

The Zero Beat

THIS MEETING

May 11, 2016
7:30 P.M.
UFCW Hall
876 Horace Brown Dr.
Madison Heights, MI

GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting of the Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club will begin at 7:30 PM. Socializing starts around 7:00 PM. The meeting location is south of 13 Mile Rd, between JohnR 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**. Come early and visit with fellow hams. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting and bring a friend along.

Main topic for the events are ELECTIONS. Also for discussion will be the Annual Banquet and our growing in popularity M2M sessions. Stay after elections and break to share during member to member (M2M).

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PRESIDENT'S QRM

It seems like only yesterday I was elected to the Board of HPARC. Almost a year has passed and I feel that there are so many other things yet to accomplish for the club. Unfortunately, medical issues within the family have now taken most of my attention preventing me from continuing as President. I've always stated through my career, "family first" and now I too have to live by those words.

This month's meeting hosts the elections for the next term. It's so important to have the right members on the board to sustain the progress which has been put in motion. The general membership has the responsibility to nominate and vote for whom they feel are the right person to carry on the Club. You too also have the opportunity to become a board member and take part in steering and growing the Club. The board is the administration element of the Club, requiring only that you know your own call letters. The techie members have your

back when it comes to advanced electronics. Give it some serious thought. If you truly believe you can make a difference, now is the time to step up and put your name in the hat for a position on the board.

Next month is the Banquet where the changing of the officers takes place. If you can't join them, at least show your support and attend the June banquet meeting. You just may have some fun. It is the only banquet where adult beverages are consumed. BTW, spouses and young adults are also encouraged to come along.

I can't address the members without including another plug for Field Day. I realize that most members think this is a contest, well in a way it is because we keep score. There are no winners or losers; unless you don't attend.

On the morning of Field Day we meet at the park and move about in a chaotic manner attempting to figure out what tree to use and how to get antennas up. Every hand is

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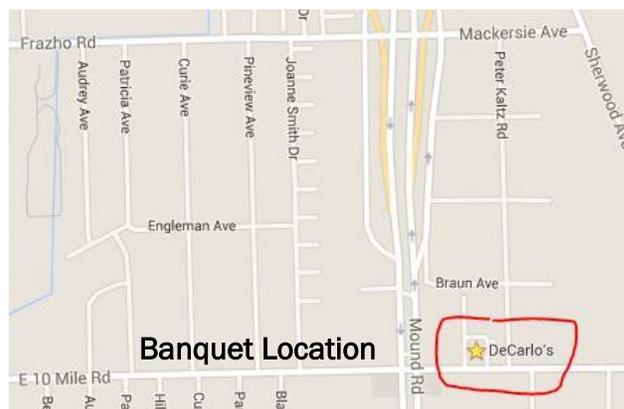
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necessary for this project. Ideas are plentiful, everyone has an opinion and eventually it all comes together. If you have never attended Field Day event, just Saturday morning prepping for the noon start is educational to say the least. As the bands open, the radios start to hum with the familiar quacks and the duck sounding single side band voice operating stations. These stations are set up for you to operate, learn how to capture a contact, share a comment or two and then move on. It's a no pressure opportunity for Technicians to twist the HF knobs, pick up a bit of jargon and work a station from anywhere in the world. Contest! No, that part is set aside for the contestants. Education, club support, eyeball QSO's and good food; now that's what I'm talking about. Plan on it.... I'll be watching for you.

Ken AD8M

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gary Shannon KE8CQ
Michelle Marek KD8ZYE
Jim Marek N8KKG
John Little KC8HCX
Gary Cramer KE8ASY
John A. Isaia KE8CHE
Jim Haslett N8NZB



