

The Zero Beat

THIS MEETING

September 10, 2008
7:30 P.M.
 (socializing begins at 7)
 Hoover Elementary
 23720 Hoover Ave.
 Hazel Park 48030

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back. Hope you enjoyed summer and the warm weather. Have you been enjoying Michigan's favorite season—Construction? Guess what! There's more of it coming. And then there's winter. The only good thing about winter is Contesting and HPARC meetings.

This month we welcome everyone back with a presentation by our friend Steve, N8FH on "Getting started using PIC Microcontrollers." The presentation covers more than just programming.

Of course, there is the usual business meeting, donuts and pop and finding out what everybody has been doing all summer. So come on over to the meeting and bring a friend or two. We still have the door prizes, radio drawing and 50/50. Hope to see you on Wednesday September 10.

PRESIDENT'S QRM

Hello and welcome back to another year! We are off to another great season. This is my first QRM and I am honored to be your new president.

I hope you all had a good ham radio summer. The club had its annual field day and club picnic this summer. We had a good turn out at the picnic with lots of food and friends. What could be better? Some of us volunteered at the Oak Apple run, which the club does every year. Some of us also worked at the Woodward Dream Cruise.

The board has had two meetings this summer, which is unusual, taking care of unfinished club business. We will have the budget ready for membership approval at the September meeting. Our fiscal year starts September 1st. Mike, WD8S has been working on updating the membership manual. Dave, K8TRF has

been working hard lining up programs for the coming year. If you know of any possible programs let Dave know. Dee, N8UZE and her helpers were also busy giving VE exams this summer. Marsha, N8FE did a great job on the June banquet.

Speaking of Dave he obtained a tubular tower from the old QTH of Andy, KC8DDL and several of us helped him move it after Saturday morning breakfast. Mike, N8FI helped Don, W8PDI complete his tower. Carl, N8AE did the tower climb at our east site repeater receiver location with the ground crew of Jim, K8ABZ, John, AA8UU and I. We now have new coax donated by Mike, N8FI and our antenna on the tower. This is what a club is all about, members helping each other.

I got with Jim and we did a count of the license class's in the club:

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- **Field Day :**
- **Banquet:**

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

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 or Ed, W8EDE 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 . . .

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Technician: 23
General: 36
Advanced: 7
Extra: 67

Wow! I was surprised at the number of extra class. Let's keep up the good work. I would love everyone to be able to enjoy all that Amateur Radio has to offer. Everyone will find his or her own niche. You need to try it all before you find that niche and it will change over the years. I asked Jim to put the count on the bottom of the membership roster so we can all see the numbers grow. You have to hand it to the members that have been teaching classes.

We have over 130 members in the club and only 27 showed up (signed in) at field day. How many show up at the meetings? (We know as Jim K8ABZ is keeping a spreadsheet on who signed in). We will be including a questionnaire with this newsletter. Please fill it out and give it to a board member or mail it to our post office box. We would like your input. We want to make this the best radio club in Michigan. With the members (YOUR) input we will know which way to guide the club. If you need more room add a page or write on the back. We do not need your name, so you can call me names if you wish and I won't know who did it. Your suggestions are always welcome and needed. Use those Radios

73, Murray, KE8UM

CONGRATULATIONS

**K8MAR turns 50**

One August day 50 years ago young Terrill Youngman got his novice license KN8MAR and the rest is history. And to think they said Ham Radio would never last. Way to go OM!

DXCC RULE CHANGE

From the July 2008 ARRL Board of Directors Meeting:

"The Board also acted on the Programs and Services Committee report, voting to eliminate Rule 5 from Section III of the DXCC Rules. The Committee realized that while publishing log data can have a detrimental effect on operating awards, it was not possible to control such actions and the rule cannot be enforced. As part of an effort to maintain the integrity of operating awards programs, the Board called on staff to create resources and guidelines for QSLing and for QSL managers. These guidelines will help people who QSL to understand the "best practices" and help to support the work of the QSL manager so that access to log data won't degrade Amateur Radio's long tradition of the "honor system."

The rule reads:

5. The presentation in any public forum of logs or other representations of station operation showing details of station activity or other information from which all essential QSO elements (time, date, band, mode and callsign) for individual contacts can be derived creates a question as to the integrity of the claimed QSOs with that station during the period encompassed by the log. Presentation of such information in any public forum by the station operator, operators or associated parties is not allowed and may be considered sufficient reason to deny ARRL award credit for contacts with any station for which such presentations have been made. Persistent violation of this provision may result in disqualification from the DXCC program.

