

# The Zero Beat

## THIS MEETING

March 14, 2007  
7:30 P.M.  
(socializing begins at 7)  
Hoover Elementary  
23720 Hoover Ave.  
Hazel Park

April meeting to **THIRD** Wednesday  
**APRIL 18TH, 2007** at 7:30 PM (socializing at 7PM)

## SKIN SURFING

**MARCH MEETING – MARCH 14TH 7:30 PM –** Skin effect causes the effective resistance of the conductor to increase with the frequency of the current. Bring a friend and come to the March 14th meeting and find out from Ken AD8M how the skin effect works.

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## PRESIDENT'S QRM

Well, as is often the case in Michigan in winter, the February meeting had to be postponed because of bad weather. The Hazel Park schools have been very accommodating over the past few years, and have been working hard to make sure that we have adequate facilities, and that we can have the chance to reschedule meetings when the weather causes a shutdown of the schools. As a reminder, if the public schools are closed due to building problems or bad weather, all after-school programs, including our club meetings, will be cancelled, too. Check the school district website, as well as listen to WRJ or check the local TV stations for the latest school closing information.

We will have two meetings in the next couple weeks: one on Wednesday, February 28, and the regular meeting on Wednesday, March 14. As usual, the meetings will begin at 7:30 pm, and the facility will open to us thirty minutes prior to the meeting time. At present, we are checking to verify if our presenter will be able to speak on "green" radios (surplus military gear), but if not, we are working to make other arrangements. For the March meeting, our own Ken Krause, AD8M, will have a presentation for us. It may be that Ken will be speaking at the February meeting, instead, if things do not turn out right, so stay tuned!

There are a number of volunteer opportunities available within the club, and we especially need two (or more!) members to assume the roles in chairing our annual Office Installation Banquet and Field Day. If you are interested, or need more information, please check with us at the meetings.

Speaking of chances to step up, officer elections are not too far in the future, so you should be considering who might make a good leader within the club. If you have ideas that you think might help to steer us in a better direction, this is one way to make that happen. So you know, even though Lee, W8HL, has done a great job stepping in as Treasurer this year, he is not interested in running for this office next year. Similarly, Carl, K8BSG, will be stepping down as Second Vice President. Finally, we will need a new Secretary.

One last note: we had a killer VE test session on February 23, when the new FCC decrees went into effect, and 24 people took advantage of the day to upgrade their licenses or to test for their first tickets. It was a very successful, if hectic, session, and I think we finished in record time for so busy a session. Congratulations to Carl and Dee for making this session run so smoothly. Speaking of upgrades, look to see classes for Extra in the near future, as well as, a possible General class. I am sure

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## NETS

**Oakland County Amateur Radio Public Service Corp (ARPSC)**

Every Thursday @ 8 pm on 146.900 MHz/100pl. Hospital Radio Net on last Thursday of each month during the net. (W8OAK-3 will run packet on 147.56 MHz for those wanting to practice and test their equipment) [www.qsl.net/w8oak](http://www.qsl.net/w8oak)

**Sunday Night 2-meter Phone Net**

Every Sunday at 9:00 PM local time, (146.64 (-), catch up on club news and information, and just to keep in touch. All amateurs are welcome to check in.

**NTS Traffic Nets**

the Southeast Michigan National Traffic System (NTS) net. Normally held every night at 10:15 PM local time on 145.33. Net manager is Diane, W18K.

**Rocking Chair Net**

You don't have to be confined to a rocking chair to check in! A friendly group meets on 145.630 MHz simplex (FM phone) at 8:00 PM local time, weekdays + some Saturdays. Net control is usually Bill, N8QVS, or Bill, KB8NIH, both of whom are located in Royal Oak.

**Wolverine Net**

The 75 Meter Wolverine Net meets on 3935 KHz (LSB phone) daily at 7:00 PM local time with pre-net starting at about 6:30 PM. The nets start a half hour earlier in winter. You can get details from Joe, K8JRE [joecuchetti@comcast.net](mailto:joecuchetti@comcast.net) or Ed, W8EDE [ed@ellisgen.com](mailto:ed@ellisgen.com).

**HPARC medium speed CW net**

Every Tuesday night at 8:00 PM on 28.128 MHz. Al, N8WYO, runs the net and will match your speed. This is a net for folks who have mastered the 5 wpm, and want to move up to faster speeds, or if you're a little rusty.

