



The Zero Beat

THIS MEETING

Dec. 17, 2008
7:30 P.M.
 (socializing begins at 7)
 Hoover Elementary
 23720 Hoover Ave.
 Hazel Park 48030

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The school changed the date and **our Holiday Party is now on December 17** – a pizza party with a Rig Night. So please bring your equipment to share with everyone. As is our custom admission to the meeting will be donation to the annual Charity. This year the charity is [Denby Center](#) run by the Salvation Army in Detroit. Please bring Unwrapped gifts for girls valuing between \$15-\$20 or if you prefer cash/check donations will be accepted. There are 10 infant/toddlers and 33 female teenagers between 11-18. All members and their families are invited. Any questions contact John K8UP at 248-542-9573.

PRESIDENT'S QRM

December already! The sweepstakes contest is behind us and I have mailed out my QSL cards for the contacts I needed. I sent a summary copy of my log, having made at least 100 contacts, to Dave K8TRF for a sweepstakes pin at our annual banquet in May; I hope you do the same. Did anyone get a clean sweep on SSB or CW?

The December meeting is our holiday party and the club will provide pizza at the meeting. If someone wants to bring something that would be fine as long as there is enough for everyone. Don't forget everyone is encouraged to bring something to show and tell; examples could be a radio or anything that might be of interest to the hobby, the season or just general interest. Surprise us!

The board voted to suspend the monthly meeting radio drawings for now. It seems not enough red tickets have been sold and too many radios have been won. We may have to switch to something like not having the drawing until enough

tickets are sold to cover the cost of the radio. Stay tuned. The blue ticket drawing will continue.

Our annual Swap is January 18th. We will have flyers at the meeting. It is very important that every member post and/or pass out flyers to locations that will get people and vendors into our swap. We need to work extra hard this year. Mike WD8S is the swap chairman. Marsha N8FE is going to schedule ticket takers for the doors, so sign up with her. We will need people for setup Saturday and teardown Sunday, so please sign up. I don't think congress will give us a loan and I don't have a jet. My salary is already zip. This is our only real fundraiser so we need to make it a great success.

The membership manual has been updated and approved. When they are printed every member will receive one.

I hope you enjoy the club and are having a good time. Like everything else the more you put into something the more you receive back. We came in 28th in our 3A field day

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- **Banquet:**
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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) 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. AI, 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.

AI calls CQHP at 8 PM sharp!

SWAP

You guys are the best. I put out an email asking for volunteers to man the ticket tables and doors and got a good first response. We already have quite a few people who said they would come for set up and tear down. That's great and even if you did not commit, you are welcome to volunteer at the last minute.

Set up this year will be Saturday starting around 11 AM. Many members will be meeting at 9 am at Jimmy's on Washington St. in Royal Oak.

Many also emailed with their choice for ticket/door posts. We still have time slots available. Here is a list of the times we still need:

4-6 to 8 (need to be there about 5:30)

4-8 to 10

1-10 to 1130

Please email me at n8fe@arrl.net or call 248-9573 and tell me your preferred time and door. I will do my best to accommodate you.

I also have flyers if you need any to pass out to businesses.

Q R M C O N T .

category out of 338 entries in 3A. See page 74 in the December QST.

See you at the holiday party, Saturday morning breakfast and on the Sunday net. Use those radios and try to learn something new. Linda and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, Best Wishes and a Happy New Year.

Murray, KE8UM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Nomination Committee Chair
Banquet Chairman
Field Day Chairman

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2008 MEETING

Meeting Called to order at 7:31 PM by KE8UM. Present were all officers and 34 members.

Speaker

Stan, AC8W, and Hank, K8DD, gave their fascinating presentation of a DXpedition to the Republic of Suriname (formerly Dutch Guinea). Their group of four hams worked up to Second the 2008 ARRL CW DX Contest as PZ5WW from a "tourist" ham shack rented to them by PZ5RA. By the end of the program, most of us were eager to visit and taste Suriname's PARBO beer!