"This rule cannot be enforced. In its place staff will create resources and guidelines for QSLing and for QSL managers in order to maintain the integrity of operating awards programs." [Bill Moore, NC1L](#) [source ARRL website]

SIREN SCHEDULE

Siren tests are The **first Saturday of each** month at 1:00 PM starting in March continuing through November.

The HPARC subnet covers sirens located between 8 Mile to South Blvd and Dequindre to Inkster to the west.

We use the DART repeater on 146.640 [100 Hz PL]. To volunteer call John K8UP 248-542-9573 or email him at john@fleming-photo.com

OHIO PARKS

Did you miss out on the Ohio QSO Party? Here's another chance at getting Ohio in your log book.

The Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) has organized the Ohio State Parks on the Air (POTA) contest on September 6. Its primary goals are to have hams operate individually or as club stations from as many of Ohio's 73 state parks as possible and to highlight the beauty and diversity of each of the parks that are spread throughout the state.

The format is straightforward: individuals and clubs operate low or high power portable stations at state parks and attempt to make as many contacts as possible in an 8 hour time frame. They can contact any station anywhere. Other Ohio hams and non-Ohio hams can only contact park stations. All modes on all bands are available and the scoring is the same for each contact no matter the mode or band.

Want to Join In?

More information about the Ohio State POTA can be found at the [PCARS Web site](#), including contest rules, FAQ's, log sheets and entry submission forms. Awards will be given to the top five entries for individual and club stations operating from the parks in both the high and low power categories, and for the top five individual Ohio and non-Ohio stations.

For more information about [Ohio's state parks](#) check out their Web site. Here's hoping that we catch you on the air on Saturday, September 6!

DREAM CRUISE

The 2008 Woodward Dream Cruise and Berkley Parade of Cars is now history. As it has done for the last several years, the Oakland County ARPSC provided communications support at the request of the Royal Oak and Berkley Police Departments. In total, 31 volunteers provided nearly 300 hours of public service. HPARC members lending their assistance included: AB8ZE, K8ABZ, KA8PEH, KD8ATK, KD8DLV, KD8GYY, KD8HXJ, KE8UM, KJ80, N8LBS, W8BHF, W8HIU, and W8HL. My sincerest gratitude goes out to everyone whose hard work made this event a success.

73 de Joe, KJ80

C Q D X . . .**RSGB QSL Bureau**

New contact details for the RSGB QSL Bureau:

RSGB QSL Bureau

P.O. Box 5

Halifax HX1 9JR

England

E-mail: QSL@rsgb.org.uk

Canadian Band Plan

If you are planning a trip to Canada you might be interested to get the information about The Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) adoption of a new band plan for Canada. The new plan and rationale for adopting its provisions are at http://www.rac.ca/service/bandplans/hfband_e.php

Split Operations

75/80m split or no split I was operating as CT9L for the CQ WPX SSB. I noticed that there was a little bit of misunderstanding on 75/80m I guess. I was listening on my TX frequency but also asked stateside to call me split up at 3.827. I got a lot of callers from the US that tried to work me on my TX frequency. The problem was that with the EU QRM 20 over S9 it was hard to copy any DX, where I had a good copy on weak signals S2-3 on the split frequency. My point is, even if your license permits operating below 3.8. If the DX is asking for split it is a big benefit for you trying the split frequency unless you are able to pounce a 9+30 Signal into Europe. Looking forward to work you again in CQWW SSB from CT9L 73sss

Helmut www.df7zs.de [from EHAM.net]

DX Magazine Survey

The DX Magazine 2008 Most Wanted Survey is now on the web site www.dxpub.com/dx_survey2008.html. I would like to stress the need for everyone to submit your needed countries lists to N4AA, Carl, at The DX Magazine, because this is what DXpeditioners use to decide where to go.

Check each block as necessary to indicate your needs on the various modes and click SUBMIT at the bottom. There is also a box at the bottom for comments. Results will be published in the January/February issue of The DX Magazine. Oh and please pass this email to your DX club and DX friends. Thank you, Bernie, W3UR

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

Welcome to Contest Corner. If you can't find a contest in September, then you aren't looking. Many days have more than one contest. In that case, just call: CQ TEST and see who all answers. Make sure you check the websites for all of the contests so no matter who answers, you can give them whatever exchange they need.

