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Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club

Local Golf Course Radio Active

- Window Glass Sales in Vicinity Double Over Weekend - Coincidence?

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**Hazel Park
Amateur Radio Club
An ARRL Special Service
Club**

Board of Directors

President - WD8S, Mike
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Parliamentarian - N8ZLK, Steve

Repeaters

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

The Presidential Podium

- *Straight from the source.*

I hope that everyone enjoyed the September meeting as much as I did. Our thanks go to Jim Wades WB8SIW for the outstanding presentation on the history of Amateur Radio.

This month's program will be on the Salvation Army's emergency communication system. If you really want to know what is going on in the club and get the straight skinny on what is coming up, the Board of Directors meeting is the place to be. The next meeting will be held on October 2 at the Hoover elementary school at 7:30 pm, and the November Board meeting will be held October 30 at the same place and time.

Get ready the famous ARRL Sweepstakes Contest. CW mode runs November 4 and 5, and Phone will be November 18, and 19. The Club will be taking part in the contest as we have in the past [*see the Sweepstakes article*] and we will also spend some time on this topic during the October meeting.

Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) will be October 21 and 22. Invite a group of Scouts to your shack and introduce them to Amateur Radio.

I want to say something about comments that are made on the DART repeater.

If you are listening to the DART and do not know about the "Buddies and Pals," some conversations will sound confusing at times. If you're not one of the "Pals," and particularly if you are a new ham and or a SWL, this could give you a negative impression of Amateur Radio. So, think before you talk, and imagine how sounds to others; I wouldn't want the Repeater to sound like some other machines in the area.

Remember that our Repeater's motto is "The Friendliest Repeater in Town." This is the

image that we all should try to project. We all want the Repeater to be known as a place where you can get information and have a fine conversation.

73, Mike WD8S

The Last Annual HT Golf Outing

- *by Marty KG8QT, emeritus
extrordinaire*

Attendance at the Last Annual HT Golf Outing of the Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club's was very small compared to attendance at the Membership Meetings, but was noticeably greater than at the previous golf outing.

Some potential participants failed to show up, but we can blame the weather. In true Michigan style, it did not cooperate. When Mother Nature sent us sunny skies and great temperatures, some were fooled and stayed home.

The rest of us we were undaunted, and thirteen souls braved the elements, fought a pitched battle with club and cart, and finally brought the course to its knees. Well, the course was already wobbling when we arrived, as it was evident that the grounds keepers have had a problem growing grass on the fairways. Winter Rules were declared and we were off.

Imagine the honor bestowed upon our select group, being the first golfers to tee off that morning under absolutely clear skies and a postcard-quality sunrise. Imagine the gasps of astonishment and admiring glances from the assembled Buddies and Pals as golfer after golfer sent the ball flying down the exact center of fairway, almost to the very edge of human sight. Yes, imagine that!

The motley, rag-tag crew of weekend duffers

and one Professional tore up the course with scores of 71, 72, 73 and 78 posted. The format for this Event was a "Best Ball" Scramble. "Best Ball" means that everyone on the team plays from the position of the best shot. "Scramble" comes from the actions of the players in front when you mistake the distance and hit a record-breaking drive, or anyone near our Editor when tries to hit a shot.



The "Duffers"

Determining which shot was to be accorded the honors of "Best Ball" requires a combination of Robert's Rules of Order, classical Principles of Democracy, and skills learned in the Specs Howard School of Broadcasting and various Leadership Seminars. We heard that one team opted for the simple expedient of declaring a dictatorship and getting on with the game.

We did all have fun, and even received priceless pointers from "pros" who hapened to pass by. We chatted with the likes of Chu Chu Rodriguez, Allen Palmer, Jock Nicholson and Triny Lopez (a fine lady golfer she is, too) when they stopped to admire our outstanding form and grace.

"Longest Drive" on the front nine was awarded to Pat KB8YZE, with a drive of a whopping 280 yards, with Joe K8JRE taking honors on the back nine.

"Closest to the Pin" on both front and back nine holes went to Mike WD8S. [We had to give it to him, because he said that he would take the golf balls and clubs and go home if we didn't.]

Team 3, consisting of Mike WD8S, Joe K8JRE and John WD8R, won the event with a score of 71 for Par.

Team 2 finished with one over Par, lead by Barry WD8JWM. Tom N8TMQ and Marty KG8QT rode along.

Team 1, Pat KB8YZE, Bill N8HFM and Jim N8QMD flailed mightily to finish in third place.

Team 4, at full foursome strength with Jim KE8QT, Tony WD7G, "RJ" WB8HBJ and Ed KA8NCH, posted a seven over par score. We should explain that they did start last, and doubtlessly were in the final stages of dehydration as the heat took its toll.

All were enjoying the day and relaxing when the HPARC Golf Commissioner Frank AA8JN checked into the radio festivities at the ninth hole, declared that he had missed the start and asked to review the instant replays. We didn't have ATV capability, so Frank could only monitor the audio portion of the Event on simplex. If you had been monitoring, you would have agreed that the day was hard-fought and the play-by-play on the air was colorful indeed.

Well, colorful for some. We understand that a new standard for decorum was set by all members of Team 4; profanity was completely avoided, and strong language was limited to "darns" and the occasional "drat!" This higher standard was no doubt inspired by the good example set by, and the moderating influence of, Ed "The Colonel" KB8NCH. We also suspect that he didn't have his HT turned on, and that those of the rest of the team were respectfully set to minimum audio level.

Jim N8QMD was disappointed that there was no prize for "Best Divot," particularly after he scooped out a large piece of turf which bore a striking resemblance in both size and texture to the hairpiece of a well-known Detroit television news personality.

