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Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club

HPARC Membership Meetings Resume

-Local Stores Expect Donuts to be in Short Supply

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The Presidential Podium

- Wisdom from "Fearless Leader."

It's that time once again. Come to the Hoover Elementary School on September 13 to meet your buddies and pals and join in the fun at the General Membership meeting. There will be lots of coffee, donuts and fellowship. The program on Spark Gap Radio will be very interesting; Jim, WB8SIW will be the speaker. We have been trying to get him to come to our meeting for the last two years but have not been able to cross paths. He has visited with most of the clubs in southeastern Michigan.

There will be lots of announcements and information to be given out, so bring your paper and pencil to take notes; there will be a test after the meeting!

Don't forget the upcoming golf outing; even if you are a crummy golfer, come and join the fun, because we all will be having a great time. If you can't attend, you can listen to the group on 147.510 simplex while they're on the course.

I will attend the Findlay Hamfest on September 10, and hope to have a table there. This large swap is second in this area only to Dayton.

That's all for now, and don't forget the post-meeting Meeting to be held at the Coachmen at 11 mile and Dequindre.

See you there!

Mike WD8S

Incident at Hazel Woods

- Amateur Radio involvement alleged in questionable occurrences.



Officer
Kopfkase

"Police switchboards in the Holly area were lit up early Saturday evening, June 23 when numerous residents had their suppers interrupted by a short yet intense earth movement. Officials were at a loss to explain the occurrence; no unusual weather or other natural

phenomena were forecast or expected. Subsequent police investigation indicated that the source of the movement was the Hazel Woods property where the Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club was holding its annual Field Day event."

"Immediately upon entering the property, Officer Kopfkase, a seventeen year veteran of the Holly Police, noticed an utterly demolished lawn chaise, still smoldering, sitting flattened outside a screened tent. "I've never seen anything like it in my entire 17 years on the force," Kopfkase remarked. "It looked like the locomotive and all 100 cars of a unit coal train had run over it. At first I thought these radio guys were fooling around with explosives."

"Officer Kopfkase asked some questions of some rather stunned witnesses, and determined that the demolition of the lawn chaise had been caused by one of the radio amateurs sitting in it. "At first I didn't believe it," Kopfkase stated "because it was beyond my comprehension that such extensive damage could be caused by one guy." Several eyewitness accounts verified the story, and the "Hazel Woods Incident" has now taken its place in the incident log of the Holly Police."

"The lawn chaise was manufactured by the Rock of Gibraltar Lawn Furniture Co., and was owned by James Bunting of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Bunting said "I'm very sad about

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146.640 (-) N8MLM
 443.225(+) N8EQD

Nets

146.640 7:00 pm Sun - Kids
 146.640 9:00 pm Sun - General
 21.125 8:00 pm Mon - CW
 21.125 8:00 pm Tue - CW

this. The chaise was a Fathers' Day gift from my daughters, and I always thought it was indestructible. It has been all over the country with me, but I'm sure the guy who destroyed it will get me a new one. He's a nice guy even though his CW leaves a lot to be desired."

"Ben Frame, General Manager of Rock of Gibraltar Lawn Furniture Co. had this to say: "I'm stunned. We've been in business 58 years, and nothing like this has happened to any of our products before. We're going to buy the chaise from Mr. Bunting and try to find out how we can prevent this type of havoc from recurring."

"Hazel Park School officials, owners of the property, and the Holly Police are asking residents not to visit the site. The epicenter has been cleaned and filled."

Holly Weekly News

"We were truly shocked to learn that your Rock of Gibraltar lawn chaise was utterly destroyed on June 24, 1995. Destroyed by human cause. Honestly, Mr. Bunting, this has not happened in the entire 58 years our company has been in business. We never thought it could happen. We have a lawn chair in our museum that was 800 yards from the epicenter of the atomic explosion over Nagasaki, and it survived that conflagration with only minor scorch marks on two strands of webbing. Over the years, our chairs have survived earthquake, tornado, war, volcano eruptions and vehicle wrecks, but never have we seen one in the condition of yours. We would not have believed that one of our fine lawn furniture products could have been so extensively demolished, by a human being no less, until we saw the gruesome photographs and heard some eyewitness accounts of the "Hazel Woods Incident."