A coffee & donuts break followed.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 8:49 PM

Speaker System

KE8UM introduced a wireless microphone/speaker system made from components owned by the Club.

Minutes

Motion to Approve October, 2008 minutes: N8FE. Second: N8UZE; Passed Unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer K8UP presented his Report (attached). Moved to Approve Treasurer's Report: N8AE. Second: W8PDI; Passed Unanimously

Old Business

KE8UM mentioned that we still needed Net Control Operators for the HPARC Sunday Net, and a sign-up sheet was on the front table.

N8FE asked for an experienced Webmaster to take charge of the HPARC Website. Eric Edwards, KD8HXJ, volunteered for the post.

Reports**Membership**

K8ABZ reported that the On-Line Application system for renewals was working well. He and KE8UM assured the membership that dues would be waived in the case of financial hardship, as evidenced in the recent economical and job turndown.

Licensing Classes

K8UP is now running one Extra Class, which should end in December. He will be running a Technician Classes for

CERTS Volunteers in Farmington Hills, from January to March 2009. Afterwards, about April, he will plan for a General Class, using a new ARRL manual. KC8WPW and NE8WR will be running a Technician Class in January 2009 at the Southfield Township Offices.

Club Jackets

KE8UM announced that Terrill, K8MAR, was taking orders for HPARC monogrammed jackets. Contact him (248 528-3624)

December Meeting

KE8UM advised that the Club will supply Pizza and Salad for the Holiday Party. There will be a "Show and Tell" session, where members are encouraged to bring and demonstrate their favorite gear.

"Admission" to the Meeting will be a toy or gift for youthful residents of the Salvation Army's Denby Center for Children and Family Services, located in Detroit. W9NPI explained the need and some of the gift parameters. Members will be emailed with particulars before the meeting.

Swap

WD8S advised that N8FE will be setting up a help schedule for members who wish to work the doors, etc. at the swap. Volunteers will meet at Jimi's Restaurant on the Saturday before the swap to set up the tables.

Donut Funding

KD8FVN reminded that there is a donation jar for refreshments, and participation is appreciated.

Golden Corral

Mike (missed his call sign) advised that the Golden Corral Restaurants were donating a free meal to any current or former US Serviceman showing ID on Monday, November 17. He was planning to organize a "convoy" on that day.

New Member

AA8OZ introduced a new guest, John Gononian, KD8JNG, who was recently licensed. John's father was licensed, and would appreciate help in getting more information about him.

Board Meetings

WD8S commented that the Board welcomes members to

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attend its meetings, here at the school, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Upcoming Events

L'anse Creuse Swap, December 7, 2008

HPARC Swap, January 18, 2009

ARRL Phone Sweepstakes this weekend. KE8UM urged members to participate in the contest on behalf of the club. K8ABZ reiterated the need for people to volunteer to work the doors at our swap.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn: N8FE, second: K8MAR. Passed Unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Begel, W9NPI
Secretary, HPARC

**HOLIDAY PARTY
RESCHEDULED
TO DECEMBER 17, 2008**

ARRL ELECTIONS

KI4LA is re-elected Vice Director

To ensure as many members as possible have heard the news, incumbent Vice Director, Gary Johnston, KI4LA of Edgewood, KY has been reelected to his post for another three years in a very close, 3-candidate race.

In addition to Gary, the candidates were former Kentucky Section Manager and current Division Legislative Action Chairman John D. Meyers, NB4K of Butler, KY and current Michigan Affiliated Club Coordinator Dan Romanchik, KB6NU of Ann Arbor, MI. Voting in this election ended at noon, November 21. The results of the vote count as reported on the ARRL web site were:

Gary Johnston, KI4LA = 1218

Dan Romanchik = 1205

John Meyers = 1155

TALK TO THE WORLD
via our IRLP node
Instructions at www.hparc.org
On the DART tab

WORLD RADIO E-ZINE**CQ COMMUNICATIONS ACQUIRES WORLDRADIO MAGAZINE**

CQ Communications, Inc. has acquired World Radio magazine, CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA and World Radio Publisher Armond Noble, N6WR, announced jointly on November 12. CQ, based in Hicksville, New York, currently publishes CQ Amateur Radio, CQ VHF and Popular Communications magazines.

