



Huntsville Amateur Radio Club Information

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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 – Field Day 2004

As certain as long summer days, Field Day will once again be upon us beginning with setup Friday, June 25th at 1:00pm CDT. The 24-hour operating period begins 1:00pm Saturday.

Many things will be the same as last year. Once again, our host will be Integraph. New CEO Halsey Wise has announced Integraph's continued commitment to community involvement: by putting our best feet forward as guests, we help ensure corporate "good citizenship" in the future.

Trailers will again be rented from the arsenal. George Duncan is looking for volunteers to tow them back and forth - contact George for equipment information.

There will be a picnic Saturday afternoon. Bring a dish, with something in it. Peggy is accepting contributions.

The GOTA station is on track to operate PSK-31 this year. Even at the sunspot cycle nadir, it is possible for 10m and 15m to rise out of the doldrums for a few hours, as both did last weekend. This could happen on Field Day too, opening 10m phone to tech-with-code licensees.

Some things will be different. We are supplying our own generators this year - a fitting test of our ability to mobilize when generator rental isn't available. Lacking the whopper fuel tanks on the units we've had the past couple of years, these will need to be refueled, sometimes in the middle of the night. Your help will be appreciated.

Station manager slots are still open. Contact Chris Reed if you would like to help out and learn the ropes for coming field days.

Mark your calendar for the last weekend of June, and the biggest contest of

year. Come on out, get on the air, and have some fun!

73, Tom KG4CUY

HAMOGRAPHY

Again, for this month's article, I find myself dealing not so much with the target personality; but with the hopes, dreams, intent and foresight as well as the past, present and future health and growth of HAM Radio in general and HARC specifically.

KG4CUY – TOM DUNCAN:

Tom was first licensed in 1999 as a Tech Plus; and progressed through General, Advanced and Extra Class. His primary interest has been CW on the HF Bands and Home Brew projects.

Tom and his wife came to Huntsville eight years ago from Atlanta. Tom counts that move as an advantage to his interest in HAM Radio. Here, he feels extremely lucky to have found HARC.

CAVEC License Exams

Exam sessions are held at 9:00 AM the first Saturday of each month unless a holiday causes the session to be delayed for one week.

Upcoming sessions are:

Saturday, June 5

Saturday, July 3

For information contact:

Larry Frost, KR4GU, 536-4154

kr4gu@hamfest.org

Or

Don Tunstill, W4NO, 536-3904

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Exam Sessions are held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 1:00. In even numbered months they are held at the Athens EOC. In odd numbered months they are held in Madison at Intergraph, Building 15

For information contact Bob Hudson, W4RKH, 461-7905

He hopes that all new HAMs could receive the total welcome, assistance and "Elmership" that HARC gave him. Without that, he feels he would have dropped out of HAM Radio or at least found his interest diminished .

Tom has been the President of HARC for the past two years. I asked Tom what he sees as concerns for HAM Radio and what the HAM Community and HARC has to do to address those concerns. Tom's reply was: "The world is changing. Technology, geography and political changes are drastically affecting each segment of our lives, including HAM Radio interest, and operation, even to the extent of extinction of HAMMING as we know it. We

do not know if HAM Radio will exist in the next 50 years."

I asked Tom what was his greatest fear in light of the possibility of the demise of HAM Radio. His reply was "Apathy, the feeling among too many HAMs that there is nothing we can do. That could be the final blow for HAM Radio !!" If so what can we do to offset that negative attitude and result ?: Tom replied: "We must re-instill the Love and Fun of HAM Radio! It has to offer joy and excitement. We must appeal to all facets and spectrums. We must cease thinking of ourselves as Rag Chewers, DX, VHF, UHF, HF, Phone or CW; but as HAMs. We have to realize we are in a multi-faceted activity and promote equal acceptance and encouragement

of each of those. New HAMs must have the chance to know about each area of HAMMING. We have to encourage all: Those with a bent to be 'Plumbers" working with antennas; those interested in Propagation; Sunspot Cycles; Emergency operations; DX; CW and phone. Anytime someone drops out of HAM Radio due to a lack of interest, there is a failure on our part !!"

