



The Zero Beat

THIS MEETING

January 13, 2016
7:30 P.M.
UFCW Hall
876 Horace Brown Dr.
Madison Heights, MI

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GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting of the Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club will be held on Wednesday, December 9, at 7:30 PM. Socializing starts around 7:00 PM. The meeting location is south of 13 Mile Rd, between John R and the I-75 freeway. Turn south at the stoplight at Barrington St, then just before the dead end sign, turn right onto Horace Brown Dr. Enter the parking lot on the left, then **enter the building on the east side where you see the club banner**. Come early and visit with fellow hams. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting and bring a friend along.

Michigan is the proud home of the world's oldest spot frequency net in the world. Yup, QMN (Michigan Net) is where the concept of having all stations operate on the same frequency. This happened in 1935 when rigs (home built) were crystal controlled and it was difficult to get more than a couple of stations on the same frequency. The net organized around a given frequency and everyone ordered the same frequency crystals and the spot frequency net was born. This is the procedure used to this day for all nets of all types. See Michigannet.org

Mark Shaw, K8ED, is our Michigan Section Traffic Manager discuss these nets at the January meeting. In the interim, here is a partial list of the public service nets in Michigan. Feel free to listen around and you can get a bit of a feel for them. I recommend the Michigan Traffic Net (MiTN) on 3952 at 1900 local every day as a good example of a phone net. If you are available during the day, the Michigan Amateur Communications System (MACS) is on every day on 3952 at 1000 local. QMN is on 3563 twice each evening at 1830 and 2200 local. Michigan Section Traffic/ARPSC Nets (All times Local) and SEMTN on 146.76 (Spirit) repeater daily at 2215 local.

PRESIDENT'S QRM

Another year has gone by; unfortunately a few of our members are now silent keys. They will be missed. On a lighter note, we are gaining members at a respectable pace. New members, especially those who came to us a new Hams, do so seeking knowledge and believing our club and seasoned members will be there to assist and guide them. Typically

new members want to get on the air without making mistakes or spending a fortune. That's where you come into play. It's important to offer a warm welcome and keep them on track by becoming an Elmer.

As an Elmer, you offer a very self-rewarding service to others and only need to stay in your comfort zone. Think about, some-

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Q R M C O N T .

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one helped you in the beginning. Set your goals high this year to encourage and support our new members. Set your own personal goals to upgrade to the next license class and become more active in the club events. I'm sure you may have other goals so get the priorities in order - Ham, God and your country.

This is also the time to plan. "Without a plan, you plan to fail". Lay your plans out in bite size pieces and monitor your success. Adjust along the way and make it happen. It's better than resolutions.

The winter season offers great 75 and 160 meter operation with plenty of playful Nets on each band. The 160 meter band, known as the Gentleman's, is the oldest amateur band and was the staple of reliable communication in the earliest days of amateur radio. Take the challenge, try it.

The 24th of January swap is coming together slowly, it almost seems that eBay and internet access provides most components or equipment; curtailing swap activity. We know better. The Swap offers eyeball 2-eyeball QSO's, something you just can't get in from of the computer. So mark the date, come in and enjoy the swap, even if you make no purchases. I'll be looking for you.

Happy New Year, Ken AD8M

MIKE N8FISK



Michael D. Fielder N8FI, a long-time HPARC member, passed away on December 10, 2015. He was in his late sixties. He suffered a stroke two weeks before his death. Before his retirement, Mike was a lift truck driver for General Motors. No services were held.

As W8DOT and later N8FI, Mike was active in the club, participating in the annual swap, the siren net and working on friends' antennas and towers. In the last few years he became less active but still operated from his home in Royal Oak. Mike and Don W8PDI joined the club the same year.

*picture from the 2007 HPARC picnic.

H P A R C N E T S

HPARC Official Sunday Night 2-meter Phone Net

Every Sunday at 9:00 PM local time on the DART repeater, 146.64 (PL 100), catch up on club news and information, and just to keep in touch. All amateurs are welcome to check in.

Thursday Night Youth Net, 8 PM EST on the DART repeater, via Echolink *759629 (W5DDL-R).

Yacht Net, Saturday night, 8 PM EST. A youth net on the DART repeater, via Echolink *481872 (W8PIF-R).

Homepage: <http://yachthams.webstarts.com>

N8WYO CW net (Medium speed)

Named in memory of Al N8WYO. The net meets Tuesday night at 8:00 PM on **28.028 MHz** All amateurs are welcome. CW speed fluctuates between 20-25 WPM, but Joe will slow it down if necessary. Listen in at 8 PM sharp!

Wolverine Net

The 75 Meter Wolverine Net meets on 3935 KHz daily at 7:00 PM local time, with pre-net starting at 6:00 PM. You can get details from <http://www.wssbn.com/>

Oakland County ARPSC

Every Thursday @ 8 pm on 146.90 (PL 100). Hospital Radio Net on the last Thursday of each month @7:30. (W8OAK-3 will run packet on 147.56 MHz for those wanting to practice and test their equipment) <http://www.arpac.com/>

NTS Traffic Nets

The Southeast Michigan National Traffic System (NTS) net Normally held every night at 10:15 PM local time on the 146.76 (PL 100) repeater. New people are welcome.

A R O U N D T O W N

HPARC Buddy Breakfast every Saturday @ 9:00 AM (or so)

Jimi's Restaurant, 714 South Washington Ave, Royal Oak (across from OCC). Come for the socializing — we're in the back room. Parking: lots of spaces in Jimi's parking lot, and street parking is free until 11 AM.

Oakland Co. ARPSC Siren Testing, 1st Saturday @ 1 PM
Resumes in March.