World Radio, based in Sacramento, California, has been published monthly since July, 1971, with a primary focus on the human side of ham radio. CQ, a general-interest ham radio magazine best known for its support of DXing and contesting, has been in print since January, 1945.

Armond Noble, N6WR, Publisher of World Radio, said that at the age of 74 the time had come for him to retire. "I wanted to be sure that World Radio found a good home, and that our readers would continue to be served by an independent voice in amateur radio," Noble said.

CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, said, "World Radio has filled an important niche in our hobby for nearly four decades. We welcome World Radio's readers to the CQ family, and we look forward to meeting their needs for many years to come."

Current plans call for World Radio to continue to be published online as part of the CQ family of magazines, with Editor Nancy Kott, WZ8C, continuing in that position. World Radio subscribers will also have their subscriptions transferred to CQ magazine. Readers will be notified of details as plans are finalized.

Current subscriber information available on the CQ site:

LOTW GUIDE

If you'd like some help getting your logs uploaded into the ARRL's Logbook of the World, take a look at W3IZ's "Getting Started" instructions available on the LoTW web site. <http://www.arrl.org/lotw/getStartedGuide.pdf>

This guide includes screenshots for step-by-step instructions from getting a certificate to uploading your first logs. It's very well written and user friendly.

Marsha N8FE

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CONTEST CORNER

Operations approved for DXCC credit:

A52AM – Bhutan Operation from March 20 through September 26, 2007. If you had a QSO rejected for credit within this date period send an e-mail to dxcc@arrl.org to be placed on the list to receive an update.

VU4MY – Andaman & Nicobar Islands
Operation from October 24 through November 3, 2008

VU7NRO – Lakshadweep Islands
Operation from October 24 through November 3, 2008

73 es DX!

Bill Moore NC1L, Awards Branch Manager

Canada - United States Reciprocal Operating Agreement

In 1952, Canada and the United States signed a Reciprocal Operating Agreement treaty. In the terms of the agreement, amateurs may operate in the host country in accordance with the rules and regulations of the host country.

US amateurs operating in Canada, must abide by Industry Canada RIC-2 (see web site)

<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/smt-gst.nsf/en/sf01226e.html>

- A foreign amateur who is not qualified to send and receive in Morse code may operate an amateur station in Canada in accordance with the provisions applicable to the holder of an Amateur Radio Operator Certificate with Basic Qualifications.

- A foreign amateur who is qualified to send and receive in Morse code at a speed of at least 5 w.p.m. may operate an amateur station in Canada in accordance with the provisions applicable to the holder of an Amateur Radio Operator Certificate with Basic, Morse Code (5 w.p.m.) and Advanced Qualifications.

<http://www.rac.ca/regulatory/allband.htm>

There is no need for paperwork or other formalities when exchanging visits between Canada and the United States. Under the terms of the agreement, the visitor should give his or her call sign and location, e.g. VE3FRS/W9 or N9CFX/VE3. However, it is unlikely that anyone would complain if the form VE3/N9CFX were used.

<http://www.rac.ca/regulatory/rcip.htm>

Welcome to Contest Corner. As usual, there seems to be something for everyone. CU on the air.

December 2008

- 6 Thu 10 meter NAC - CW/SSB/FM/Digi
- 4 10 meter NAC - CW/SSB/FM/Digi
- 5 - 7 ARRL 160 Meter Contest - CW
- 6 Great Colorado Snowshoe Run - CW
- 6- 7 TOPS Activity Contest - CW
- 12 Russian 160 Meter Contest - CW/Phone
- 13-14 ARRL 10 meter Contest - CW/Phone
- 13-30 Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party - All
- 15 Run For The Bacon QRP Contest - CW
- 20-21 MDXA PSK DeathMatch - PSK-31/PSK-63
- 20 OK DX RTTY Contest - RTTY
- 20-21 Croatian CW Contest - CW
- 26 DARC XMAS-Contest - CW/SSB
- 27 RAC Canada Winter Contest - CW/Phone
- 27-28 Original QRP Contest - CW
- 27-28 Stew Perry Topband Distance Challenge - CW