Al calls CQHP at 8 PM sharp!

## QRM CONT.

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you will be seeing some upgraded members at the next few meetings. Be sure to congratulate them, and to introduce them to the friends you have brought to visit us for the first time!

Until next time, 73...  
Jeff, N8WR

## NEW LAC

Bob Wright, KB8APS, of Muskegon has been appointed Legislative Action Coordinator (LAC) for Michigan. He succeeds Val Rose, N8EXV of Flint who was appointed Division Legislative Action Chair (DLAC) earlier to assist me in managing the Legislative Action Program in the Great Lakes Division. Bob's will recruit and train additional Legislative Action Assistants who will represent the ARRL Legislative Agenda to US Representatives and US Senators in the Wolverine State.

For information on how you can help the ARRL's Legislative Agenda, please contact Bob at [kb8aps@arrl.net](mailto:kb8aps@arrl.net). To inquire about helping with this agenda in Ohio, contact Brent Stover, WD8PNZ ([wd8pnz@arrl.net](mailto:wd8pnz@arrl.net)).

For Kentucky, contact Vice Director Gary Johnston K14LA ([ki4la@arrl.org](mailto:ki4la@arrl.org)).

Incidentally, we still need a full-time LAC for Kentucky to relieve Gary of the Legislative duties. Please contact me ([k8je@arrl.org](mailto:k8je@arrl.org)) if you would like more information on this position.

[Source: Jim Weaver, Weaver's Words]

## CONGRATULATIONS

## New Generals

Mark KC8ZUC Bill W8WRB  
Bill KC8DBG Mark KC8WPS  
Ron KC8IQF

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## VE SESSION – 23RD

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We had a very successful VE session on Friday the 23rd. We had so many people show up that the CSCE's were completed in the hall. 26 written exams were administered at this particular session.

Overall test session results

21 candidates applied and/or tested for upgrades

3 candidates tested for new licenses

Congratulations to Club members who upgraded—

**Mark, KC8ZUC - General**

**Bill, W8WRB - General**

**Bill, KC8DBG - General**

**Mark, KC8WPS - General**

**Ron, KC8IQF - General**

15 candidates earned General class licenses (including 2 candidates who passed both Element 2 and 3 at this session)

6 candidates earned Extra class licenses

1 candidate failed to earn his Technician license

2 candidates failed to earn upgrades

The VE team for this session consisted of:

Dee, N8UZE

Carl, K8BSG

Jeff, N8WR

John, K8UP

Phil, AA8KR

Rich, KC8WPW

Kim, N8FY

Carl and I would like to thank everyone who came to the test session. The team members did an outstanding job handling a test session of this size.

Dee N8UZE

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## BIG WIG HUNT

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Net control operators still needed for our 9 PM Sunday Night net on the DART repeater. You would rotate weeks with the other net control ops. Learn to be a net control operator in a non-pressure environment, a valuable skill to have in the event of an emergency. To volunteer you can contact Bill N8QVS at 248-544-2452 or email him at [wket2@netzero.com](mailto:wket2@netzero.com).

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## PROPAGATION

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When you see words like SSN, Flux, solar flares, A index, "SFI = 77 A = 4 K = 1 " do you scratch your head and wonder what all those words and numbers mean? Then get help understanding propagation at this website: [www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html](http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html). For detailed explanations of the terms go to [www.arrl.org/tis/info/k9la-prop.html](http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/k9la-prop.html).

There is a vast collection of propagation articles available on the website. [HF Propagation: The Basics](#) Will give you a good understanding of the basics.

Some of the articles are marked for members only. If you are not a member and wish to join, then you can go to [www.arrl.org/forms/member\\_general-99.html](http://www.arrl.org/forms/member_general-99.html) and sign up online. Or you can call them at (860) 594-0200.

You can get the ARRL propagation email by going to your member data page at the ARRL web site and updating your email notification options.

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## ULS HOTLINE

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Online customer support remains available 24/7 on the FCC ULS Web site <http://esupport.fcc.gov/index.htm>. Effective March 5, customers will be able to reach the FCC ULS Customer Support Hotline Monday through Friday (excepting federal holidays) from 8 AM until 6 PM Eastern Time. Contact ULS Customer Support at (877) 480-3201, option 2 (toll-free); (888) 225-5322, option 2 (toll-free) or (717) 338-2888. TTY service is available at (717) 338-2824.