"We certainly are sympathetic to you, Mr. Bunting. We understand that the lawn chaise was a gift to you from your daughters when they were only 7 and 9 years old. They must have diligently

saved their pennies and dimes from chores and selling lemonade and raking leaves to have been able to purchase such a fine gift for you, and we can only try to imagine the sorrow and loss you must feel from losing a possession with so many fond memories behind it."

"Our lawyers are in the process of drafting an agreement which we believe will be to your liking. We wish to purchase the mangled lawn chaise from you so that we may study its metallurgy and assembly in order that we may never again produce a lawn chaise that can be demolished by a human. I think you will be pleased at the 5-digit figure we are considering. Also, Mr. Bunting, we would be pleased to send you a brand new Rock of Gibraltar lawn chaise if you wish, but we have not done so yet because we are sure that the individual who destroyed your has replaced it by now."

"Thank you again for the descriptive yet shocking photographs. We will be in contact in the very near future to conclude negotiations for the chair."

- Letter to Mr. James P. Bunting from Mr. Ben T. Frame, General Manager of Rock of Gibraltar Lawn Furniture Company

"I know the now-notorious "Hazel Woods Incident" has had a lot of discussion as well as some local press coverage. I know also that for any disaster, natural or man-made, there is a lot of rumor and speculation surrounding the event. This is unfortunate because the utter, total destruction of my beloved lawn chaise, a cherished gift from my daughters, was accidental. At least I would truly like to believe it was accidental. I just can't believe that I have done anything to Arlan that would cause him to deliberately destroy something that meant so much to me."

"As editor of Zero Beat, you are in a position to clear up any doubts or misconceptions that surround the controversial "Hazel Woods Incident." So, please let me describe the events as I remember them."

"Arlan was merely resting in the late lawn chaise. It had been a rough afternoon for hi because no one had answered any of his CQ's on either SSE or CW. Of course, no one could copy is CW CQ's, but most likely that was the antenna's fault rather than the fact that he seemed to favor the 8-dit error character, and had a great deal of difficulty spelling W-8-J-X-U. Further more, no one was acknowledging his response to the thousands of CQ's to which he attempted to respond. Again, no doubt the fault of the antenna rather than his 7-minute response to a CQ. Anyway, Arlan was just resting, frustrated by antenna problems, and waiting for his turn as operator after the antenna was repaired. The chaise simply collapsed under him. It could have happened to anyone and to any chaise. Granted, the chances of this happening to a sturdy, relatively new lawn chaise are roughly 23 million to 1, but these things do happen. Arlan and the lawn chaise just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time."

"I want to assure you, Jim, that I hold no ill feelings toward Arlan. Granted it was extremely difficult to explain to my daughters why the gift they had so lovingly saved nickels and dimes for 3 years was demolished, but they are recovering nicely. I have been told that the younger one will need only 6-9 months of psycho-therapy, and that the older one might have turned to alcohol anyway. But I am convinced that it was nothing more than an unfortunate accident, and I think that Arlan is probably looking for a replacement chaise for me now. I don't mind that it has been several weeks since the "Hazel Woods Incident"; I know how long it can take to find a lawn chaise. This time of year, hardly any stores carry them."

"I have 3 enclosures for you, Jim, which may serve to put the never-to-be-forgotten "Hazel Woods Incident" in perspective. Please feel free to use this information in any way you feel may vindicate Arlan. Thanks"

- Letter to Zero Beat Editor from James P. Bunting, KE8QT

The **Zero Beat** heard that a new chaise accompanied Mr. Bunting and family on their August vacation.

A new chaise appeared at the August Board of Directors meeting.

It is not known if either chaise was by Rock of Gibraltar.

Even as we record these events for posterity, we fear that it is too late for mankind, and that this Incident will attain the status of Folklore in the not-too-distant future. May God have mercy on our souls!

- Editor

The Swap Hound

- Sensors on maximum.

Notice: Don't believe everything that you read here. Listings are found on the street, so be sure to practice safe swap. Errors will occur on a random basis. Objects in your mirror may be closer than they appear.

September 9, 1995. Fort Wayne, IN. 5 mi. north of Ft. Wayne exit, I-69. 146.76(-) talk-in.

September 17, 1995. Mt. Clemens, MI. L'Anse Creuse ARC. L'Anse Creuse HS. 147.08(+) talk-in.

