

# The Zero Beat

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February 10, 2010 7:30 P.M. (socializing begins at 7) Hoover Elementary 23720 Hoover Ave. Hazel Park 48030

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## ELECTRONIC DESIGN

The Hazel Park ARC meeting will be at our usual time and place. This month you will be able to learn about "Electronic Design from Simulation to PCB Layout with Freeware" from Tom "Professor Hagen", NE9Y.

Professor Hagen will show us LT Spice (schematic drawing software), and maybe FreePCB (PC board design software), following the creation of a simple schematic, to the design and production of a PC board for homebrew projects. Both programs are free downloads.

Please do bring anyone who might be interested in this topic or ham radio in general. Don't forget that the membership form is available on the web site <u>www.hparc.org</u> While there, check out some of the other neat things.

## PRESIDENT'S QRM

Happy Valentines Day February 14 that means spring is closing in! So we need:

 A couple good people for the elections nominating committee. This is a good way not to be nominated for an office.

2. An assistant Banquet Chairman to help the Chairman and learn the ropes for next year.

I hope we don't have to lock the doors in order to have members volunteer, so be ready to support your club.

The swap is over for this year and we made enough more than enough to make it worth doing again. A big thank you is in order to Mike WD8S who managed it and all the volunteers who helped. Attendance was good this year. Details will be provided at the meeting. At the next meeting we will ask the membership to approve next years budget. I have really been fortunate and happy to have such a good board again this year. We are getting things done and on time. They still surprise me and tolerate me. Good news, at latest count we have 65 Extra Class, 33 General Class and 13 Technician Class Amateur Radio Operators in the club. An Extra Class course is being taught right now so we can expect the General Class number to go down and the Extra Class count to go up even more at the completion of the course. A technician course starts in March.

The clubs that give classes seem to grow and the ones that don't seem to disappear, so give our instructors a hand.

Now is the time to send a letter to your State Representative supporting ham antenna support structures. Don't use the work tower. You will be receiving more details.

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#### QRM CONT.

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Radio get results when all else fails! If you are new to high frequency operation don't be afraid to ask for help. Helping each other is what a club is all about! We have had a mild winter so we can still put antennas up.

Speaking of winter FYBO Winter QRP Field Day is February 6, phone and CW. Several club members have participated in this previously. So get together at the meeting and plan it out. We can't wait to hear the stories.

Meet you on the official HPARC Sunday net at 9PM on 146.64 our two-meter repeater.

73 for now see you at the meeting Murray, KE8UM

#### **TECH POOL** 2010 REVISED

In January, the Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) released the 2010 Technician (Element 2) Question Pool. Upon further review of the pool, members of the QPC found and corrected more than 50 minor typographical errors and clarified the questions and answers, making them easier to understand.

These adopted changes are now incorporated in a revised question pool. The errata list, as well as the revised Technician question pool, is available on the NCVEC Web site at, http://www.ncvec.org/.

## TECH CLASS

#### LAST TECHNICIAN CLASS BEFORE NEW POOL TAKES EFFECT

Tell your friends to take the HPARC Technician Class beginning March 1 for 10 weeks. It's FREE (cost of book is the only fee).

Exam will be the last class. Contact Marsha N8FE n8fe@arrl.net or call 248-542-9573

## HPARC NETS

#### 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.

#### 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!

### 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.

#### Oakland County ARPSC

Every Thursday @ 8 pm on 146.900 MHZ/100pl. Hospital Radio Net on <u>last</u> Thursday of each month during the net. (W80AK-3 will run packet on 147.56 MHz for those wanting to practice and test their equipment)

www.qsl.net/w8oak

#### **NTS Traffic Nets**

the Southeast Michigan National Traffic System (NTS) net Normally held every night at 10:15 PM local time on 145.33 MHz.Repeater. New people are welcome.

## VANITY CALL CHG

Late last year, the FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) – WT Docket 09-209 – seeking to amend the Commission's Amateur Radio Service rules to clarify certain rules and codify existing procedures governing the vanity call sign system, as well as revise certain rules applicable to club stations.

Interested parties may make comments on the NPRM in the following ways: via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <u>http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#home</u>, or via the FCC's Web site at, <u>http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/</u>.

Comments must be submitted by March 26, 2010; reply comments are due no later than April 12, 2010.

