

The Zero Beat

THIS MEETING

September 14, 2011
7:30 P.M.
 (socializing begins at 7)
Hoover Elementary
23720 Hoover Ave.

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GENERAL MEETING

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday September 14 at 7:30 pm.**

The program for the September meeting will be a video of the 2009 K4M DXpedition to Midway Atoll. By the numbers:

- 8 months of planning
- 19 operators
- 2 tons of equipment
- 1250 acres
- 1.5 million seabirds
- 6 stations
- 9 days
- 61,077 QSOs
- 152 DXCC entities
- 1 air-conditioned bar

44 minutes of fascinating video

A slideshow of pictures from Field Day and the Picnic will be shown.

Come early and visit with fellow hams. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting and bring a friend. Coffee and donuts will be provided during break.

Anyone wishing to join the club, please go to the website www.hparc.org. Fill out the membership form. Print it and bring it to the meeting. Larry K8MU

PRESIDENT'S QRM

Wow! Welcome back to another season of great meetings and fun. Summer is behind us and we are ready for another season of the Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club. It will be good to see all of our buddies and pals again.

We had two club events this summer, Field Day and the August Picnic. John, AA8UU our field day chairman pulled off a great Field Day again this year with help from members. We had perfect weather for the picnic in Hazel Park this year it could not have better and big thanks goes out to Bill, N8QVS for cooking at both events.

We would love to hear what you did this summer. If you know of any good presentations let Larry, K8MU know so he can schedule them. The VE team kept busy this summer and stayed on the every two month schedule done on a Tuesday night. They also did a special Saturday exam session. We held a board meeting this August in order to have one before the September meeting.

It was a strange summer propagation wise. We had interference on the 2 meter repeater system that was stronger than the locals. Of course we could not hear it until

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QRM CONT.

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we opened the receivers with our PL and there it was. I took advantage of this and worked a lot of out of state stations on single side band. I also made a lot of contacts on 6 meters this summer. I'm new to six meters. Ten meters was active in the spring but has been pretty quiet the last month due to lack of sun spots. Look for ten to get better again.

Okay so ask yourself what you can do for your club this year. We need someone to make coffee at our meetings. We need someone to help Walt, KD8LWC with the swap this year and take it over next year. We need someone experienced to be web master to give Marsha a break and take it over. We will need a new Editor for the Zero Beat next year. We may already have someone to teach General and Extra classes, stay tuned.

The Boy Scouts have contacted us again, so there may be some involvement there.

Check and see if your dues are due. The September meeting is when a lot of members pay their dues.

Don't forget the only Official HPARC net is Sunday night at 9:00 pm on 146.640. We would be happy to have everyone sign up to take a turn as the net control operator; it is fun and good experience. See Bill, N8QVS to get on the list, we need more participation. The net is what we make it, so let's everyone one meet there and make it the best net in the area, on the friendliest repeater in town. We are planning to keep track of check-ins and publish them in the Zero Beat. Will you be on the list?

See you at the meeting, on the net and at Saturday morning breakfast at Jimi's Restaurant.

Have fun on the radio

73

Murray, KE8UM

H P A R C N E T S

HPARC Official 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.

N8WYO CW net (Medium speed)

The "Geezer Net" changed their name in memory of Al N8WYO. Look for them every Tuesday night at 8:00 PM on **28.028 MHz** As always, all amateurs are welcome and encouraged to join this net. CW speed fluctuates between 20-25 WPM, but Joe will slow it down if necessary. Listen for 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 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.gsl.net/w8oak

NTS Traffic Nets

the Southeast Michigan National Traffic System (NTS) net Normally held **every night at 10:15 PM** local time on 146.76 MHz Repeater. New people are welcome.

SARS Tuesday Night Net

Southfield Emergency Management ARES group holds a weekly net **every Tuesday night at 8 pm** on 146.640 MHz (the DART repeater). All amateur radio operators are welcome. If you have traffic to pass but cannot make the 10:15 pm SEMTN net, you can check into this net and someone will get it passed to SEMTN.

A R O U N D T O W N

HPARC Buddy Breakfast every Saturday @ 9:30 a.m.

Jimi's Restaurant on Washington (across from OCC) in Royal Oak

Adrian Hamfest 2011

September 18, 2011

Location:

Lenawee County Fairgrounds

602 N. Dean Street, Adrian, MI 49221

Talk-in 145.370- PL 85.4 W8TQE

Hamfest Hours: Sunday, 8:00 am – 1:00pm or ?

