

# The Zero Beat

## THIS MEETING

**Banquet/ Installation**  
**June 13, 2007**  
**Dinner @ 7:00 P.M.**  
**DeCarlos Banquet Hall**  
**6015 E. Ten Mile Rd.**  
**Warren, MI**

## ANNUAL BANQUET

This month we will have our **Annual Banquet and Installation** instead of a regular meeting. It will be on **June 13th at 7:00 PM** at DeCarlos Banquet Hall in Warren. Please bring your spouse/significant other or friends/family. The food is always good and we have a great time. Attire is dressy, casual to however fancy you want. Door prizes. Ham of the Year award. **We need to know ASAP to give the restaurant a headcount. Contact Rich KC9WPW for tickets @ 586-264-5035.**

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## PRESIDENT'S QRM

Well, another HPARC year is coming to an end. By the time most of you get this, the Oak Apple Run will almost be here, and other public service events will soon be here, too. Please keep in mind that service is why we have the wonderful privileges we enjoy as Amateur Radio Operators. Please try to give back to your communities this summer. Provide communications for a charitable run, walk or bike ride. Assist with the monthly siren tests. Help to mentor a new ham or one who is expressing interest in the hobby. The list goes on as to what you can do as a service. You don't need me to tell you about all the opportunities. Many are listed every month in our award-winning newsletter, the Zero Beat. Search them out and offer your labors.

Additionally, the Memorial Day weekend is upon us. For many, this is just another weekend or parades, picnics and fancy jets flying overhead. Please remember that this weekend commemorates the ultimate sacrifice which many members of our Armed Forces have made. Remember them in your thoughts and prayers, and

don't forget to thank their families, as well as Veterans and current service members. They all make sacrifices so that we may enjoy the freedoms we hold so dearly.

Don't forget several club events in June. Saturday, June 2 is the Oak Apple Run. Let Mike, WD8S, know if you are able to help. We need more volunteers for this event. Sunday the 10th is a the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure bike ride at Island Lake State Recreation Area. We still need some operators with 2-meter high powered radios to provide communications for this event. Let me know if you can help.

Don't forget the HPARC Banquet on Wednesday, June 13, at DeCarlo's in Warren. Check with our new Director, Rich, KC8WPW to reserve tickets. This is the night we install the new slate of officers, as well as award the Amateur of the Year. And finally, Field Day is coming up on the weekend of June 23 and 24. Our chair for this event, K8UP, has great plans for club involvement and participation this year, so

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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!

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check in and talk with John about what you can do. Of course, our esteemed chef, N8QVS will provide sustenance for the weekend!

Mentioning the Banquet reminds me to thank those who have volunteered this year: our current board; Carl and Dee, our VE team leaders; our Instructors, AA8UU, W8PDI, N8UZE, KC8WPW, K8UP; Marsha, N8FE, our Editor; Sean, K8KHZ, who has chaired the Swap, sat in as Secretary, and reworked our website; W8WRB, AB8FM and KC8WPS, who kept us in doughnuts and drinks at the meetings; and all of the guest speakers we had to make our meetings more interesting. Our club would not have been as active and fun without all of you! Thanks also to N8VR, KE8UM and N8AJB for all their work on the DART over the years!

I look forward to seeing all of you at many of these events. These are the last big things we do until the HPARC/DART picnic on Wednesday, August 8. Between now and then, be sure to have a fun and safe summer. I look forward to hearing you on the air!

73 de N8WR, Jeff

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**WELCOME**  
**New Members**

Thomas Wallenmaier KV8T  
and  
Robert Swope KD8FVL

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## MINUTES

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Hazel Park Radio Club Inc.  
 Minutes for Wednesday May 9th 2007  
 Meeting start at 19:31 EST  
 All Board Members are present

