

The President's Corner



This summer, Huntsville will be on the national stage in ham radio. In June, Youth on the Air Camp comes to Huntsville. This week-long camp for young hams moves to a new city each year. Volunteers are needed to Elmer the campers with a variety of projects. Contact Steve Molo to volunteer. One week later is Field Day, where HARC typically finishes in the top

few spots in 4A nationally. Many volunteers are needed at operators, set up, take down crew and many other roles. We are also looking for the loan of an RV for the weekend. Leigh Bartlow is our Field Day Chairman this year, so reach out to him. In August, the ARRL National Convention will be held in conjunction with the Huntsville Hamfest. HARC typically provides the bulk of the volunteers that make this event the World's Friendliest Hamfest (it's not a slogan, it's a reality, just ask the vendors.) The volunteers signup portal will be up shortly at hamfest.org.

We have lots of opportunities for our club, our town, and ham radio to shine this summer. It all depends on YOU -- hams willing to volunteer time, talent, and equipment to make all of this work. Our ham radio community is what we choose to make of it.

Don't forget to come to the club meeting on May 4 and vote for new leadership for our club for this summer and the next year. We have 5 candidates for 3 slots for Officer at Large, so there will be balloting. The Officer at Large positions are for people to be the voice of the membership on the executive board and also people who might be in the other 4 slots on the board at a later time. Choose wisely!

Your President,
Lisa Shier, N3WQL



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Email Reflector Sign-Up

Want to be informed of club announcements? Would you like to pose a radio question to the membership? This is a reminder that HARC has an email reflector but, YOU MUST CHOOSE TO JOIN IT.

The reason for that is when the reflector was set up years ago, the HARC Board wanted to give individual members the ability to specify their choice of email address and the ability to choose a digest format or once a day emails. And it was evident some people did not wish to be automatically enrolled.

As it is, HARC only sends 2 or 3 emails annually to the entire membership, those being the HARC/NARA meeting announcement where dues are collected, and a Field Day blast. By joining the reflector, you'll stay informed of all the other news & happenings.

Joining is simple.

1. Open the www.harc.net page in any browser.
2. At the lower left corner of the page, click on the envelope icon 'Join Our Email List'.
3. Fill out the form with your preferred email address and choose individual email or daily digest.

The Huntsville Amateur Radio Club[®]

Club Officers & Info

Lisa Shier	N3WQL	President	president@harc.net
Rick Copeland	KE4IOH	Vice President	vicepresident@harc.net
Don Carter	KZ4DJC	Secretary	secretary@harc.net
Bill Yell	K4IBY	Treasurer	treasurer@harc.net
David Oakley	KQ4OAO	Officer at-large	doakley314@gmail.com
Mark Brown	N4BCD	Officer at-large	mark.n4bcd@yahoo.com
Leigh Bartlow	WD4CPF	Officer at-large	brtlo54@gmail.com

Meeting location: Signals Museum, 1806 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35801
 Online via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6588519706?pwd=Z2VxVGJ0SCsvN2NTSFJ5TE5BVk1Rdz09>

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

Events Calendar

EVENT	WHEN - WEEKLY	NOTES
HARC meeting	every Monday, 7 PM	visit HARC.NET for details
Amateur Radio Learn & Social at Gigaparts	every Tuesday, 4 - 6 PM	details via HARC email reflector
Lunch gathering	every Wednesday, 11 AM	China Buffet on Jordan Ln.
ARES practice net (FM)	every Thursday, 7:30 PM	147.220+ pl 136.5, backup 146.94- 100.0
SKYWARN (FM) net	every Thursday, 8 PM	147.24+ 82.5, 442.775+ 107.2
HARC net (FM) net	every Friday, 8 PM	145.33- pl 100
EVENT	WHEN - MONTHLY	NOTES
ARES monthly meeting	1st Thursday of Month	EOC, Hsv City Hall, 305 Fountain Cir. time: 5:30 for pizza, 6pm mtg starts price: \$3 for 2 slices
HAYLARC monthly meeting	2nd Thursday of Month, lunchtime	1st timers, send email to: haylarc (at) harc (dot) net for location and to get on mail list.
NADXC meeting	2nd Tuesday of Month, 6:30 PM	visit NADXC.ORG for details
ARES Digital Voice Net	2nd Thursday of Month, 7 PM	Mode - Varies, Frequency - Varies Details will be annouced via ARES email

Note: some of these functions may be pre-empted by holidays or other special occasions.