For a complete list and links to the rules go to <http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/>.

September 2008

- 6- 7 [All Asian DX Contest - SSB](#)
- 6 AGCW Straight Key Party - CW
- 6- 7 [IARU Region 1 Field day - SSB](#)
- 6- 7 [RSGB SSB Field Day - SSB](#)
- 7-13 [FISTS Straight Key Week - CW **](#)
- 7- 8 [Tennessee QSO Party - All](#)
- 13-14 [Worked All Europe DX-Contest - SSB](#)
- 13-14 [South Carolina QSO Party - All](#)
- 13-14 [Arkansas QSO Party - CW/PSK/SSB](#)
- 13-15 [ARRL September VHF QSO Party - All](#)
- 15 Run For The Bacon QRP Contest - CW
- 17 MOON Contest - CW/Digi/SSB
- 18-20 YLRL Howdy Days - All
- 20-21 [Colorado QSO Party - All](#)
- 20-21 CIS DX Contest - CW/RTTY
- 20-21 The 50th Scandinavian Activity Contest - CW
- 20-21 Washington Salmon Run - CW/SSB/Digi
- 20-21 [QCWA QSO Party - All](#)
- 25 BCC QSO Party - CW/SSB
- 27-28 [CQ WW RTTY DX Contest - RTTY](#)
- 20-21 JLRS Party Contest - CW
- 27-28 The 50th Scandinavian Activity Contest - SSB
- 27-28 [Texas QSO Party \(1\) - All](#)
- 27-28 Coast to coast FISTS Clubs QSO Party - CW
- 28 ON Contest 80 m - CW
- 28-29 Classic Exchange (CX) - Phone
- 28 CAV Contest - CW

****STRAIGHT KEY WEEK**

Ragchew style contacts are encouraged. Work stations once per day/band. Call CQ FISTS on **HF Novice and General CW sub bands**. Nominate most interesting QSO and best straight key fist heard/worked. www.fists.org

OPERATING TIP

In a hot-and-heavy CW contest, the temptation can be strong to use [cut numbers](#), reducing transmit time. The most common cut numbers (N for 9, A for 1, and O for zero) actually do work pretty well. After all '5NN' is pretty much universal. The trouble begins when the less common examples, such as U for 2, are employed. These often take the receiving operator by surprise, leading to a request for repeats and erasing the miniscule time gained by eliminating a few dashes here and there. For optimum efficiency on both ends, give the receiving operator what he or she expects.) [ARRL Contest Update 8/20/08]

CW TRAINER

Not being at the same computer all the time is no longer a reason not to use a CW training program. Point the up-and-coming CW operators at Fabian DJ1YFK's new [online CW trainer](#) Web page. From the site, "You don't need to install a program on your computer, and you always have your personal settings available, from any computer on the globe with an internet connection. You can also easily track your progress by means of different statistical functions." (Thanks, Chris KL9A) [ARRL Contest Update 8/20/08]

GREAT LAKES WEB

The GLD web site is totally revised and updated! You are invited to go to <http://www.greatlakes.arrl.org> to get a look at what webmeister Gary Osborne, W8XS has done.

The web site and how we plan to use it will continue to evolve. If you have suggestions of features you would like to see on the site, please let me know. Keep in mind that this is a Division site. The three Section web sites will continue to provide most of the coverage of Section information.

Thanks to W8XS for the fine work; work he has only just begun.

73,
Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
ARRL Great Lakes Division

HAMINFOBAR UPDATE

It's great to see HamInfoBar mentioned in your 'Zero Beat' Newsletter however may I point out that HamInfoBar IS compatible for MAC (and Linux). . . also thank your readers for downloading the toolbar.

Thank you, Regards, John - GODPC

<http://www.haminfobar.co.uk>

T-SHIRTS / JACKETS

After many years Phil has decided to hang up the shirts—literally. Thank you Phil for your many years of hard work and time helping us look good.

He found someone who will work hard to take his place. Terrill K8MAR has been doing this job for another organization for some time now and knows the shop very well. So he is ready to take your orders.

The procedure has changed. Terrill will take your order and your money and then place the order. New members still get \$10 off their first jacket. T-shirts are still \$7.

