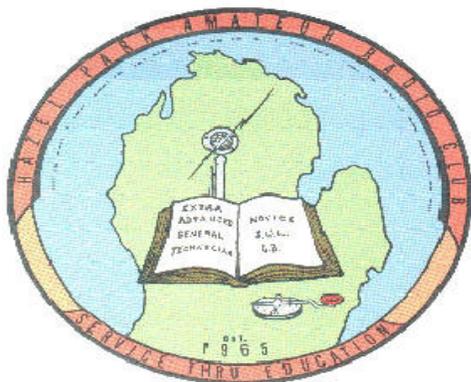


# The Zero Beat



The Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club  
<http://www.qsl.net/w8hp>

## President's Monthly QRM

September 10, 2005

This year in hamdom is starting of a bit different THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE ON THE THRID WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 21, 2005. So mark your calendars and keep an eye on the Zero Beat for other changes throughout the year. For instance the meeting in October will also be on the third Wednesday (October 19, 2005). The September meeting was changed to the third Wednesday because of a conflict with another school activity. As you may remember, at one meeting last year, we had to meet in the media room because the gym was double booked and we came in second. Just because we have been meeting in Hoovers gym for thirty some years we cannot expect to always have it for our meetings. The October date is a little different. It was moved to allow our Jewish members the ability to properly prepare for Yom Kippur. So with respect we have moved this date as well. There will be other date changes and we will keep the membership advised the best we can. The school has not finished their calendar yet; therefore any of our meeting dates could be changed. To keep yourself well advised, and up to date, check into the Sunday night 2 meter net. All changes in the meetings and important club information will be announced on the Sunday night net.

I copied the following (without permission) out of Gary's, K8IKW, newsletter it is of importance to all hams. NOTE: if you don't get Gary's newsletter give him your email address and he will copy it to you.

The Clinton Township Board will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 6:30 PM at the Township Hall located at 40700 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township to discuss enacting amended antenna ordinance for that Township. The essence of the proposed tower/ antenna ordinance states that a tower must be no higher than the Fall Zone of the structure, and that only 2 roof top antennas may be erected and each one may not exceed 3 feet height All interested amateurs are urged to attend this meeting and voice their feeling on this important legislation in our local coverage area. Contact Dave, KC8IAQ, Mary, KC8IAP or Mike, N5WCS for further

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## Hazel Park HPARC/DART Sunday Evening Net

The following is a list of stations that 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.

Sept 4	AA8KR	Phil	1917
11	K8UP	John	1918
18	N8QVS	Bill	1919
25	KC8TWO	Marc	1920
Oct 3	K8KHZ	Sean	1921
10	KA8DMR	Marsha	1922
17	KC8FNQ	Willie	1923
24	KC8TGW	Alex	1924
31	K8BSG	Carl	1925

information and details. All wishing to be heard at this meeting are asked to be at the location by 6:00 PM that evening.

If you can attend, please do, it does make a difference.

This is going to be very busy year for the Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club - come get involved and remember, bring a friend.

### **MEETING DATE CHANGE FOR SEPTEMBER!**

The Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May, at 7:30 PM at Hoover Elementary School, which is located north of Nine Mile Road and east of John R. Roads. The best way to reach it is to take Nine Mile, west of John R, to Hoover Street then turn north to the school.

However, the first meeting in September will be on the THIRD Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. The school has open house the second Tuesday this September

SEE YOU THERE! And BRING A FRIEND!

***Editors Note*** – I hear that Bill, N8SA, will be giving his talk on grounding issues for the ham at the September meeting. I have seen this presentation in the past, and it is NOT TO BE MISSED! There is information for the new ham and experienced ham as well! KD8AWZ

### **ARRL Dues**

Is it getting near time to renew your ARRL dues? If so, renew through HPARC! When you renew through the club, you win, HPARC wins, and ARRL knows you are involved. Contact Richard, N8MQU, but remember to do it early – we don't want you to lose any of the fantastic benefits that membership in ARRL & HPARC brings you!

## **The Dangers of Ham Radio**

Or

### **What I Did on My Summer Vacation**

I was looking forward to more time “playing radio” in the summer of '05 – not many prior commitments, and lots of free time. Field day was coming up, and I had planned to hit 3 different club set ups and play radio all weekend long.

