

## The Out-going President's Corner

As I end my time as President of the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club it was the most fun in all my adventures in this hobby. The last two years as the "Leader" was a challenge as the largest membership of a group I have ever been part of besides INDEXA that is international. Support Lisa and her team with Club involvement and the continuous growth of the Club.

As many are aware Jessica and I have started our next Chapters in life and career; well, she has flipped the page on hers. Mine is a mixture of Remote Medical Coding and Billing and part-time CDL driving for a Courier on a as-needed basis. Relax...we are not leaving Alabama but relocating once we get the current QTH sold and go a little south in Alabama. We will still attend Meetings, and I will keep the website/email reflector and the automation on the social media going.

This month is the Clubs favorite month.... FIELD DAY. Please support Leigh WD4CPF and the Station Managers in taking an hour or more on CW or Phone. The ARRL Rules seem to have been slightly tweaked but with the operator's success and a good score will happen.

73,

Steve KI4KWR QSY to Lisa N3WQL



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*Editor:* Please send your Field Day photos & comments for publication in next month's issue.

## Radio Technician Position

### Looking for an excellent start in a radio career?

The Huntsville-Madison Co. 9-1-1 System (HMC 9-1-1) is seeking an entry-level radio technician. Stating salary is \$41,600-49,920 based on experience, with exceptional benefits, and solid growth potential. A passion for radio is the number one priority for the position. A sincere interest in radio and a basic understanding of electronics/radio is required. An amateur radio or other FCC license, associate's degree, vocational school, and/or related technical experience is desired, but not mandatory.

For a job description contact Ernie Blair (WA4BPS), HMC 9-1-1 CEO and Wireless Infrastructure Director, at eblair (at) madco911 (dot) com.

## The Huntsville Amateur Radio Club®

### Club Officers & Info

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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](http://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

## HARC Supports the 45th Annual Cotton Row Run by Kelley W4VPZ

Graham Gallemore K4FTY usually recruits ham radio volunteers for the Cotton Row Run. Around 2 weeks before the race I realized I had not heard from him. I learned that he has had some health issues (but is back home), so I jumped in to organize our volunteers for this years' races.

Everything went smoothly for the 45th Annual Cotton Row Runs this year! We covered all the mile markers for the 10K run that began at 7:00 a.m. and the 5K run that followed. I even remembered to pick up biscuits for the volunteers just as Graham does!

The good: I double-booked our hams for one of the mile markers, which worked out fine since another volunteer forgot all about the event. At Net Control, we had a few extra folks in learning and in Elmering roles.

The not-so-good: the 5k race started about 8 minutes early, and no one was set to start any timers, so our timing reports were less than accurate.

Many thanks to: Don KZ4DJC, Laura N4CNY, Steve KM4CJ, Frank K04FXF, Phil W7RHX, Leigh WD4CPF, Lynda WB4TJE, Dick W1TV, and Harry KN4TAP. Also, thanks to Lisa N3WQL, Jennie KQ4ZOR, and Miki KQ4YFE, for Elmering and wanting to learn!

Photos by Dick W1TV





## Meeting Minutes— by Jessica KN4JJA

**May 2, 2025**

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

In attendance were 32 people in person and 16 on Zoom. There were 2 visitors.

**Announcements:**

This evening's presentation is 3D Printing in Ham radio

Next week's presentation is Knots for Field Day.

**Upcoming Events:**

Technician class starts May 6th and the new General Class is May 10th. This is a correction from last week.

**New/Old Business:**

Leigh updated the club on possible Field Day locations. The committee has made 2-3 trips out to Sharon Johnston and it has been decided as the final choice. The location typically closes as sun down but arrangements will be made. Leigh is looking to fill slots for the schedule at this point.

We need someone to run net control for the first Monday of the month at 8pm.

John Morgan is asking for help at Sparkman for their Field Day on 5/16. He plans on setting up two stations and needs volunteers to man the stations.

Lisa provided a financial report

Steve provided updates on the 2026 YOTA status

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm

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**May 9, 2025**

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

In attendance were 32 people in person and 16 on Zoom. There were 2 visitors.

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Lisa provided a financial report

Steve provided updates on the 2026 YOTA status

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### **May 16, 2025**

Meeting started promptly at 7:30 pm by vice president, Billy Gold

### **Announcements:**

Tonight's presentation is by Lisa Shier "Knots for Field Day"

Next week's presentation will be the overview of Hamvention.

### **New/Old Business:**

Leigh updated the club on the Field Day location at Sharon Johnston Park and is looking to put together a schedule.

We need someone to run net control for the first Monday of the month at 8pm.

Steve is working with ASCTE for the upcoming 2026 YOTA to use their facilities.

### **New Memberships:**

Juan Alonzo Guzman, KN4VPC, applied for membership. His application was voted upon unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

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### **May 23, 2025**

Meeting started promptly at 7:30 pm by president, Steve Molo

### **Announcements:**

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## Meeting Minutes— Continued

Tonight's presentation is the Dayton Hamvention Review

Next week's presentation will be "Remote Antenna Switch" by Don WA4MCM

### Upcoming Events:

Cotton Row Run-Kelly will send out an email through the reflector for volunteers.

### Upcoming contests:

ARRL International Digital Contest is June 7th-8th. The June VHF contest is June 14th-16th and Field Day this year is June 28th-29th.

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Steve is working with ASCTE for the upcoming 2026 YOTA to use their facilities.