## **RED CROSS MOU**

The ARRL Board of Directors has approved a new Memorandum of Understanding between the American Red Cross and ARRL. The new MOU is the result of lengthy negotiations between the two organizations. Being discussed was a Red Cross requirement that Amateur Radio operators who wished to serve as volunteer communicators agree to have an extensive background check performed. The new MOU allows for amateurs to avoid agreeing to such checking.

The new MOU includes an agreement by RC to accept the results of criminal background checks performed by State or local law enforcement agencies as well as checks performed by Mybackgroundcheck.com.

From the time negotiations for the new MOU began, the two organizations had agreed that requiring criminal background on volunteer communicators was reasonable. Unfortunately, the only mechanism RC identified for having the checks done was through a service that automatically required the volunteer to agree to multiple forms of checks. These included manner of living and financial background checks in addition to the needed criminal check. You may recall that RC asserted they would have no more than criminal checks run on communication volunteers regardless of the wording of the agreement the volunteer was required to sign.

We on the ARRL Board did not believe it was appropriate to accept a new MOU that included such an overlycomprehensive background check agreement. Our goal was to make it possible for individual amateurs to have three options available when considering supporting Red Cross communication. These options were to agree to multiple background checks and to agree only to a criminal background check. The third option, of course, is to choose not to have a background check run and not to be a volunteer. This goal has been accomplished. Hams considering becoming RC volunteers now have the full range of choice.

RC agreement to accept criminal background checks performed by law enforcement agencies came with one provision. The fee will need to be paid by some other agency or by the individual volunteer. This [is] no problem [where] criminal background checks are [done] on behalf of EMA or other civil agency with which the amateur volun-

## JANUARY MINUTES

#### Wednesday January 13, 2010

Meeting Called to order at 7:30 PM by the President, Murray Scott, KE8UM.

#### Speaker

Bill Reilly, K8DRV, presented an Internet Video Recording from HAK5 on building and using the APRS (Automatic Packet Reporting System) with Amateur Radio. A coffee & donuts break followed.

Business Meeting called to order at 8:18 PM Old Business

#### Secretary's Report

December, 2009 General Meeting Minutes were read by the Secretary, Jerry Begel, W9NPI. Moved to accept: N8FE, Second: N8AE. *Approved.* 

#### **Treasurer's Report**

John Fleming, K8UP, reported that the club had a current balance of \$6534. with an additional \$22. in Petty Cash. Moved to accept Treasurer's report: KD8LWC, Second: N8AE. *Approved.* 

#### Classes

K8UP has emailed confirmations for his Extra Class Course, which begins January 19 at the Southfield EOC. Interested people may contact him for reservations, but walk-ins will be accepted.

#### President

- KE8UM continues to request that members turn over any old Field Day Logs for W8JXU and W8HP to be placed on Logbook Of The World.
- He is also needs more names of previous HPARC "Ham of the Year Award" recipients.
- There will be 3 Club Tables at the Swap for members to sell their items.
- Tonight is the deadline to turn in Sweepstakes Scores to K8TRF. The Club will pay for your Pin and/or Coffee cup Awards.
- Bob Klinger, K8RMK, who won the 2-meter mobile radio raffle in November, was present to collect his prize.

## New Business

Board Meeting

KE8UM advised that there would be a Board Meeting next week, January 20, at 7:00PM at Hoover School. Any member is welcome to attend.

#### Jackets

Sean, K8KHZ, was present to take orders for Club Jackets or T-Shirts. There is no minimum order needed, so the merchandise can be delivered by the next meeting, in most cases.

#### Inter-Club Announcements

Club Meetings:

L'anse Creuse, January 20—Dipole Building session. New President, N8AE GMARC, 2Mtr Repeater now located at 16 and Garfield. New President,WU8V USECA: Winter Field Day January 30-31 near Lexington, MI Pre-Field Day June 6 at Metro Beach New President, W8SOX

#### Zero Beat

N8FE will re-send the January, 2010 Zero Beat, as many members did not receive it this month.

#### New Members

Albert Schwaller and James Bezy made application for Membership to the HPARC. Approved Unanimously!

#### Announcements

K8ABZ is looking for a missing Post Office Box Key.

#### Raffle

N8LBS won the 50/50 raffle. N8UZE, won the 2-meter mobile radio.

#### Adjournment

Move to adjourn: W8REY, Second, N8UZE Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM Respectfully submitted, Jerry Begel, W9NPI Secretary

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## **CQ DX**...