If you will remember we had a very short weekend of band openings on 20 meters late in May, and being so new to the hobby I thought the whole summer was going to be like this – I made over 60 contacts in 3 days that weekend.

The next week was a club meeting and on the field day board no one had signed up for 20 meters – the band that had quickly become my favorite. I made a quiet comment that I was going to make a ton of contacts on 20 that weekend – but not as quiet as I thought – someone heard me.

So before I knew it I was the chair for 20 meters for field day. I had no idea what that meant. I thought I just had to show up and play radio – how wrong I was!

As the club meeting was breaking up, 3 guys came over to me and started asking questions... What kind of radio was I going to be using, what kind of antenna was I putting up, did I have enough batteries (for what?) to run QRP (QR Who?) the whole 24 hours... What the heck were guys talking about? I thought a just supposed to talk!

So I had just found out I was supposed to do EVERYTHING for the 20-meter station for field day – from setting up the station, enlisting other people to run it and if someone was not there, I had to be there. How did I let my big mouth get me into this?

I had no batteries, no 20-meter antenna, no shelter to put this non-existent station under, and most of all, I JUST bought my Icom IC-718 – there was NO WAY it was leaving the house to be set up in a field!

With only a little over a week to pull this together, I started the next morning trying to beg, borrow, and steal anything and everything that I might be able to use. The very first thing I got was someone just as new as I am in the hobby that was just as stupid as me to help co-chair the station. My eternal thanks go to Steve, KD8ARL for all his help and support!

I had some wire left over from building my Sky Loop HF antenna on my house, and another ham gave me a beat up old 1:1 balun, some ladder line, and a little folding table to set up on, and I had an extension paint roller handle in the garage... Hmm... The beginnings of a 20-meter dipole antenna! Now if I could borrow a radio, because my new Icom 718 wasn't going out in a field!

I found another ham not planning to run a station at field day that has a deep cycle battery. Boy! If I could only find someone to lend me a radio I would be all set – after all, there is no way my new Icom was going out in a field...

I found a cheap (\$15.00) sun tent at Odd Lots, and Steve had just invested in an antenna “tool kit” – a hard shell case stuffed full of all kinds of antenna tools including an MFJ antenna analyzer – I was almost ready in record time – if I just could borrow a radio to take in the field, because there was NO WAY my new Icom was...

So now it was decided, the radio was going to be my new Icom IC-718 – you know – the brand new radio that still had the plastic on the LCD – the one that still smelled that wonderful smell of a brand new radio without a scratch on it. The one I swore would never leave its revered place in my shack...

Imagine my surprise on Friday set up when I was told that EVERYONE was working battery QRP!!! Heck I was the one trying to figure out how to get more than 100 watts out of my set up – how the heck was I supposed to work on 5 watts? But what the heck – there were 10 other stations setting up QRP – if they could do it, so could I, right?

Well, it was a lot of work setting up with only 2 guys that not only never been to a field day before, but even more amazing is that the 2 guys had less than a year in the hobby combined between them.

We had several issues to get around, such as my dipole was picking up an S6 noise from running parallel to the power lines, and no power to run the logging computer. But once the start of the contest came, it was nothing but fun. I also had very little help – besides Steve and I, we only had 2 others help us work the station all weekend. We ended up getting about 50 contacts and I don't know if that is good or bad, but given the conditions and our first try at QRP, I am happy with the results.

The Monday after field day found me flat on my back. I can only do so much physical activity until my body tells me it has had enough. This time it was worth it though – my first field day was a ball. But this was the beginning of a pattern that lasted the whole summer – work a contest, play some radio, have fun, and spend time off my feet for a week or so.

This pattern happened 4 times through the summer and it taught me something. Everything in moderation – even too much of a good thing is a bad thing. Which brings me to The Zero Beat...

I have had fun doing this newsletter last winter and spring, and I would like to continue. However, I don't want to disappoint anyone if something happens to me that I am flat on my back for any length of time. I now have to see some specialists and maybe get back on the transplant list. I would like to enlist someone to be my "co-editor". I need someone that could work with me and if I get sick again could take right over without skipping a beat.

