

The President's Corner

WANTED!! Fresh leadership and progression in the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club. I made a promise to myself that I would only do two-years as President and that time is coming to a close. My pitch to everyone; the Club runs autonomously in the background for website/email and just needs Meeting topics...which is the hardest part. Best perk for the next Officer(s)...we have help when needed. If you are reading this and that inner-voice or the little guy on the shoulder is saying "Do It"... "Do It" let the Nomination Committee know which is Lynda Bartlow.

Outstanding Amateur Award...nominations may be made by any club member no later than the 15th of April and the recipient will be selected by the Board of Directors. Members of the Board are ineligible for the award. The award will be presented at the time of the installation of new officers.

Time is ticking away on 2025 Field Day planning and where will K4BFT be participating? Many options have been brought to the Field Day Committee with some easy not possibles and some possibilities. If you have not provided a possible location for either the Officers or Leigh WD4CPF help us out. As I saw last month at US Space and Rocket Center, our former location was a steel frame structure in building phase to become a new piece of the campus. Maybe someday they will let us come back there... cross our fingers since there appears to be space that may fit the bill.

Enjoy the month of April and if you have any ideas for the Club; please pass along via email to Info@harc.net

73,

Steve KI4KWR

HARC President



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Meeting Minutes— by Jessica KN4JJA

March 7, 2025

Meeting started promptly at 7:30 pm by president, KI4KWR

In attendance were 35 people in person and 10 on Zoom. There were 3 visitors.

Announcements:

Tonight's presentation is about Peter Island and the DXPedition.

New classes are starting in April for Technician and possibly for General licenses.

On 3/21, we are going to have a dinner meeting as the museum is booked for an event that night.

Upcoming Events:

GigaParts Weekly Learn and Social is every Tuesday from 4-6pm. Technician classes are ongoing on Tuesdays and General classes are ongoing on Saturdays.

Upcoming contests & hamfests were announced

Old business – none.

New Business:

The Huntsville Amateur Radio Club®

Club Officers & Info

Steve Molo	KI4KWR	President	president@harc.net
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Meeting location: Online via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6588519706?pwd=Z2VxVGJ0SCsvN2NTSFJ5TE5BVklRdz09>

Meeting time: Every Friday, 7:30 PM (except on major holidays)

Mailing address: HARC, PO Box 2196, Huntsville, AL 35804

Visitors welcome at all meetings.

Club website: www.harc.net

Club callsign: K4BFT (<http://www.qrz.com/db/K4BFT>)

Mail reflector signup: follow the link below the HARC logo on the home page

Meeting Minutes— Continued

The club meeting for 3/21 will be at Dreamland as a dinner meeting.

The museum opened on Saturday wil about 160 people in attendance. It was closed Monday and Tuesday but saw approximately 50 people each day for the rest of the week.

John Boyett won the monthly prize drawing.

New Memberships:

Chris Olmsted, KR4AHC was voted on for new membership.. Motion was seconded and approved for him to join.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm

March 14, 2025

Meeting started promptly at 7:30 pm by president, KI4KWR

In attendance were 24 people in person and 8 on Zoom. There were 4 visitors.

Announcements:

Tonight's presentation is about what types of programs the club would like to see for the rest of the year.

On 3/21 at 6pm, we are going to have a dinner meeting at Dreamland BBQ as the museum is booked for an event that night.

Upcoming Events:

GigaParts Weekly Learn and Social is every Tuesday from 4-6pm. Technician classes are ongoing on Tuesdays and General classes are ongoing on Saturdays.

Upcoming contests and hamfests were announced.

Committee Reports:

Leigh and Jack are still working on the location next to Dynetics/Leidos. Leigh would like to start planning a schedule of events for the field day weekend.

Old business – none.

New Business:

Lisa presented the financial report. Motion was moved and seconded and approved.

On 4/11, we will have a program your radio night after the business meeting.

Tomorrow is a museum work day.

