



# The Zero Beat

## THIS MEETING

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

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## APRIL MEETING - NEW DATE

Hoover School will be closed when we normally hold our meeting in April. Therefore, **the April meeting** will be held on the **3rd Wednesday April 18th at 7:30 p.m.**

## GREEN RADIOS

JIM KASTUR will give a presentation "Modern Military Radios and the Ham Radio Operator" at the February 14th meeting. They are rugged and portable HF and VHF radios. They are commonly called "green radios". Jim is bringing some radios with him. Come to the meeting and bring a friend.

## SPECIAL TEST SESSION

The new Report & Order has now been published in the Federal Register with an effective date of **Friday February 23**. Carl and I have arranged for a test session for that date at the Oak Park Community Center. Registration begins at 7 pm and testing at 7:30 pm. For this one we would prefer (but won't require) that people pre-register. If you are interested in taking the test on **Friday February 23rd at 7:30 pm**, please contact either Carl or myself. **Dee Flint, [n8uze@arrl.net](mailto:n8uze@arrl.net) 248-981-8145**      **Carl Flint, [k8bsg@arrl.net](mailto:k8bsg@arrl.net) 248-765-3098**

## PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY QRM

Well, another Swap and Shop is behind us. As I am sure you already know, this event was a pretty big success for us. We sold every table we had, and did reasonably well as far as attendance goes, too. Another important aspect of the swap was the excellent effort put forth by all the volunteers associated with the Swap (this means YOU... you all did a great job!).

I would like to thank Sean, K8KHZ for doing another great job running this event. His hard work paid off, as many vendors and guests had very encouraging comments about their experiences on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

We would like to keep it that way, and make sure our "customers" remain happy!

With that in mind, I would ask that a club member consider helping us out by volunteering to assist Sean with next year's event. This would not mean that you would be taking over the event (although you could plan on that for later years if you found it to be a great deal of fun). This is simply a request for someone to step up and become a little more involved with the club.

Another reminder and this is important:

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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) <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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**THE APRIL MEETING WILL NOT BE ON**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11.** This is the spring break week at Hazel Park Schools, and all facilities will be closed for the week.

**Therefore, we will have our meeting on the following Wednesday, April 18 at the normal time and place.** Mark your calendars now, so that you do not forget this!

Be sure to speak with Steve, N8FH, if you are planning on attending Dayton Hamvention this year, and will need a room. He will be taking final reservations soon and reporting them to the hotel, so get your requests in soon!

One final note... It's getting close to time to consider running for next year's Board of Directors. We should be setting up a Nominating Committee soon, but in the meantime, if you are interested in running, please don't wait for them to call you. WE will take nominations at the April meeting, and will make a final vote in May. New officers will be installed at the June Banquet.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, February 14. Yeah, this is the true test as to whether your spouse really loves you; if she lets you come to a club meeting on this special day. If you can, please come to the meeting, and (as always) bring a new friend to introduce to the club.

73 de Jeff, N8WR

"Ham Radio . . . Getting the message through for your family and community" The ARRL 2007 public relations campaign theme.  
Check it out at  
<http://www.emergency-radio.org/>

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## NO CODE OFFICIALLY BEGINS ON 23RD

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NEWINGTON, CT, Jan 24, 2007 – Circle Friday, February 23, on your calendar. That's when the current 5 WPM Morse code requirement will officially disappear from the Amateur Radio Service Part 97 rules. After midnight on that date, applicants for a General or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio license no longer will have to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. They'll just have to pass the applicable written examination. The [appearance](#) in today's *Federal Register* of the FCC's *Report and Order (R&O)* in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235, starts a 30-day countdown for the new rules to become effective. Deletion of the Morse requirement – still a matter of controversy within the amateur community – is a landmark in Amateur Radio history.

"The overall effect of this action is to further the public interest by encouraging individuals who are interested in communications technology or who are able to contribute to the advancement of the radio art, to become Amateur Radio operators; and eliminating a requirement that is now unnecessary and may discourage Amateur Service licensees from advancing their skills in the communications and technical phases of Amateur Radio," the FCC remarked in the "Morse code" *R&O* that settled the matter, at least from a regulatory standpoint. The League had asked the FCC to retain the 5 WPM for Amateur Extra class applicants, but the Commission held to its decision to eliminate the requirement across the board. The *R&O* appearing in the *Federal Register* constitutes the official version of the new rules.

