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The club's address is Box 423, Huntsville, Ala. 35804. Meetings are held each Friday night at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross Building, 1101 Washington Street. Dues are \$12.00 per year, family memberships are \$15.00 per year. The club maintains a Web Site at "http://www.harc.net"

The North Alabama Repeater Association operates repeaters on 146.34 / 146.94, 147.78 / 147.18, 223.34 / 224.94 and 448.5 / 443.5. NARA dues are \$16.00 per year and may be sent to NARA at P.O. Box 18941 Huntsville, AL 35804-8941.

The club's packet radio interest group, HUNTSPAC, maintains an extensive packet network for the Huntsville area. Dues for use of this network are \$15.00 per year, and can be paid through the HARC Secretary-Treasurer listed above.

The club's ATV special interest group, TVATV operates an ATV repeater. It's input frequency is 439.25 MHz and its output is 421.25 MHz. A voice coordination repeater is operated with output frequency of 145.33 MHz, input 600 kHz down.

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From The Prez

HARC elections draw near and this month, officers will be selected by you, the members. However, that vote cannot and will not be counted unless you are present to vote Friday, June 7, 2002 7:30 p.m. at the Red Cross. This year's nominating committee is comprised of a past president, John Morris K4XH and a dedicated member and supporter of HARC, George Duncan K4TFJ. If you are interested in running for office or know of someone who is, contact one of the members of the nominating committee.

Congratulations new members! Several folks have become new members over the last couple of months. Welcome aboard and we hope you find enjoyment of amateur radio through HARC. We appreciate your support and hope you get involved in many HARC activities.

Even though you will receive this edition before the actual month of June, I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank all those who helped out with this year's Cotton Row Run. HARC has assisted the Huntsville Track Club for many years and this year's Memorial Day, it was no different. Several operators were on hand to provide runner info back to the start/finish line and relay traffic if a runner required medical assistance. Thanks to all those who helped out and to Andy Setlow, N4PDQ who chaired this year's effort.

HARC ARRL Field Day preparations are being finalized for this year's emergency communications exercise and contest. This year's Field Day will be held at the Intergraph Corporation Recreation Area located adjacent to Interstate 565 and Wall Triana Highway. Field Day success cannot happen without the dedication and hardwork of many people. We need lots of folks to help with setup, operation, disassembly of the station towers, an-

tennas and feedlines. Most important of all, we need operators to man the station for the 24 hour contest period. It is great deal of fun making all of those contacts and shouting that now famous K4BFT CQ..CQ CQ CQ K..4..BIG FAT TURKEY GOBBLE GOBBLE. As always, ARRL Field Day is the fourth full weekend in June. This year that is the weekend of June 22-23. You too could be a gobbler. Come join in on the fun!

73, Chris Reed KF4MMF

The Veep Sez

Field Day was instituted in 1933 as an annual event demonstrating Amateur Radio's ability to provide emergency communications in event of disaster, proving our commitment to one of the precepts on which the service is based. As HARC perennially ranks near the top of the pack when scores appear late in the year, it is natural and fitting at that time to bask in the glow of a job well done. It is also easy to forget what it took to support those contest points.

Like other emergency situations, field day's organization has a certain military flavor. Armored (phone) and infantry (CW and data) divisions pa-

CAVEC Amateur Radio License Exams

Exam sessions are held the first Saturday of each month unless a holiday causes the session to be delayed for one week.

Upcoming sessions are:

Saturday, June 1

Saturday, July 6

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trol HF while Air Defense (satellite) targets shorter wavelengths. Not every soldier is at the front line: the engineer brigade provides campers, the signal brigade erects antennas, the support command provides meals and refreshment, and the MPs make sure setup and teardown proceed in an orderly and safe manner.

If like me you're no Audie Murphy or Eddie Rickenbacker when it comes to racking up contest points, don't let that keep you away from field day. Come help set up, support, operate, tear down, and have fun doing it. When November's QST appears in your mailbox, you too can point to that #1 standing and say "I was there"!