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## SKYWARN

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The first siren test of this year was on March 3rd. There will be a **special siren test on March 28th at 11:30 AM**. There will be **NO siren test in April**. Siren tests will be conducted on the First Saturday at 1 PM each month from May thru November on 146.64 MHz 100 Hz PL .

If you can volunteer please contact John K8UP at 248-542-9573 or email him at [john@fleming-photo.com](mailto:john@fleming-photo.com) before the day of the test. If you happen to be near a siren at the time of the test please check into the net and give your report.



## MINUTES

HPARC Meeting 2-28-07 @ 19:42 EST

- All officers are present except the secretary. Taking secretary place is Sean, K8KHZ
- Introductions by call sign by members.
- N8WR Thanks the VE's who participated on February 23rd test session.
- Presentation by Jim Karlow, KA8TUR. Military Radios & Ham Radio.

### Announcements

1. N8QVS: Needs net controls for Sunday Night 2M net
2. W8HL: Annual Budget was passed. Swap Report.
3. K8ABZ: There is a good budget for prize drawing. Remember to use the membership form from online.

### K8BSG:

1. Next Month speaker is AD8M, Ken who will present on Skin effect on feed lines.
2. Test Exam on the first Tuesday in March.
3. Extra Class study Group, if your interested let him know.

### N8WR:

1. Need volunteers for Nomination Committee. Open positions will be Secretary, 2nd Vice Pres, Treasurer.
2. Need volunteer for Field Day and Banquet.

### K8UP:

1. Siren Test 1st Sat of the month (none in April)
2. Possible class for Extra Class.— contact K8UP
- 3.. Class for technicians in Southfield.—contact K8UP

**K8KHZ:** Woodward Dream Cruise Special Event.

**N8FH:** Dayton Hotel rooms. Need to pay for room by April Meeting. Contact N8FH.

**A8KR:** MS Walk in Birmingham May 6th mothers Day.

**WD8S:** June 2nd Oak Apple Run. 7:30AM will be the first race. The HPARC donates plaque for MIQP for Mad River Radio Club

**N8UZE:** VE test session there were 24 applicants—  
5 HPARC members upgraded.

**W8PDI:** Technician class in Warren is going good. There are 8 class members.

**K8IKW:** Oakland County ARPSC Skywarn Class March 7th. Register at Oakland County @ 248-858-5300

- New Member voted in Kevin Zanotti KD8AMQ.
- Membership Drawing
- Prize Drawing. 2M Radio was won.
- End of meeting 21:45 EST.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### MS Walk—

Phil A8KR announced the MS Walk this year will be held on **May 6th** between 8 AM-10 AM at Seaholm High School in Birmingham, Michigan. They need 36 hams for this walk. If you can volunteer contact Phil at 586-838-4139 or email him at [aa8kr@arrl.net](mailto:aa8kr@arrl.net)

### Oak Apple Run—

The date is Saturday **June 2, 2007**. Mike WD8S advised some changes in the Oak Apple Run this year. The main race will start at 7:30 AM and there will be a new race for the kid run at 10:30 AM. The 2-mile Fun Run/Walk is scheduled for 9:30 AM. More information will be announced as it becomes available. If you can participate or have any questions contact Mike at [wd8s@comcast.net](mailto:wd8s@comcast.net)

### K8W—13th Annual Dream Cream August 18th

Sean K8KHZ will again this year have a special event station this year in Royal Oak for the Dream Cruise. He will be at the Park on the Saturday the 18th.

The club will provide the Dayton tent that will provide plenty of shelter in case of rain and hold several operators. He already has an antenna. This year he is hoping to get a residential generator that will be quieter. Sean suggested anyone working Oakland County ARPSC can come over and operate anytime. He is thinking it might be nice to get another station on the air as well.

This can be a fun Club event . If you want to be part of it, give him a call on 248-632-1164 or email at [k8khz@yahoo.com](mailto:k8khz@yahoo.com)

## UPGRADE TO EXTRA

### Extra Classes license Class

John K8UP and Dee N8UZE will be instructing an Extra Class License class. It will run for 10 weeks beginning the first week of April on Thursday nights.