I think I have this down to only taking 45-60 minutes a month, and if 2 people do the job it should take even less. Any takers?

Keith, KD8AWZ

### **ELECTION TIME IN HAMDOM...**

#### **The Great Lakes Section Has Elections This Fall. Here are some of their candidate's statements.**

As I've (K8IT) mentioned before, I am running for Great Lakes Division Vice Director in 2005. Here's my 300-word candidate's statement.

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from the number of licensees—but from the number of *active* radio amateurs.

While there have not been any scientific surveys, some estimate that up 50% of all licensees are inactive. For whatever reason, these folks lost interest and are amateur radio operators in name only.

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How can we encourage amateur radio operators to be more active? One thing we can do is develop classes that will teach people not only what they need to know to pass a test, but what they need to know to be successful amateur radio operators. These include how to solder, how to make voltage and current measurements, and how to make simple antennas.

Better support for clubs is also needed. Clubs are where the action is. Good clubs bring hams into the hobby and turn them into active amateur radio operators. Bad clubs turn people away from amateur radio and foster bad stereotypes about amateur radio and amateur radio operators.

And finally, we need to start getting youth into amateur radio again. We must show them how technically challenging ham radio can be, but even more importantly, how much fun it can be.

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#### **And Here Is His Competitor's Statement – KB6NU**

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JIM WEAVER, K8JE, SEEKS RE-ELECTION AS DIRECTOR

Fellow ARRL members, I am honored that you have allowed me to serve you and Amateur Radio as your Great Lakes Division Director the past three years. I appreciate your confidence in me and ask you to re-elect me to three more years of progress.

Why vote for me? I've fulfilled every promise I've made to you and have proven my leadership. You don't need to guess "what" I am. My work on your behalf includes:

- Through my monthly "Weaver's Words" newsletter, I continually seek your advice on key issues, inform you of the "full story" behind these issues and demonstrate my belief that you are "The Reason ARRL Is." I kept my word to you. Incidentally, my votes on the Board have been completely consistent with the wishes expressed to me by the overwhelming majority of you.

- Work by the Board, Staff and local leadership resulted in victories by Division amateurs in nearly each instance our right to install antenna structures was challenged. I kept my word to you.

- ARRL Staff has begun a unique, detailed project to reach the pool of non-hams that will restore growth to the Amateur Radio Service. The results of the project will be recruiting new and younger amateurs, and keeping them active in our great Service. I kept my word to you.

- My motion that established the ARRL Grassroots Legislative Action Program is effectively promoting the needs of Amateur Radio. I kept my word to you.

The future offers unforeseen challenges. Key among these challenges is action resulting from FCC's decision to minimize its involvement in Amateur Radio. I want to work on the Board to develop strategies that to enable us to achieve the flexibility we need to guide our great Service through coming successful years.

If re-elected, I will renew my commitment to resolving members' concerns, to strengthen and to grow Amateur Radio and to continue to promote the full significance of "Members, The Reason ARRL Is."

Thanks. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments - [k8je@arrl.org](mailto:k8je@arrl.org).

73,

Jim, K8JE

## **OAKLAND COUNTY NEWS**

### COUNTY ARPSC NEWS

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The next meeting of Oakland County ARPSC will be on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Emergency Operation Center located in Pontiac (Waterford actually) West of Telegraph Road on Pontiac Lake Road to first traffic signal then north (right) one drive to entrance to administrative annex. Turn right again and go to EOC on the right side of parking lot. Enter at FRONT DOOR. See you at the meeting.

The next siren test will be on Saturday, September 3, 2005 beginning at 1:00 PM. Check in on the Oakland County Repeater, W8OAK, on 145.25 Mhz, 100 Hz pl tone or the usual subnets on Dart, Clarkston and USECA repeaters. Check in at about 12:30 PM to receive an assignment for a siren needing visual sight report this month called a "hot siren" due to reported malfunction or long interval of sight report since last visual report. Call the EOC at 248-858-5300 to request an assignment for siren check location before the date above if you wish, or contact George, K8GEO or JIM Walden, N8DHZ to receive an assignment for siren check. Jim is reachable at email: [n8dhz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:n8dhz@sbcglobal.net) or call: 248-649-8910; George is reachable at [k8geo@arrl.net](mailto:k8geo@arrl.net).