1. Club Introductions by callsign
2. Jeff N8WR gave thanks for all the volunteers.
3. Tuesday May 29th Meeting for Oak Apple Run. The Oak Apple Run is on June 2nd
4. Elections:
  - A. President- N8WR
  - B. 1st Vice President- K8ABZ
  - C. 2nd Vice President- KE8UM
  - D. Secretary- K8KHZ
  - E. Treasury-K8UP
  - F. Parliamentarian-N8QVS
  - G. Director-KC8WPW
5. N8WR had to leave the meeting early. K8ABZ took over running the meeting.
6. Steve N8FH Dayton Hamvention May 18th-20th will e-mail out info about club spots.
7. K8ABZ asks for nominees for Ham of the Year to be given to board by tonight.
8. Bill W8WRB Assist DEC Genesee County Hospital needs help for radio operators for a mock exercise. Contact Bill [w8wrb@arrl.net](mailto:w8wrb@arrl.net)
9. Murray KE8UM commented on the repeater. The main site has a new repeater and the W8HP callsign has been renewed.
10. Dee N8UZE VE testing; testing is the first Tuesday of even numbered months at the Oak Park community center.
11. John K8UP Siren tests; Thank you for to all the operators who have been participating.
12. John K8UP ARRL Field Day; Need people to show up, bring family and friends.
13. Treasures report accepted
14. Announcement by Rich KC8WPW June Banquet tickets on sale need 20 more tickets to be sold. \$16 for each ticket dinner starts 7pm.
15. Phil N8UUS Club Jackets; The jackets are \$32-\$37. If you are a new member then take off \$10.00.

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## BANQUET

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Bill Bond W8WRB and Rich Urbano KC8WPW are organizing the Banquet this year. You can get tickets from either of them. Come enjoy an evening of Good Food, Camaraderie, and the Installation of Officers! Don't forget the Door Prizes!

**Date: June 13, 2007**

**Time: 7pm-10pm**

**Cost: \$ 16.00 per person**

**Place: De Carlos Banquet Center**

**6015 E. Ten Mile Rd (east of Mound Rd.)**

**Warren MI 48091 (see map on last page)**

For tickets Contact:

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**Map and directions  
on Back Page**

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## TOUR DE CURE

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### Tour De Cure —

The Tour De Cure diabetes bike-a-thon is held on the **June 10th**. Please hold that date as more information will come. If you are interested, please contact Jeff N8WR at [n8wr@arrl.net](mailto:n8wr@arrl.net) or call 248-642-3608

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 e-mail Phil [n8uus@arrl.net](mailto:n8uus@arrl.net) for more information and ordering.

16. April Minutes approved as published in the Zero Beat.
17. New Members Thomas Wallenmaier KV8T and Robert Swope KD8FVL
18. Membership Drawing
19. Meeting end at 21:32 EST

Respectfully Submitted by Sean K8KHZ



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Montenegro finally has a callsign prefix block. Montenegro gained independence in late June 2006 and had been using the following prefixes: 4O3, 4O6, YT3, YT6, YU3, YU6, YZ3 and YZ6. The International Telecommunications Union did not want to give the new country a new prefix and required the states of Montenegro and Serbia to agree upon one or two prefixes of the five (4N, 4O, YT, YU, YZ) from the former Serbia/Montenegro country.

On May 11th an agreement was made and the ITU now lists the 4O (Four Oscar) prefix as belonging to Montenegro. So Montenegro can use 4O0 (Four Oscar Zero) through 4O9 (Four Oscar Nine). Serbia will continue to use the YT and YU prefixes. This will include all call areas (0-9) for each.

However the 4N and YZ prefixes have been taken away and given back to the ITU for future use to another nation. This was confirmed today by a spokesman from the ITU's Radio communication Sector. When asked exactly when the two nations need to complete this change a response of "as soon as possible" was given. So there may be a short period of time to complete the switch over. DXers need to update their logging software, carefully!

Serbia: YT0, YT1, YT2, YT3, YT4, YT5, YT6, YT7, YT8, YT9, YU0, YU1, YU2, YU3, YU4, YU5, YU6, YU7, YU8 and YU9

Montenegro: 4O0, 4O1, 4O2, 4O3, 4O4, 4O5, 4O6, 4O7, 4O8, 4O9 [source: Daily DX]

Read John K1ESE's letter to BS7H operators on page 8.

