

The Zero Beat

The Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club

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The President's Monthly QRM

It is sad to report that Harry Austin KC8TEV has joined the ranks of the silent key. He was not a ham radio operator for very long but he was very active in our club and at the county. He will be missed by all of us.

The new officers have been elected and will be installed at the club banquet on June 9 at the Gazebo. If you haven't gotten your tickets to the banquet there are a few left that we can fill. Contact Phil AA8KR about making arrangements if you desire to attend

the club banquet. Remember that you must have your ticket to get into the banquet it is not only your entry permit, it will also be used for the prize drawings, so put your call on the ticket before you get to the door.

The other great activity that we have this month is Field Day; it will be held at the HazelWood property just north of the Holly ski area, as it has in the past. This year, Mike WD8S, John, K8UP, and Steve, N8FH, (note the new call--he has finally decided to stay in eight land!), have made a number of changes in past practices so come out and let us know if you like the changes.

Meeting Minute, The Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club, May, 2004

The May 12, 2004 meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Phil Ode followed by the usual introductions.

The June banquet will be held at the Gazebo. They will allow a cash bar but if it doesn't make \$150, someone must make up the difference. The club will not do so. The club is committed to 50 people for the banquet and if fewer attend, the club will need to make up for the shortage.

Murray, KE8UM, has had a shift in his work schedule and will not be able to be an active participant in club activities. In addition, Jeff, N8WR, is temporarily incapacitated with a broken knee from a fall.

There are several public service events coming up and members were encouraged to sign up. The Field Day committee presented their plan for this event and members were asked to sign up for their preferred times if possible. Information on the Dayton Hamvention was also available.

The next item of business was the annual elections. The results are as follows:

- President - AA8KR, Phil, re-elected by acclamation
- 1st VP - K8ABZ, Jim
- 2nd VP- WD9FTH, Steve, re-elected by acclamation
- Secretary - KC8FNQ, Willy
- Treasurer - N8MQU, Richard, re-elected by acclamation
- Director - K8UP, John, re-elected by acclamation
- Parliamentarian - N8QVS, Bill, re-elected by acclamation.

K8IKW, Gary, reported on emergency com setups at hospitals, upcoming FEMA class, which is needed for RACES if one wishes to be a member. He also provided information on upcoming swaps and Tawas Point Lighthouse special event.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read. There was no Secretary's report from the previous month.

Steve, WD9FTH, gave a preview of the presentations for the 1st two meetings for next fall.

N8SML won the membership prize.
Dee Flint, N8UZE, Secretary
Many thanks to Dee for her several years of service to the club as our secretary!

HPARC Hams Needed to Volunteer for Public Service Events

Now that Spring is here, there are a huge number of opportunities for HPARC members to participate in Community Service events in the area.

There will be an additional sub net for northern Oakland County Siren Tests being run by George, K8GEO. Call George if you live in the areas of Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills, Rochester, Oakland Twp., or Addison

Twp., or will be interested in checking sirens in those areas, please contact George at 248-393-4030, or E-mail to K8GEO@arrl.net. George hopes to have enough volunteers available so that you will not have to volunteer your time each month, but rather on a rotating basis.

Additionally, you should make plans to help out in the following events:

- American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure (Sunday, June 13) at Island Lake State Recreation Area (Brighton). Contact Jeff Albrecht, N8WR 248-642-3608
- MS 150 Bike Ride (July 17-18) Springfield Oaks County Park to Lansing and back. Contact Jeff, N8WR

Other HPARC Regular Events and Gatherings

Sunday: HPARC/DART 2 Meter net.
9:00 PM 146.64 (-) 100 Hz

Tuesday Medium Speed CW Net 8:00 PM 28.128 +/-QRM

Thursday Oakland County ARPSC Net 145.25 (-) 100 Hz

Friday Morning Breakfast at The Ram's Horn, 31253 Woodward, North of 13 Mile Rd. 7:30 AM

Saturday breakfast at Jimi's in Royal Oak, 714 S. Washington, 9:30 AM

Nightly except Sunday: the Rocking Chair Net 145.63 FM Simplex, 8:00 PM, Local time.

Nightly: SE Michigan Traffic Net on 145.33 (-) no PL beginning at 10:15 PM.