Tom's comments led me to wondering how well HARC is doing to instill and retain a universal appeal. Tom feels HARC has a very credible record in that regard. It includes promoting : Public Service, RACES, Bike Rides, Fox Hunts, Radio Balloon activity, HAMFEST and Field Day. We use the newsletter and provide four meetings each month for

HARC ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR June, 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 ATV Net 2000 Check In 145.33	2 Southeast Linked Repeater Net 2000 on +442.775 PL 203.5 Hz	3 EMERGENCY NET on 34/94 @ 1930 Skywarn Net on 147.24 @ 2000	4 HARC Meeting Election of Officers	5 *TWIAR CAVEC Exams, Red Cross Bldg, 0900 Georgia Section Convention, Marietta, GA
6	7	8 ATV Net 2000 Check In 145.33	9 Southeast Linked Repeater Net 2000 on +442.775 PL 203.5 Hz	10 EMERGENCY NET on 34/94 @ 1930 Skywarn Net on 147.24 @ 2000	11 HARC Meeting Chris Reed, FD Up- date Tennessee Section Convention, Knox- ville, TN	12 *TWIAR Tennessee Section Convention, Knox- ville, TN
13	14	15 ATV Net 2000 Check In 145.33	16 Southeast Linked Repeater Net 2000 on +442.775 PL 203.5 Hz	17 EMERGENCY NET on 34/94 @ 1930 Skywarn Net on 147.24 @ 2000 YLISSB Convention	18 HARC Meeting Vox & Social Night YLISSB Convention Nashville, TN	19 *TWIAR DeKalb County ARC, Fort Payne, AL Upper Cumberland ARA, Cookeville, TN.
20	21	22 ATV Net 2000 Check In 145.33	23 Southeast Linked Repeater Net 2000 on +442.775 PL 203.5 Hz	24 EMERGENCY NET on 34/94 @ 1930 Skywarn Net on 147.24 @ 2000	25 HARC Meeting No Meeting, FD Setup At The Site	26 *TWIAR Field Day Weekend
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*TWIAR -- This Week In Amateur Radio, +442.775 PL203.5 Hz 8 PM Every Saturday
 ATV Net @ 20:00, Check in on 145.33, Tuesdays
 Southeast Linked Repeater Net on +442.775, PL 203.5 Hz @ 20:00, Wednesdays
 Madison County Emergency Net on 34/94 @19:30, Thursdays
 SkyWarn Net on 147.24 @ 20:00, Thursdays

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What more can we do?: "We cannot be satisfied. Using Field Day as an example: We must view it as the prime opportunity to grab and keep the new HAM. Yet, when the new HAM comes to Field Day he or she is faced with a disconnect between what they need and what is concentrated on. At that time we have failed. We tend to get wrapped up in achieving contacts and points for that weekend. We find it hard to not rely on the tremendous hard corps of experienced operators we have; in order to maintain our 30 years of successful Field Day history. There again we win the battle but lose the war in retaining and keeping new HAMs. We failed to give them their opportunity to operate and enjoy HAM Radio, and lose them from our ranks.

What does Tom want to see for this year's Field Day?: " I want it to be fun for all. I want us to balance the desire

for high scores and contacts with being able to ensure the new HAM has the opportunity to operate the bands; and thereby retain his;/her interest for years to come !!!"

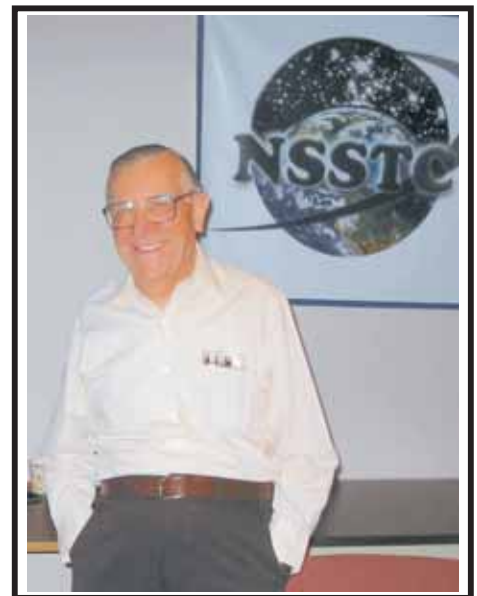
HARC - Your Club President,
KG4CUY - Tom Duncan!