New Memberships:

Bart Coulter, KD4QIP, was voted on for new membership.. Motion was seconded and approved for him to join.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm

Meeting Minutes— Continued

March 21, 2025 –

Dinner meeting at Dreamland BBQ, no club business was conducted.

March 28, 2025

Meeting started promptly at 7:30 pm by president, KI4KWR

In attendance were 31 people in person and 11 on Zoom. There was 1 visitor.

Announcements:

Tonight's presentation is about Bouvet 2026 by Bob W9AP

Next week's presentation is by Tom WS4M called "EMP-Are you prepared for that "All else has failed" event?"

Upcoming Events:

GigaParts Weekly Learn and Social is every Tuesday from 4-6pm. Technician classes are ongoing on Tuesdays and General classes are ongoing on Saturdays.

On May 6th, John will start a new Technician class and on May 10th, he will start a new General class

Upcoming contests and hamfests were announced.

Committee Reports:

The location next to Dynetics for Field Day has fallen through and the committee is taking suggestions and contact information for other locations.

New Business:

HAYLARC is presenting HARC with an Education fund donation in honor of Joe Sturbois.

W4DXCC has been cancelled for 2025.

New Memberships:

Ryan Landis, KR4CMS, was voted on for new membership.. Motion was seconded and approved for him to join. The club also approved the membership for Bob Campbell, call sign WA4JIK. A third membership was also approved for George Mink, N4HFE.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm



HAYLARC Happenings—by Lisa N3WQL

Mari Allen (moved away from area) has resigned as HAYLARC President, leaving the board with 2 openings. The HAYLARC Constitution provides that the Vice President becomes the President if the office is vacated. Any other openings on the board may be filled by the board appointing members to serve out the remainder of the term. The new HAYLARC lineup is: President, Lisa Shier N3WQL, Vice President Lynda Bartlow, WB4TJE, Secretary Miki English, KQ4YFE, and Treasurer Kelley Johns, W4VPZ.

It is the custom of HAYLARC to make a donation in memory of members who become Silent Keys. Our honorary member Joe Sturbois, WB4RIU/SK, wished to support youth in ham radio. We made a donation to the HARC Education Fund to be used for John Morgan's school programs.



John Morgan, N4CNY, receives a donation for the HARC Education Fund from HAYLARC President Lisa Shier, N3WQL.

ARES Meeting Minutes —by Steve KM4CJ

Madison County, Alabama ARES Monthly Meeting
Minutes
March 13, 2025



The meeting was conducted at the Madison County EMA EOC.

There were 17 in attendance.

The meeting started at 18:00 central time.

Tim, KK5H, opened the meeting by welcoming everybody.

Tim, KK5H, asked everyone to be prepared for the severe weather forecasted for the weekend.

EMA – Chris, AI4U, thanked everyone who participated in the Siren Test net. It was a great response with 45 check-ins and reports.

Steve, KM4CJ, read the minutes from the last meeting and gave a budget report of \$1298. Steve announced we had 12 check-ins for our first ARES D-STAR net. The net meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM on the local DSTAR repeater which is linked to reflector 58A.

CERT – Tom, WS4M, announced they have started a new CERT class.

Program:

Stephen, KY4G, gave a presentation on “batteries”. He discussed the pros and cons of three different battery chemistries: Lead acid, Lithium-Ion, and Lithium-Ion Phosphate.

Meeting adjourned 18:50 central time.

Respectfully Submitted

Steve Smith

Assistant Emergency Coordinator

ARES Madison County

General Announcements

For those who are interested in learning CW but need some Elmering, Laura K4CNY has created a GroupMe group that you can use to ask questions and arrange with Elmers for on-the-air practice.

If you are interested in Elmering, we can always use your help!

To join, click here: https://groupme.com/join_group/70112276/7m2J4Tpk

Interested in local POTA activations? Connect here.

<https://groups.io/g/harc-pota/messages>

You can request a subscribe here, or write me here for an invite.