Net Control List 2003 Hazel Park HPARC/DART Sunday Evening Net

The following is a list of stations who have agreed to host the HPARC weekly net on the DART Repeater. As always, if you are unable to fulfill your duties as Net Control Operator, please contact Bill Ketel, N8QVS as soon as possible so that he might arrange a substitute.

Jun. 13 K8KHZ Sean #1853

Jun. 20 N8QVS Bill_2 #1853

Jun. 27 KC8TWO Mark #1854

Jul. 4 AA8UU John #1855

Jul. 11 N8TMQ Tom #1856

Jul. 18 KA8DMR Marsha #1857

Jul. 25 AD8M Ken #1858

Aug. 01 N8WIQ Christine #1859

Aug. 08 AA8UU John #1860

Aug. 15 K8UP John #1861

Aug. 22 N8QVS Bill#2 #1862

Aug. 29 AD8M Ken #1863

Sep. 05 OPEN___ #1864

CQ FIELD DAY!

Once again, Field Day is right around the corner. This year's event will take place on Saturday and Sunday, June 26-27. Our new Field Day Committee, consisting of WD8S, K8UP and WD9FTH would like your help in making this a successful and fun event for everybody. HPARC will plan to operate as a Class 2A station, with an additional GOT Station, and possibly a dedicated VHF station, if interest is sufficient. As has been the custom, we will operate from the Hazelwood Property neat Holly, MI.

The key to a successful operation is to have all stations operating at all times, so Mike has asked that members sign up for specific time blocks to operate. you can, of course, also operate when there is nobody specific signed up to operate one of the stations, but preplanning will make for a better event. If enough people are willing to commit to operating times, we might operate with additional transmitters.

Remember that June 30 marks the end of the current General Class Question Pool. Once again, HPARC will offer, as a service to amateurs, a VE Test session. This year's testing will be done on Sunday morning, beginning at 11:00 AM. If you are interested in participating in the testing, either as a Volunteer Examiner (ARRL VEC Certification Required), or you want to take the tests that morning, please call Jeff Albrecht, N8WR at 248-642-3608, or E-mail N8WR@arrl.net.

Get Well Wishes to HPARC Members

As those of you who receive this letter electronically already know, our President, Phil Ode, AA8KR, was hospitalized on Saturday with serious problems requiring emergency surgery. I am happy to say that the surgery was a success, and he is resting

comfortably at home. Phil's hospitalization was due to residual injuries suffered in his motorcycle accident this April, on the day of the April meeting.

Doctors were able to relieve a buildup of blood surrounding his brain and causing pressure on the brain. He is now recovering at home, but will miss the club Banquet, as well as being a possible scratch for Field Day. All of us in the club pass on our get well wished to Phil.

Be Sure to Get Your June Banquet Reservations

This year's HPARC Banquet will take place on Wednesday, June 9 at the Gazebo Restaurant. Tickets are \$20 per person, and should be reserved PRIOR to the event, as the Gazebo requires a tally of how many guests will be present several days before the event. If you would like to attend, since it is too late to get tickets by mail, please bring \$20 per person to the Gazebo Restaurant. We will have tickets for sale at the door.

If you need directions, please call a board member, or check in on the DART 2 Meter Machine prior to the dinner.

It's important to remember to keep track of your ticket, as no meals will be served to you if you do not have a ticket.

There will be the usual celebrations of the installation of the new Board of Directors, the much-anticipated prize drawings and the award for HPARC Amateur of the year, so this is a big night and many feel it is a "must-attend" event. This year's prizes include an Icom IC-208 dual Band mobile radio, a Yaesu FT 50 R Dual-Band handheld, and a Comet Dual Band antenna with SO-239 connections.

MS 150 Volunteers Needed

As many of you know, there are a large number of charitable organizations that depend heavily on Amateur Radio for communication assistance on their events. I am proud to be a member of a club that provides a large number of volunteers for these events. One of the biggest

(both participant-wise and by sheer length of the course), is the MS-150 Bike Ride. This year's event will take place on the weekend of July 17-18 starting at Springfield Oaks County Park in northern Oakland County, and running to Michigan State University in East Lansing. The course covers routes of 75 and 100 miles, and requires amateurs at 8 rest stops, 5 SAG Wagons, 3 Finish Shuttles, Start and Finish positions and a number of staff cars. And that's just for the first day!