73, WB0UCI. Fred Kersey

**Rudi Decher, WB4UGR –
SILENT KEY**

WB4UGR passed away Sunday April 25 from heart complications. I have only this to add: He and my dad (N4GT) were best of friends. His son Pete (now my brother-in-law, KG7FO) and Paul (WB4UEE) and I all got our licenses around the same time, ('69-'70). Rudi was my "elmer" learning the ropes as a young amateur-radio operator. A man of infinite patience and understanding of all things electronic, we *never* would have gotten those surplus ARC-5s on the air without his help. If you needed a part to build a project, he would happen to have it. And he would never do the work for you, but provide advice and endless sche-

matic-sketchings. It was from him I learned the practice of keeping one hand in the pocket when working on



*Dr. Rudolf Decher
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Below is a copy of the eulogy read at his funeral mass. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Chris, WB4UFQ

Dr Rudolf Decher

Rudy, as his friends and family called him, was born in Wurzburg, Germany in 1927 and grew up in war torn Germany where he experienced the horrors of war first hand. That such a kind and gentle man with a wonderful sense of humor should have evolved out of such an intense environment, much less survived it at all, is a reflection of the grace of God. His strong childhood interest in science, passion for space exploration, and his love for solving mysteries led him to earn his PhD in Physics from the University of Wurzburg. Shortly thereafter, in 1959, Rudy along with his wife Christa and his two year old son Peter moved to Huntsville, where he joined the Von Braun rocket team. His daughter Marianne, the first Decher born outside Germany was born in 1963 in Huntsville. His granddaughter Teresa was born in Oregon in 1991.

Rudy worked on the Apollo moon rocket and many space science projects over his long career at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center. His most recent project, Gravity Probe B was launched into space right before his sudden passing just a few days ago. He gathered a group friends and colleagues

at UAH to celebrate the culmination of 40 years of work on this project.

Rudy was a loving father who cherished his family and large worldwide circle of friends and colleagues. He always had some new exciting gadget or experiment running in his garage, which he loved to demonstrate to his children, grandchild and the frequent visitors to the Decher family home. From building a series of complex space probes designed to test the fundamental nature of our universe to helping his son and friends build ham radio equipment, to constructing an extensive model railroad system in celebration of Christmas at his home, he was always tinkering away on something. All of us will sorely miss his presence. His memory will live on through all who knew him.

(Go to <http://uahnews.uah.edu/read.asp?newsID=289> for more information on Dr. Decher's last project.)

Operating Portable from Dayton

The Dayton Hamvention is a unique opportunity to see the latest in amateur radio equipment from many of the leading manufacturers. Many of the amateur radio equipment and accessory manufacturers are there, and they welcome questions and comments about their products. In some cases, you can talk directly with the design engineer.

This past weekend, thousands descended upon Dayton, Ohio from all over the world. I saw several foreign prefixes such as LU, SM4, P4, G8, G3 etc. I heard Italian being spoken, as well as Spanish, Portuguese and Japanese. Dayton is a

great place to meet ham operators from all over the world. For example, at lunch I chatted with Mark West W6MW of Los Angeles, California, and Peter Dudgeon G8ERJ of Warrington, England. After having talked to each other many times on the air, they decided to get together at the Dayton hamfest.