### New Memberships:

Darrell Wood, KM4CBH, David Marshall, N8OAY, and Mark Fahlgren, KR4DR, all applied for membership. A motion was seconded and approved by the club for each member.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

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May 30, 2025 – Auction night, no minutes recorded.



## HAYLARC Happenings—by Lisa N3WQL

HAYLARC held our lunch meeting on May 8 at Kacey's County Cooking. Quite a few HAYLARCs and prospective HAYLARCs came to the Cotton Row Run on Memorial Day. Kelley Johns, W4VPZ, was net control. Lynda Bartlow, WB4TJE, and Laura Morgan, K4CNY, were at mile marks. Miki English, KQ4YFE, and prospective member Jennie Gelmis, KQ4ZOR were there to watch the action and Lisa Shier, N3WQL, was there to assist the new hams.

HAYLARC has lot of activities coming up. We will be building an antenna for the 80/20 phone station for Field Day as the program at the June 6 HARC meeting. On Saturday June 7 we'll test it during a POTA activation at Monte Sano State Park. AT HARC Field Day (June 28-29), HAYLARC will be running the 80/20 phone station with some help from our OM friends.

On June 12, the HAYLARC lunch will be at Thai Garden, 800 Wellman Ave NE, Huntsville, AL 35801. We are also looking at having a Marine Mobile Ham Day the following month - on July 12.



Photo: Net control at the Cotton Row Run: Laura Morgan, Jennie Gelmis, Kelly Johns, Lisa Shier, Miki English.

## **ARES Monthly Meeting Minutes — by Stephen W4PPC**

May 8, 2025

- The meeting held at the Madison County (MADCO) EMA EOC.
- There were 12 in attendance on-site with a final count of 20; adding those who checked into the FM training net over on the 147.22 repeater.
- The meeting started at 18:00 CST.
  - MADCO EC KK5H, Tim opened the meeting
  - Motion was made to cover the cost of \$50 for two (2) tables at the 2025 Huntsville Hamfest this August. Tables for the informational displays of and the recruitment for Madison County ARES membership.
  - Motion was approved by 100% to fund the \$50. No further motions made.
  - MADCO AEC KY4G, Stephen, authored and presented a PowerPoint introduction to Winlink; with additional information concerning the local Winlink Gateways.
- The meeting adjourned at 18:47CST by MADCO EC KK5H.



Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Duncheskie W4PPC

Madison County ARES AEC



## 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](https://groupme.com/join_group/70112276/7m2J4Tpk)

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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](mailto:robert.ehresman@gmail.com)

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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.

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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/>

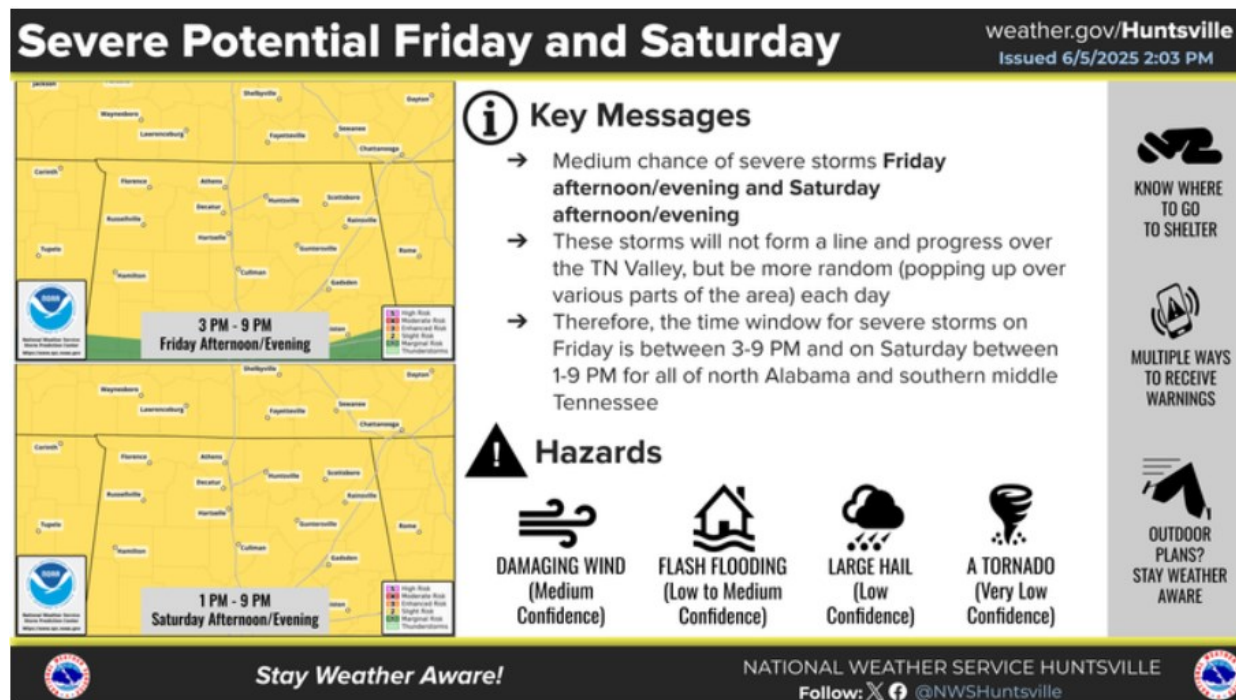
North Alabama Repeater Association <http://n4hsv.net/>

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

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## Field Day Weather Forecast

Let us all say a prayer that this June 5 forecast does not repeat on FD weekend.



## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:nn4sa@arrl.net) to schedule an exam.



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