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## ETHANOL STATIONS

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I made up a map of Michigan Ethanol Station locations based on the Michigan Energy Efficiency website [http://www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/progs/ind\\_state.cgi?MI](http://www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/progs/ind_state.cgi?MI)

The Google Map URL is:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msa=0&msid=104728302556355543600.00000112d0e20c138359a&hl=en&ie=UTF8&ll=43.028745,-84.748535&spn=3.437258,7.404785&z=7&om=1>

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## ELECTION RESULTS

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Ballots were cast and our Board was elected. We have a great group representing us this coming year. Welcome to our 2007-2008 HPARC Board of Directors:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Jeff N8WR</b>
<b>1st Vice President</b>	<b>Jim K8ABZ</b>
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	<b>Murray KE8UM</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Sean K8KHZ</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>John K8UP</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Rich KC8WPW</b>
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	<b>Bill N8QVS</b>

Join us at the Banquet as we install our new officers.

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## MENTOR TODAY

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QCWA, Newsline to collaborate in mentoring program: The Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) <http://www.qcwa.org> and Amateur Radio Newsline (ARNewsline) <http://www.arnewline.org> have joined forces in cosponsoring the Roy Neal, K6DUE, Amateur Radio Mentoring Program. ARNewsline launched the post-licensing educational service in 2004.

It's designed to pair newcomers with veteran radio amateurs who can share their skill and experience. "Amateur Radio is a tremendously complex arena", says Newsline Executive Producer Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF. "We have hams who are truly experts in numerous fields [and] we want to take advantage of that talent pool to help educate the next generation of operators and generations to follow."

The collaboration with QCWA makes thousands of veteran radio amateurs available as potential mentors -- each with at least 25 years of experience in the hobby. QCWA President John B. Johnston, W3BE, called the arrangement "a good deal for all of Amateur Radio." A retired FCC employee and Dayton Radio Amateur of the Year, Johnston says he believes that it is important to keep ham radio traditions alive. ARNewsline and the QCWA are now seeking both new radio amateurs and potential QCWA mentors -- or Elmers.

E-mail [mentor@arnewline.org](mailto:mentor@arnewline.org) your name, call sign, address with ZIP code, telephone number and a convenient time to call.

## ARPSC FAMILY TRIP

Each July, the **Michigan Section of the ARRL** hosts the **Annual Michigan Section Outing**. This event is open to all radio amateurs in the state and their families. Camping sites are available, lodging is available on the campgrounds and motel rooms are located in nearby West Branch.

Everything is casual and **one** can attend any of the optional sessions and forums. Horseshoes, volleyball, softball, boating, swimming facilities are available all day every day of the outing. Canoeing, swimming and boating. Hayrides around the 420 beautiful acres will be arranged and announced.

### JULY 12, thru 15, 2007

WOODLANDS CONFERENCE CENTER AND CAMPGROUNDS  
318 S. Sage Lake Road, Hale, MI 48739

Tentative Schedule:

#### Thursday, July 12th, 2007

Check-in at 2:00 PM. Followed by a Social in Pole Barn. Concluding with a campfire and social gathering.

#### Friday, July 13th, 2007

Check in all day with evening activities include Karaoke, live music, orientation and briefing, concluding with a campfire complete with entertainment.

#### Saturday, July 14th, 2007

Forums followed by a Luau "HAM Dinner" and campfire complete with entertainment for the whole family. Prizes and winners of the contests will be announced and presented with prizes.

#### Sunday, July 15th, 2007

Interdenominational Service at 8 am followed by Potluck breakfast and Auction of donated items.

If you are a quilter or have a quilt that you would like to display, please bring it along. There will be a quilt display in the lodge. There is a "Quilting Bee" planned for Saturday afternoon. Bring your ideas and skills to the Outing with you!!

The contests will be: "Best Dressed Campsite", "Best Dressed Individual". Remember the "Luau Theme" Prizes will be awarded in these categories at the campfire Saturday evening.

Your Michigan ARRL Section Staff looks forward to seeing you at the Outing.

Section Mgr: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK [wa8efk@arrl.org](mailto:wa8efk@arrl.org)

## MACKINAC BRIDGE

### 50th Anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge - Special Event

Amateur radio clubs and individual hams across Michigan are invited to get involved in this once-in-a-lifetime celebration of the single symbol of Michigan best-known around the world.