My traveling partner, Steve Bell KD4TFN and I also met several ham operators from the Huntsville area. These included: Dave Givens K5RSI, Chuck Lewis N4NM, Ed Clark K4KFH, Ed Myszka Jr. KE4ROC, Ed Myszka III KE4RNB, Ron Shaffer W4VM, John Morris K4XH, Nancy Morris K4JD, Harlie Henson KB4CRG, Chris Best KB3DXR, Kim Hensley

the past I've operated portable CW, mobile CW and mobile SSB back to Alabama. Looking for another challenge, I asked Steve about connecting via Echo-Link back to Alabama. We decided to try for an Echo-Link connection back to Huntsville, while the weekly meeting of the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club (HARC) was in session.

On Thursday, a hastily prepared email was sent to HARC president Tom Duncan KG4CUY and others. At Friday's club meeting, a 2-meter radio was set up in the club's meeting room.

In our Dayton motel room, Steve positioned a mag-mount 2-meter antenna indoors on the windowsill, connected his



Chris Best, KB5DXR and Steve Bell, KD4TFN



Plenty Of Used Equipment

WG8S, and ARRL Section Manager Greg Saratt W4OZK. We also talked with the ARRL Southeast Regional Director, Frank Butler W4RH, of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.

Every year at Dayton, I have wanted to try something new and different in the way of amateur radio communications. In

handie-talkie and contacted the W8SMC repeater. After chatting with local operators, Steve discovered the link-up commands were different in Dayton. Steve soon had the Echo-link connection established and called HARC's station, K4BFT.



Ed and Ed Myszka



Mark West, W6MW and Peter Dudgeon, G8ERJ

Woody Ziegler K8GNM answered on the club's radio, and we had a nice QSO with our ham friends back at the club meeting. From a handie-talkie in a Dayton motel room, to the club's meeting room in Huntsville, to additional contacts in England and beyond, Echo-Link proved to be an easy and useful means of communicating via amateur radio. It may not have been "real DX", but it was a lot of fun nonetheless. Thanks Steve!

In Dayton, the only problems we encountered were repeater ID's which we heard every time we unkeyed the transmitter. I'm confident that this problem can be soon overcome.

On Saturday, Steve and I attended the QRP Amateur Radio Club International QRP-ARCI awards banquet where we had a nice meal and met QRP operators from all over the world. Steve was proud of the Atomic Clock he won as a door prize.

I hope all those in attendance at the club meeting could see the usefulness of Echo-link for distant contacts, and will pursue Echo-Link and similar means of communicating. Whichever operating mode you prefer, get on the air often. And remember, have fun!

73, Tom Hatter, K4AKC

The Giggle Box

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
EVERYBODY THAT WAS BORN IN
JUNE!!

A note from Giggles: You know, I've found it's easier to write this article if I add the jokes as I get them. Then I just have to take a few minutes to write my notes. Now you know that it doesn't take long for my little brain to think up something to say. Sometimes, believe it or not, I'm just at a loss for words. I have a harder time with the Thoughts of the Month than anything. Someone suggested that I put my email address at the end, well, as you see, I did. I can't believe that Field Day is almost upon us. Steve and I went out to the FD site over the weekend and I had to look really hard to find the little picnic building behind the B-I-G building. I am so glad that the picnic has been held at that building for the last few years otherwise I would have to draw a map. If they tear my little building down, I will

be totally lost. :(The picnic menu will be the same as before. Hamburgers, hotdogs, covered dishes (with food in them), desserts and cold drinks. If anyone wants to throw a steak on the grill that will be fine, too. Personally, I'm thinking about it. A \$2.00 donation will be greatly appreciated. There will be a container somewhere on the tables for donations at the picnic. I will need volunteers to bring covered dishes and to help cook the burgers and dogs. CU @ FD!!

A Joke or Two

Two Robins Two robins were sitting in a tree. "I'm really hungry," said the first one. "Let's fly down and find some lunch." They flew down to the ground and found a nice plot of newly plowed ground that was full of worms. They ate and ate and ate till they could eat no more. "I'm so full, I don't think I can fly back up into the tree," said the first one. "Let's just lay back here and bask in the warm sun," said the second. "O K," said the first. So they plopped down, basking in the sun. No sooner than they had fallen asleep, when a big fat tomat up and gobbled them up. As the cat sat washing his face after his meal, he thought... "I JUST LOVE BASKIN ROBINS."

