

# The Zero Beat

## THIS MEETING

**May 10, 2017  
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 Wednesday, May 10, at 7:30 PM. Socializing starts around 7:00 PM. The meeting location is UFCW Hall, 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights. The 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 building on the east side.

This is our last regular meeting of the season. The business meeting will be devoted to election of officers for 2017-18. Nominations will remain open going into the business meeting, and club members will vote for each position. Also, there will be a brief update on the DART Repeater.

Come early and visit with fellow hams. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting and bring a friend along. The coffee will be hot when you arrive. Donuts will be provided during the break.

## PRESIDENT'S QRM

JD is recuperating from surgery and working hard to get back to running sprints soon. I have kept him abreast of Club activities and plans and what a fantastic Club we have. No one sleeping on the key while he's away.

Thank you to our new Volunteers for stepping up to help with Elections (John W8TOY) and DART Technical Manager (WB2ADX). A big thank you to Rey (W8REY) for again planning the Annual Banquet. Lest we neglect to mention the Board who even with our fearless leader on the bench, they have been able to plan a LARK in the

Park and Field Day. BRAVO one and all.

We're still looking for someone who has time and desire to work on the Zero Beat. No experience needed. Wes will help you learn the ropes. Please contact Wes at nwplouff@wideopenwest.com.

Please read later in the Zero Beat how you can participate in these activities and hope to see you there.

Vy 73,  
Marsha N8FE  
1st VP HPARC

## BANQUET TICKETS ON SALE

Get your tickets for the June 14 Annual Banquet now! Once again the banquet will be held at DeCarlo's in Warren, and the price is still \$20 per person. Tickets will be on sale at the May 10 meeting, or contact Rey Bora W8REY at (586) 909-9820. You must buy in advance — no tickets will be sold at the door.

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## FIELD DAY

Don't forget that ARRL Field Day is coming up on the weekend of June 24 and 25. Once again we are setting up in Scout Park in the middle of Hazel Park.

Field Day is a contest, but it's also geared toward emergency preparedness. We will set up on Saturday morning and tear down on Sunday afternoon. All the electronics will run on generator or solar power.

At the same time, it's a fun event. Anyone who wants a taste of HF-band contesting is welcome to come, no prior experience needed. We will have experienced coaches on hand to help interested hams, holding any license class, to get their feet wet.

We will again be setting up all stations in a large, weather-proof tent. There will be plenty of food on hand, too.

John Teagardin AA8UU is running the effort. He will talk about plans at the May club meeting, and there will be more details next month in the *Zero Beat*. Contact John if you're interested in coming.

## SUMMER LICENSING CLASS

HPARC is sponsoring a 9-week course for the FCC Technician Class amateur radio license. It will be held on Mondays, May 14 to July 24, 7:00-9:00 PM. Location is Lawrence Tech, 21000 Ten Mile Rd (at Lodge Fwy), Southfield. Maps will be sent when you register.

The class is provided free, but students must buy a license manual for \$25 from the instructor at the first session. The last session, on July 24, will include an FCC license exam for a fee of \$15.

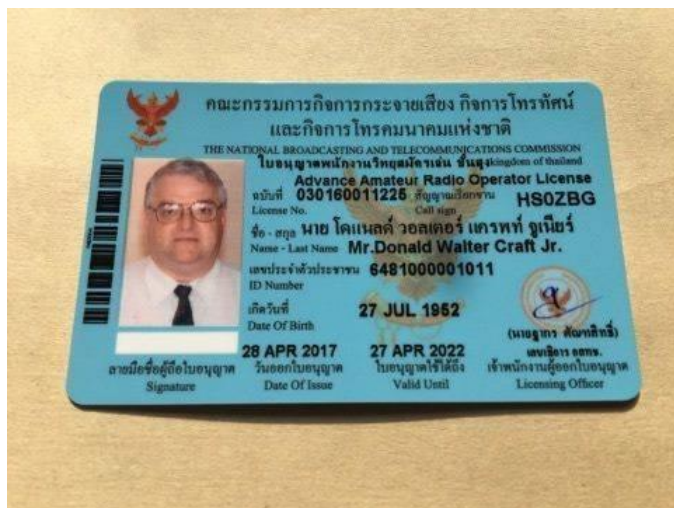
Pre-registration is necessary. Contact Jerry Begel at [w9npi@arrl.net](mailto:w9npi@arrl.net) to enroll.