Until 1991, when a Morse code examination was dropped from the requirements to obtain a Technician ticket, all prospective radio amateurs had to pass a Morse code test. With the change the US will join a growing list of countries that have dropped the need to demonstrate some level of Morse code proficiency to earn access to frequencies below 30 MHz.

The new rules also put all Technician licensees on an equal footing, whether or not they've passed a Morse code examination. Starting at midnight on February 23, Technicians will gain CW privileges on 80, 40, 15 meters and CW, RTTY, data and SSB privileges on 10 meters. When the new rules go into effect Technicians may begin using their new privileges without any further action.

On or after February 23, an applicant holding a valid *Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE)* for Element 3 (General) or Element 4 (Amateur Extra) credit may redeem it for an upgrade at a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) exam session. A CSCE is good for 365 days from the date of issuance, *no exceptions*. For example, a Technician licensee holding a valid CSCE for Element 3 credit would have to apply at a VEC test session and pay the application fee, which most VECs charge, in order to receive an instant upgrade to General.

ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND, cautions that a license upgrade is *not* automatic for those holding valid CSCEs for element credit. "You must apply for the upgrade at a VEC test session, and you may *not* operate as /AG or /AE *until* you have upgraded and have been issued a CSCE marked for upgrade," he stresses. "A valid CSCE for element credit only does not confer any operating privileges." Henderson also advises all radio amateurs to know and fully understand their operating privileges before taking to the airwaves. Some Technician licensees reportedly started showing up on 75 meters December 15 in the mistaken belief that they had gained phone privileges there.

The FCC *R&O* includes an *Order on Reconsideration* in WT Docket 04-140 – the so-called "omnibus" proceeding. It will modify Part 97 in response to ARRL's request to accommodate automatically controlled narrowband digital stations on 80 meters in the wake of other rule changes that became effective last December 15. The Commission designated 3585 to 3600 kHz for such operations, although that segment will remain available for CW, RTTY and data. The ARRL had requested that the upper limit of the CW/RTTY/data subband be set at 3635 kHz so there would be no change in the existing 3620 to 3635 kHz subband.

The ARRL has posted all relevant information on these important Part 97 rule revisions on its "[FCC's Morse Code Report and Order WT Docket 05-235](#)" Web page. [source, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)]

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## MINUTES

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The meeting was held on Wednesday January 10th 2007. It was started by president elect Jeff N8WR at 19:32 EST. All officers were present except the secretary, Willie KC8FNQ.

1. Dan KB6NU gave his presentation on Kits and building them. Where to find kits to buy. Talked about his experiences of building various kits and tools needed.
2. Dan KB6NU announced General Class starting January 17th in Ann Arbor.
3. Technician Class starting January 25th in Warren at Community Center \$25 for book.
4. Jim K8ABZ 1st Vice- He is getting together a history of the club.
5. Lee W8HL Treasurer- Went over the budget numbers for current month.
6. Carl K8BSG 2nd Vice Went over the test session that will occur after FCC rules change for licenses.
7. Announcement of weekly USECA license testing in Mt. Clemens.
8. Sean K8KHZ Swap Chair- Went over the swap current info pertaining to swap.
9. Bill W8BRB OCARPSC Hospital Net - on behalf of Oakland County ARPSC asked for volunteers for the hospital net. All volunteers would need background check in order to join Oakland County ARPSC.
10. Steve N8FH - Rooms for Dayton are almost ready.
11. Announcement of different events such as QRP Club meeting and Ham University on Thurs before Dayton Hamvention.
12. Gary K8IKW PIO-asked for updating e-mail address with him for the newsletter from himself. Send him an e-mail updating information. Do not use ARRL.net email forwarding system.
13. Marsha KA8DMR News Editor- Need articles for the Zero Beat
14. ARRL Drawing- K8BSG
15. Meeting was closed at 2105 EST

Respectfully submitted  
Sean K8KHZ

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## BUSH SAID HELLO

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President George W. Bush has written the ARRL to recognize the just-ended Hello Amateur Radio public relations campaign and to extend "greetings to all those celebrating 100 years of voices over the airwaves." The president said the centennial of Reginald Fessenden's landmark Christmas Eve 1906 voice broadcast "opened the door for technological advances" that improved the lives of people around the world.

"I appreciate all who work in radio, and I am grateful to the Amateur Radio operators who provide emergency communications that help make our country safer and more secure," President Bush wrote. "Your good work strengthens our society and represents the American spirit."

ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, conceived and developed the Hello campaign. He says that while that initiative is formally over, ARRL public information coordinators and officers will take advantage in the new year of the momentum it generated.