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Time flies. Days turn to years, years into decades. It's a lot easier to renew your FCC license before it expires. That goes for your XYL too. Ask me how I know.

Handy Bookmarks:

What contests are this weekend? <https://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.html>

What DXpeditions are active? <https://dxnews.com/calendar/>

What are the solar conditions? <https://www.grz.com/>

Huntsville Amateur Radio Club <http://harc.net>

North Alabama DX Club <http://nadxc.org>

Huntsville Area YL Amateur Radio Club <https://haylarc.wordpress.com/>

Madison Co ARES/RACES <https://madisoncountyaalema.gov/amateur-radio/>

North Alabama Repeater Association <http://n4hsv.net/>

Marshall Space Flight Center Amateur Radio Club <https://www.nn4sa.org/>

Photos needed—send yours to N4BCD (at) arrl.net

Program and Project Managers

Madison Co Emergency Coordinator	Tim Holland KK5H
Field Day Chairperson	Tom Cash WS4M
Public Information Officer	Open
K4BFT Club Station Trustee	Laura Morgan K4CNY
Picnic/Food Coordinator	Warren K4MMW & Karen Alford
Training/Education Coordinator	John Morgan N4CNY
VOX Publisher	Mark Brown N4BCD
Program Coordinators	Jessica Molo KN4JJA, Chuck Lewis N4NM, Solomon Bolden KW4GY
Webmaster	Steve Molo KI4KWR
Repeater Program Announcer	Kelley Johns W4VPZ

Important Exam Info (updated June 2024)

The Huntsville testing sessions are conducted the first Saturday of the month unless that weekend contains a holiday. If it does, the second Saturday will be the test date. Please check the HARC.NET website or www.cavec.us to confirm. The testing location is at The Madison County Fire Training Academy Building, 300 Shields Rd, Huntsville, AL 35811. Email: vec@cavec.us

The exam sessions start at 9:00 AM. Please plan to arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 AM.

Exam information and registration can be found at <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/wa2zou/all>

What you need to bring to the exam session:

One legal photo ID (identification)

- a. State Driver's License
- b. Government issued Passport
- c. Military or Law Enforcement Officer Photo ID card
- d. Student School Photo ID card
- e. State Photo ID card

If no photo ID is available, two forms of identification:

- a. Non-photo State ID card (some states still have them)
- b. Birth certificate (must have the appropriate seal)
- c. Social security card
- d. Employer's wage statement or Minor's work permit
- e. School ID card
- f. School or Public Library card
- g. Utility bill, bank statement or other business correspondence that specifically names

the person; or a postmarked envelope addressed to the person at his or her current mailing address as it appears on the Form 605.

Students/minors without a photo ID need to bring only one of the above items if a legal guardian presents their photo ID; otherwise two non-photo IDs are required

Any current CSCEs that have not yet shown up in the FCC database:

Exam fee, CASH ONLY, exact amount (if possible): \$5

Exam fee waivers available for students, minors, Active U.S. Military and First Responders

A FCC Registration Number (FRN): Hamstudy will step you through this when you register for one of our exam sessions

<https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/knowledge-base/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration>

Calculators: Non-programmable calculators are allowed. Programmable calculators are NOT ALLOWED unless their memories can be cleared or reset at the exam session site by the testing crew prior to the start of the exam. The decision as to whether a calculator will be allowed to be used rests with the Session Manager and that decision is final. Cell phone/tablet Calculator Apps will not be used.

Notice: The FCC charges a \$35 fee for new applications, renewals and vanity call sign requests as of April 19th 2022. The fees should be paid directly to the FCC within ten days of your application being submitted by the CAVEC. Failure to do so will result in your application being dismissed. CAVEC will have to resubmit your application License. Upgrade applications are not charged the \$35 processing fee by the FCC.

Online Exams are also available and are conducted by the Marshall Spaceflight Center Amateur Radio Club VE team, look for their schedule at <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/nn4sa/all> or email nn4sa@arrl.net to schedule an exam.



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