## NEW MEMBER

WELCOME  
**BOB PERYE**  
**W8SDF**

## CLUB NEWS

**Congratulations Don Craft AB8RH/HSOZBG** on getting his Thai Advanced Class license. This license, which allows higher power operation, has only been available a few months. Perhaps soon club members will be able to work Don directly.



**Oak Apple Run** – Mike Van Buren WD8S is still looking for volunteers for this event on Saturday, June 3, in Royal Oak. This is our big public service event, and you get a hat and T-Shirt besides!

**Jimi's Remodeling** – While Jimi's Restaurant is remodeling its banquet room, the Saturday morning breakfast may get moved temporarily to a large table in the main dining area. Jimi's now will *not* have a sports bar.

**HPARC Web Site** – You may have noticed that the club web site, <http://hparc.org/>, has been getting a facelift. New Webmaster Jim Haslett N8NZB has been working to freshen the design of the site and bring information up to date.

**DART Picnic** – Don't forget the annual DART picnic, to be held Wednesday, August 9 at Green Acres Park in Hazel Park. This is a combination cookout and potluck, and one or two members are likely to put portable rigs on the air. Details will be sent by e-mail as the date approaches.

## LARK IN THE PARK

After the success of the fall Lark in Madison Heights, the club will hold a Lark in the Park event on Saturday, May 13, in Hazel Park. The location is Green Acres Park, 620 W. Woodward Heights. The Lark will run from noon to about 4 PM. We are using Pavilion #2.

This is a fun event, not a contest. Members are encouraged to bring their rigs and portable antennas. Just set up and operate. Or, just come for the company. AC power and restrooms are provided. A limited number of dipoles will be set up between trees in the park.

Directions: From John R, go halfway between 9 and 10 Mile Roads. Turn west onto Woodward Heights, then cross over I-75. After another block, the park will be on your right. Go to the end of the park and turn right on Lennox St. Then turn right into the parking lot. The park can also be reached by taking Hilton Rd, then turning east on Woodward Heights.

## SKYWARN TRAINING

The National Weather Service (NWS) Detroit/Pontiac Office is hosting an opportunity for Skywarn Training in 2017 for the citizens of Southeast Michigan. The training will be an online webinar on Wednesday, May 31st from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

The training is reserved for residents of Southeast Michigan, and is limited to the first 150 people that register. Since the training is through an internet connection and conference call, families are encouraged to register once and participate from one connection/computer.

To register please e-mail Rich Pollman at... [richard.pollman@noaa.gov](mailto:richard.pollman@noaa.gov)

This training will be canceled if there is a threat of severe weather on May 31st.

The Skywarn Training Class will feature topics such as weather safety, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, what to report to the NWS, and how to report to the NWS. The webinar will use the Join Me internet client. Please be sure to give yourself enough time (about 15 minutes prior to the start) to download the necessary file to participate.



## BUNCH OF QRP

HT or Mobile first? Wow, is this a topic of opinions! It will cause as much trouble as arguing over mag mounts or stealth antennas... My advice - your wallet is the main dictator of what you can and cannot do. Your desire for fun is all that dictates what you want to do! In the end - if it works for you, so be it. This advice works only for hobbies lest someone quote me out of context!

If all you have is \$50 then look at the Baofeng UV-5r as the most stable and reliable of analog Chinese HTs. Radioddity has nice packages which include everything you need to start out including programming cable - for a price that is workable for any budget. Finally using Chirp for programming as it is free and cross-platform.

As for mobiles? To me that is a second radio. For a newcomer with limited resources, do not be intimidated by old men claiming that mag mounts don't work and cheap radios don't either... Many have used BOTH with enough success to meet their needs and that is what you really need to concern yourself about.

Starting out with an HT and mag mount antenna on your car will get you into the hobby. Once your antenna is outside the vehicle, you will be amazed at the difference. Even my mobile is set to 5 watts for most repeaters. 10 watts only for those repeaters which are distant ones which I occasionally use. 20 Watts is only used for APRS. My antenna is a dual-band HT antenna clipped behind a fiberglass panel *inside* my vehicle. Mind you that it is only separated by fiberglass and not metal but my point is that I am using a 19 inch HT whip and not a large NMO mounted 5/8 wave on the roof.

So do not be afraid to start small. Start where you can and enjoy what works.

Enjoy your hobby!

72/73,  
Phillip  
N8AYE

## MAY CONTESTS

### May 2017

6-7 New England QSO Party  
6-7 7th Call Area QSO Party  
6-7 Delaware, Indiana QSO Parties  
13-14 Arkansas QSO Party  
27-28 CQ WPX Contest, CW

### June

3-4 Alabama QSO Party  
3-4 Museum Ships Weekend  
**24-25 ARRL Field Day**



## APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM, 1st VP Marsha Fleming N8FE presiding. President JD and Secretary Reuven were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Introductions made.