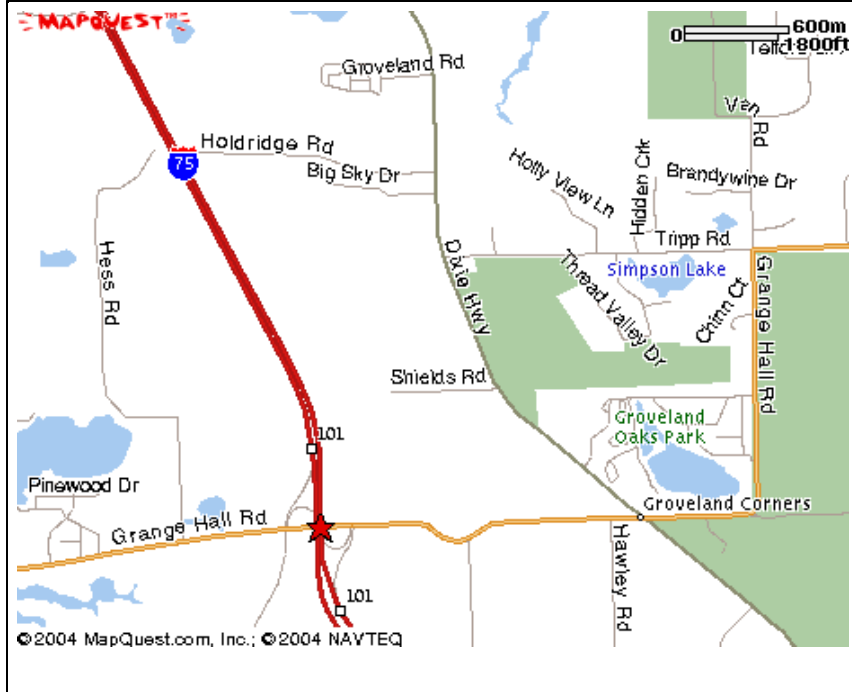
The second day, we return from East Lansing and retrace the route back to Springfield Oaks. Additionally, there is a mountain bike course set up around the park on Sunday only, and this course also requires radio positions.

Many hams volunteer to serve both days. If you do, you get meals and lodging while at MSU. For those who work one day or the other, we still cover the meals. All volunteers get free admission to the park, and a nice MS-150 Tee Shirt to go with it.

This is a huge undertaking, and there are usually in excess of 900 bikers counting on us to provide support. Anyone can help, as long as you are a Technician -class licensee or higher. You should have a 25 Watt (minimum!) mobile radio that you can remove from your car, as well as a magnetic mount antenna. A hand-held radio is a nice extra, but not strictly necessary.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Jeff Albrecht, N8WR for details. You can reach me at N8WR@arrl.net , or call 248-642-3608.

Jeff Albrecht, N8WR



DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO HPARC FIELD DAY SITE

- Take I-75 North to Grange Hall Road exit, Exit #101
- Go East on Grange Hall Road to Dixie Highway
- Turn North (left on Dixie Highway
- Follow Dixie to Holdridge Road. It will be on the left side of the road at the Party Store. Holdridge is a dirt road.
- Follow Holdridge to the HPARC signs.

Harry Austin, KC8TEV, SK 1955-2004

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a good friend and loyal club member, Harry Austin. Harry passed away on Saturday, May 29 after a battle with cancer. Those who knew Harry will recall that he was a student in my first Technician class at Birmingham Seaholm High School, and got the call KC8TEV after being in the class just four weeks. Harry was preparing for his upgrade to General Class when he became a Silent Key.

Though only licensed since March of 2002, Harry was extremely active in the HPARC club activities, as well as being a dedicated member of Oakland County ARPSC. Harry was also instrumental in bringing the discussion on an ordinance to permit Amateur Radio antennas and towers to the attention of the Troy City Council, who later voted to make accommodations for Amateur Antennas in the city building code.

Harry was a dedicated ham and a good friend. He was always there to help when called upon, and we will all sorely miss his friendly face at club functions. God bless you, Harry. **KC8TEV de W8HP 73 es CUL OM.**

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**VE Testing June 27, 11 AM at Field Day
Club Meeting/ Banquet- Wednesday, June, 7:30 PM**

FIRST CLASS MAIL--Dated Material