"As we begin launching the new Emergency Communications campaign, the friendships and goodwill developed in Hello will aid in future promotions of Amateur Radio," Pitts commented. "For 100 years, radio in its many forms has saved lives and aided in crises. We have a great legacy and a bright future."

The grand finale of the Hello campaign December 29-30 involved special event operations from W1AW (see The ARRL Letter, Vol 26, No 02, Jan 12, 2007), W1F at Brant Rock, Massachusetts (see below), and GB1FVT in Scotland.

The theme of the ARRL's 2007 public relations initiative is "Ham Radio . . . Getting the Message Through for your Family and Community." It will focus on Amateur Radio's capability to provide reliable emergency communication when traditional systems fail or become overloaded.

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## NOT YOUR BLOOD

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We don't need your blood, just your time. Volunteers are needed for the Hospital Net including **St. Johns** on Dequinder, **DMC** at 13 & Stephenson, and **St John Providence** on 9 Mile in Southfield. Contact Bill Bond W8WRB at [w8wrb@wowway.com](mailto:w8wrb@wowway.com).

## ARRL ACCEPTS NERPC REPORT

The ARRL Board of Directors accepted the Report of the National Emergency Response Planning Committee (NERPC) when it met January 19 and 20 in Windsor, Connecticut. Upon dissolving the committee with its thanks, the Board set in motion a process to identify and implement action items in the report as soon as possible. ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, chaired the 13-member NERPC, charged with developing comprehensive recommendations to improve the League's response to regional, national and international disasters. Among other things, panel members evaluated the responses and actions of ARRL and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) during Hurricane Katrina as well as lessons learned.

"If 'lessons learned' are not followed by 'behaviors changed,' then the lessons have not been learned at all," the report concludes. The report describes disaster preparedness as "a moving target, moving faster all the time." No recommendations, plans or systems should be considered "the permanent answers for all circumstances and hazards," the report asserts.

The unprecedented scope of the Katrina response placed ARRL Headquarters into a leadership coordination role through national-level requests for help from served agencies such as the American Red Cross. While the level of expertise in emergency communications and emergency management among US radio amateurs is growing, the report noted, so is the expectation that the ARRL provide first-rate leadership and guidance.

Among the report's wide-ranging recommendations and suggestions:

- enhance ARRL and ARES training in basic message handling.
- develop a continuing education course covering installation, configuration, and use of Winlink 2000 for e-mail.
- formally establish a national ARES volunteer database for use during major disasters and establish training criteria.
- institute a Major Disaster Emergency Coordinator (MDEC) function to coordinate responses to large-scale national or regional disasters or emergencies.
- become better acquainted with the emergency response needs of distant ARRL sections, such as Pacific, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Alaska.
- improve working relationships with national-level served agencies.
- ensure ARRL staff training in the Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) and, as necessary, adapt ARRL's emergency response structure to the Unified Command model.

In addition, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, has appointed an ad hoc committee to study issues relating to background investigations as they apply to ARRL Amateur Radio volunteers and to recommend a background investigation policy.

[Source: ARLB006 email 1/26/07]

## VISIT VOA MUSEUM

The 8th district central bureau is located at the Voice of America Museum in West Chester where it is one of the permanent displays.

It is a work in progress, but if you have a chance to visit the VOA museum, be sure to look for the bureau. We do not encourage "just stopping by to pick up your cards" as there is no one there to release them to you.

The best time to visit would be when the West Chester Amateur Radio Association has their regular meeting, if you want a more detailed bureau visit. This is the link to their website: <http://www.wc8voa.org/>.

## PARTY TIME

It may be dead of winter and wind chill factor of -0 but we can't wait to plan ahead for Summer time. And that means PARTY TIME!! With that we need 2 people to volunteer to chair our 2 summer parties.

- **Field Day** is the weekend of June 23rd-24th
- **Banquet** will be on Wednesday June 13th and takes the place of our regularly scheduled meeting.

Whether you're a one-person show or need some assistance (remember a chairman usually has a committee). Contact Jeff N8WR at [N8WR@arrl.net](mailto:N8WR@arrl.net) or 248-642-3608 and Jeff will make sure you get whatever you need.