73, Tom Duncan, KG4CUY

The Giggle Box

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE WHO WAS BORN IN JUNE!!

I can't believe that May is half over. I hope everyone remembered the Mother's Day card. We had a beautiful day for Mother's Day. Memorial Day is coming up and I'm looking forward to grilling out and playing ball with my

granddaughter. I hope it will be a safe and happy holiday for everyone.

HARC just had their 50th Anniversary last month and it was good to hear all the stories that the guys told about how HARC was 50 years ago. It reminded me a lot of Old Timer's Night. Dick Curtis done a fantastic job on the history and video. If you want a video, you'll have to talk to one of the club officers about obtaining one.

Next month, we will have the Field Day Picnic. Field Day is going to be June 21 - 23. The Picnic is going to be at 4:00pm, Saturday afternoon, weather permitting. Everyone needs to bring a covered dish (with food in it) and a donation of \$2.00 per person. I will be taking the donations at the meetings and at the picnic. We will be having hamburgers and hot dogs. If you would like something different, bring it and we'll throw it on the grill if it needs cooking. Don't forget your lawn chairs to sit in and coolers to put the cold drinks. I'm looking forward to another picnic.

Happy birthday to Allie Stone and John Hilliard. C U there.

A Joke or Two

Two Norwegians who worked at the garment factory were laid off. They went downtown together to file for unemployment. The clerk asked the first Norwegian his occupation. "Panty Stitcher," he replied. The clerk looked up panty stitcher, found it listed under unskilled labor and wrote a check for \$300 for one week's work. The clerk asked the second Norwegian what his occupation was.

"Diesel Fitter," he replied. Since Diesel Fitter was listed as skilled labor, the clerk gave him a check for \$600. The Panty Stitcher became angry and demanded to know why his friend received more money.

"Well," the clerk explained. "Panty Stitcher is listed as unskilled labor and Diesel Fitter is listed as skilled labor."

"Him? Skilled?" exclaimed the Panty Stitcher. "I sew the elastic on the panties. He pulls on it and says, 'Oh, ja, diesel fitter.'"

Mrs. White asked her 4th grade class if they thought they were stupid and, if

HARC ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR June, 2002						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 26	May 27 Christian Fellowship Net 2100 on 145.33	May 28 ATV Net 2000 Check In 145.33	May 29 Southeast Linked Repeater Net1900 on 147.240	May 30 EMERGENCY NET on 34/94 @ 1930 Skywarn Net on 147.24 @ 2000	May 31 HARC Meeting	1 CAVEC Exams, 0900 at Red Cross bldg. Atlanta Hamfest, Marietta, GA Swapfest/Tailgate Party, Silver Point, TN
2	3 Christian Fellowship Net 2100 on 145.33	4 ATV Net 2000 Check In 145.33	5 Southeast Linked Repeater Net1900 on 147.240	6 EMERGENCY NET on 34/94 @ 1930 Skywarn Net on 147.24 @ 2000	7 HARC Meeting Election of Officers, FD Tips by Chris Reed et al	8 Tennessee Section Convention, Knox- ville, TN (June 7 & 8) DeKalb County ARC Tailgate/Swapmeet, Ft. Payne, AL
9	10 Christian Fellowship Net 2100 on 145.33	11 ATV Net 2000 Check In 145.33	12 Southeast Linked Repeater Net1900 on 147.240	13 EMERGENCY NET on 34/94 @ 1930 Skywarn Net on 147.24 @ 2000	14 HARC Meeting Installation of officers & Vox night	15
16	17 Christian Fellowship Net 2100 on 145.33	18 ATV Net 2000 Check In 145.33	19 Southeast Linked Repeater Net1900 on 147.240	20 EMERGENCY NET on 34/94 @ 1930 Skywarn Net on 147.24 @ 2000	21 No meeting, FD preparations	22
23 / 30	24 Christian Fellowship Net 2100 on 145.33	25 ATV Net 2000 Check In 145.33	26 Southeast Linked Repeater Net1900 on 147.240	27 EMERGENCY NET on 34/94 @ 1930 Skywarn Net on 147.24 @ 2000	28 HARC Meeting Half Wavelength Feedlines, John Morris	29

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so, to please stand. Little Jimmy stood up, alone. Mrs. White said, "Jimmy, do you really think you're stupid?"