HARC Officer Elections—by David KQ40AO

It's that time of the year again. What time you ask? Time to elect new officers for the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club (HARC). I know that you've heard the request for volunteers to serve in various officer roles, and you've probably asked yourself, "What are the roles and the duties of those positions?" I'm so glad you ask. Article IV of the "Constitution of the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club, Inc., Adopted March 5, 2021" lays out each officer position and overarching responsibilities. While Article IV of the "Bylaws of the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club, Inc., Adopted March 5, 2021" lays out the specific duties of each officer's position. The HARC Constitution and bylaws can be accessed directly from the HARC website (<https://www.harc.net/clubinfo.html>) and Article IV of each are repeated below for your reading pleasure.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

SECTION A. The officers of the Club shall be:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Officer-at-Large, of which there shall be three (3).

SECTION B. All officers shall be members of the Club and shall perform the duties prescribed in the Bylaws.

SECTION C. All officers shall serve a term of one (1) year.

SECTION D. Vacancies occurring in any of the above offices shall be filled as provided for in the Bylaws.

SECTION E. Election procedures shall be as contained in the Bylaws.

SECTION F. The Club may have appointed managers for various purposes, as provided for in the Bylaws.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION A. The President shall preside at Club meetings and Board of Directors meetings. The President shall appoint all Appointed Managers.

SECTION B. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the event of the temporary absence of the President and shall assume the office of the President in the event of a vacancy in that office.

HARC Officer Elections—continued

SECTION C. The Secretary shall:

Keep a record of the proceedings of all regular Club meetings and Board of Directors meetings. The minutes of club meetings shall be communicated to the membership.

Carry on the normal correspondence of the club.

Ensure the collection of the Club's mail at the PO Box.

Receive Club funds in the absence of the Treasurer.

Keep the official copies of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club which bear original signatures and make these documents available to members upon request.

Maintain the club's affiliation with the ARRL.

SECTION D. The Treasurer shall:

Take all steps reasonably necessary so that the financial dealings of the Club comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

Receive all monies paid to the club and keep the accounts of the club.

Report the financial status of the club, including the credits, debits, and balances to the club at the second meeting in each calendar month.

Submit all required tax forms.

Maintain the list of members in the club.

SECTION E. The Officers-at-Large have no specific duties beyond attending Board of Directors meetings but are expected to serve as liaisons between membership and the Board. They may also serve on committees, organize events, or be in an Appointed Manager role.

SECTION F. Any four members of the Board of Directors may recommend to the membership that an officer be removed. After this recommendation, the membership must be notified 1 week in advance of a regular club meeting where the membership will vote on the removal of the officer. A 2/3 majority of the Club members present at the meeting is required to remove an officer.

If any member has any questions regarding the Constitution or bylaws (or any other club-related topic), please reach out to one of your currently serving officers and we'll be glad to get you an answer. 73!

Meeting Minutes—by Don KZ4DJC

April 6, 2026

Call to Order at 7:00 PM By: Lisa Adjourned: 7:10 PM
 Attendance: In Person 34 Zoom 9 Visitors Total 43

Announcements:

Nominating Committee is still looking for a candidate for Club President
 Coupon Code for Ham Radio Deluxe Purchase - BAMA30
 Door Prizes - Courtesy of Giga Parts, Inc.

Presentation:

Tonight: - HAM RADIO DELUXE by WA9PIE- Michael G Carper, PhD
 April 7th - Field Day Preview - Leigh Bartlow WD4CPF

New Members: - None this week.

April 13, 2026

Call to Order at 7:00 PM By: Rick Adjourned: 7:12 PM
 Attendance: In Person 39 Zoom 5 Visitors 0 Total 44

Announcements:

Nominating Committee is still looking for a candidate for Club President for 2026-2027. Only HARC Members in good standing (dues paid for 2026) are entitled to vote in Offices Election and on Club business.
 Mark Brown would like more content on the VOX. Got something cool going on related to ham radio? Send him stories and photos.
 Cotton Row Run - May 25th 2026. Kelley is looking for some volunteers with H/T's to assist on the course.

Business:

Bill Yell, HARC Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2026. The Signals Museum Meeting space was the major expenditure.