Charge is \$10 to cover cost of the room. The book is "The ARRL Extra Class License Manual for Radio Amateurs (Eighth Edition). ISBN: 0-87259-865-9

If you are interested, call John on 248-542-9573. Please call so that they know how many people are interested. There will not be a class unless there is enough interest since we have to pay for the classroom.

**C Q D X . . .****BS7, Scarborough Reef DXpedition—**

Plans and arrangements are on track for the scheduled date of late April. Equipment is being received from sponsors and testing will begin soon. So far Icom, Acom, SteppIR, Butternut and Heil have provided equipment.

To those who have already sent donations, thank you. Please help us make this operation a success by assisting with a donation. You can see your donation listed on our web site at [www.bs7h.com](http://www.bs7h.com). Your donations can be received using Pay Pal, credit card or by mail as explained on the web site. All support is appreciated. You can also sponsor a page on the web site, contact N1DG if interested at [don@aurumtel.com](mailto:don@aurumtel.com).

**UBA club stations—**

Look for UBA club stations in Belgium to use the "ON60" prefix until early 2008, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the UBA, the IARU Society for Belgium. A special commemorative UBA 60 Award will be available. Contact at least five different ON60 stations during the calendar year 2007. Each ON60 station is only valid one time.

There are no band or mode restrictions, but contacts via repeaters, packet radio or echo link do not count towards the award. The award can be achieved by hams and SWLs worldwide. Endorsement stickers are available for 10, 20 and 30 different contacted ON60 stations. For more details, please see the following Web page at:

[www.uba.be/hf/awards/awards\\_fr.html](http://www.uba.be/hf/awards/awards_fr.html)

Web page is in French, but Google will translate the page. [Source: KB8NW/OPDX/BARF80 ]

**Swains Island—**

The DXpedition to Swains Island between April 4-15th, using the callsign N8S (November Eight Sugar). They will stay on Swains Island 10 days and will operate with 6 stations on the air at the same time. Activity will be on 160-2 meters using CW/SSB/RTTY/SSTV/PSK31. After that they will travel to Tokelau Island and then Samoa before heading back to California to the DX convention. You can get detailed information (including QSL) at [www.yt1ad.info/n8s/time.html](http://www.yt1ad.info/n8s/time.html).

**NEW HF DIGITAL**

The ARRL is seeking comments from amateurs concerning development of an open-source (non-proprietary) data communications protocol suitable for use by radio amateurs over high-frequency (HF) fading paths. This is not a Request for Proposals (RFP). An RFP may or not be forthcoming depending on evaluation of the information received.

Specifically, the League is asking for comments and information on the following issues:

- Access Method: Is Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing (OFDM) the best candidate technology, or should other competitive technologies be considered?
- Data Rate and Bandwidth: What data rates/throughputs are achievable at various bandwidths up to 3 kHz bandwidth?
- Adaptivity: What adaptive features should be considered, such as automatic adjustment of transmitter power, modulation waveform and coding, in order to maximize throughput and efficiency in two-way contacts?
- Robustness: What is achievable for reliable operation at power levels typical in the Amateur Radio Service and low signal/noise and interference ratios?
- Error control: What are the appropriate applications of error control suitable for HF channels? For example, how should Repeat reQuest (ARQ) and Forward Error Control (FEC) be applied to two-way contacts and one-to-many (roundtable and bulletin) transmissions?
- Activity Detection: What is an effective method of determining whether a frequency is busy prior to transmission?
- Operating System: What operating systems (such as Windows or Linux) are appropriate for Amateur Radio use with this protocol?
- Hardware: What practical and affordable hardware platforms are suitable for amateur stations? Consider the use of personal computers with or without sound cards. Provide any information about the need for an additional "box" if needed.

Please provide the following with your response: (1) name of respondent, (2) respondent's contact information, (3) related experience, and (4) type of respondent: (individual, partnership, corporation or group). Post, fax or e-mail your response by 1900 UTC, May 15, 2007, to ARRL Chief Technology Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, 3545 Chain Bridge Rd – Suite 209, Fairfax, VA 22030; Fax: 703-934-2079.