Calling Collect... My mother was away all weekend at a business conference. During a break, she decided to call home collect. My six-year-old brother picked up the phone and heard a stranger's voice say, "We have a Marcia on the line. Will you accept the charges?" Frantic, he dropped the receiver and came charging outside screaming, "Dad! They've got Mom! And they want money!"

A couple lived near the ocean and used to walk the beach a lot. One summer they noticed a girl who was at the beach pretty much every day. She wasn't unusual, nor was the travel bag she carried, except for one thing; she would approach people who were sitting on the beach, glance around furtively, then speak to them. Generally the people would respond negatively and she would wander off, but occasionally

someone would nod and there would be a quick exchange of money and something she carried in her bag. The couple assumed she was selling drugs, and debated calling the cops, but since they didn't know for sure they just continued to watch her. After a couple of weeks the wife said, "Honey, have you ever noticed that she only goes up to people with boom boxes and other electronic devices?" He hadn't and said so. Then she said, "Tomorrow I want you to get a towel and our big radio and go lie out on the beach. Then we can find out what she's really doing." Well, the plan went off without a hitch and the wife was almost hopping up and down with anticipation when she saw the girl talk to her husband and then leave. The man walked up the beach and met his wife at the road. "Well, Is she selling drugs?" she asked excitedly. "No, she's not," he said, enjoying this probably more than he should have. "Well, What is it, then? What does she do?" his wife fairly shrieked. The man grinned and said, "She's a battery salesperson." "Batteries?" cried the wife. "Yes," he replied.... (Now you're gonna hate me for this..) "She sells "C" cells down by the sea shore!

Do Your Spell Check! A new young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to help the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand. He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk goes to the head abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up. In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk, says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son." So, he goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscript is held as archives in a locked vault that hasn't been opened for hundreds of years. Hours go by and nobody sees the old abbot. So, the young monk gets worried and goes downstairs to look for him. He sees him banging his head against the

wall, and wailing "We forgot the 'R'. We forgot the 'R.'" His forehead is all bloody and bruised and he is crying uncontrollably. The young monk asks the old abbot, "What's wrong, father?" With a choking voice, the old abbot replies, "Celebrate, the word is Celebrate."

Did You Know: If you live in a damp climate, this can be a problem. To prevent it, store the laundry powder in a dry plastic gallon milk jug. Screw the cap on tightly to prevent moisture from seeping in.

The Thought for the Month of June If your dog is fat you aren't getting enough exercise. -Unknown

Solve the puzzle: CONE 'UOYER ERVO HET LIHL OUY CIPK UP EEDPS

73, Peggy (Giggles) Bell, K4EGB
pbell@hiwaay.net SEW LONG!

Field Day

By the time you read this article, we will be just over a month away from Field Day 2004. Field Day will be at Intergraph the weekend of June 26-27. Many thanks to Intergraph for the use of their recreational facility.

Several folks have already jumped in and offered a helping hand with Field Day preparation. Our Field Day could not happen without all the hard work that takes place before, during and after the event. It is truly a team effort. Many thanks to Steve Bell KD4TFN, Paul Paelian WB4UEE, Ron Lamb WB7VDN, and Woody Zeigler K8GNM who have completed several hours of maintenance on the crankup tower. Ron Schafer W4VM, and Steve Jones KT4AY have offered three generators that will keep the stations powered. Jake KI4BTJ, will be helping with Field Day power and light as well. George Duncan K4TFJ, is coordinating campers.

