



The HPARC News

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Presidential Prattle

-QRM de WD8S

Sounding like cannon fire, the oversize gavel is slammed forcefully down on the table; once, twice, and sound of finality, a third time. An eerie silence overtakes the assembled multitudes. Heads turn as one, eyes seeking, and then finding, their Leader at the podium. The Leader coolly returns their stares with a powerful, sweep that at once takes in the entire room, and then in a booming voice declares "OK, lets get this show on the road!"

I hope that everyone who attended the January Meeting went home with more information about QSLing than they came in with. Wayne really knows QSLing; if any one needs his phone number, call me and I will pass it along.

The Guest Speaker at February Meeting's will be Floyd KF8AT; he's really knowledgeable about Collins Equipment and will compare it to other Rigs on the market today.

Sick Call: Dan KA8NDY is in the Hospital, and is getting better. Listen for Dan on the DART. I know that he is getting better because he is complaining about the food. (One day the topic on the Repeater was who gets his donuts at the meetings! They can fight this battle out amongst themselves on the air!) Also in the hospital is Erine, the Janitor at the Hoover School. Erine is a great help to all of us who deal with the school. Let's pray for a speedy recovery for Ernie and Dan.

Just a reminder that the February meeting is moved to the third Wednesday, the 21st, to fit with the school's Spring Break. There will not be Dounuts or coffee at the school on the 14th.

There has been a lot of talk about helping some Novices with their code speed, so there will be a Class on the same night as the Novice classes. Dan and I are working out the program now and will speak more on it at the Board Meeting.

The 1996 budget will be the topic for the February 5th meeting for the Board of Directors. Again, all members are invited to attend the meeting, and we do listen to your input. The Board will present the budget for approval at the February Meeting.

On February 17th the L'Anse Creuse Club will be putting on an Amateur Radio demo, from Macomb Mall. Our club has been asked to help. We will drop some Novice Class flyers at the demo and will be listening for them on the air to help with QSOs during the day.

I think that I have said enough, so bye bye for now and look for the Buddies and Pals of the HPARC on Simplex 147.51 in the evenings.

73, Mike Van Buren, WD8S

Swaps

- One Man's Junk . . .

February 24-25, 1996, Cincinnati OH. ARRL '96 Great Lakes Division Convention. Cincinnati Gardens Exposition Center, 2250 Seymour Avenue (state Route 561) with easy access to I-71, I-74 and I-75. \$6.00 admission in advance, \$8.00 at door. 144.77(+), 144.59(+), 222.46(+), and 443.65(+), talk-in. Call Stan Cohen WD8QDQ at 513.531.1011 for more information.

Sunday, February 25, 1996, Dearborn, MI. Livonia's in Dearborn. Livonia Amateur Radio Club's 26th Swap-n-Shop, Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan just east of Greenfield. 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. 145.35(-) talk-in.

Sunday, March 17, 1996, Maumee, OH. Lucas County Recreation Center, 2901 Key Street. 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. 147.270(+), 442,850(+), talk-in.

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

Board of Directors

- President - WD8S, Mike*
1st Vice President - AA8KR, Phil
2nd Vice President - KG8QT, Marty
Secretary - KE8QT, Jim
Treasurer - K8TRF, Dave
Director - N8TMQ, Tom
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 Zero Beat Staff

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HPARC Board Meetings

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

February 5, 1996
 March 4, 1996
 April 1, 1996
 April 29, 1996
 June 6, 1996

Minutes of January 10, 1996 HPARC Meeting

-by Jim KE8QT

- Meeting commenced 7:40 pm with welcome and introductions
- Minutes of December, 1995. Motion to accept by N8UUF, seconded by KC5DUO. Passed.
- Treasurer's report. Motion to accept by KA8WBQ, seconded by KA8NCH. Passed.
- Purple Crystal Award presented to Dave Snow, KB8RXK, for his consistent timing out of the DART Repeater.
- Presentation by Wayne Wiltse, K8BTH - "The Art of QSL'ing."
- Broke for refreshments 8:55, resumed 9:10
- Next Board meeting February 22; 1996 Budget to be discussed.
- Mike WD8S to present check to Hazel Park School Board on January 15.
- Reminder that Novice classes start in February. Dayton; Club has secured 12 rooms at the Hampton Inn. One room still available.
- KG8OW will try to secure a Flea Market space.
- Field Day permit has been secured for 1996.
- Club needs volunteers for Banquet and Field Day Chairs.
- Reminder that February and April meetings will be the third Wednesday.
- Club VE testing to be held January 25.
- February program will be on old radios, presented by Floyd, KF8AT.
- New members introduced and

- welcomed.
- Reminder to contact Ron, KB8PNS, to be included in a club packet directory.
- Membership drawing won by Barb KC8AQJ.
- Meeting adjourned 9:35 pm.