Presentation:

Tonight: FIELD DAY Preview by Leigh Bartlow WD4CPF
 Next Meeting: Trailblazer Challenge by Tom Cash WS4M

New Members

No new members joined the Club tonight.

April 20, 2026

Meeting Minutes—continued

Call to Order at 7:00 PM By: Lisa Adjourned: 7:09 PM
 Attendance: In Person 25 Zoom 4 Visitors 1 Total 30

Announcements:

Only HARC Members in good standing (dues paid for 2026) are entitled to vote in Offices Election and on Club business.

Cotton Row Run – May 25th 2026. Kelley is looking for some volunteers with H/Ts to assist on the course.

Field Day is nine weeks away and needs one trailer for the event. Contact Rick at vicepresident@harc.net if you can help.

The Huntsville Amateur Radio Club elections are coming soon. Here are the Nominating Board's proposed officers for 2026-2027:

President - Don Bertram-N4SEI
 Vice-president – David Oakley-KQ40AO
 Treasurer - Daniel Sherfey-KQ4HWN
 Secretary - Don Carter- K4DJC
 Officers-at-Large Vote for Three
 Jonathan O'Rear-KD4MPW
 James Burton-KQ4VYQ
 Willy Sandifer-K04ALY
 Rick Copeland-KE4IOH
 Mark Brown-N4BCD

Presentation:

Tonight: Trailblazer Challenge by Tom Cash WS4M
 Next Meeting: Flex Radio - Not Your Dad's HF Radio

New Members- This week HARC unanimously vote to accept the following new Member.

Michael Shell - KR4LHX

April 27, 2026

Call to Order at 7:00 PM By: Lisa Adjourned:7:26 PM
 Attendance: In Person 38 Zoom 10 Visitors 2 Total 50

Announcements:

Only HARC Members in good standing (dues paid for 2026) are eligible to vote in Offices Election and on Club business.

Cotton Row Run – May 25th 2026. Kelley is looking for one more backup volunteer with

Meeting Minutes—by Don KZ4DJC

H/Ts to assist on the course.

Volunteers are needed for the YOTA Camp – June 14th-19th.

HARC Elections will be held next week May 4th. Ballots will be furnished for voting for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary. There are 5 candidates for Officer at Large and members will vote for three slots.

Business

Bill Yell presented the 2026-27 Budget for the Club totaling \$6352.00 The budget items were discussed, a motion made and seconded, and passed with no dissenting votes.

Huntsville Amateur Radio Club

Budget FY 2026-2027

May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027

YEAR TO DATE REPORT – March 31, 2026

Category	Budget FY 25-26	Year To Date Mar 31 '26	Proposed Budget FY26-27
INCOME			
Membership Dues	4000	2932.00	3000
General Donations	2000	4222.00	2000
Interest	0	24.26	25
A/Kits Donations		410.00	0
Gross Receipts	6000	7588.26	5025
EXPENSES			
Pay Pal Fees	0	133.48	140
Signals Rental	0	2000.00	2000
Field Day: Trailer Rental	360	360.00	320
Field Day: Food	300	457.74	500
Field Day: All Other Items	1000	279.30	500
Winter Field Day	400	0	0
Christmas Party	200	240.63	0
Equipment/Software/Data	300	95.58	300
Storage	1600	1896.00	1300
Awards	100	61.96	100
ARRL Insurance	200	0	200
Miscellaneous	100	780.59	150
Post Office Box	250	192.00	240
Zoom	150	159.90	160
Donation to Signals	500	1000.00	0
Off-Budget Expenses	0	0	0
Legal Fees (Bradley-Arant)	0	2209.25	442
Total Expenses	5460	9866.43	6352

Presentation:

Tonight: Flex Radio - Not Your Dad's HF Radio

Next Meeting: NADXC by Fred Kepner-K3FRK and Steve Smith KM4CJ

For Sale

We have several items that had been donated by a SK's family. The **proceeds are to be used by our ARES team. We wish to thank the family of WK4B, for thinking of us.** I am marking these items for quick sale, but please just purchase them if you intend to use them, and not for reselling at a profit. I basically looked up on some used ham gear websites and saw what they were selling for, and cut that close to half, so the deals are pretty darn good. If you buy an item, and it fails to function, we will return your money, and just put in on one of our HSV Hamfest flea mkt tables "as-is".

Let me know what you want, and I can bring it to our May ARES mtg, or we will arrange a meet-up to make the transaction.