A P R I L M I N U T E S

- ◆ Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, Ken AD8M.
- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance said
- ◆ Introductions were made
- ◆ Exam results from the club's recent VE session were announced,
- ◆ 6 new members were introduced.
- ◆ Ken Announced that the board would be relaxing the requirements of 1 year membership to be nominated for board positions of Secretary, Parliamentarian, Director, and Finance. This is a standard we had in our guidebook, but is not actually included in the current version of the bylaws, so does not require a membership vote to change.
- ◆ Mike WD8S gave more information about the Oak Apple run, including some history and some details about the route changes. With the route changes, more hams are needed- and with Ken's encouragement, many folks stood up to volunteer.
- ◆ Ken called for people to run for board positions, and a few people stood up.
- ◆ Ken encouraged people to buy banquet tickets.
- ◆ Ken encouraged people to operate field day.
- ◆ Murray KE8UM gave the status of the new Yaesu repeater; while being set up on the bench the repeater failed, and was returned to Yaesu for warranty repair. Murray is also rebuilding a Mikor amplifier for the repeater, so he estimates that it will be at least another month before the new repeater is ready for use. The repeater team will likely put the repeater on the 2m site, and will likely set it up as auto->auto, so digital transmissions are repeated as digital, and analog as analog.
- ◆ JD KD8VXZ gave the treasury report; the large expenses this month were for the repeater.
- ◆ Jerry W9NPI read his press release about the LTU engineering exploration day event. Several hams helped demo and introduce potential students to ham radio, as part of our partnership with the small radio club at the university.

Break for Coffee and Donuts

- ◆ AA8UU gave a presentation about the club's plans for

field day.

M2M:

- ◆ N8UUF encouraged people to introduce themselves to each other.
- ◆ Jay WB8SBI told a story about debugging an Icom issue where the service center was unable to reproduce the problem with the radio. The moral of story is to vary test your plan.
- ◆ Marsha N8FE reminded everybody that the Michigan QSO party is this weekend.
- ◆ The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted, Reuven KB3EHW

E L E C T I O N S

ALL Board positions are open for elections.

If you would like to volunteer, call Don WA8E on 313-717-2157 or email at don818@gmail.com

Come to the May Meeting and Vote for the people you want to run the Club.

Q S O P A R T I E S

May

7-8 - New England - CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT

7-8 - Seventh District - AZ, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

7-8 - Delaware, Indiana

14-15 - Arkansas

Working State QSO Parties are great ways to get your **WAS and 5 Band WAS**. Another thing you want to do is make sure to get yourself set up with **LOTW**. If you need help doing that, you can contact Marsha N8FE at n8fe@arrl.net

HPARC member **Elwood Scott, W8ACB** became a silent key in January. He was 94 and a retired electrician for the Detroit News several years ago. His daughter was driving him to our meetings the last few years. One meeting night he brought a bunch of wire and gave it away, several people got some.

PIRATE ALERT

The ever-persistent [Hassan the pirate from Baghdad, Iraq continues to plague the Amateur Radio bands](#). This guy has been pirating and bootlegging multiple calls for several years. He has been heard [bootlegging the calls Y11HR, Y11H, Y11HRP and Y11HI and pirating the calls Y11BGD, Y11IRQ, Y11DZ and most recently TA7/Y11RZ](#). Unfortunately in Iraq there does not seem to be any enforcement to take Hassan off the air, much less do anything about the situation. Therefore let's get the word out **not to work or spot Hassan** who operates on 20 Meters SSB, usually around 14178-14188. In fact the best policy is to ignore him completely on the air.

Bernie McClenny, W3UR

Editor of: The Daily DX

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M 2 M

My 2M/ 440 base station is in my living room. I have an dual band antenna on a pole strapped to my chimney. When I had new window install they neatly installed the coax as they installed the new window along the side and comes in under the sill. All you see on the outside is the coax disappearing under the vinyl and on the inside it comes out under the sill through a hole in the half round molding. The only problem I have is what to do with the 10 feet of coax laying on the floor. But is that really a problem? HIHI

This works really well until you lose power. My house was built in 1955. There were NO ground to any of the outlets. The house got hit by lightning and the power supply for the dual band base station quit running. I swapped out radios and it was the power supply. I checked fuses and they were good. I did a google search and they all said the supply needed checked out by someone who knew what they were doing. Believe me when I say that is not me! So I asked one of our members to help me. Murray Scott KE8UM came to the rescue. He checked it out and found a fuse compartment that I had not seen. If I had known I could have done it myself DUH!