#### Word To The Wise

Full Calls - Every so often, it's important to remind folks, particularly beginning contesters, to give your full call in pileups. I know, with everybody else giving out those fourcharacter short calls, a king-sized six-character call seems slow, but that's fifty-percent more characters for the station you're calling to have a chance at recognizing and your suffix just might be the one heard after the faster calls are done. Giving a full call is more effective for everyone in the pileup.

#### North Cook Islands

Due to tropical cyclone Oli, Air Rarotonga has delayed AD7AF's, Dick departure for Manihiki Island in the North Cook Islands until Wednesday February 3rd. He has been QRV as E51WWA from Rarotonga in the South Cooks for the past three weeks. Look for him to arrive tomorrow around 2040Z and most likely to begin E51WWB activity sometime late (GMT) on February 4th. Plans are to be there until February 16th as the flights to and from Manihiki are every two weeks. QSL both E51WWA and E51WWB via AD7AF.

#### BX5, TAIWAN.

Jimmy, BX5AA, will be active during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 6-7th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/High-Power entry. He will also be active in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th) as a Single- Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Jimmy states that BX5 is a rare prefix for Taiwan (CQ 24). QSL via BX5AA. Visit his Web page at: http://blog.yam.com/bx5aa

#### Koh Russei Island (AS-133)

Two more XU7KOH operations from Koh Russei Island (AS-133) are expected. The first from February 12-16 and then from February 19-23. QSL via OIN7PP.

#### Netherlands' Special Prefixes

PI65RTD is one of 18 special prefix callsigns now until April 30th to celebrate the Netherlands' ham society's 65th anniversary. Other prefixes are PA65, PD65 and PH65, to commemorate VERON Rotterdam. There is an award available for working them: <a href="http://www.65years.webklik.nl">www.65years.webklik.nl</a>.

## **CONTEST CORNER**

This weekend is one big weekend. Turn off the TV and computer. Send the kids to Grandma's and the wife shopping. It is time to turn on the radio and have FUN!

#### FEB 6-7

Vermont QSO Party--Phone,CW,Digital <u>Rules</u> YLISSB QSO Party--CW <u>Rules</u> Ten-Ten Winter Phone QSO Party--Phone <u>Rules</u> Minnesota QSO Party--Phone,CW,Digital <u>Rules</u> Straight Key Party--CW, from Feb 6, 1600Z to Feb 6, 1900Z. Bands (MHz): 3.5,7. <u>Rules</u> British Columbia QSO Party--Phone,CW,Digital <u>Rules</u> Delaware QSO Party--Phone,CW,Digital <u>Rules</u> XE Int'l RTTY Contest--Digital <u>Rules</u> New Mexico QSO Party--Phone,CW,Digital <u>Rules</u>

#### FEB 8-12

School Club Roundup--Phone, CW, Digital Rules

#### FEB 12-14

YL-OM Contest--Phone,CW,Digital <u>Rules</u> CQ WW RTTY WPX--Digital <u>Rules</u> New Hampshire QSO Party--Phone,CW,Digital <u>Rules</u> Louisiana QSO Party--Phone,CW,Digital <u>Rules</u> OMISS QSO Party--Phone <u>Rules</u>

## FEB 13-14

RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest--CW. Rules

#### **OPERATING TIP**

Know the codes - postal codes, that is! A lot of new contesters are dismayed to find big score reductions in domestic contest because they didn't use the right abbreviations for the states. You can find the codes for all fifty states and every US possession online from the <u>USPS Web site</u>. If you are an experienced operator hosting some new hams, be sure they know when to use which of ME-MD-MA-MI-MN-MS-MO-MT since it's not exactly obvious. [ARRL contest email]

## W1AW 2010 WINTER SCHEDULE

#### Morning Schedule:

TimeModeDays1400 UTC (9 AM EST) CWsWed, Fri1400 UTC (9 AM EST) CWfTue, Thu



#### Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC to 1700 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM EST) 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST) (Station closed 1700 to 1800 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM EST))

#### Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

| 2100 U                           | TC (4 PM EST | T CWf | Mon, Wed, Fri |  |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------|---------------|--|
| 2100 "                           | 1. •// .     | CWs   | Tue, Thu      |  |
| 2200 "                           | (5 PM EST)   | CWb   | Daily         |  |
| 2300 "                           | (6 PM EST)   | RTTY  | Daily         |  |
| 0000 "                           | (7 PM EST)   | CWs   | Mon, Wed, Fri |  |
| 0000 "                           |              | CWf   | Tue, Thu      |  |
| 0100 "                           | (8 PM EST)   | CWb   | Daily         |  |
| 0200 "                           | (9 PM EST)   | RTTY  | Daily         |  |
| 0245 " (9:45 PM EST) VOICE Daily |              |       |               |  |
| 0300 "                           | (10 PM EST   | )CWf  | Mon, Wed, Fri |  |
| 0300 "                           |              | CWs   | Tue, Thu      |  |
| 0400 "                           | (11 PM EST   | )CWb  | Daily         |  |
|                                  |              |       |               |  |

## HPARC JACKETS

| SIZE | FLANNEL | QUILTED |
|------|---------|---------|
| S—XL | 40.00   | 45.00   |
| XXL  | 43.00   | 48.00   |
| 3XL  | 46.00   | 51.00   |

\$10 Off First Jacket \*payment due with order.

## T-SHIRTS \$10

See Sean K8KHZ at the meeting or call on 248-331-7821 any time. OR email Sean at k8khz@yahoo.com

#### Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.8025 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 147.555 RTTY: 3.5975 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095 147.555 VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590 147.555

#### Notes:

#### Morse Code

CWs = Practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM CWf = Practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 & 10 WPM CWb = Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.

RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC (100 Baud). ASCII (110 Baud) is sent only as time allows.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM EST), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Thursdays and 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Fridays. emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

FCC licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1500 UTC to 1700 UTC (10 AM to 12 PM EST), and then from 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST) Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur radio license or a photocopy.

The W1AW Operating Schedule may also be found on page 100 in the January 2010 issue of QST or on the web at, <u>http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html</u>.

## HOUSE BILL No. 5556

## If you want the right to put up a Ham tower, it is up to you to do something

**NOW!** Unfortunately, as I write this, we have one MI ham wondering if he can even have a 30' tower. However, there are things that you can do about this. For example:

## 1. If you have not already sent a letter to your Legislators to support HB # 5556, then now is the time. If passed in 2010, HB # 5556 - Michigan's PRB-1

"Amendment to the MI Zoning Enabling Act" will codify PRB-1 into our Michigan law. <u>It also will establish an allowable</u> <u>tower height of 90' across the state.</u> However, if we do not increase our number of legislative contacts, the Bill may die in committee. If you have already sent a letter, it is time to re-contact your House Representative to re-kindle interest. For the actual text of HB # 5556, click on this link. http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2009-2010/billintroduced/House/pdf/2009-HIB-5556.pdf For more information about PRB-1, click on this link.

http://www.prb1michigan.org/

For a legislative contact letter template, click on this link. http://www.prb1michigan.org/id18.html

#### 2. Also, tell a Ham friend about this critically im-

portant effort. Antennas and the towers that they are mounted on are critically important to us. They are our connection to the rest of the RF world. If need be, help your friend establish contacts with their Legislators. Discuss this topic at your next club or organization meeting. For legislative contact information, click on this link.

http://www.prb1michigan.org/id1.html

## Len Todd, N8AGS

MI PRB-1 Project Manager <u>N8AGS@arrl.net</u> <u>http://www.prb1michigan.org/</u>

October 28, 2009, Introduced by Rep. Lindberg and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 110, entitled Michigan zoning ena-

bling act," (MCL 125.3101 to 125.3702) by adding section 205a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT: SEC. 205A. (1) a local unit of government shall not adopt an ordinance that precludes federally licensed amateur radio service communications or that does not comply with 47 cfr 97.15 and the rules and regulations of the federal communications commission.

(2) a local unit of government shall not restrict antennas or antenna support structures of amateur radio operators to heights below 90 feet, unless the restriction is shown by clear and convincing evidence to be necessary to achieve a defined health, safety, or aesthetic objective of the local unit of government. If a local unit of government adopts an ordinance that regulates the placement, screening, number, or height of a station antenna structure, based on health, safety, or aesthetic considerations, the ordinance shall do both of the following:

(A) Reasonably accommodate federally licensed amateur radio service communications.

(B) Constitute the minimum regulation practicable to carry out the legitimate purpose of the governing body.

(3) This section does not apply to any district organized pursuant to federal, state, or local law for the purpose of historic preservation.