**C Q D X . . .****Suggestions for DX Pile-ups . . . by Uncle DX**

1. The DX station operators are in charge of any pile-up.
2. The DX station should make and adhere to their operating rules quietly and respectfully.
3. The DX station should use, when appropriate, call areas and areas of the world for better accuracy, rate and order.
4. The DX station should use split operation and spread stations out, keeping in mind others not in the pile-ups. A must.
5. The DX station should give their call sign at least every 10 minutes and maintain a pattern especially when ending a QSO.
6. The DX station should create a rhythm or timing which maintains a good rate and allows the pile-up to call at the right time.
7. The operators in the pile-up, if not sure of a QSO, should dupe and the DX operator continue not wasting time commenting.
8. The DX station should work those who will create the fastest rate, at least at first, then make an effort to work the weaker stations.
9. No one should lecture on the air.
10. Everyone should always require and give full calls.
11. Know and practice the gray line.
12. Know the equipment being operated such as the split button, audio levels, keying wave form, etc.
13. NEVER be a "KC Cop"....never.
14. Operators giving spots on a DX Cluster should insure their accuracy!
15. Keep away from personal, political, and religious comment any time on the air and/or the DX Cluster. Keep all comments in the true spirit of ham radio whereby ALL ARE EQUAL.
16. Don't rush when giving your call when the DX station is standing by, especially on CW. Time will be lost trying to obtain ALL of the call sign.
17. Don't call the DX station constantly. Get in the rhythm.
18. Let the last station complete his QSO.
19. Use only the power it takes and figure out what that is!
20. Figure out the DX operator's operating practice for greater success.

[source:<http://www.dxpub.com> & <http://www.swodxa.com>]

**A N T A R C T I C A B O U N D**

CasualDX is leading a big 25-day trip to Antarctica, S. Georgia, and the Falklands aboard "National Geographic Endeavour." In Antarctica our call will be with the typical /KC4 or on board as /MM and /C6A. It will take us two days at sea penetrating the "roaring 40s" to get to sheltered waters.

We could be on the air from the Peninsula 14-17 Feb. From then on the following is the best schedule I can come up with.

- 19 Feb. — S. Orkney if weather permits a landing
- 20-21 Feb. at Sea
- 22-25 Feb.— S. Georgia with calls as follows:  
Marc, VP8DJU (K9PET); Jim, VP8DJV (W3ASA); David, VP8DKG (W3SKP); Bill, VP8DKD (W3WKO);
- 26-27 Feb. — at Sea
- 01-02 Mar.— Falklands
- 04 Mar. — we return to Ushuaia.

We'll do the best we can to get on the air often. Remember this is also about photography, seeing the animals and learning about the environment from the scientists and other experts. We hope weather won't distract further from our chances to be available on the air.

Look for us on SSB, CW and PSK. We will make an effort to take advantage of 'grey line' to get to the West coast on 20M. Depending on propagation, we hope to CU even though conditions are against us. Of course, we'll try other frequencies as well.

Mark Weinberg, K9PET

[source: world radio magazine]

**C O N T E S T C O R N E R**

Welcome to Contest Corner. February/March line-up of contests includes:

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|----------------|------------------------------------|
| February 10-11 | CQ RTTY Contest                    |
| February 10-12 | YL-OM Contest (SSB)                |
| February 17-18 | ARRL International DX Contest (CW) |
| February 24-25 | CQ WW 160-meter Contest (SSB)      |
| February 24-25 | NA QSO Party RTTY Contest          |
| March 3-4      | ARRL Inter. DX Contest (SSB)       |
| March 6        | AGCW YL-CW Party                   |

## VANITY ON HOLD

NEWINGTON, CT, Jan 23, 2007 – The hold on processing new Amateur Radio vanity call sign applications continues, and there's been no word from the FCC on when it will end. The Commission halted the processing of new vanity call sign processing while it modifies the software that handles vanity applications. The suspension, which does not affect vanity call sign renewals, resulted from a new Amateur Radio Service rule that went into effect December 15 to discourage the filing of multiple applications by one individual for the same call sign.

"The Commission continues to accept vanity call sign applications," says a brief announcement on the FCC's Universal Licensing System ([ULS](#)) Web page. "However, these applications will not be processed until software changes in accordance with the recent rule making have been fully implemented."

The FCC granted the last Amateur Radio vanity call signs on January 4 for applications received December 15. The current suspension affects new vanity call sign applications submitted on December 18 or later. Once processing of new vanity applications resumes, the FCC says, it will process all applications in the queue in the order in which they were received. Typically, it takes 18 days from the time the FCC receives a vanity application until the call sign is issued – or the application is denied.

The FCC's "omnibus" Report and Order ([R&O](#)) in WT Docket 04-140 stipulates that if the FCC receives more than one application requesting a vanity call sign from a single applicant on the same receipt day, it will process only the first application entered into the ULS. The FCC will dismiss any subsequent vanity call sign applications from the same applicant on the same receipt date. The FCC put new vanity call sign processing on hold after an applicant unwittingly submitted 30 applications for the same call sign three days after the new rule became effective.