MURRAY YOU ARE THE MAN!! TNX DE Marsha N8FE

IGNORANCE OH MY

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

On Sunday, I received the following e-mail from a reader: "Just wanted to let you know I passed the General exam using your study guide. It was very helpful. I am now generally ignorant whereas before I was only technically ignorant. Ha!"

My reply to him was:

"Well, if you're generally ignorant, I guess that makes me EXTRA ignorant!"

This isn't just a joke--being ignorant is part of the hobby. Amateur radio operators will always be ignorant about something or other. Even if you could master every facet of the hobby at some point in time, your mastery would be short-lived as the technology continued to advance.

Over the course of my amateur radio career, we've gone from equipment that primarily used vacuum tubes, to solid-state gear that first used discrete transistors and then integrated circuits, to software-defined radios. I could have, at some point, simply given up on the new technology and still enjoyed amateur radio. Some guys do that, and that's OK. It is only a hobby after all.

I'm not one of those guys, though, and if you're not one of those guys, then you have to resign yourself to being ignorant. But, that's a good thing, as long as you realize that you're ignorant. Realizing that you're ignorant will spur you on to learn new things and accept new challenges.

Recently, I realized that I'm mostly ignorant about satellite operation. I know some of the basics from having read articles and writing about the topic in my study guides, but I have never made a contact using a satellite. I think that might be one of my next challenges. With the advent of CubeSat, there are many new satellites up in the air and many more opportunities to have interesting contacts.

So, what are you ignorant about? By that I mean, of course, what's going to be your next challenge in amateur radio?

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When he's not challenging himself with new things, You'll find him mainly on the 80m, 40m, and 30m bands operating CW. Dan is the author of the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides, and blogs about amateur radio at KB6NU.Com, E-mail him @ cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

HPARC BANQUET

June 8 2016



SDR DEMO

**PHOTO
SLIDE SHOW**

DOOR PRIZES



Included in the price
of the ticket

DUAL BAND RADIO
Hand Held 2 Meter radio
and many more



You are encouraged to bring a guest!

Location: DeCarlo's Convention Ctr.
6015 E 10 Mile Rd (at Mound)
Warren, MI (888) 270-7936

[Directions](#)

Tickets \$20.00 per person
Make Checks payable to: HPARC
Mail to: HPARC Banquet
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*Include your Call
Name, Address Phone and Email*

LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING
Please send me a note.

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TO BUY TICKETS – Contact:
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*Tickets also available at the April and
May meetings and the Saturday
breakfast*

**GREAT
FOOD**

CASH BAR

PLAYOFFS

- Longest Member M/F
- Youngest Member
- Most Interesting Call Sign
- Largest Family Membership
- Longest Drive to the Banquet
- Most Elaborate Antenna System
- Most Elaborate Shack
- Oldest Original Operating Call

**NO TICKETS
SOLD AT
THE BANQUET**

HPARC NETS

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 ARPSOC

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.arpsc.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.

Try out our new 440 EchoLink Node Number is 575050. You can find all the info you want at the following link:
<http://www.echolink.org/tour.htm>

Tony N8VR

AROUND TOWN

HPARC Buddy Breakfast every Saturday @ 9:30 AM

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.

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

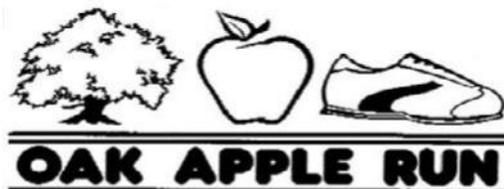
Oakland Co. ARPSOC Siren Testing, 1st Saturday @ 1 PM

March through November except in April, it is held the second Wednesday at 1 pm. Contact **Marsha N8FE** at n8fe@arr.net to be assigned a siren to test.

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.

Volunteer or get information
Contact Mike WD8S wd8s@arrl.net



Race Day June 4th 6:30am
til about Noon

Volunteer Meeting Wednesday June 1st
6:30 p.m. Pizza and Tee Shirt
Get your instruction for the Race First
United Methodist Church Royal Oak
7th and Washington

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2016 Meetings

June 8—Banquet
June 25-26 Field Day
NO MEETING in JULY
August 10—Picnic

TIME

Socializing @ 7:00 PM
Meeting @ 7:30 PM

PLACE

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Meeting and Swap location



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