## TECHNICIAN INFO

The ARRL Regulatory Information Branch advises all Technician and Novice licensees that they may **not** operate FM mode on 10 meters (or anywhere else below 30 MHz). Novices and Technicians may operate CW and data on the segment 28.0 to 28.3 MHz, and CW and SSB phone on the segment 28.3 to 28.5 MHz. Novices and Technicians must limit their output power to 200 W PEP on these 10-meter segments and on any HF bands where they have privileges (i.e., CW on 80, 40 and 15 meters).

The RIB also notes that a valid Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for element credit issued prior to February 23, 2007, does **not** automatically convey operating privileges under the new rules.

The holder must first redeem the CSCE by applying at an examination session and paying any application fee. If the Volunteer Examiner (VE) team accepts the CSCE for element credit, it will issue a CSCE for upgrade credit. Only then may upgraders operate under their new privileges, identifying as /AG (if upgrading to General) or /AE (if upgrading to Amateur Extra) until the FCC Universal Licensing System (ULS) <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>> database reflects their new license class. A CSCE is valid for 365 days from the date of issuance.

[source: ARRL Letter, Vol. 26, No 09]

### Morse Code

Code Practice Available on W1AW and online at <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/morse.html>

A fun place to play with code is:

<http://www.sjra.org/content/sjrafunpage.htm>

Morse code trainer <http://www.g4fon.net/>

Load MP3 of code practice onto a flash drive to listen to while not at home

### Summer General Class Instruction—

If there is enough interest the club may offer a class for those interested in upgrading to General Class. This would be a structured class and you would need to purchase the ARRL General Class book and possibly pay a small fee to help offset the cost of the room. Please contact a member of the Board to express your interest.

## CONTEST CORNER

Welcome to Contest Corner. March/April Contest line-up are as follows:

Mar 17-19	BARTG Spring RTTY Contest
Mar 17-18	Russian DX Contest
Mar 20	W1AW Qualifying Run
Mar 24-25	CQ WW WPX Contest SSB
Mar 31-Apr 1	QCWA Spring QSO Party SSB
Apr 3-5	YLRL DX-YL to NA-YL Contest, CW
Apr 10-12	YLRL DX-YL to NA-YL Contest SSB
Apr 16	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

### Contest and HF FAQ

The ARRL has what they call the HF FAQ but as you read it you see it is hints to work HF during contests. It also talks about sharing the bands during contests. That's right, contesters and non-contesters both want to get on during the weekend and work DX and US stations alike. This document is a good explanation of how contesters operate, and also how they can share the band. It also talks about non-contesters letting contesters have fun with this part of the hobby.

As a casual contester, I find that the hints in this document will help me hunting DX and being a better HF operator in general. You can get the HF FAQ at: [www.arrl.org/contests/hf-faq.html](http://www.arrl.org/contests/hf-faq.html)

### Dayton Contest Dinner

If you are going to Dayton and want ticket to the Contest Dinner on Saturday night, May 19, 2007, you must get them online at [www.contestdinner.com](http://www.contestdinner.com).

\*\* Bring your WEB receipt to the dinner to get in. \*\*

73, Marsha N8FE

### Let Mikey do it!!

You know the commercial.... Let Mikey eat it? Well, in this case it's "Let Mikey do it." I regret to inform you that "Mikey" isn't a member. We need some Joe, Sam, Sally, Tom, Harry, or YOU to come forward and volunteer for the job at hand. We have 2 major activities coming up and no one has volunteered to chair them. Also we have some board positions vacating this term. You are needed to help make this work.



## QSY FOR W1AW

I hadn't given this much thought recently, but a comment by a couple of amateurs reminded me that most people probably do not know the reason W1AW sometimes appears to jump in on top of ongoing QSOs. The facts are that W1AW in its formal operation to educate and inform amateurs must transmit on a pre-published schedule on pre-published frequencies.

This is an FCC requirement of ARRL for transmitting bulletins, code practice, code proficiency runs and any other scheduled activity.

Therefore, W1AW is firmly prohibited from QSYing or to shift schedule at a moment's notice. However, when making casual QSOs, W1AW is equally required to observe the same requirements as other amateurs -- and to avoid intentional QRMing of ongoing activities.

W1AW operating schedules are published well in advance in QST and on the Internet to advise amateurs when they can expect the station to be on the published frequencies.