(4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

(A) "Amateur radio services" means:(*i*) amateur service, as defined in 47 cfr 97.3.(*ii*) amateur-satellite service, as defined in 47 cfr 97.3.(*iii*) radio amateur civil emergency service, as defined in 47 cfr 97.407.

(B) "Amateur radio service communications" means communications carried out by 1 or more of the amateur radio services.

(C) "Amateur station" means a station in an amateur radio service consisting of the apparatus necessary for carrying on radio communications.

(D) "Station antenna structures" means the antennas that serve a federally licensed amateur station, including the appurtenances and other structures necessary to support, stabilize, raise, lower, or otherwise adjust the antennas. The station antenna structures shall not be construed to be permanent structures.

## 2010 ARRL BOARD MEETING

The ARRL Board of Directors held its 2010 Annual Meeting on January 15-16 in Windsor, Connecticut, under the chairmanship of President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, to consider and act on a number of recommendations from committees, as well as motions by Directors. With the election of ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, as the League's 15th President, the 2010 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors was off to a fast-paced start. Craigie, who ran unopposed, takes over the top leadership position from Harrison, who in October announced that he would not be seeking re-election. Craigie officially took office as President at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

Rounding out the slate of officers are First Vice President Rick Roderick, K5UR (moving up from Vice President); Vice President Bruce Frahm, KOBJ (moving up from Midwest Division Director); Vice President for International Affairs Jay Bellows, KOQB (moving up from Dakota Division Director); Executive Vice President and Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ; Treasurer James McCobb, K1LU; Chief Financial Officer Barry Shelley, N1VXY; Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, and Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH. ARRL Technical Relations Manager Brennan Price, N4QX, was elected ARRL Chief Technology Officer; he replaces Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, who retired from the staff in 2008 but retained the officer title through the end of its two-year term.

Since Bellows and Frahm moved into new positions their Vice Directors – Greg Widin, KOGW and Cliff Ahrens, KOCA, respectively – will move up to Director. One of Craigie's first items of business as League President will be to appoint new Vice Directors in both of those Divisions. She will also need to appoint a new Vice Director in the Northwestern Division, as that post became vacant on January 1 of this year.

The Board concentrated much of its deliberations on Emergency Communications at this meeting: After the Board considered, but ultimately declined to adopt a motion to establish an Emergency Communications Advisory Committee last July, such a committee was approved at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

The Board approved the signing of a *Memorandum* of *Understanding* (*MoU*) with the American Red Cross (<u>ARC</u>).

The ARC has agreed to permit ARES® volunteers to meet its requirement for a criminal background check by obtaining such a check, at their own expense, through a law enforcement entity rather than through the ARC process. ARRL members will be given information to permit them to make a fully informed decision with regard to volunteering with ARC.

The Board instructed the ARRL staff to seek a change in Section 97.113(a)(3) of the FCC rules to permit amateurs, on behalf of an employer, to participate in emergency preparedness and disaster drills that include Amateur operations.

The Board took a first step toward the ARRL Centennial in 2014 by adopting a recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on the ARRL Foundation to create a nominating committee for the purpose of forming a centennial campaign committee. The nominating committee will identify candidates willing to organize a major fund raising drive to ensure that the ARRL will be strong financially as it enters its second century.

In 2011, the ARRL will hold its National Convention and ARRL EXPO at <u>Ham-Com</u> in Plano, Texas on June 10-11. And for the first time since 1965, the ARRL will hold a National Convention in the League's Pacific Division: The 2012 National Convention and ARRL EXPO will be held at <u>Pacificon</u> in Santa Clara, California on October 19-21.

The Board voted to support <u>Senate Bill 2881</u>, the FCC Commissioners' Technical Resource Enhancement Act, as well as legislation to increase the charitable tax deduction for mileage used in support of volunteer efforts. The Board voted to have the General Counsel and staff review the <u>FCC Part 15 rules</u> that exempt certain devices from technical standards to prevent radio interference and to work with the Executive Committee on a proposal to reduce the spectrum pollution from such devices.

The Software Defined Radio Working Group was given a broader charge and renamed the Advanced Digital Technologies Working Group to reflect that charge. Its scope now includes (but is not limited to) cognitive radio, smart antennas and related technologies.