Public Service

- *The Service part of the Amateur Radio Service*

Every Night at 10:15 pm.
 SouthEastern Michigan Traffic Net (SEMTN) meets to pass National Traffic System (NTS) Traffic. Check in on the Edison Repeater, 145.33 (-) whether you have traffic or not. This is also a Training Net, so there tips and techniques to be learned.

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.

Oakland County ARPSC

1996 Siren Tests

Early Warning sirens in Oakland County are tested at 1:00 pm on the first Saturday of the month. ARPSC Siren Nets begin at 12:00 noon, with the main Coordinating Net on the SMART 147.140(+), and the Southeast Oakland County Net on the Dart 146.640(-).

All that is required is to drive, cycle, skate, rollerblade, walk, or crawl to a siren, then watch, listen, and report its operation back to the Net.

Make room on your calendar, mark down the days, and plan to help out this year. It's part of our Service; it's a really cool thing to do; and you'll be with lots of the the Buddies and Pals!

- March 2, 1996 Saturday - FIRST TEST
- April 4, 1996 Thursday - Tornado Safety Week
- April 6, 1996 NO TEST this Saturday
- May 4, 1996 Saturday

- June 1, 1996 Saturday
- July 6, 1996 Saturday
- August 3, 1996 Saturday
- September 7, 1996 Saturday
- October 4, 1996 Saturday
- November 2, 1996 Saturday - LAST TEST

SKYWARN classes

It's time for SKYARN classes again. The National Weather Service has made significant progress with new high-technology tools such as color Doppler weather radar, but they still need the help of us low-technology humans to provide important information gathered by your own eyes.

Two classes, Basic and Advanced, are offered. You must have taken the Basic class to attend the Advanced class. Space is be limited, so register early.

- Basic February 24, 1996, Saturday, 9:30 - 11:30 am.
- Basic March 1, 1996, Friday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Basic March 14, 1996, Thursday, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Basic March 19, 1996, Tuesday, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
- Advanced March 23, 1996, Saturday, 9:30 - 11:30 am

All classes listed will be held at the Oakland County Emergency Operations Center. Talk-in help will be available on the 8-Bit Repeater, 145.490.

To register for any class, call 810.858.5077.

VE Testing

- *Make Your Goal the Top!*

HPARC VE testing:
 Call Mike WD8S at 810.399.7970 or Bill N8SWQ at 313.533.5962.

March 28, 1996
 May 30, 1996

Oak Park VE testing:
 Call Jeff N8WRY at 810.642.3608

April 2, 1996
June 4, 1996.

Motor City Radio Club VE testing:
Call 313.676.6248

March 9, 1996
April 24, 1996
May 11, 1996
July 20, 1996
September 14, 1996
November 9, 1996
December 11, 1996

SATERN "Angels" Help Reclaim Detroit

-by Bill Heavner, KB8QMP

In August 1995, the City of Detroit Mayor's office convened a meeting of Emergency Management professionals from throughout Metro-Detroit. The subject: the night before Halloween, now known as "Devil's Night."

In the past, Detroit has experienced arson fires in such abundance that it drew international news coverage. The worst incident recorded over 400 fires in a single evening requiring mutual aid from surrounding suburban police and fire departments.

This past year, Mayor Dennis Archer declared Devil's Night arson activities would not be tolerated and asked for an "army of 30,000 volunteer angels" to protect the city during the period of October 29 through 31. As the Mayor asked for an "army of ... angels," it was only natural for The Salvation Army to be called into action.