"No," Jimmy said. "But I didn't want you standing up there alone."

After church on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided I'm going to be a minister when I grow up."

"That's okay with us," the mother said, "But what made you decide to be a minister?"

"Well," the boy replied, "I'll have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit still and listen."

The fourth-grade teacher had to leave the room for a few minutes. When she returned, she found the children in perfect order. Everybody was sitting absolutely quiet. She was shocked and stunned and said, "I've never seen anything like this before. This is wonderful. But, please tell me, what came over all of you? Why are you so well behaved and quiet?"

Finally, after much urging, little Sally spoke up and said, "Well, one time you said that if you ever came back and found us quiet, you would drop dead."

A man went skydiving for the first time. After listening to the instructor for what seemed like days, he was ready to go.

Excited, he jumped out of the airplane. About five seconds later, he pulled the ripcord. Nothing happened. He tried again. Still nothing. He started to panic, but remembered his back-up chute. He pulled that cord. Nothing happened. He frantically began yanking both cords to no avail. Suddenly he looked down, and he couldn't believe his eyes. Another man was in the air with him, but this guy was going up! Just as the other guy passed by, the skydiver yelled, "Hey, do you know anything about skydiving?"

The other guy yelled back, "No! Do you know anything about gas stoves?"

A small tourist hotel was all abuzz about an afternoon wedding where the groom was 95 and the bride was 23. The groom looked pretty feeble and the feeling was that the wedding night might kill him, because his bride was a healthy, vivacious young woman. But lo and behold, the next morning, the bride came down the main staircase slowly, step by step, hanging onto the banister for dear life. She finally managed to get to the counter of the little shop in the hotel.

The clerk looked really concerned, "Whatever happened to you, honey? You look like you've been wrestling an alligator!"

The bride groaned, hung on to the counter and managed to speak, "Ohhh God! He told me he'd been saving up for 75 years, and I thought he meant his money!!"

WHY COACHES GET GREY

At one point during a game, the coach called one of his 7-year-old baseball players aside and asked, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded in the affirmative. "Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "So," the coach continued, "I'm sure you know, when an out is called, you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the umpire, or call him a pecker-head. Do you understand all that?" Again the little boy nodded. He continued, "And when I take you out of the game so another boy gets a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to call your coach 'a dumb asshole' is it?" Again the little boy nodded. "Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your mother."

The Thought for the Month of June

Don't borrow trouble.

Did You Know...

David Akeman was better known as Stringbean. He was a member of the Grand Ole Opry and a cast member of Hee Haw.

Solve the puzzle: AVEH A FESA DAN PPYAH MMILOREA YAD

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Have a great day,

73, Peggy (Giggles) Bell, K4EGB

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June Hamfests:

June 1, 2002

Atlanta Radio Club, Marietta, GA. See <http://www.atlantahamfest.com> or contact John Talipsky, KA4VQH, 770-995-6446 or johnka4vqh@aol.com.

June 1, 2002

Ham Radio Swapfest/Tailgate Party, Silver Point, TN. Contact Bobby Raymer, N2BR, 931-537-9222 or brradioman@charter.net.

June 7-8, 2002.

Tennessee Section Convention, Knoxville, TN
See <http://www.w4bbb.org> or contact David Bower, K4PZT, 865-670-1503 or d.bower@ieee.org.

June 8, 2002

Albany ARC, Albany, GA
. See <http://www.qsl.net/w4mm> or contact Robert Smith, K4PHE, 229-883-9633 or k4phe@bellsouth.net.