The current vanity call sign fee, payable for new applications as well as renewals, is \$20.80 for the 10-year license term. [source: [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)]

### Contest University

May 17, 2007, 8:30am to 5:30pm  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dayton, Ohio.

Activities to include Any and All aspects of contesting!  
<http://www.contestuniversity.com/>

## ARRL CHANGES

### HQ ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

Well-known and accomplished DXer Dave Patton, NN1N is the new head of what is tentatively being called the Programs & Services Department. This puts Dave squarely in charge of the DXCC, Contests and Awards Programs as well as continuing his old job as head of F&ES. I'll talk more about this and its ramifications for beefing up our Em Comm services in my next newsletter. Until then, let me say that Dave is a frequent DXpeditioner, has 348 confirmed countries, has 2475 Qs in the Challenge listing with 340. Dave has also been instrumental in developing LoTW. Dave is a fine, dedicated gentleman, a fact I believe all who need to interface with him will appreciate.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ASSIGNMENTS

At the January ARRL Board of Directors meeting, Great Lakes Division Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA was named to chair the ARRL Historical Committee and I was named to the membership Program & Services Committee. The ad hoc Legislative Action Committee I had chaired was discharged after it had completed its assigned task.

As some of you may know, Gary is President of the Behringer-Crawford Museum in Covington, Kentucky. The ARRL Historical Committee is charged with reviewing items of historic interest held at ARRL HQ and maintaining an accurate, historic record of ARRL and Amateur Radio.

The Programs & Services Committee is responsible for reviewing programs and services offered to members by ARRL, for developing modifications to these programs and services as this is appropriate and for developing and recommending new programs and services to the Board of Directors. The Em Comm operations of ARRL are included in the activities of this Committee.

Gary has previously served as liaison from the Board to the Public Relations Committee. I've previously served on the P&S (and Membership & Services Committee as it was titled previously), the P&S and the Administration & Finance Committee that oversees administration of the League and its financial health.

Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director  
ARRL Great Lakes Division

**AROUND TOWN . . .****17 Mar 2007 Michigan Crossroads Hamfest**

Southern Michigan ARS & Marshall High School Industrial Arts Club <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**

<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

<http://www.contestuniversity.com/>

**18-20 May 2007 Dayton Hamvention**

Dayton ARA

<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
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# HPARC 2007 DAYTON HAMVENTION RESERVATIONS

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**Mark  
your  
calendar**

**DATES**

- March 14, 2007
- 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



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



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



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# SKYWARN

## 2007 CLASS SCHEDULE



Skywarn is an effort to save lives during severe weather emergencies by expanding networks of spotters and by encouraging the widest possible participation in tornado warning programs. There is no way to stop tornadoes, and not all tornadoes show up on radar, but they can be seen. Lives can be saved. Only one instrument can detect a tornado or funnel with complete certainty, the human eye.

# SKYWARN

We will offer **ONE** class, with **BOTH Basic and Advanced** with updated material. The class will last approximately 2 hours plus some time for questions and answers. While new technological and scientific tools have advanced our capability to predict severe weather, the trained spotter remains essential to our warning process. It goes without saying that the more trained "eyes" we have in the field during a severe weather event, the better our service to you and the public will be. More concern, more spotters, more eyes are needed. Lend us yours - learn **SKYWARN!**

### SPOTTER TRAINING CLASSES

Wednesday	March 7th	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Oakland County Emergency Response & Preparedness
Tuesday	March 13th	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Oak Valley Middle School, Commerce Twp.
Tuesday	March 20th	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Southfield Civic Center Library
Thursday	March 22nd	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Groveland Township Fire Department, Station #1
Tuesday	April 3rd	7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Covert Center, Waterford
Saturday	April 14th	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Oakland County Emergency Response & Preparedness
Saturday	April 14th	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Oakland County Emergency Response & Preparedness
Monday	April 16th	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Oakland Twp Fire Station #2

All interested parties (i.e. fire, police, EMS, security, volunteers, and citizens) are encouraged to attend.

The **Oakland County Office of Emergency Response & Preparedness** coordinates this program. Limited space is available, so make your reservations now!

**Please call (248) 858-5300 to register**  
**or**  
**Send an email to: [ocem@oakgov.com](mailto:ocem@oakgov.com)**

Please include your name, address and phone number.