In addition to this, W1AW also attempts to be a good radio citizen by transmitting brief advisory notices at 5 minutes and 1 minute before beginning its scheduled longer transmissions. The pre-published schedule and brief advisory notices are good faith attempts to avoid QRM with the operations of other stations.

The next time you hear someone ask why ARRL thinks it is so almighty that it allows W1AW to broadcast bulletins and other scheduled operations without QSYing to avoid QRMing, the answer is very simple.

The FCC does not permit W1AW to deviate from its published schedule.

To vary from this schedule would be a violation of an FCC mandate to ARRL. The educated amateur should take this fact into consideration before operating on a frequency that has been publicly announced for W1AW operation.

Jim Weaver

[Source: Jim Weaver, Weaver's Words email]

## GET A VANITY CALL

Here are the steps to apply for a vanity call sign:

1. Determine the Vanity Call you want
2. Apply for the new Callsign
3. Wait 1-3 weeks til you see it on the website before using it. (this is hardest part)

EXAMPLE FOR EXTRA—

Step 1

Go to <http://www.vanityhq.com/>

click the button to go to the home page

scroll down to the part that shows "district"

click the button for 1x2 or 2x1. That will show you the calls available for those categories.

General information --

1x2 and 2x1 call signs are available. You can take any area # you want. You are not stuck with 8 call area. Although most folks like to keep the 8 to denote that they are in 8-land. Pay attention to the colors -- (I copied the info here for you) I only looked at the green ones myself. You can ask for up to 25 different callsigns on one application.

2x1's

The geographic restriction for Hawaii (xH) and Alaska (xL) call signs or are marked with °. Therefore, if it has ° then skip it.

**GREEN(\*\*)** = Immediately available

**BLACK (\*)** = Available this month

**BLUE (++)** = This call is predicted to be granted

Step 2 - Apply for new Call Sign

Go to ULS Vanity Callsign and complete the Application process

<http://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/ApplicationSearch/searchAmateur.jsp>

Fill in: [license class desired], Individual, Checkmark Vanity Call Sign, FRN, Name, City, State, Zip

You can pay online with credit card. I did not write the steps down after that because I cannot repeat them once I have done it. But I remember that you will get a form to type into. Then put in your credit card info. It worked great this way for me. The hard part was picking the call signs that I might want. Good luck Marsha N8FE

## POSTAGE INCREASE

US and UK postage is rising. The UK postage has already increased. Please make sure to check the postage rates before you send green stamps for any QSL cards. Make sure to send enough. 1 IRC is usually enough but make sure it is the CURRENT 2009 IRC. The US postage may go up in May to 42 cents (2nd ounce 17 cents). Make sure to send the extra postage to your incoming QSL Bureau when the postage goes up so you can get your QSL cards.

Marsha N8FE

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBER**

**Kevin KD8AMQ**

## NEW HF OPS

**Welcome** to the many new DX'ers operators who recently became hams or who have upgraded with new HF privileges. The ARRL has once again shown why we need and should support them. They have created a document for those of us who are just starting in the world of DX. (In fact, it might even be a good idea for some of us old timers to read it.) It is a tear out in the March QST, but if you want to get a copy now you can download a PDF file from

[www.arrl.org/HFWelcome/Welcome.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/HFWelcome/Welcome.pdf)

You can get a copy of the new graphic band plan at:

[www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bands.html](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bands.html)

You can review previous copies of the Zero Beat with helpful hints on our website at [www.hparc.org](http://www.hparc.org)

Please do get yourself acquainted with your new toys and have fun.



**Saturday, June 2, 2007**

**10 K Race - 7:30 AM 2-mile Fun Run/Walk - 9:30 AM**

**NEW - 1/4 Mile Kid's Run—10:30 AM**

There will be some changes in the OAK APPLE run this year. The main race will start at 7:30 AM and there will be a new race for the kid Run. When I get more information on time an meetings I will let every one know.

If you have any concerns please fell free to Email me at [WD8S@Comcast.net](mailto:WD8S@Comcast.net). Mark this date down.

Mike WD8S



## ARRL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Wherever I've visited in hamdom since returning from the Board mid-January meeting, I've asked members if they approve of the ARRL's legislative agenda for the current session of the US Congress. The immediate answer has always been a solid, "yes."