Terrill does not have email so please catch him at meetings or by phone at 248 528-3624 to place your order.

FOR SALE

Heathkit SB220 Amplifier: Excellent physical and electrical condition/Non-smoking environment. This amplifier has full output on 80-10m/new tubes. All of the following Harbach mods were installed by an ex-Collin's Engineer friend of mine: SK-220 Soft Key mod, Soft Start Module, Rectifier-Metering Board, Parasitic Suppressor kit, Filter Capacitor Block Replacement and a new fan/ motor replacement. Original manual + all mod instructions included.

\$825 + shipping (from Michigan). I can also deliver in the SE Michigan area/Ann Arbor - Detroit. An SB-220 in this condition is hard to find! I am selling it because I purchased an AL-82 at Dayton. I accept Cash, PayPal=add 3%, Bank Check, Postal Money Order or Personal Checks (shipped when Personal Check clears at bank).

73, Rick NE8Z (in Hamburg, MI near Ann Arbor)
(810) 923-0647

FCC RAISING VANITY FEES

On August 11, the Federal Communications Commission announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 60 cents, from \$11.70 to \$12.30. Now that notice of the increase has been published in the Federal Register, the increase will take effect in 30 days, September 25, 2008.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

The notice in the August 26, 2008 Federal Register, entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2008," includes regulatory fees expected to recover a total of \$312,000,000 during FY2008, encompassing all the services the FCC regulates.

Original ARRL message:

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http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-08-182A1.pdf.

The fee will increase 30 days after notice of the increase is published in the Federal Register <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>; no date has yet been set for publication. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 12 years of the current program – from a low of \$11.70 to a high of \$50. The FCC said it anticipates some 15,000 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" – or applications – during Fiscal Year 2009, collecting \$184,734 in fees from the program.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call

sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal two years ago.

Those holding "personalized" call signs issued prior to 1996 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, as Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1993. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS and clicking on the "New Users Register" link <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

The ARRL VEC will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals continue to be free for ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC.

League members should visit the "ARRL Member Instructions for License Renewals or Changes" page <http://www.arrl.org/fcc/memberlicenseinstructions.html>, while the "Instructions for License Renewals or Changes" page covers general renewal procedures for nonmembers <http://www.arrl.org/fcc/licenseinstructions.html>. There is additional information on the "ARRL VEC's FCC License Renewals and ARRL License Expiration Notices" page <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/renewals.html>.

License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the "ARRL Amateur Application Filing FAQ" Web page. The FCC's forms page also offers the required forms <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/application-filing-faq.html>.



What time is it? find out at WWV.

<http://tf.nist.gov/timefreq/stations/www.html>

NEW OOC IN MI

Effective August 11, the Michigan Section of the ARRL will welcome to its ranks, Ken Coughlin N8KC as our new Official Observer Coordinator (OOC). Ken will be replacing Don Sefcik N8NJE who recently announced his retirement after 10 years serving as the Michigan OOC.

Ken brings a five year history as an Official Observer to the job. Since the inception of the Amateur Auxiliary to the FCC, the role of the OOC is greater today than ever before. A key liaison in the Auxiliary, the OOC assists OOs in evidence gathering and conveys evidentiary materials to Headquarters for handling with the FCC.

Ken will also be receiving all OO monthly reports and will be the initial contact for individuals who may wish to serve as OOs. Ken's contact information is: n8kc@arri.net. The predominance of notices sent by OOs continues to be "Good Guy Reports", commending amateurs for their good operating practices. And we all thank these unsung heroes for keeping our bands in such good shape.



Congratulations
Willie Neal KC8FNQ
Upgraded to General

SUNDAY NET

HPARC Sunday night net is held every Sunday at 9:00 PM local time. This is where we get together on a weekly basis to chat on the radio and catch up on club news and see how we all are doing.

The net is run as a directed net as a way to train people to be a net control operator and net participant. However, it is no way a formal net.

All members are encouraged to set the DVR to record your favorite 9 PM program and check into the net.

Bill N8QVS is always looking for more control operators, if you want to do that, let him know. You can do it as often or as few times as your schedule will allow. You can contact Bill at wkete12@wowway.com or call him on 2485442452.