This very exciting special event will be on the air from 2:00 to 9:00 on Friday July 27 and 10:00 am to 9:00 pm on Saturday July 28. We are looking for operators (of any class), loggers and people to work the public contact stations. Volunteers are needed beforehand to create signage and visitor-oriented exhibits, help locate or provide site equipment (tents, tables, chairs, desk lamps, etc.) and tend to the hundreds of details needed to make this event successful.

Please check your schedules and mark these dates. If you think you'd like to work at the event, please tell us now so we can plan for antennas and rigs and operating shifts.

We encourage clubs to send up "squads" of two people to take a shift as an operator/logger team. Individuals are welcome to book in for open shifts.

The event station will be located at Bridge View Park at the St. Ignace end of the bridge, right behind (and west of) the State Police post.

Event sign-up, pointers to the overall celebration and more technical details about the event operations design are on the special event website.

Dan KB6NU [[arrl-mi.org](http://arrl-mi.org)]

## AMATEUR RADIO WK

Governor Granholm declares the week of June 23 as Amateur Radio Awareness Week. The official proclamation marking the week of June 23 has been released by the Governor's Office and sent to all Michigan Section Public Information Officers. Additionally, a downloadable copy [of the proclamation] is posted on the Michigan Section Web Page <http://www.arrl-mi.org/> Clubs and FD teams are encouraged to incorporate this document into their publicity arrangements for Field Day next month. Our thanks go to PIC Bobby N8CY for making these arrangements well in advance so everyone has the material for PR purposes.

## HAMVENTION 2007

The Flemings —John K8UP, Sean K8KHZ and Marsha N8FE went to Dayton Thursday through Sunday and had the time of our lives. Thursday night was seeing the old clan (and some new ones) at Hooters.

DARA Club knows how to put on a Hamvention that is for sure. This was the 56th annual Hamvention and it was just as good as the previous years. Attendance was high and vendors were plentiful. Take a look at the video at [www.wa5kub.com](http://www.wa5kub.com) and see for yourself. They show several windows media movies (with audio throughout) of the Hamvention.

Mike W8VPC at our booth and Sean K8KHZ sold a rotor. Here are the others I saw: Murray K8EUM buying parts for the repeater. He was also buying door prizes for the banquet. (If you haven't bought your ticket yet contact Rich KC9WPW). Bill W8RTB and Rich were down there too shopping. Bill bought a new HF radio. I better hurry up or he might beat me to DXCC.

Gerry K8GT was enjoying himself. He attended the MRRRC meeting and Dinners. It was good to see him at the Crowne Plaza suites parties. Remember if you come to Hamvention you can come to the parties (and free pizza) without staying there. What a great way to meet folks you talk to on the air.

Bill KC8JAY attended the Contesting University and had one heck of a big time. He said he had so much to absorb that you had to be there to get it all. I just have to go next year. Watch for a new CTU I & II for 2008. Check out his picture on <http://www.contestuniversity.com/>.

Mark KC8ZUC was found checking out ICOM's new radios. Wonder if he bought the new IC-7800.

Although I didn't make it to the Contest and Antenna forums, I heard it was standing room only. Look for the Antenna talks on <http://www.k3lr.com>.

Sean has pictures on his web site at <http://new.photos.yahoo.com/k8khz/album/576460762401901369> You will find pictures of many of our members. The best way to view them is to select all pictures on each page then click "slideshow", then view the next page. There are 3 pages of pictures for Hamvention 2007.

Mark your calendars for next year. Hamvention is Thursday May 15—Sunday 18, 2008. CU there, Marsha

## CONTEST CORNER

Welcome to Contest Corner. Summer Contest line-up are as follows:

### June

- 9 Portugal Day Contest - SSB
- 9-10 GACW WWSA CW DX Contest - CW
- 9-10 DDFM 50 MHz Contest - CW/SSB
- 9-11 ARRL June VHF QSO Party
- 16-17 All Asian DX Contest, CW
- 18 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
- 23-24 ARRL Field Day**

### July

- 1 RAC Canada Day Contest
- 2-3 Alabama QSO Party - CW/Phone
- 8 DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest
- 14-15 IARU HF World Championship
- 16 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
- 21-22 CQ Worldwide VHF Contest
- 21-22 North American QSO Party, RTTY
- 28-29 RSGB IOTA Contest

### August

- 4 European HF Championship
- 4-5 10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB
- 4-5 ARRL UHF Contest
- 4-5 North American QSO Party, CW
- 5 SARL HF Phone Contest
- 11-12 WAE DX Contest, CW
- 18-19 North American QSO Party, SSB
- 20 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
- 25-26 SCC RTTY Championship
- 25-26 YO DX HF Contest
- 26 SARL HF CW Contest

Who says there's nothing to do this summer? Take the radio to the cottage and enjoy the fun of contesting. If you're new to contesting, this is a great time to start. Come to Field Day and give it a shot.