The agenda calls for us to pass national laws that are beneficial to Amateur Radio and the public we serve. These laws would enable amateurs essentially anywhere to put up antennas (overriding local codes covenants and restrictions), protect Amateur Radio frequencies from wanton sell-offs, require the FCC to re-evaluate its rules regarding "unintentional" emitters such as (but not restricted to) BPL and recognize the huge value the Amateur Radio community offers to the nation in times of emergency and disaster.

If you agree with this agenda, it is very nearly "put up or shut up" time. The time is rapidly approaching when ARRL members will be called on to contact their Congressmen to show local support for the first Agenda item introduced into the US House. In many instances, the first of our contacts will be made by teams of local members with the local offices of their US Representatives or US Senators. If you want these legislative items to pass, we need your active support. To do this, we first need to complete the organization of the Legislative Action Program in the Great Lakes Division. This is where you might fit in.

Our target is to have a team of two or three members in each Congressional District in our three states. These teams will be the ones who will contact local offices of US Representatives and US Senators. We are far from accomplishing this goal! Of the 6 Congressional Districts in Kentucky, two Districts (Districts 1 and 5, Mr. Whitfield and Mr. Rogers) have a two-member team ready to roll. The remaining Districts have absolutely no members who have volunteered for the Program or have just one member to do this critical task.

Of the 15 Districts in Michigan, only District 7 (Mr. Walberg) is represented by a two-member team of ARRL members. The remaining 14 Districts have no one or only one member to represent Amateur Radio interests to their Representative.

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being best off, Ohio has a whopping total of four Districts of its 17 with two-member lobbying teams. You guessed it, the remaining 13 Districts are either not represented or are represented by no more than one member.

We need your help. ARRL is a "member organization." This means not only that members pay dues to belong and support the League; but that members often need to supply the muscles that are needed to help ARRL protect and promote Amateur Radio. Without at least a small amount of sweat from each of us, ARRL has no muscle . . . and no face. We need you to add muscle and the face on Amateur Radio to your Congressional Representatives.

We all make choices throughout our lives. In this instance, we can choose to sit back and do nothing (a time-honored tradition for many people) or we can choose to become involved and make things happen. If we sit back and do nothing, we have absolutely no right to complain when CC&Rs prevent us or our friends from putting up antennas, or if FCC sells off our bands. How'd you like to loose the 2M or the 20M band?

If we do nothing, we also have absolutely no right to brag or take credit when things go well. We certainly would have no reason to feel "warm and furry" over helping to save Amateur Radio.

If we choose to roll up our sleeves (in this case, to put on a shirt and tie or nice dress), we will have every right to feel we are part of the solution when our work is successful.

If you are interested in learning how you can become part of helping pass the legislation I mentioned, please contact your Legislation Action Coordinator, our Division Legislative Action Chair, Val Rose, N8EXV ([n8exv@arrl.net](mailto:n8exv@arrl.net)) or me at [k8je@arrl.org](mailto:k8je@arrl.org) for further information.

Let us know you are willing to help. In Kentucky, contact Gary Johnston, K14LA ([ki4la@arrl.org](mailto:ki4la@arrl.org)), in Michigan it is Bob Wright, KB8APS ([kb8aps@arrl.net](mailto:kb8aps@arrl.net)) and in Ohio contact Brent Stover, WD8PNZ ([wd8pnz@arrl.net](mailto:wd8pnz@arrl.net)).

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## AROUND TOWN . . .

17 Mar 2007 **Michigan Crossroads Hamfest**  
 Southern Michigan ARS & Marshall High School Industrial  
 Arts Club [www.w8df.com](http://www.w8df.com)  
 Talk-In: 146.660; 146.520 simplex  
 Contact: Billy Booth, KD8CDS  
 4 Cinderella Circle  
 Springfield, MI 49015  
 Phone: 269-965-1415 Email: [sqjumper@aol.com](mailto:sqjumper@aol.com)  
 Location: Marshall High School  
 701 North Marshall Avenue, Marshall, MI

21 Apr 2007 **Swap and Shop Milford ARC**  
[www.qsl.net/w8ydk](http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk)  
 Talk-In: 145.49 (PL 67 Hz) & 146.52 simplex backup  
 Contact: Rose Moore, KC8NQJ  
 PO Box 573, Highland, MI 48357-0573  
 Phone: 810-632-5174  
 Location: Milford High School  
 2380 Milford Road, Highland, MI