CW Contesting Tips

B4 - so is the station asking "Who's the Bravo Four?" No, they're saying that you had previous contact; Be-Fore. If you check your log and that station's not in it - for whatever reason - just send "NO PSE QSO" and the other station will likely work you again. For those of you on the CQ-ing end of things, it's often not worth taking the time to argue about it, just work the duplicate contact. After all, they make not have your call right or may have been working another station during the first QSO. Send in your electronic log with the duplicates still present. Log checking software (for CQ WW, anyway) will make sure the QSOs are properly credited, without penalty. Check the rules for duplicates in paper logs as those are often handled differently.

In the ultra-crowded band conditions expected during CW contests, remember to adjust your receiver's gain to the minimum needed to hear the signals you want to work. Reducing RF gain and adding a little attenuation to the front end can really "clean up" a band by reducing distortion products in the mixers and amplifiers.

[source: ARRL Contest Update]

AN ORIGINAL PIO

Jean Shepherd K2ORS co-wrote and narrated Christmas Story (about the kid wanting the Red Ryder BB gun). He is also credited as the voice for the ARRL's tape series Tune In the World with Ham Radio. This series of tapes helped many young people become ham radio operators. In 1973 he also hosted radio shows on WOR about ham radio.

Read about him on Wikipedia at

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean_Shepherd

Here are direct links 2 interesting Jean Shepherd audio files.

http://ia360930.us.archive.org/2/items/JeanShepherd1973/1973_01_24_Historical_Moment.mp3

http://ia360931.us.archive.org/2/items/JeanShepherd1973/1973_06_07_CW_Code.mp3

73, Dave K8TRF

BROOKSIE WAY THANKS

On October 5, 2008 Oakland County ARPSC provided communications for the Brooksie Way Half Marathon. I want to thank the HPARC members who volunteered their time and helped out. Here is a list of all of the volunteers.

KC8NTE, WB8RCR, WD8USA, AC8AR, K8AMR, W8RIT, WB9JSR, K8RDN, K8AE, K8KV, AB8SY, KJ8O, WF5X, KE6YRC, KD8FNN, K8VFZ, KD8HPF, N8NTC, WD8JWM, N8ZSA, W8BHF, KA8PEH, K8ABZ, AK8I, KD8CMD, N8LBS, KD8GY, KE8UD, KE8UM, KB8POD, N3BEL, N8GUZ, AB8JR, N8USP, W8HIU, KC8RTW.

Again thank you all for a job well done. 73 de Joe Miller, KJ8O

SPECIAL VE TEST SESSION 1/13/2009

John K8UP's Extra Class will take their exams at Southfield EOC in the Parks & Recreation Bldg. on Evergreen between 696 and Civic Center Dr.

The session is open to anyone interested in taking any of the tests.

Contact Dee N8UZE at n8uze@arrl.net

FREE TECH CLASS

HPARC will be offering a **Technician License class at the Southfield Township offices** located on 13 mile west of Southfield. The class will **start in January 2009** time and date will follow. The test will be conducted on the last class night. **The only cost for the class is for the study manual.** Students can buy the manual from the instructors the first class night. The class will be **taught by Jeff, N8WR, and Rich, KC8WPW.** If you know anyone please have them contact us. Morse Code is not required. .

To register contact:

Jeff at N8WR@arrl.net or Rich at KC8WPW@arrl.net

HPARC Shirts and Jackets

Contact Terrill K8MAR

on 248 528-3624 to order

NEWS FROM DON

Dear Murray,

Thanks for your work for the club. Please find my copy of the questionnaire I really had little to comment on with the questionnaire but want to stay in touch with folks and let folks know I appreciate them all.

We are all back to normal since the recovery from the fire and things are really going well here. The funds from the generous gift from the club was used for our electrical since we thought our fellow hams would appreciate good electrical stuff being bought with the gift.