The Oakland County ARPSC will conduct a FEMA IS-700 class at the EOC in October 2005, date and time to be announced in next bulletin. The Department of Homeland Security and the Oakland County Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response now desire that all ARPSC members take the IS-100, IS-700, and IS-800, Incident Management System classes available on line on the internet at [www.training.fema.gov](http://www.training.fema.gov) or at in-person class sessions to be held this meeting season at the County level for any interested amateurs.

The County ARPSC Net meets each Thursday night of the year at 8:00 PM on W8OAK repeater, 145.25 Mhz, 100 Hz pl tone. Stop in and see

what's new at the County ARPSC.

The County has purchased new VHF radios, IC-2720H, for every hospital in Oakland County as of this date and all or most of the radios are installed and operational at each hospital in Oakland County. The radios are tested each month on the last Thursday of each month during the regular ARPSC net held that evening. If you can volunteer to assist in going to a hospital one night per month for about one hour to test the radios, contact Ralph Greenberg, K8CAR at email K8car@yahoo.com for further information or call the EOC at 248-858-5300 to leave a message to have Ralph call you back.

The County has purchased new HF radio for the EOC, a Yeasu FT-1000 MP Field that will make operations easier with this new radio after it is installed. We are getting a large beam antenna soon to install on the roof of the EOC for much improved HF transmissions also.

Another item concerning security is that the County Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response will soon be issuing new ID cards to all ARPSC members. These cards will be a different color than the present cards and so everyone in ARPSC will have to get a new photo taken and get a new card. Call the EOC or come to the next several County ARPSC meetings to have your picture taken and get info recorded for the new ID badge.

Starting this Fall, the County ARPSC will significantly cut back on printed and mailed monthly bulletins and will, instead, send bulletins to all County ARPSC members by internet email so keep your email address up to date at the County if you change servers so you can receive the county bulletins. PS-this editor also has average 3-4 bounced emails monthly so let me know "where are you" on email address or changes so this informative and clever newsletter will still be in your Inbox each month. Also-turn off your computer Spam filter for this Newsletter so the newsletter will not be bounced to Spam folder as junk.

At the recent Oakland County ARPSC Board meeting we had the pleasure of hearing from the Emergency Coordinator of Orleans parish in Louisiana who advised of communications efforts and problems in his city and Parish. We also had a report from Gail Novak of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response who provided copies of the Emergency Operations Plan for Oakland County, which clearly outlines the duties, and tasks of each Department and agency of Oakland County Government in case of

an emergency. We DO have a plan and are preparing for any event in our local communities. We also were given details of the extensive emergency plan now in effect at the State of Michigan level to react and meet the needs of the agencies and people of the Gulf region. Michigan is a major contributor of resources both material and personnel to this emergency.

To prepare our members and amateur radio volunteers for the best response in a local, State, or as we have all seen, a National Emergency, Oakland County Office of Emergency Response and Preparedness will hold a FEMA IS-700 class on Saturday, November 12, 2005 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon at the EOC to learn about the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System which governs all emergency response operations in the United States.

The County has strongly advised that all RACES and ARPSC volunteer radio operators SHOULD TAKE THE IS-100, THE IS-700 AND IS-800 FEMA TRAINING CLASSES EITHER ON LINE OR IN PERSON AT CLASSES OFFERED BY OUR COUNTY OR OTHER AGENCIES within the next several months to assure their continued readiness and certification to serve on emergency response actions. Right now this is a voluntary request and has not been made mandatory but may change at a later date depending on Federal directives from FEMA and Homeland Security offices at the National level.

Check class offerings online at:  
[www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/CRSLIST.asp](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/CRSLIST.asp)  
to review each class subject and a download of the materials and a final exam test to complete online to receive class credit.

The Oakland County ARPSC will hold its regular General Membership meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the EOC in Pontiac. Contact the EOC at 248-858-5300 to receive directions to the EOC for that meeting.