After several meetings with city officials, it was determined that four of The Salvation Army - Emergency Disaster Service canteens would be placed in strategic locations around the city to provide beverages, nourishment and encouragement to the other volunteer angels and emergency service personnel. And in the event of a major incident, the canteens would be able to respond with unprecedented effectiveness.

In the Army's planning for this event, officials were concerned about the possible interruption of communications. The Metro-Detroit canteen crews use cellular phones as their primary mode of communication. They knew that with all the traffic on the cellular system, there would be a probable overload and possible failure of that system.

In an effort to have a reliable communication system, and also to test the resources and creativity of the Amateur Radio operators who volunteer with the newly-formed Salvation Army Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) group in Macomb County, Michigan, a request for volunteers went out on the local SATERN nets.

Under the direction of Captain Bill Heavner, KB8QMP, and Walt Gracey, WB8E, SATERN volunteers arrived at Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters and proceeded to equip each canteen and administrative/support vehicle with 2-meter radios and operators.

Through the generosity of the Utica Shelby Emergency Communications Association (USECA,) their 2-meter repeater helped provide the wide radio coverage needed to facilitate HT coverage across the Metro-Detroit area. Floyd Soo, KF8AT, President of USECA (also a SATERN member) stated "We are glad to do whatever possible in providing emergency radio communications. That's why USECA exists!"

With Nancy Carr, KB8QMS, handling and controlling the traffic, SATERN volunteers handled all communications assignments with a high degree of professionalism. Many City of Detroit officials were impressed by the service rendered by SATERN volunteers.

One veteran Detroit Police Sergeant walked up to SATERN member Dan Larned, KA8NDY, and stated "I don't want anything except to say thanks for all you "Sally Ann" people do." Dan later informed net control that this encounter "made all the long hours worth it."

When the detail ended, all the volunteers were dismissed to return home with their "war stories" of the night the "Devil was defeated in Detroit."

On November 1, 1995, Mayor Denis Archer announced that Devil's Night would be no more, because the Angels had won! During the three-day period there were fewer fires than on any other normal three-day period. Indeed, the SATERN "volunteer angels" had provided a valuable contribution to reclaiming the city for the future.

Speaking of the future, SATERN member Duwayne "Red" Mallast, KB8SFK, was heard stating: "Next year we're going digital!"

HPARC Needs YOU!

-Step Right Up!

Your Hazel Park Board needs YOU for 1996! We need to fill the following positions:

- Field Day Chair
- Annual Banquet Chair
- SET Scripting Chair

This year the HPARC has volunteered to prepare and write the script for the Simulated Emergency Test. Our script will be used by the Oakland County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps for its annual SET drill.

Mike "Fearless Leader" WD8S announced at the January meeting that the Board will accept volunteers and nominations before its next Meeting. Any positions not filled by the beginning of the Meeting will be filled by the end of the Meeting, one way or another. So, step right up and do your part to help the Club in 1996.

Want to know more about what is involved? Talk to Mike WD8S, Marty KG8QT (1995 Field Day Chair) or Barry WD8JWM (1995 Banquet Chair) or any other Board member.

Calendar

- February 14, 1996 St. Valentine's Day. Be especially nice to someone you love.
- February 21, 1996 **HPARC General Membership Meeting.** How long has it been since you heard of Collins Radio? Floyd KF8AT will make a presentation of the radio equipment of this company.
- March 2, 1996 Early Warning Siren Testing Begins.
- March 13, 1996 **Dave W8YZ** will educate us on RF properties as they relate to transmission lines and antennas and give demonstrations
- March 15, 1996 Caesar, beware!
- April 4, 1996 Tornado Safety Week. Siren Test.
- April 7, 1996 Set your clocks forward for Eastern Daylight Time. [Don't reset your UTC clock.]
- April 17, 1996 **HPARC General Membership Meeting.** Marty KG8QT has a few ideas and is working to develop them.
- May 4, 1996 Early Warning Siren Test.
- May 8, 1996 **HPARC General Membership Meeting.** Marty KG8QT is working to confirm this date with the guest speaker he wants.
- May 17,18 & 19 **DAYTON!**
- May 27, 1997 Memorial Day.
- June 1, 1996 Early Warning Siren Test.
- June 12, 1996 **HPARC General Membership Meeting.**
- June 14, 1996 Flag Day.
- June 22 & 23 **Field Day!**

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