CoCoRaHS

On July 1st 2008, Michigan became the 34th state to participate in a national Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network, or CoCoRaHS. CoCoRaHS is a dense network of volunteers who measure and report precipitation. The network is made up of weather enthusiasts of all ages and backgrounds who send in daily observations from their homes, schools, and businesses. CoCoRaHS is a separate program from the National Weather Service Spotter program, but you are all welcome and encouraged to participate.

We need volunteers! The Michigan State Climate Office at Michigan State University and the National Weather Service are looking for observers to join the Michigan CoCoRaHS Network. Ideally, we would like to have one observer per square mile in urban areas and one observer every 36 square miles in rural areas. Who can join? Anyone with an interest in learning more about the weather! It's fun, requires minimal training, and takes about 5 minutes or less each day! CoCoRaHS observations can be taken from your home, school, or office.

To be part of the CoCoRaHS network, you will need:

- 1) an official 4" diameter rain gauge (see website listed below)

- 2) take the online training course at www.cocorahs.org/Content.aspx?page=Help or attend a live training session (First training session scheduled for August 26th at the NWS in White Lake, please visit the NWS Detroit/Pontiac web page for registration details.)

- 3) an internet or phone connection

- 4) an interest in the weather!

Information on the program, or to join:

www.crh.noaa.gov/dtx/?n=coco

Michigan CoCoRaHS Page:

www.cocorahs.org/state.aspx?state=mi

To order an official 4" diameter rain gauge:

www.weatheryourway.com/cocorahs/index.html



Watch a short video
on the use of
Morse code in England at
[BBC NEWS](http://BBCNEWS)

AROUND TOWN . . .

6 Sep 2008 **GRAHamfest 2008**

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

<http://www.grahamfest.org>

Talk-In: 147.26+ (PL 94.8)

Contact: Jack Amelar, NY8D

Phone: 616-897-6885

Email: grahamfest08@w8dc.org

Kent County Fairgrounds

225 South Hudson Street, Lowell, MI

14 Sep 2008 **Adrian Amateur Radio Club**<http://www.W8TQE.com>

Talk-In: 145.37 (PL 85.4)

Contact: Marjie Willey, KB8TMM

Phone: 517-467-6303

Fax: 517-467-6303

Email: maggie214@frontiernet.net

Lenawee County Fairgrounds

602 North Dean, Adrian, MI

12 Oct 2008 **Michigan State Convention**

Kalamazoo ARC & Southwest Michigan AR Team

<http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com>

Talk-In: 147.640/147.040 (PL 94.8)

Contact: Ruth Bates-Hill, WB8VEV

Phone: 269-665-7419 (H); 269-207-9955 (C)

Email: ruthbateshill@hotmail.com

Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds

2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI

26 Oct 2008 **USECA Hamfest**

Utica Shelby Emergency Communications Association

<http://www.usecaarc.com>

Talk-In: 147.180 PL 100)

Contact: Larry Logarta, W8NIC

PO Box 46331

Mt. Clemens, MI 48046

Phone: 586-864-4563

Email: w8nic@yahoo.com

American Polish Century Club

33204 Maple Lane Drive

Sterling Heights, M

GL ELECTIONS

The ARRL Elections & Ethics Committee has reviewed and certified nomination applications for four candidates. I was certified to run for Director. With no opposition, the Committee declared me elected per ARRL rules. I look forward to serving the members of this Division for another three years.

Three candidates have been certified for the Vice Director position. In call sign order, these are:

- John Meyers, NB4K, of Butler, KY; —former Kentucky Section Manager and the current Division Legislative Action Chairman.
- Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, of Ann Arbor, MI — the current Michigan Affiliated Club Coordinator and a member of the Board of Directors of the ARROW Communications Association of Ann Arbor.
- Gary Johnston, KI4LA, of Edgewood, KY.— the current Vice Director.

Ballots will be mailed about the end of September.



They look like they're having fun enjoying a good time at our Saturday morning Breakfast group. Come join us and see for yourself.