We have one of the only fully grounded receptacles with three wire "romex" style wires "Square D" breaker box. We were able to get some nice looking combo-fan-light chandeliers for our auditorium. It really made the place look great.

Plus we used some panel lighting fixtures on the outside for that special touch. We have one of the nicest looking places in town. I know since after we finished our project, others have copied the ideas. visit our webpage at the following address:

<http://donandgailcraft.blogspot.com>

Yours, Don Craft

AROUND TOWN . . .

7 Dec 2008 **L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club Swap**

<http://www.n8lc.org>

Talk-In: 147.08 +600 (PL 100)

Contact: Marty Folz, K8HVI

40360 Ryan Road

Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Phone: 586-268-0544

Email: k8hvi@arri.net

L'Anse Creuse High School

38495 L'Anse Creuse Street

Mount Clemens, MI

18 Jan 2009 **43rd Annual Hamfest**

Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.hparc.org>

Talk-In: 146.640 (PL 100)

Contact: Mike Van Buren, WD8S

PO Box 368

Hazel Park, MI 48030

Phone: 248-399-7970 Email: wd8s@comcast.net

Hazel Park High School

Hazel Park, MI

SMOKING POLICY

HAZEL PARK SCHOOL SMOKING POLICY

According to the "Tobacco Free School Law," staff, students, or any other persons are not to use tobacco products at any time in any buildings owned or operated by the Hazel Park School District.

Also, there will be no use of tobacco products on any school property between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

During weekends, on holidays, and after 6:00 p.m. on school days tobacco products may be used in designated outdoor areas by adults as allowed by law.

Sunday Night Net Control Operators needed

Contact Bill N8QVS at

248-544-2452 or wkettel2@wowway.com

SIREN SQUAD

The 2008 Siren Tests are over and we had a very successful season. This year the County increased the number of sirens for us to check from 32 to 50. We rose to the challenge.

With 40 volunteers we checked all 50 sirens at least once with most of them 2 to 3 times. Some even more than that. Many Saturdays we checked into the County with the most sirens to report. We tested a total of 137 sirens between March and November.

Without the help of the Siren Squad, this achievement would never have happened. Thank you all for making sure our area sirens work when needed. We had many who showed up at almost every siren test, but we would like to recognize a special person. **N8FI who made it to every siren test.** Thank you N8FI for your dedication.

Thank you to all of our dedicated Siren Squad.

AA8KR, AA8UU, AK8I, K8ABZ, K8DRV, K8IXB, K8KHZ, K8UP, K8ZEC, KA8PHP, KB8PAM, KC8WPS, KC8WPW, KC8ZKA, KD8AMQ, KD8ATI, KD8ATK, KD8EOL, KD8GYX, KD8GYY, KD8GYZ, KD8GZA, KD8GZB, KD8HXN, KE8UM, KG8UC, KG8V, KJ8O, N8FE, N8FI, N8LBS, N8UUS, W8BHF, W8PDI, W8WRB, W9NPI, WA8YXM, WB8ATZ, WB8NXP, WB8SBI

See you all next March.

Vy 73, John K8UP

ZACH AND MAX

ICOM has posted 6 comic books and color books of The Adventures of Zach and Max from 2002.

The Adventures of Zack and Max -

Volume 1 The Odyssey Begins

Volume 2 Lost in Seattle

Volume 3 Mady goes to England

Volume 4 Fun at Field Day

Volume 5 Max in Space

Volume 6 Let's Go Island DXing! Island DXing!

Each one is available as a color comic book and as a black and white coloring book at

http://www.icomamerica.com/en/amateur/comic_book/default.aspx Please read the copyright statement at the

bottom of the page.

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2009 DATES

- January 14
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10

TIME

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

PLACE

Hoover Elementary
23720 Hoover Ave.
Hazel Park 48030



Locations: 1- Meeting 2- Swap 3- Picnic

We're on the Web
www.hparc.org



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Please check mailing label — is your membership about to expire?

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