While the wife is pulling weeds or shopping in the mall you can be racking up Q's toward that never ending quest to reach DXCC. Most importantly let's all have FUN!!

Enjoy your summer and hope to hear you on the air. Vy 73, Marsha N8FE



## MARCONI'S STORY

I'm reading a non-fiction book that I would recommend to all hams – *Thunderstruck*, by Erik Larson. Although most of the public might choose it for the telling of the famous case of Dr Crippen, who murdered his wife, radio people will be fascinated by the paralleling history of the early development of the technology that brought him to justice.

The following is from the publisher:

In *Thunderstruck*, Erik Larson tells the interwoven stories of two men—Hawley Crippen, a very unlikely murderer, and Guglielmo Marconi, the obsessive creator of a seemingly supernatural means of communication—whose lives intersect during one of the greatest criminal chases of all time.

Set in Edwardian London and on the stormy coasts of Cornwall, Cape Cod, and Nova Scotia, *Thunderstruck* evokes the dynamism of those years when great shipping companies competed to build the biggest, fastest ocean liners, scientific advances dazzled the public with visions of a world transformed, and the rich outdid one another with ostentatious displays of wealth. Against this background, Marconi races against incredible odds and relentless skepticism to perfect his invention: the wireless, a prime catalyst for the emergence of the world we know today. Meanwhile, Crippen, “the kindest of men,” nearly commits the perfect crime.

With his superb narrative skills, Erik Larson guides these parallel narratives toward a relentlessly suspenseful meeting on the waters of the North Atlantic. Along the way, he tells of a sad and tragic love affair that was described on the front pages of newspapers around the world, a chief inspector who found himself strangely sympathetic to the killer and his lover, and a driven and compelling inventor who transformed the way we communicate. *Thunderstruck* presents a vibrant portrait of an era of séances, science, and fog, inhabited by inventors, magicians, and Scotland Yard detectives, all presided over by the amiable and fun-loving Edward VII as the world slid inevitably toward the first great war of the twentieth century. Gripping from the first page, and rich with fascinating detail about the time, the people, and the new inventions that connect and divide us, *Thunderstruck* is splendid narrative history from a master of the form.

I think the opening chapters on the Marconi side are especially interesting for those who have come to understand the science – because it is clear that originally Marconi did not! – and he certainly comes across as the quintessential socially-impaired nerd (with the first Black Box) to whom we have all been likened. Larson details the efforts of many of his early rivals, like Lodge, and Fleming, with bits on Hertz, Tesla, Faraday, et al.

You will enjoy the journey!

Dot W8DOT

## HF SURVIVAL GUIDE

CQ Introduces "HF Operator's Survival Guide"

In response to recent changes in licensing rules and operating privileges for all hams, the editors of CQ Amateur Radio magazine have prepared an "HF Operator's Survival Guide," a 16-page "getting started" guide for newcomers to high-frequency (shortwave) amateur radio communications.

Written by CQ Contesting Editor John Dorr, K1AR; Contributing Editor Gordon West, WB6NOA, and CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, who also oversaw the overall production, the booklet is a practical hands-on guide to success in HF ham radio. CQ's "HF Operator's Survival Guide" sells for \$2 (plus shipping), [total price \$4] with discounts available for bulk purchases [50 or more].

According to Annmarie at CQ, if you subscribe (new or renewal) for the regular 3 year price of \$83.95, you get one for free.

To order, or for more information, contact CQ Communications, Inc. at 800-853-9797 on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern time.