Field Day is a great opportunity to have fun, not to mention enjoy some great food and refreshment at the picnic. Thanks to Peggy Bell K4EGB, for helping with the picnic. She probably has already reminded everyone to bring a covered dish (with food in it of course). Many station managers have

already started to gather coax, spare connectors, and extra supplies needed for Field Day. Station Managers may ask you to sign up and operate. Volunteer to operate for a shift. It's a chance to polish up on those operating skills. Don't be afraid to ask the current operator to cut in on the action. Observe for a while, log for a spell and then try your hand at the operating position. As of this article, all the station managers were in place with the exception of 15/75 phone and 20m phone. If you would like to be a station manager, drop me an e-mail at kf4mmf@arrl.net .

If you have never participated in a Field Day, then your missing out. As a ham, it ranks up there with hamvention at Dayton. It's the entire experience, from setup to teardown that is truly awesome. Operating is always a blast. You never know who you might work at Field Day. A story has it that Dick W1TV, has to quiet a pile up to work an aeronautical mobile station. I am sure there are many more stories to be told from past Field Days. Yours truly will cover all the latest details on June 11, in a Field Day program. Be sure to check the HARC website at www.HARC.net for maps and more information on Field Day. Don't miss our on the excitement of Field Day 2004. We will see you there!

73, KF4MMF Chris Reed

NARA Notes:

Dayton was a blast again as usual ! - even with the rain. I didn't know I was going till 2 days before time. It was a whirlwind trip ! I am trying to get the finishing touches on the 2004 NARA news so members should see them and updated command sheets soon. I'll save all my thunder for that :-) The NARA mid year meeting is Friday July 16th. I'd love to see a good sized crowd there - there is lots to talk about!

Lets all get behind Chris & make field day a fun event that sharpens our emergency preparedness skills!

73, Ron, W4VM, NARA President

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Area Hamfests

- June 5, 2004. Georgia Section Convention, Marietta, Georgia. Contact John Talipsky, N3ACK, 770-995-6446 or johnka4vqh@aol.com. Details can be found at <http://www.atlantahamfest.com>.
- June 11-12, 2004. Tennessee Section Convention, Knoxville, Tennessee. Contact Carol Whetstone, N4LFR at 865-673-0475 or whetston@esper.com. Details at <http://www.w4bbb.org>.
- June 12-2004. DeKalb County ARC, Fort Payne, Alabama. Contact Clay Patrie, KG4OZW, 256-845-5444 or silentspring42@earthlink.net. Details at <http://www.w4gbr.org>.
- June 17-20, 2004. YLISSB Operating Specialty Convention, Nashville, Tennessee. Contact Stephen Watson, WB4ILS, 931-393-2880 or wb4ils@charter.net. Details at <http://www.qsl.net/yl-isb>.
- June 19, 2004 Upper Cumberland ARA, Cookeville, Tennessee. Contact Wilson Cowan, KG4REA at 615-449-0287 or wpcowan@bellsouth.net. Details at <http://www.ucara.org>.

73, John Farr, KC4ZXX

From The Editor's Wastebasket

Thanks to Gary, N4TXI, for reminding us that there is always room in the Vox for notes about items for sale by HARC members. No charge, just send me the information and it'll show up. It's been so long since we had a Flea Market item to list that I'm afraid we all forgot it is an option. I'm sure that some of you, who maybe were overwhelmed by the bargains at Dayton or Birmingham will have some wonderful "stuff" you'd like to get rid of.

I'm saddened to see the announcement of Rudi Decher's passing. I've always had tremendous respect for Rudi,

both from interactions involving Amateur Radio and from the years I was at NASA. We've lost a gem of a man.,

It seems it was only last week that the June 2003 Vox was going together. Here we are at the end of another club year, looking forward to election of the officers who will guide HARC for the 2004/2005 HARC year and getting

ready for Field Day, followed seemingly immediately, by the Huntsville Hamfest. It hardly seems necessary, but I'll urge you to take advantage of Field Day to see what it is like to be involved in a well organized HARC project. Chris needs plenty of volunteers to bring the event off with our usual success.

Also don't forget the Annual Cotton Row Run on Memorial Day. They can use your participation or at least your forbearance as they use the local repeaters for communications in support of the races.

73, Frank Emens, W4HFU

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