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

USECA Hamfest

October 23, 2011

Location:

American-Polish Century Club

33204 Maple Lane

Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Talk-In: 147.180 (PL 100)

Public Contact: Larry Boggs, WB8SJD

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<http://www.usecaarc.com>

Hazel Park ARC Swap TENTATIVE INFO

January 15, 2012

Location: Hazel Park High School

23400 Hughes, Hazel Park, MI 48030

Talk-In 146.640 (PL 100 Hz)

Contact Walt Carter KD8LWC pidge4645@aol.com

www.hparc.org

Livonia ARC 41st Annual Swap & Shop

2/19/2012

Location: Livonia Civic Park Seniors Center

15218 Farmington Road

Livonia, MI 48150

Talk-In: 145.35 (PL 100) or 146.52 Simplex

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<http://www.livoniaarc.com/Swap.htm>

C Q D X . . .**DXCC e-mail contact system Changes**

dxcc@arrl.org is no longer in use. In an effort to better serve our clients, we have created a number of new e-mail addresses that will be delivered to the most appropriate person depending upon the subject.

Please visit <http://www.arrl.org/awards-branch-contacts> for a listing of the new e-mail addresses and the general topics that they cover.

73 es DX!

Bill Moore NC1L, Awards Branch Manager

Canada - national special prefix for Parks Canada Centennial

The following Amateur Radio prefixes will be available for use in Canada from September 1st to October 31st, to commemorate the Centennial of Parks Canada, the World's First National Parks Service.

Canadian stations with a VA prefix can use CF, VY can use CI, VO can use CH, and VE can use CG.

<http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/progs/celebrations/index.aspx>

2011 Rugby World Cup special event station

Special event station ZL4RUGBY will be active between 19th August and 31st October 2011 from the South Island of New Zealand (IOTA OC-134, WLOTA 0342) for the Rugby World Cup (www.rugbyworldcup.com/), which will be held in various locations of New Zealand between 9 September and 23 October.

Expect activity on all HF bands.

QSL via ZL4PW, direct (QRZ.com) or via the bureau. NO eQSL. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. Website:

www.qrz.com/db/ZL4RUGBY

DEFINITION

Interlock - a software or hardware device that prevents transmitting more than one signal at any one time. This is an important new rule for multioperator stations in this year's [CQ World-Wide](#) contest. The old YSW method (Yelling, Swearing, and Waving) just doesn't cut it. Note that alternating CQs on two frequencies in the same band has been banned, as well.

H A M O F T H E Y E A R

There are some spots that need fills. If you can fill in that info, please call Murray Scott or one of the board members.

Year	Name	Call
2011	Rey Bora	W8REY
2010	Bill Ketel II	N8QVS
2009	Marsha Fleming	N8FE
2008	Dee Flint	N8UZE
2007	Sean Fleming	K8KHZ
2006	Christine Ode	N8WIQ
2005	John Teagardin	AA8UU
2004	Tony Gallucci	N8VR
2003	Carl Flint	N8AE
2002	Jeff Albrecht	N8WR
2001	Tom Buck ex-KC8MCO	N8TMB
2000	Bruce Bryant	AB8CI
1999	Don McCreedy	W8PDI
1998	Jim Bunting	K8JV
1997	?	
1996	?	
1995	Mike Van Buren	WD8S
1994	John Lewandowski	WD8R
1993	?	
1992	Bob Ling	WB8ATZ
?		
Ham of the Decade90-00	Mike & Sonja Van Buren	WD8S
Ham of the Decade00-10	Phil Ode	AA8KR

N E W D E C**Great Lakes Division**

Current ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, of Mason, Ohio, was the only nominee for the position and was declared re-elected without balloting.

Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams, WA8EFK, of Dundee, was the only nominee for this position, so he was declared elected without balloting.

Michigan Section

Randy Love WF5X has accepted the position of District 2 Emergency Coordinator. The position became open after John Fleming K8UP became silent key in June. Randy was ADEC for Digital Operations—DTX MICON.

HAMS EXEMPTION

Radio Amateurs of Canada announced that a task force has been formed to seek a permanent exemption for Ontario Amateurs from the ban on operating mobile devices in a vehicle under Article 5 in Ontario Regulation 366/09 made under the Highway Traffic Act. It is also commonly known as the Distracted Driving Legislation. The ban would take effect on January 1, 2013.