17 May 2007 **Contest University**  
 8:30am to 5:30pm  
 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dayton, Ohio  
[www.contestuniversity.com/](http://www.contestuniversity.com/)

18-20 May 2007 **Dayton Hamvention**  
 Dayton ARA  
[www.hamvention.org/](http://www.hamvention.org/)  
 Location: Hara Arena  
 1001 Shiloh Springs Road  
 Dayton, OH

16 June 2007 **Midland Hamfest**  
[www.qsl.net/w8kea](http://www.qsl.net/w8kea)  
 Contact: Fred Vandaele, [ka8ebi@yahoo.com](mailto:ka8ebi@yahoo.com)  
 Location: Midland, MI

17 June 2007 **Monroe Hamfest**  
[www.mcrc.org](http://www.mcrc.org)  
 Contact: Fred Vandaele, [ka8ebi@yahoo.com](mailto:ka8ebi@yahoo.com)  
 4 Carl Drive, Monroe, Mi 48162  
 Phone: 734-242-9487  
 Location: Monroe County Fairgrounds

## DAYTON

Join members of the Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club on their annual trip to the Dayton Hamvention scheduled for Friday, May 18-Sunday, May 20. This is regarded as the largest hamfest in the world. To give you an idea of how large it is, I start walking the aisles at 8:00 am Friday morning, and it usually takes until 4:00 pm before I reach the last aisle. (OK, I take a lunch break.) This doesn't include the indoor portion, where the main vendors (ICOM, Kenwood, etc) are located.

Club members receive a discount at the Troy, Ohio Hampton Inn if reservations are made through the club. Hotel reservations are available for the evenings of Thursday, May 17 thru Saturday, May 19 at \$93 per night total including tax. (All rooms include 2 double beds) Please use the form, on page 9 and submit with payment to Steve Gladstein N8FH.

The club will have a flea market space (assuming someone volunteers to help me) with covered tent, table, chairs, and a cooler loaded with pop and water. Use it to rest or keep dry incase it rains (that never happens!). My van will be parked next to the tent, and purchases may be placed in the van for transportation to the hotel so you don't have to carry them on the bus or to the nearby parking lot. Items placed in the van must be relatively clean, dry, and free of wildlife (insects and rodents) and chemicals.

Dayton Hamvention is a great opportunity to mix with club members, other hams you've met on the air, pick up those ham accessories you've been meaning to buy, see that vintage radio you first started with, and attend various ham radio forums.

I need one person who is interested in helping me set-up and tear-down the tent. HPARC will pay your admission to Hamvention, plus we'll be done early, so we can beat everyone else to the good deals. Tent set-up is very easy for two people, but it does require being on-site by 7:00am Friday.

Contact Steve Gladstein, N8FH, for additional information at 248-737-9393.

[Print form on page 9]

# HPARC 2007 DAYTON HAMVENTION RESERVATIONS

MEMBER'S COPY - KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

Please complete both sections identically, and return to Steve Gladstein.

Hampton Inn  
45 Troy Town Dr.  
Troy, OH 45373  
(937) 339-7801

Located off I-75 at exit 74

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

- Thursday, May 17 2007     Friday, May 18 2007     Saturday, May 19 2007  
\$93/1 night    \$186/2 nights    \$279/3 nights    **All rooms include 2 double beds**  
Payment due April 12, 2007

- Smoking     Non-Smoking  
(Check only if you have a preference - We have a limited number of each type, and I may ask you if the other type is acceptable - if your preference isn't available)

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To be completed by HPARC Administration only:

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STEVE GRADSTEIN N8FH

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Other Occupant \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

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**DATES**

April 18, 2007

May 9, 2007

June 13, 2007

June 23-24 Field Day

August 8, 2007

**TIME**

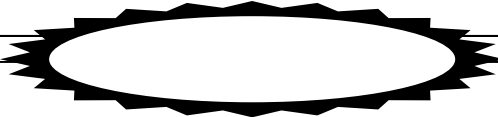
7:30 P.M.

(socializing begins at 7)

**PLACE**

Hoover Elementary School  
23720 Hoover Ave.  
Hazel Park

**NEXT MEETING**



Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club  
P.O. Box 368  
Hazel Park, MI 48030



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