-just-came-for-the-food, distracts some of our heroes just long enough for Tom Here-is-my-chance sneaks into one

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The High Point Amateur Radio Club meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at a local restaurant announced in the newsletter. The business meeting starts around 7:00 pm 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.

...*Saga continued from previous page* of the tents and begins operating.

The dinner bell is rung and those who care about such things, gather to eat. (Yeah, like who has ever heard of a radio club that didn't like to eat?) Much food is consumed, and a burping contest breaks out. But then someone remembers why we came here, and everyone scrambles back to the operating tents.

Late into the night, Sam I-think-I-have-run-out-of-stories manages to get Dwight Aw-do-I-hafta-leave to take him home as well as Roland I-haven't-been-out-this-late-since-my-teen-years getting home some time around midnight.

Mark I'm-awake-I'm-awake manages to operate 40-meters through the night providing

security from the local deer, foxes and raccoons but is pretty sure he heard bear noises coming from some of the camping tents.

Dwight I'm-baaaaack shows up early morning with Sam I-thought-of-some-more-stories-to-tell and Roland That-WAS-a-TV-camera while Warren I-got-real-work-to-do disappears never to be seen again.

Contesting begins to get hot and furious and when the smoke disappears, Dwight Do-I-have-time-for-one-more-contact emerges from the smoke followed by our faithful heroes. The score? 58,000 contacts (give or take 57,000 or so).

A near-by neighbor wanders onto the site just as everything is being put away wondering about all the antennas. (Hey, you guys aren't with the NSA

or something, are you?)

As our heroes fade away into the sunset Sam I-am-I-am-Sam is heard to say "It is strange indeed what grown men will call fun".

So ends the saga of Field Day 2013. The facts are there (with maybe a little embellishment) with plenty of stories to be told around campfires and favorite watering holes until next year this time when our heroes once again gather for another great adventure.

I apologize if I left anyone out even though you may be eternally grateful I did forget including you.

Told by Mark I-would-never-lie-to-you as best as he could remember after 2 hours sleep during a 48-hour period. That's his story, and he is sticking to it.

ORIGINAL 13 COLONIES SPECIAL EVENT 2013

On the air listen out in early this summer for a number of stations to be operational July 1st to the 6th. This to commemorate the first thirteen colonies that came together to form the United States.

Called the 13 Colonies stations, they will be operational

from 1300 UTC on July 1st to 0400 UTC on July 7th. There will be at least two special event stations per colony state. Also included will be several super contest stations, multi-operator Club stations and husband and wife teams.

The theme for 2013 will be

Banners of the Revolution. A commemorative certificate will be available printed on heavy card stock. More information including QSL routing is on the web www.13colonies.info

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COURT RULES RFID NOT MARK OF THE BEAST

A very interesting court case that pitted a student's religious beliefs versus communications technology has been decided.

A Texas student who refused to wear a radio tag that tracked her movements on campus has lost a federal court appeal against her school's ID policy.

According to news reports,

the 15 year old declined to wear the RFID badge on religious grounds, saying it was the "mark of the beast." After she stopped wearing it she was suspended and went to court where she won a temporary injunction to continue her studies at the school without the RF tag.

Now a federal court ruling has overturned the lower

court. It says that if she is to stay at the particular school, she would be required to wear the badge. Otherwise, she would have to transfer to a new school.

The radio tags are used to track attendance, which in turn helps secure school funding.

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HPARC JULY CALENDAR

- 1 — HPARC Club Meeting**
- 4 — INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- 6 — Salisbury Firecracker Hamfest
- 13-14 — IARU HF World Championship
- 20 — Cary Swapfest
- 27 — Waynesville Hamfest
- 28 — PARENTS' DAY
- 28 — HPARC Newsletter deadline

BIRTHDAYS

- Grady Stone — July 16
- Tom Mills — July 26

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