Macomb Community College Electronic Lab

4th Wednesday of each month from 7-10 PM.
12 Mile & Hayes Rd. (Bldg "S" - Room S135) Extensive collection of equipment to use/learn plus a ham radio station to use and a big 3 element HF Yagi antenna on the roof of the building. Hams are invited from all clubs.

Amateur Radio License Testing

HPARC and the City of Oak Park offer amateur radio license testing on the **first Tuesday of even months** at the **Oak Park, Michigan Community Center** (14300 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park, MI 48237) beginning at 7:30 PM contact Jerry W9NPI at w9npi@arrl.net

E S T A T E S A L E

For Sale Estate handle by Mike WD8S

Kenwood TS-450s and Ps 52 power Supply \$600.00
Ameritron AL-811 Asking \$500.00
MFJ 1287B TNC \$25.00
MFJ Versa Tuner 3 \$150.00
MFJ Versa Tuner 2 \$50.00

Would like to give the club member a chance at this estate and will bring rest to HPARC Swap.

C O N T E S T S**January 2016**

January

- 2-3 + WW PMC Contest
- 2-3 + Original QRP Contest
- 2-3 + ARRL RTTY Roundup
- 3 + Kid's Day Contest
- 10 + UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest
- 10 + North American QSO Party, CW
- 10 + DARC 10-Meter Contest
- 10 + Midwinter Contest
- 16-17 + Hungarian DX Contest
- 16-17 + North American QSO Party, SSB
- 23-24 + YL-ISSB QSO Party, CW/SSB
- 23-24 + Montana QSO Party
- 23-24 + UK/EI DX Contest, CW
- 23 + WAB 1.8 MHz Phone
- 29-31 + CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW
- 30-31 + REF Contest, CW
- 30-31 + UBA DX Contest, SSB
- 30-31 + Winter Field Day
- 30-1 + ARRL January VHF Contest

February

- 5-7 + YLRL YL-OM Contest
- 6-7 + Vermont QSO Party
- 6-7 + 10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB
- 6-7 + Black Sea Cup International
- 6 + Minnesota QSO Party
- 6-7 + British Columbia QSO Party
- 6-7 + Mexico RTTY International Contest

M I N U T E S

Meeting started 7:30 pm. Jim motioned for acceptance of the November meeting minutes, which were unanimously accepted. Hugh (swap chair) announced that he was looking for signups for helping at the swap. Dinner was enjoyed by all. Reuven announced that if you renew ARRL membership early (prior to 1/1/16), you can pay the current rate, and if you renew or join through the club, the club gets to keep a few dollars of the membership dues.

H A M F E S T S**01/24/2016 Hazel Park W8HP 50th Annual Swap 8-12**

UFCW Hall, 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights

<http://hparc.org/>

Talk-In: 146.64 (PL 100)

02/21/2016

Livonia Amateur Radio Club

Livonia Civic Park Senior Center

15218 Farmington Road

Livonia, MI 48150

<http://www.livoniaarc.com/index.php?page=swapshop>

Talk-In: 145.35 (PL 100) or 146.52 Simplex

Public Contact: Doris Kelterborn, K8DXJ

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05/20/2016

Dayton Hamvention

Hara Arena (near Dayton, OH)

www.hamvention.org

NEW—no ADA permits in advance. Take your state ADA parking permit or license plate/tabs. 500 parking spaces given to first come first served. (per website)

Get Your Sweepstakes Pins and Mugs

Reminder: HPARC is offering ARRL Sweepstakes contest awards to club members. If you make 100 contacts on either weekend, the club will award you a pin. Working all 83 US and Canadian sections gets you a Clean Sweep coffee mug. You don't have to claim club affiliation in your ARRL contest entry. Send your contests scores to John Teagardin AA8UU, either the electronic Cabrillo file or a copy of the paper summary sheet. Make sure you mention whether you qualify for the pin or a Clean Sweep mug. Please get your information to John by December 20.

HAZEL PARK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

50th ANNUAL SWAP & SHOP

****NEW Location****

****UFCW Local 876 - 876 Horace Brown Dr. Madison Heights, MI 48071****

January 24, 2016 - 8:00 a.m. til 12:00 noon

W8HP - Talk-in 146.640 (100hz. PL) D.A.R.T. Repeater

Tables \$15.00 Tickets \$5.00 Ample Free Parking

NEW for VENDORS!

Vendor setup times with paid admission

Jan. 23rd 11:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. and Jan. 24th 7:30 a.m.



| PRIZES |
|---------------------|
| 1ST |
| CASH PRIZE \$100.00 |
| 2ND |
| CASH PRIZE \$50.00 |
| 3RD |
| CASH PRIZE \$25.00 |

E-mail Address: HazelParkSwap@gmail.com Phone: Hugh Boyle (248) 755-6094
 Web Site: WWW.HPARC.ORG Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hparcgroup/>

Hamfest Volunteers Wanted

This year there is no table setup but as a gesture to encourage vendors we are offering our assistance on Saturday the 23rd of January and after the swap on Sunday to help the vendors setup and tear-down. We are looking for your support to join us with hand carts to accomplish this. Just 4 hours Saturday or whatever time you can afford and vendor tear down on Sunday.

If you plan to help make this a great swap, please let me know with a simple email to HazelParkSwap@gmail.com

Many thanks in advance,
 Hugh KE8BED

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2016 Meetings

January 13

February 10

TIME

Socializing @ 7:00 PM

Meeting @ 7:30 PM

PLACE

UFCW Hall

876 Horace Brown Dr.
Madison Heights 48071

HAMFEST

January 27, 2016

UFCW Hall

876 Horace Brown Dr.
Madison Heights 48071



Meeting and Swap location



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



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