The Bloomfield Township Police Department will hold its Annual Open House on Sunday, October 9, 2005 from 12:00 Noon to about 5:00 PM at the Police Department HQ located at 4200 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Township, just south on Long Lake Road on SB Telegraph. We at Oakland County ARPSC have been asked to once again set up a ham radio display table for this event and have agreed to do so. We need a "few good men (or women)" to volunteer to come out about 10:00 AM that morning and help set up antenna and coax and a table with a HF and /or 2 meter radio. I have literature to pass out to the public and the

Police Department is providing some refreshments and food, a white cloth canopy over our site and AC power tap off for radio operations, If you can help with this event please contact Gary, K8IKW, the event chairman at k8ikw@aol.com to sign up to help. Mark your calendars to come over and see us even if not operating that day...

#### HAPPENINGS IN HAMDOM

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##### Swaps and Shops:

Adrian ARC will hold its 33rd Annual Swap and Hamfest on Sunday, September 18, 2005 from 8:00AM to???. At Lenawee County Fairgrounds. Off M-52 in Adrian. Talk-in frequency is 145.370-85.4 HZ pl tone. Tickets are \$5.00 entry. Further details at adrianhamfest@w8tqe.com

The participants in the Milford ARC Lighthouse Special Event this August report that they made 73 contacts total between 20 and 40 meters and had 2 DX contacts. There were 14 operators or visitors who stopped up at Pointe Aux Barques Light in Port Hope in the Thumb area and we especially wish to thank Gary, K8IKW, Del KC8IJF, and PAUL, AA8OZ as well as Hal, N8MFY who tried so valiantly to put this Lighthouse on the air despite lack of equipment or enough operators to permit round the clock operations as planned. Maybe next year... Much fun was had by all.

The Bloomfield Township Police Department will hold its 2005 annual Open House on Sunday October 9, 2005 from 12:00 Noon to approximately 5:00 PM at the Police Department office located at 4200 Telegraph Road just south of Long Lake Road. The police department has asked the Oakland County ARPSC and its member amateur radio operators to again set up and man a HF and VHF radio demonstration for the public. The group will have to have at least 4-6 participating hams to do this event so anyone interested must contact the EOC or Gary Sklar K8IKW, email: K8IKW@aol.com, as soon as possible to allow the County to determine if we can accept the invitation of the Township to participate in this event.

Set up of radios and tables usually begins about 10:00 AM and everyone is usually gone by 4:30-5:00 PM with tear down of radios and tables taking about 30 minutes...anyone want to join us in this small public service event...By the way, Bloomfield Township provides Donuts and coffee and apple juice to all....

#### DART Update:

Now that summer is over, its time to start working on antennas--and remote receive sites. Unfortunately, that's pretty close to the truth. Murray/KE8UM has been working all summer on getting 3 remote receives working for the DART 2 meter. We had to pull the Great Lakes remote out for some repairs, and to get it ready to go back to Tom, N8TMQ's house. I would have preferred to have it at Toms all summer, but that was not to be.

The good news is that we should have at least 2 remotes operational in the next month or so, and a third very soon after that. I know, I know, you've heard me say we'll have them up and running a few times before, but almost all the obstacles in our way have been removed. We finally have all 4 frequencies - and the crystals as well - we requested over 5 years ago, in our possession. Murray has all the parts he needs to build them, and is close to finishing construction.

Some additional good news: Don/W8PDI has secured us a remote site location in Belleville! We need to test from there to make sure we can link back to the main site, but I am optimistic it will work well. If you are interested in helping with the test, let us know.

Right now, we have 4 locations for remote receive sites:  
North, near Great Lakes Crossing  
East, at Toms house (temporary)  
South, in Belleville  
West, at the old 440 site in Southfield.

Ideally we want the remote sites at least 20 miles from the main site, so we can get better coverage. We need your assistance in finding permanent sites--Tom is letting us use his home right now, but we need to locate something in a residential apartment or commercial building.

We want the DART to hear you when you make your call, but we need your help in making it happen! Take some time to look for a tall building near your home or work--it might just be the next remote site! If you are a member of another club, see if they might be interested in co-locating remote sites.... instead of everyone having to come up with new sites (which gets harder and harder each day), maybe we can share our sites.

Take time to thank John/AA8UU and Murray, KE8UM, for all their work on the repeaters. John has kept the 440 humming along, and Murray has been working non-stop to get the 2 meter to hear better.