### HPARC FAMILY POTLUCK PICNIC

AUGUST 8TH, 2007

Green Acres Park

620 W. Woodward Heights Ave.

Hazel Park, MI

(watch mail for flyer)

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## RADIO INSURANCE

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Most of us will receive literature from MetLife promoting insurance. I thought I'd let you know how this works. First, let me assure you ARRL is not selling your personal information to outside organizations.

What happens is that MetLife has signed a very secure privacy agreement with ARRL that permits them, and them only, to use the mailing information we provide. MetLife is prohibited from providing it to anyone else. If they violate this contractual agreement, MetLife will suffer serious legal penalties.

Why does ARRL allow these mailings to occur? The money we get from this mailing and from any policy action resulting from it goes to support your organization. This is money we don't need to get from you members.

It is totally up to you whether you buy insurance from MetLife. It also is totally up to you whether you receive any possible future promotions such as this from additional companies. If you choose, you may opt out by advising ARRL HQ that you do not wish to have your information released for secure promotional purposes of this type.

If you choose to purchase insurance from MetLife, you will be dealing with a solid, long-established company and you will help ARRL a little, in addition. The decision is entirely yours.

### Opt Out Information

Several of you are disturbed over the very controlled release of your names and addresses to MetLife so it can promote its insurance products to you at a special price. I can understand this.

It may be interesting for you to know that you could always have opted out of allowing ARRL to disclose your names and addresses even under the strict conditions the League demands of MetLife and US Bank. The information was – and is – on the ARRL web site.

Having said this, I believe the opt-out information should have been made more highly visible than it has been made. I'm sorry I had not thought of this, previously. The best I can do, at this time, is to let everyone know about it, now.

73,  
Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director

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## WHERE WAS BS7H?

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Even though the excellent operators in the BS7H DXpedition had 45,000 QSO's, not everyone could work them. I heard them once but they were working Europe. John K1ESE wrote a letter in response to his efforts and shared it with the DX-List email group. His letter helped make me feel good. I hope it does the same for you.  
Marsha N8FE

Despite their best efforts, the gang at BS7H failed to work me. I tried to give them plenty of opportunities, but they were just not up to the task. On the bright side, they did manage to put 45,000 QSOs in the log. Just not mine.

It must be disappointing for them to go all that way, endure hardship and danger, spend all the money that was going to be used to buy a new rig, and sit on a rock for hours at a time - only to be denied my QSO.

I could have tried to set up a schedule with them, but that wouldn't be fair to all the other DXpeditions that managed to work me with nothing pre-arranged.

On my side I did my best to make it easier for them. My dipole had new rope and the feed line was newly waxed. I put the full 100 watts out of the transceiver. And, to give the boys a better chance, I cranked my amp up to it's max of a full half kilowatt.

I'm sure they were concerned about the propagation between Scarborough and Maine. But, the conditions were not quite as bad as the forecasting programs made out. It certainly may have been possible to make a contact.

I bet they are thinking that if they had just brought directional antennas they might have snagged me. I know they were trying because I could hear them calling on both 30 and 20 meters. Even heard them on sideband. As you can see, I was doing everything I could to help them out.

And, it wasn't a near miss. I sat at the radio for hours (2 and a half) in case they wanted to give it a try.

I just hope they aren't too discouraged. I plan to stay here by the radio in case they want to go back and give it another try.

73 de K1ESE  
John



## AROUND TOWN . . .

3 Jun 2007 **Chelsea Radio Swap**

Chelsea Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.wd8iel.net> Talk-In: 145.450 100 HZ PLContact: Frank Pohs, KD8ABW [frankpohs@hotmail.com](mailto:frankpohs@hotmail.com)

636 W. Main St., Manchester, MI 48158

Phone: 734-945-1915

Location: Chelsea Fair Grounds

20501 Old US 12 Highway, Chelsea, MI

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

Location: Midland, MI

17 June 2007 **Monroe Hamfest**[www.mcrca.org](http://www.mcrca.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

M-50 at Raisonville Road (2 miles west of Monroe)

Monroe, MI

11 Aug 2007 **Cascades Amateur Radio Society**<http://www.w8ixn.org> Talk-In: 146.880 MHz (PL 100)Contact: Richard E. Stanley, KA8VLN [ka8vln@arrl.net](mailto:ka8vln@arrl.net)

820 South Union Street, Grass Lake, MI 49240

Phone: 517-522-8630

Location: Jackson Catholic Middle School

915 Cooper Street, Jackson, MI

17-19 Aug 2007 **Cheboygan Amateur Radio Demo**Contact: Gary K8IKW, [K8IKW@aol.com](mailto:K8IKW@aol.com)

Location: during Summer Festival in park next to the Coast Guard Cutter and downtown. Discounted rooms available \$59.00 for hotel.