New licensees – Bob Perye (no call sign yet) General.

Jerry K9NPI Education report. He is looking for a new venue for license courses because Lawrence Tech wants to restrict our classes to Fridays and Saturdays starting in the fall. Also, all four students in the Technician course passed their license exams.

Phil WB2ADX announced summer Technician licensing course at Lawrence Tech starting Monday, May 25.

Marsha N8FE reports that at last Oak Park VE session, 3 passed Technician, 6 passed General. Singled out Terry Garland who went from no license to Extra in one night.

Joe Miller KJ80 gave a presentation on "Radio Memorabilia." He has been an SWL since 1967, licensed ham since 2006. Gave short history of radio broadcasting. WWJ in Detroit on air since 1920. Detroit first city to try radio dispatch for police in 1921. Gave examples of ham and broadcast memorabilia from different decades. Lots of items, mostly paper, available for \$5 to \$10 on eBay. Presentation ended around 20:05.

Wes AC8JF gave away more FISTS code course CDs.

Break for coffee and donuts.

Treasurer Bob Lauer N8REL presented 2017-18 budget. Projected income \$6,250, expenses \$8,646, net (\$2,396 deficit). Deficit allows purchase of new DART Repeater equipment. Current bank balance is over \$10,000, so the club is not in trouble. Mike Van Buren WD8S moved to accept budget. Approved unanimously.

Minutes accepted as printed.

Treasurer's report – no significant activity in March due to canceled meeting.

Great Lakes HamCon – Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association (GLARA) asked HPARC to join and for a contribution of \$250 toward hamfest expenses. They will ask for volunteer from the club, no details yet on numbers or duties. Discussion of the reason GLARA asks for a contribution. Wes AC8JF moved to join GLARA and donate \$250, Larry K8MU seconded. Approved.

Volunteers needed – Banquet chair: Rey W8REY volunteers. Newsletter editor, AC8JF stepping down. DART Repeater Committee chair, Tony N8VR stepping down: Phil WB2ABF volunteers.

Field Day report – Per John Teagardin AA8UU, Field Day is the last weekend in June, will be held again at Scout Park in Hazel Park. Last year was very successful. Discussion of plans. Organizing meeting to come.

Lark in the Park – No date or place yet. Possibly on Belle Isle as part of MIPOTA? Possibly in May or June in Scout Park?

Nominating Committee call for volunteers. John Little W8TOY volunteers, no other takers. John will be a one-man committee. He will contact all members to find election candidates.

Announcements –

Oak Apple Run – per Mike WD8S, race is on Saturday, June 3. Pre-race meeting on Wednesday, May 31. He needs lots of volunteers.

MMSTC High Altitude Balloon Experiment. Teacher Mark Supal KD8YZL asks for volunteers. Balloon will carry APRS and miniature camera. Tentative date is May 18 or 19 – possible conflict with Dayton Hamvention. 4 people are needed for launch crew in Manistee or Ludington. 2 members volunteered.

"Bruce" Zick KB8RBZ SK – Bill N8QVS talked about Bruce's funeral. Bruce donated his entire station to the club.

Banquet – Marsha N8FE mentioned that minimum of 50 tickets must be sold.

Member to Member – sorry, out of time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Minutes compiled from notes by Wes AC8JF and Hugh KE8BED

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## HPARC NETS

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### 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.

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## AROUND TOWN

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**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**  
**March through November** except in April. Contact **Marsha N8FE** at [n8fe@arr.net](mailto:n8fe@arr.net) to be assigned a siren to test.

THIS MONTH ONLY: The siren test will be held on Wednesday, April 19, at 1:00 PM>

### 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 7:00 PM. Contact

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## HAMFESTS

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### 5/19-21/2017 Dayton Hamvention 9-6, 9-5, 9-1

Greene Co. Fairgrounds, 120 Fairground Rd, Xenia, OH (about 4 hours from Hazel Park)

<http://hamvention.org/>

Talk-in: 146.94 (PL 123.0)

### Upcoming:

6/4 Chelsea ARC Swap Meet

6/18 Monroe Hamfest

**RA-30-0010-KRAM**

**2017 Meetings**

May 10  
September 13

**TIME**

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

**PLACE**

UFCW Hall  
876 Horace Brown Dr.  
Madison Heights 48071

**Annual Banquet**

June 14

**DART Picnic**

August 9



**Meeting and Swap location**



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