Thanks go out to Marsha/K8DMR, and especially Murph, N8SML, for all their work in cleaning up the DART membership database. Marsha had started this big job, but now Murph has taken it on. I'm not sure he knew what he was getting into, but he has dove in and made some big progress!

This fall the DART will hold elections for officers. My position as President is up as well as Ralph's position as Treasurer. As Ralph's work responsibilities and other ham related work keep him busy, he has opted not to run for treasurer again. We need to fill this position. Please let one of the board members know if you are interested.  
Tony /N8VR

## **Ham Bodies Needed!**

A public hearing concerning a proposed **Clinton Twp. Antenna Ordinance** will be held on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005 at 6:30 PM

We need hams to fill the meeting room and possibly speak. Pass the word. Please include this information in your Nets, and Newsletters. Please be there at 6:00 PM.

Township Offices/meeting room, 40700 Romeo Plank Rd

The proposal now says the height shall be limited to the Fall Zone and only 2 roof top antennas 3' tall each. Dave, KC8IAQ & Mary, KC8IAP are the contact people.

73, Mike, N5WCS

**Editors Note** – Ham groups have been successful in the past getting city councils to allow towers/antennas to be put up, but several cities are trying to enact ordinances like this to prevent "eyesores". We as a group need to show up at council meetings to explain the services we can provide in emergencies – such as during Katrina. KD8AWZ

## **HPARC Happenings!**

HPARC Kicks off the Year with Bill Chesney, N8SA

We will be starting off the New Year with a familiar face and an old friend! Bill Chesney, N8SA, has graciously agreed to be our guest speaker for the September 21 meeting (**note the corrected date!!!**) And will be speaking on grounding procedures. As usual, the gathering will begin at 7 p.m. at Hoover School, with the actual meeting beginning at 7:30.

September also means the beginning of Technician Radio Classes. John, AA8UU, Don, W8PDI, and Richard, N8MQU, will be hosting the classes that will take place at Dondero High School in Royal Oak, beginning Tuesday, September 14. For winter, we will have the classes in a different community, as well as offer a new General license class, taught by Dee, N8UZE, and John, K8UP. Also contact John if you are interested in a class for the Extra Class license. He is trying to gauge if there will be enough interest to form a class.

We have had a little problem with getting a firm schedule for the facilities at Hoover, so the next few months will have irregular meeting dates. Be sure to check the club web site for the latest information on meeting dates! As it stands now, I am hoping to have two interesting speakers for the **October 19** meeting: Neil Sablatzky, K8IT, and Dan Romanchik, KB6NU. Neil and Dan are running for Divisional Director and Vice Director in the upcoming ARRL Great Lakes Division elections. As I am writing this, the League will be preparing to mail out ballots to all Full Members, and I urge those of you who get the ballots to vote! But before you do, make sure to meet Neil and Dan. Over the past two years, we have heard from our current Director and Vice Director, so this evening should give you the opportunity to make an informed choice when you vote.

Our November meeting will feature a talk by Joel M. Colman, NO5FD. Joel, a former resident of Oak Park, is the current Emergency Coordinator for Orleans Parish in the area of Louisiana destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Joel recently gave a very interesting talk to the Oakland County ARPSC group, and has graciously consented to visiting our club and speaking with us. Make sure to give him a warm welcome and extend our famous hospitality to him!

November also means Sweepstakes, and I will have more information on that as the time draws closer. Stay tuned for more information.

December will mean our usual festivities, and Ralph, K8CAR, has again offered to chair the party. Thanks, Ralph!

That is the lineup we have planned for the first half of the new season. I am interested in providing all of you with the types of programs that YOU want to hear about, but I can't accomplish that if you don't let me know what you would like to discuss at the meetings! Drop me an e-mail at N8WR@arrl.net, and let me know what's on your minds!

Jeff Albrecht, N8WR

**The Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club PO Box 368  
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Please visit our web site: <http://www.qsl.net/w8hp>

*Check Mailing Label--is your membership about to expire?*

**Club Meeting – Wednesday September 21st, 7:00 PM**

**FIRST CLASS MAIL--Dated Material**