Jim KE8QT misplaced the Refreshment Cart. His voice was heard on the air several times, asking if any of the Pals had seen it, and if they had, would they kindly send it over his way? Each transmission sounded weaker and more plaintive than the previous, and we began to wonder if he would have the

stamina to endure the full Event. This situation became really interesting for a moment when a Huey 'copter hovered overhead; we weren't sure if it was a MedEvac Flight or a Beer Run. We would have believed that James, in last-ditch desperation, might have made a modification to his HT and then used it to make a transmission on an unauthorized frequency. He was really beginning to sound desperate, and for all we know his VFW Post *does* have a Huey for just such rescue missions!

Post-game festivities included the awarding of honors to those deserving, tales of golfing feats which astounded those listening, and mass quantities of nourishment and adult beverages.

We now look forward to our Second-to-the-Last Annual HT Golf Classic, to be held next year. We understand that there is a chance that there will be an appearance by Grog Norman himself.

The Swap Hound

- *Let's make a deal.*

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.

Wilson System 4 tri-bander, \$40. Don WA8E.

October 8, 1995, Lansing, MI.
CMARC. Gardner Middle School

October 22, 1995. Warren, MI.
USECA, O.L.R. Conference Center, 12 mi & Van Dyke. 147.18(+) talk-in.

Public Service Corner

- *It's more than a Hobby*

Simulated Emergency Test (SET)
Saturday, October 7, 10:00 am. Check in on the SMART 147.14(+) repeater.

Every Wednesday at 9:00 pm.
Oakland County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps (ARPS) net on the SMART, 147.140 (+). All are invited.

HPARC Board

Meetings

All Board meetings are at 7:30 pm,
Hoover Elementary School

December 3, 1995 - SWAP

December 4, 1995
January ??, 1996
February 5, 1996
March 4, 1996
April 1, 1996
April 29, 1996
June 6, 1996

Testing, Testing

- Be all you can be.

If you have recently upgraded, congratulations! Please let Phil AA8KR know so he can update the membership roster. 810.641.9723. Also, let the Editor know and your callsign, name and new license class will appear in this fine publication for all to admire.

- Up, Up and Away

(A lot of upgrading happened in the HPARC last summer: if I missed you, let me know)

KB8RVW John	Extra
KG8OW Arlan	Extra
KG8QT Marty	Extra
K8MXM Bud	Extra
N8GMA Gerry	Extra
N8WYO Al	Extra

KB8NIH Bill	Advanced
N8QMD Jim	Advanced

N8TOQ Lee	General
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KB8THN Phil	Technician
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HPARC VE testing:

Call Mike WD8S at 810.399.7970 or
Bill N8SWQ at 313.533.5962.
November 16, 1995
January 25, 1996
March 28, 1996
May 30, 1996

Oak Park VE testing:

Call Jeff N8WRY 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
November 11, 1995
December 13, 1995.

Contests and Events

- The Hobby part. . .

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

October 21 - 22 JOTA

Sweepstakes

Nov 4 - 6	CW
Nov 18 - 20	Phone

Fall Sweepstakes

Gear Up For The Fall Event We All Wait For! By KG8QT

By the November meeting the, CW November Sweepstakes will be history. As in past years, HPARC will collect logs and see that anyone who makes at least 100 different contacts either or both the CW weekend and the SSB weekend gets a participation pin from the ARRL. Work all 77 ARRL/RAC sections for a "Clean Sweep" mug.

As it states on page 125 of the October 1995 QST, this contest is an open invitation to all Amateurs in the US and Canada who have HF privileges. If you don't have HF privileges, the fun does not have to stop there, because you can still work the contest; just ask a fellow club member if they would like some help in their shack. Also, those with HF privileges should invite their "codeless" fellow Amateurs to come help.

It's sort of like Field Day in November, except you don't have to go out and rough it for the weekend. [*Like some of the gang really roughed it this year. . .*]

The Exchange

No.	Pwr.	Call	Ck.	Sect.
178	A	KG8QT	94	MI

No. Consecutive contact number
Pwr. Your power classification
Call Your callsign
Ck. Last two numbers of the year you were licensed.
Sect. ARRL section

The Dates

The CW weekend is from Saturday Nov. 4, 1995, 2100 UTC, to 0300 UTC Monday Nov. 6, 1995.

Phone is 2 weeks later from Nov. 18, to Nov. 20, 1995, using the same times.

All bands except WARC bands are legal, and don't worry, there are sections of the Novice-Tech bands where slow speed will be sent. One other restriction has been placed on the contest; you are only allowed to operate 24 of the 30 hours of the contest.

This contest is the perfect time to upgrade your CW speed by working on the air. It also gives you the chance to Work All States in one fell swoop.

The Challenge

No one has beaten our Leader, Mike WD8S for Most Contacts in quite a while. He has said "Catch me if you can", so let's take it away from him.

The Invitation

I hereby invite anyone who wishes to participate in the contest, but doesn't have an HF station or HF privileges, to be my guest and operate from my station. You can use my call and its HF privileges (Amateur Extra), or your call and your HF privileges. I would also encourage others to follow me and invite their fellow Amateurs to enjoy the contest together with you.

73 es gud luk de kg8qt

Calendar

- October 7, 1995 **Oakland County Simulated Emergency Test (SET).** Monitor the SMART starting at 10:00 am.
- October 11, 1995 **HPARC general membership meeting.** Meeting topic will be SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Response Network), presented by KB8QMP.
- October 30, 1995 HPARC Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Hoover Elementary School
- 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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