The task force is composed of Steve Pengelly, VE3STV, Former Honorary Legal Counsel, Ian Snow, VA3QT, Special Advisor to RAC, Jeff Stewart, VA3WXM, Southern Ontario Regional Director, Marcel Mongeon, Honorary Legal Counsel, VA3DDD, Geoff Bawden, VE4BAW, President and Chair RAC, and ex officio to the Task Force. It is chaired by Bill Unger, VE3XT, Ontario North/East Director.

The Task Force has already obtained letters of support from groups that we assist ranging from hospitals, communities, agencies and NGO's. All of the letters indicate that limiting Radio Amateurs' ability to provide communications while mobile would not be in the Ontario's best interests.

The Task Force will present the letters as part of our case to Kathleen Wynne, Ontario's Minister of Transportation, that Amateur Radio operators in Ontario should be exempt from this regulation. The objective of the Distracted Driving Task Force is to convince the Ontario Government that the regulation, as currently written, will actually decrease public safety in Ontario.

Amateur Radio Operators provide countless hours of public service work in their communities and by doing so we are prepared to assist with communications in the event of an overload or total failure or the existing telecommunications infrastructure. The change in the regulations that RAC will request, would align Ontario with seven other provinces and one territory that have introduced exemptions which allow Amateurs to operate while mobile.

The RAC Task Force will shortly initiate discussions with officials in the Minister's Office on the need for this regulatory change.

Information on the progress will be updated through the RAC Bulletin system, TCA or the RAC Report. If you are interested in assisting please contact Bill Unger, VE3XT at ve3xt@rac.ca

VANITY FEE UP

Vanity call sign fee to go up in September

On August 10, the FCC announced via a Final Rule in the Federal Register that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 90 cents, from \$13.30 to \$14.20.

The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making September 9, 2011, the first day the new fee is in effect.

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 five years ago. 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. [source ARRL]

Volunteer to report siren activity during the Monthly Siren Test. **The sirens sound at 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month beginning in March and ending in November.**



The participants usually get on the air about 12:30 pm as they head toward their sirens.

We use the DART repeater on 146.640 MHz 100Hz PI.

If you can volunteer please contact Marsha N8FE at 248-542-9573 or email n8fe@arri.net to be pre-assigned a siren.

HPARC JACKETS

SIZE	FLANNEL	QUILTED
S-XL	45.00	51.00
XXL	47.00	53.00
3XL	49.00	55.00

\$10 Off First Jacket

T-SHIRTS \$10

Send check payable to **HPARC** to:
P.O. Box 368, Hazel Park, MI 48030
*payment due with order.

Mark Your Calendar

Monthly Meetings are the Second Wednesday

2011 DATES

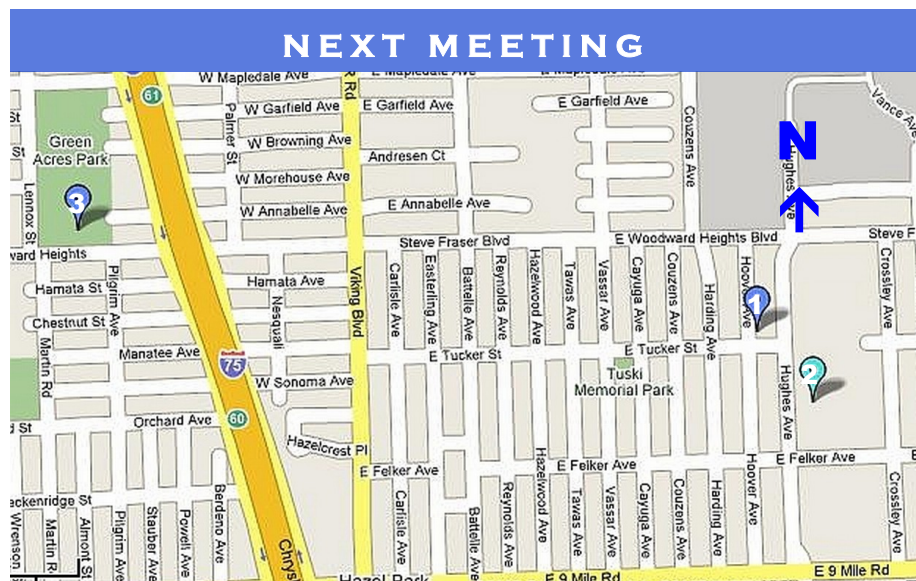
October 12,
November 9
December 14 (party)

TIME

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

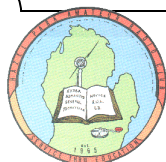
PLACE

Hoover Elementary
23720 Hoover Ave.
Hazel Park 48030



1 meeting 2 Swap 3 Picnic

We're on the Web
www.hparc.org



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