19 Aug 2007 **Ham & Computer Swap Lapeer County ARA**<http://www.w8lap.com> Talk-In: 146.620- (PL 100)Contact: Bill Miller, KD8VP [kd8vp@arrl.net](mailto:kd8vp@arrl.net)

PO Box 12, Hadley, MI 48440-0012

Phone: 810-797-5329

Location: Lapeer Center Building

425 County Center Street, Lapeer, MI

## FIELD DAY

Plans are all set for Field Day. This is a contest to test our ability to operate in the field on emergency power and with portable antennas. The Rigs are ready and towers are borrowed. John Davis WA8YXM is bringing his RV with complete radio shack and balloons for the weekend to help us have one great weekend. Thank you John.

We'll have something for everyone this year. We will have 2 separate setups. One setup for anyone who wants to tryout contesting. It doesn't matter if you are experienced or not. Just that you want to give it the old college try. (I'm going to be trying it out myself)

Not everyone is interested in the contest side of Field Day so we have a station for those you. We also will have the GOTA station.

The most important thing is that we have OPERATORS at ALL TIMES. We want operators even in the MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. Field Day runs the whole 24 hours non-stop. WE NEED YOU.

We would like to set up some times people are coming. Contact John K8UP at 248-542-9573 for more info or to let him know you are coming even if it's a "maybe". P.S.—Don't forget BUG SPRAY & linens if sleeping over Rules <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2007/fd.html>

Marsha N8FE

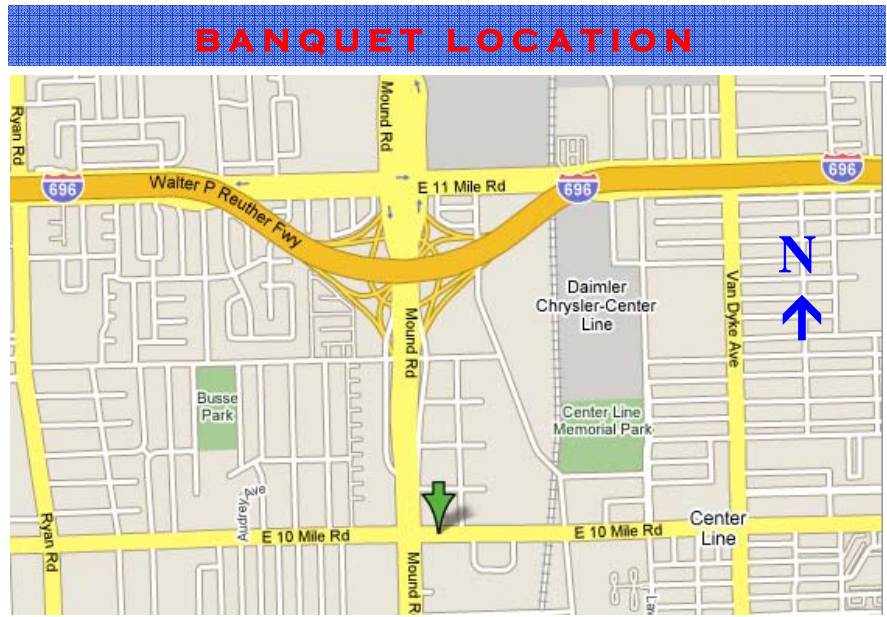


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**DATES**  
**Banquet on**  
**June 13, 2007**  
 and  
 June 23-24 Field Day  
 August 8, 2007 Picnic

**TIME**  
 7:00 P.M.  
 (socializing begins earlier)

**PLACE**  
 De Carlos Banquet Center  
 6015 E. Ten Mile Rd.  
 Warren, MI



**We're on the Web**  
[www.hparc.org](http://www.hparc.org)



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