26th Annual
**KALAMAZOO HAMFEST and
Michigan ARRL State Convention**

Sunday, October 12, 2008

Kalamazoo County Expo Center & Fairgrounds

2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo MI

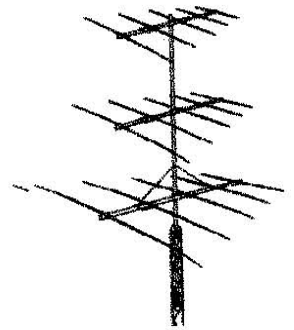
Sellers set-up: 6 AM ~ Hamfest 8 AM to Noon

Banquet Social Hour Noon to 1 PM

ARRL State Convention Banquet 1 PM

Sponsored by:

Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club and SW Michigan Amateur Radio Team



- TALK-IN 147.040 (PL 94.8) K8KZO REPEATER
- Over 8,000 square feet of selling area
- Door prizes
- Breakfast by Allegan Amateur Radio Club
- Admission tickets \$5 each
- Campsites available w/ elec & water - for reservations
see <http://kalcounty.com/parks/fairground/index.htm>
- Forums all morning: ARRL; ARES/RACES; QMN/MITN;
Jnos Packet; Introduction to Contesting and the
Michigan QSO party
- VE Testing - 10:00 AM
- DXCC QSL Field Checking
- Dave Ingram K4TWJ world Touring telegraphic display
- Royal Order of the Wouff Hong ceremony to follow banquet



For more information see our web-site at: www.KalamazooHamFest.com OR
email us at: Info@KalamazooHamFest.com OR
call us at (269) 388-4865 (voicemail).

Name/Company _____

Call Sign _____ Email Address _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

_____ Banquet Tickets @ \$26.00 ea.
(must be purchased by October 1) _____
_____ Hamfest tickets @\$5 ea. _____
_____ Tables (8 ft.) @ \$12 ea. _____
_____ Tables (8 ft.) with Electric @ \$22 ea. _____
_____ Trunk sale spaces @\$5 ea. _____
Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

To order send check with this order form
and SASE to:

Kalamazoo Hamfest
PO Box 33
Richland, MI 49083-0033

Orders received after October 1, 2008 will be
held for pickup at the door.

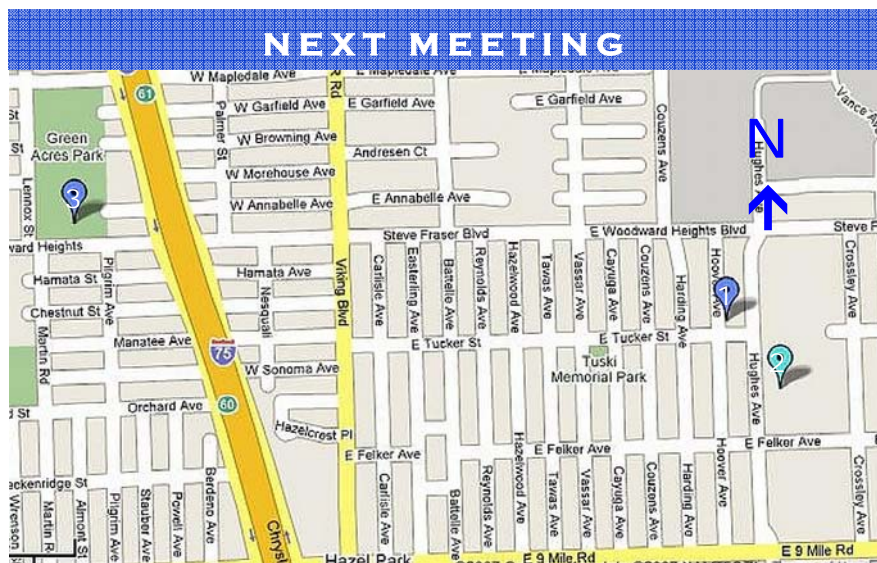
**** An ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest and Convention ****

Mark Your Calendar

October 8
November 12
December 10

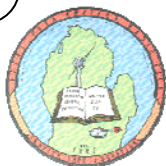
Socializing @7:00 P.M.
Meeting @7:30 P.M.

Hoover Elementary
23720 Hoover Ave.
Hazel Park 48030



Locations: 1– Meeting 2– Swap 3– Picnic

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



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HAZEL PARK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE

September 2008

Please complete and return to a board member or mail to P.O. Box 368, Hazel Park, MI 48030
Your name is not necessary. Help us make a better club.

Sweepstakes:

Did you participate in the November sweepstakes?

Why or why not?

Christmas Party:

Any comments or suggestions?

Banquet:

Did you go?

Why or why not?

Any comments, changes or suggestions?

Field Day:

Did you go?

Why or why not?

Any comments, improvements, changes or suggestions?

Picnic:

Did you go?

Why or why not?

Any comments, changes or suggestions?

Any other comments or suggestions?