73, John Farr, KC4ZXX

Flea Market

All items for sale and ready to be picked up (or delivered in the HSV/DCU area)

- Rohn 25G Tower, guy wires, turnbuckles, rotor/thrust bearing plates, thrust bearing, and all associated hardware. Five 10' sections, and top section (60 feet total), \$650.00 for everything. On the ground and ready to be picked up.
- Heath HM-2140 dual SWR/wattmeter - remote sensor, reads up to 2kW. Measures peak and average power. With manual. Excellent condition. \$100 OBO plus shipping.
- Yaesu G-1000SDX Rotator w/Control Box Selling G-1000SDX Rotator with control box (the one with presets). Works fine, but no longer needed by me. \$400 plus shipping. Also includes approximately 100' of rotor cable.
- Hy Gain 204BA four element 20 meter antenna — good condition. \$250.00 plus shipping. Minimal assembly required if you pick it up (i.e. elements are set-up and read to connect to boom).
- Wilson M515A five element 15 meter antenna - good condition. \$200.00 plus shipping. Minimal assembly required if you pick it up (i.e. elements are set-up and read to connect to boom).
- Big Sticker KLM 28-30-5 five element 10 meter antenna - good condition. \$175 plus shipping. Minimal assembly required if you pick it up (i.e. elements are set-up and read to connect to boom).
- AEA's MM-3 Morse Machine contest memory keyer, serial # 12415 in excellent condition. This is the latest version with both the QSO simulator, and the contest simulator. It features speed selection from 2 - 99 WPM. A CW

training system that allows random code group practice at a steadily increasing speed, random four-letter generator, a QSO simulator, and a DX contest simulator. Automatic serial number insertion, and incrementing in any memory message. Six programmable modes of operation; Keyer/Memory send; Beacon Mode to automatically send a CW or RS-232 ASCII message at a programmed interval; Memory Load; CW Trainer; Morse Terminal; and QSO or DX Contest simulator. The RS-232 port allows you to control the MM-3 Morse Machine from your computer, including displaying practice sessions on your screen to check your copy. It also allows you to upload messages or practice sessions from your computer to the message memories. Also, you can use our computer and the MM-3 as a keyboard keyer. Included is the manual, wall

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The Editor's Wastebasket

Almost can't grasp the idea that it's getting to be time to think about election of officers and all that. By the time we do another Vox the new officers will be on board, the 2002 Cotton Row Run will be history and it'll be just a week until Field Day and maybe a month before the Big Stick On for the Huntsville

Hamfest. June, July and August are probably the most active time of the year for HARC members with all kinds of HARC activities along with the usual summertime family vacations, weekends at the lake and what not. Make your plans to be part of all the activity.

This is a good time to compliment the outgoing officers on being the most faithful in using the Vox as a medium for communicating with the membership. It's also time to thank the regular Vox contributors for being regular Vox contributors. It makes things less hectic for me to know that one email reminder several days ahead of time will net me enough material to put together an interesting Vox.

It is not too early to start the exhortations about helping with the Huntsville Hamfest. The hamfest runs on ham power and we will need the assistance

of all of you to pull it off and make it a good experience for out thousands of visitors. The need will start with the Big Stick On evening in July, when we must prepare some 15,000 mailers for the Post Office and will peak on hamfest weekend when all kinds of volunteers will be needed.

The July Vox will be prepared one week earlier than it normally would be because the normal Vox night would be the Friday before FD and everyone will be busy with FD preparations. There will not be an August Vox as the month of July is too full of hamfest preparations. The September Vox will be prepared the week after the hamfest, about a week later than usual.

73, Frank Emens, W4HFU

Dekalb County ARC Club Tailgate/Swapmeet

When: June 8,2002

Time: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

What: Come join us at the Fort Payne, Alabama VFW Fair Grounds, just off I-59, Exit 222.

VE Testing at 11:00 AM

We hope to see you enjoy our swapmeet!

For more information feel free to contact, Greg Sarratt W4OZK@arrl.net or Gary Ladd ku4yn@farmerstel.com

Cost: Admission is;

\$1.00 per person

\$3.00 per carload

\$5.00 per vendor

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