Committee Elections and Appointments ARRL Executive Committee: As ARRL President, Craigie (Continued on page 9)

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also serves as Chairman of the Executive Committee; its other voting members are elected by their fellow Directors. Elected for one-year terms were Tom Frenaye, K1KI, New England; George Isely, W9GIG, Central; Brian Mileshosky, N5ZGT, Rocky Mountain; Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Pacific, and David Woolweaver, K5RAV, West Gulf. Sumner and Roderick also serve on this committee without vote. *Administration and Finance Committee*: Chairman Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, Northwestern; Jim Weaver, K8JE, Great Lakes; Cliff Ahrens, K0CA, Midwest; Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, Roanoke; Dick Norton, N6AA, Southwestern, and Vice Director Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT, Pacific. Treasurer Jim McCobb, K1LU, also sits on this committee.

Programs and Services Committee: Chairman Bill Edgar, N3LLR, Atlantic; Mickey Cox, K5MC, Delta; Frank Fallon, N2FF, Hudson; Greg Sarratt, W40ZK, Southeastern; Greg Widin, K0GW, Dakota, and Vice Director Dwayne Allen, WY7FD, Rocky Mountain.

Ethics and Elections Committee: Chairman Tom Frenaye, K1KI, New England; Cliff Ahrens, KOCA, Midwest, and Greg Widin, KOGW, Dakota. Members of this committee are Directors not up for re-election in 2010. Per the <u>ARRL By-Laws</u>, this committee applies guidelines for ethical conduct by ARRL officials, determines eligibility of candidates for Director and Vice Director, certifies a nominee's eligibility to fill a Vice Director vacancy and supervises the balloting for Director and Vice Director.

The complete Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors will be available The minutes of the January meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors may be read at <u>http://www.arrl.org/announce/board-1001/</u>.

The next meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors is scheduled for July 16-17, 2010.

## LINUX JAN. 2010

January 2010 Linux magazine posted three articles about amateur radio. You can reach them through the Virtual Ham Shack

(http://www.linuxjournal.com/ham)

#### DAYTON ROOMS

I'm now open for booking rooms in Dayton if you are interested. You can always cancel later if you don't want to go. Now is the time to lock in a low rate. This Extended Stay America seems to be the best deal, a good location and has a kitchen for you to keep your 807's cold. I will be staying here also.

Extended Stay America - 6680 Miller Lane 2 Double Beds \$59.99 1 Double Bed \$49.99

To book your room I will need to know: Number of beds Dates Credit card with expiration date Name you want the room in Address so I can mail you the confirmation. Telephone number Smoking or nonsmoking

Your credit card will not be charged. It is only to guarantee the room should you not show up and fail to cancel the reservation.

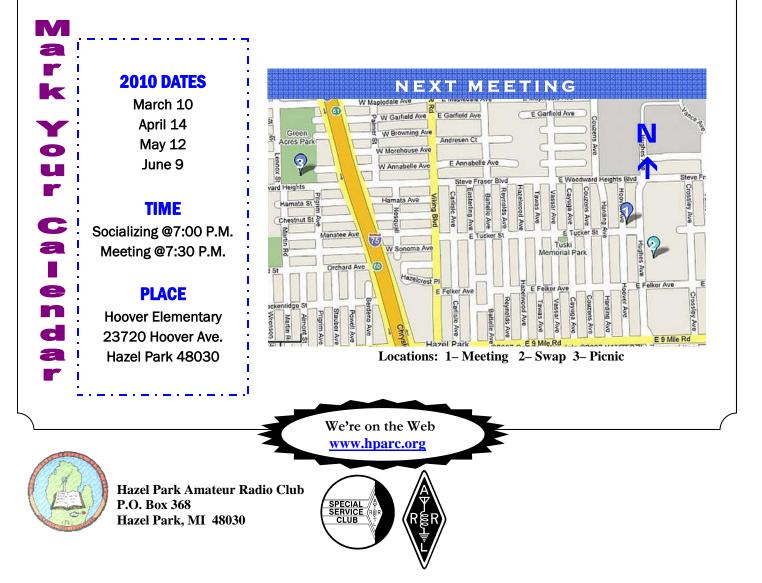
73, John John Getz, AD8J John's Travel and Cruises 3905 South Monet Court Allison Park, PA 15101-3220 Telephone: 412-487-4733

## AROUND TOWN

#### Livonia Swap

Sunday February 21, 2010 from 8AM until NOON Livonia Civic Park Seniors Center SE Corner area of Farmington Rd. & 5 Mile Rd Tables \$16 (\$20 at door) and admission \$6 Contact <u>k8uns@arrl.net</u> Talk-in 145.350





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