Tim L. Holland, KK5H
Madison Co. AL ARES/RACES Emergency Coordinator
tim.kk5h (at) gmail (dot) com

- Homebrew 35A switching power supply. Looks powered by a server pc power supply. \$45
- Astron RS-35M Iron-core power supply. \$140
- TurboTuner for Kenwood Radio \$40
- Paint Can Dummy Load. This looks like a homebrew, and I don't know what oil was used in it. \$10
- Kenwood TM-721A mobile radio \$125
- Hustler 4BTV antenna with 17M add-on \$180



HAYLARC Happenings—by Lisa N3WQL



HAYLARC held a soldering class on April 16. 8 HAYLARCs attended. Everyone successfully completed a blinky toy kit. This was a first experience with soldering for some members, so there was some Elmering going on. Everyone found the class to be so helpful that we are considering a more complex project later in the year.

Our lunch meeting for May will be a picnic at Creekwood Park (360 Harvestwood Ct, Madison, AL 35758) AT 11:30 on May 14 at 11:30. Bring your own lunch. Feel free to walk on the Indian Creek Greenway before or after lunch.

Our activity for May will be a special event station on May 23 at the Space and Rocket Center.

For June, we'll have a mostly YL crew at the 80/20 phone station at HARC's Field Day.



Photos by Lisa N3WQL

ARES Monthly Meeting Minutes - by Steve KM4CJ

Madison County, Alabama ARES Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2026

The meeting was conducted at the Madison County EMA EOC.

There were 15 in attendance.

The meeting started at 18:00 central time.

Tim, KK5H –Terry Baughman, WK4B, (SK) radio equipment was donated to the ARES group. A special thanks to Bob, KC4TNC, for coordinating the donation.

CERT – Tom, WS4M, reported the CERT will be gearing up for another class this summer. Watch the site for details.



Program:

Attendees built a 4-port fused Power Pole junction box.



Meeting adjourned 19:45 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.

robert.ehresman@gmail.com

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.qrz.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/>

For Sale

Yaesu FTdx3000 with SP-20 speaker,
 30 Amp PS Tekpower TP30SWII,
 SDR Play RSP1B,
 FH-2 remote keypad,
 hand mic all for \$750 OBO

Everything works as it should and it's an awesome receiver!

George Mink, N4HFE
 (two five six) 325-5471

Program and Project Managers

Madison Co Emergency Coordinator	Tim Holland KK5H
Field Day Chairman	Leigh Bartlow WD4CPF
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
Property Manager	John Equi KM4VSY
Video Manager	Billy Gold KM4BGF
Webmaster	Steve Molo KI4KWR
Club Historian	Jonathan O'Rear KD4MPW
Repeater Program Announcer	Kelley Johns W4VPZ

Important Exam Info (updated September 2025)

Schedule:

- 1st Saturday each month (holidays → 2nd Saturday)
Madison Co. Fire Training Academy, 300 Shields Rd, Huntsville, AL
Time: 9:00 AM (arrive 8:30–9:00)
- 2nd Wednesday each month
GigaParts, 6123 University Dr, Huntsville, AL
Time: 5:30 PM

Registration: Please register ahead of time

- Details and sign-up: <https://cavec.us/testsched/>
- You need an FRN to register
- FCC FRN info: <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/knowledge-base/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration>

Contact:

- Email: vec@cavec.us

What to bring:

- Legal photo ID (driver's license, passport, student ID, etc.)
- If no photo ID: bring 2 forms (SS card, birth certificate, utility bill, etc.)
- Any CSCEs not yet in FCC database
- Exam fee: \$5 cash (exact change)
- FCC Registration Number (FRN) – see FCC site for details

Calculators:

- Non-programmable calculators are allowed.
- Programmable calculators are not allowed unless the testing team can clear or reset the memory on site before the exam. The Session Manager has final say.
- Calculator apps on phones or tablets are not allowed.

Online Exams:

- Remote sessions are available. See the Get Licensed page at <http://cavec.us> for details.

Additional Services from CAVEC:

- Full-Service License Renewals: CAVEC offers complete support with renewals and administrative updates. More information: <https://cavec.us/renewals>
- Club Station Call Sign Administrator (CSCSA): CAVEC is authorized to process Club Station Call Sign requests. More information: <https://cavec.us/cscsa>



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