October 1, 1995. Port Huron, MI. ARCARS, Port Huron High School, 2215 Court Street. 146.80(-) talk-in.

October 8, 1995, Lansing, MI. Central Michigan ARC. Gardner Middle School

October 22, 1995. Warren, MI. USECA, O.L.R. Conference Center, 12 mi & Van Dyke. 147,18(+) talk-in.

Minutes of Meetings

- by Jim, KESQT, HPARC Secretary

The minutes of the HPARC Board of Directors Meetings and General

Membership Meetings will not be published in the **Zero Beat**; significant transactions will be excerpted and complete minutes will be available for your review at General Membership Meetings.

HPARC Board Meeting Schedule

October 10, 1995

November 30, 1995

December 3, 1995 - SWAP

December 4, 1995

January ??, 1996

February 5, 1996

March 4, 1996

April 1, 1996

April 29, 1996

June 6, 1996

Public Service Corner

- *The Service part of your Amateur Radio Service license*

Troy Golden Corridor Run. A thank-you letter from the organizers will be read to the membership at the September Meeting.

Every Wednesday at 9:00 pm.

Oakland County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps (ARPSC) net on the SMART, 147.140 (+). All are invited to check in.

Saturday, September 2, 1995.

Oakland County Siren Test. If you're not going away for Labor Day weekend, check-in on the DART, 146.640 (-), from 12:00 noon on. N8QMD, Jim, will be Net Control. This Southeast Oakland County Net consistently checks more sirens than any other club or organization in the county, but there is always room for more! You don't need to be a member of the ARPSC to help; all are welcome.

Sunday, September 24, 1995. The

Michigan MS Society's fifth annual Fall Breakaway bicycle ride needs lots of amateurs. N8QMD, Jim is coordinator. Call 313.983.3677 during business hours, 810.352.0681 evenings.

Could it get better?

- *Is it time for YOU to upgrade?*

If you have recently upgraded, congratulations, and please let Phil AA8KR know so he can update the membership roster. 810.641.9723.

If it's your turn, try any of the following:

HPARC VE testing:

Call Mike, WD8S at 810.399.7970 or

Bill N8SWQ at 313.533.5962.

September 28, 1995

November 16, 1995

January 25, 1996

March 28, 1996

May 30, 1996

Oak Park VE testing:

Call N8WRY, Jeff at 810.642.3608

October 10, 1995

November 5, 1995

December 4, 1995

February 6, 1995

April 2, 1996

June 4, 1996.

Motor City Radio Club VE testing:

Call 313.676.6248

September 11, 1995

November 11, 1995

December 13, 1995.

Contests and Events

- *The Hobby part of your License*

Please note: these listings are only brief highlights. Complete Contest and Event information is contained in the ARRL QST.

Sept 2 - 10ARRL Hiram Maxwell

Percy's 126th birthday celebration.

Official ARRL stations, including

ARRL VEs, will sign with a /126.

Sept 9/10/11. VHF/UHF QSO Party.

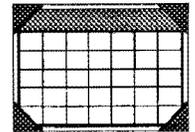
You can probably make all of the

contacts you need if you contact the

Golf Outing! The Club will pay the fee

if you qualify for a participation pin.

Upcoming Events



- September 2, 1995 Oakland County Siren Test. 12:00 p.m. on DART 146.64.
- September 9, 1995 HPARC HT Golf Scramble. Call Barry, WD8JWM or John, WD8R to make reservations.
- September 13, 1995 **HPARC general membership meeting.** Meeting topic will be Spark Gap Radios. This will be a fascinating presentation by Jim, WB8SIW.
- September 21, 1995 **HPARC Novice Classes** begin. 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Hoover Elementary School.
- September 24, 1995 MS Society Fall Breakaway bicycle ride. Amateur Radio communications are needed again. Contact Jim, N8QMD to volunteer.
- September 28, 1995 **HPARC VE Exam** 7:00 pm at Hoover Elementary School. Time for that upgrade.
- October 11, 1995 **HPARC general membership meeting.** Meeting topic will be SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Response Network), presented by KB8QMP.
- November 8, 1995 **HPARC general membership meeting.** Chuck, WV8A will make a presentation on Internet Services and Ham Radio.
- December 13, 1995 **HPARC general membership meeting.**

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