



The Zero Beat

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The Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club
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President's Monthly QRM

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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.

Nov 5	AD8M	Ken	1926
Nov 12	AA8UU	John	1927
Nov 19	AA8KR	Phil	1928
Nov 26	K8UP	John	1929
Dec 3	N8QVS	Bill	1930
Dec 10	K8BSG	Carl	1931

Because of the windstorm Phil's Internet connection was interrupted, and he could not e-mail me his monthly column before I had to print and get this out to all of you. I am very sorry that you are not able to read our president's message this month, but I am sure if you go up to Phil at the meeting, he will give you his words of wisdom personally!

Keith, KD8AWZ

DART Update:

By now you've heard about the plans to combine the DART and HPARC. Making the 2 clubs one will hopefully make things a bit easier and more efficient for both. Currently, we each have a board, hold elections, and maintain a list of members. By working together, we can save time and money on postage and insurance.

I'm all for it, as it makes sense for both DART/HPARC. A few of you have asked what becomes of the rest of the DART Board members and myself. Technically, I've lost my job as President of the DART - but never fear! I won't just disappear. We've all worked too long to make improvements to just stop now.

John/AA8UU and Murray/KE8UM will return as part of a technical committee to the HPARC. They will be joined by John/K8UP and one or 2 others. The DART is not just one person--it's the Detroit Area Repeater TEAM, and that's how it needs to work. Keeping the main site and all these remotes up and running is too big a job for one--but working together makes it relatively easy for all. Murray, who's kept the VHF up and running through thick and thin for the last several years, has finally moved the system to a point where others can step in and assist.

The DART has had several accomplishments the last few years. In addition to finally getting some remote receive sites online, we now have several control ops who are

capable of shutting down either the main or remote sites in case of a malfunction, whereas before it was only DART board members.

We have the 440 up and running, with IRLP (Internet Relay Linking Protocol). Not only is the 440 useable again, it can connect users via the Internet to other radio ops using repeaters anywhere in the world!

Our membership has grown as well. With a new effort by John/AA8UU and Murph/N8SML, the DART has recruited new members and increased membership renewals.

Our goals remain the same--to keep the DART the friendliest repeater in town, accessible by all of our members.

Our needs remain the same as well--we still need your help in finding some permanent sites for the remote receives. Our particular concern is a location for the East side. Tom/N8TMQ has allowed us to use his home for a remote, but we all recognize this is temporary. If we could find something along Gratiot or Groesbeck, maybe between 16 mile and 19 mile, we'd be in great shape (although we will consider anything East of Van Dyke!).

I've saved the best news for last. Alex/N8ABJ has managed to get a brand new Motorola Quantar VHF repeater donated to the DART. This is a brand new, state of the art repeater, the same used by the FBI, Sheriffs departments and many other law enforcement groups. It's a great story about how we came into (legal) possession of it, but I'll leave that for Alex to tell.

You won't hear this repeater online for a while, as we learn about it and figure out how to integrate it into the system. This is a top of the line piece of Motorola equipment, with both simultaneous analog and digital operation. We want to take the time to understand its operation and capabilities instead of just throwing it online. Just to be clear, this Quantar can immediately take us from 1970's crystal controlled technology to state of the art digital communications.

I'm pretty excited about the possibilities facing the DART. In the past, some have felt the DART a poster child of the local repeater groups. We didn't have the capabilities or the signal strength of others; we have, however, always been a welcoming group, allowing others to jump in and join the conversation without fear of being chased away. This has always been important to me, and we want to maintain it. Now, with our accomplishments in the last few years and this new repeater, the DART is poised to jump in front of the pack and actually lead for a while.

HPARC and the DART stand for "Service through

education"...working together, we can accomplish both even better!

HAPPENINGS IN HAMDOR

TO ALL OAKLAND COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS AND CLUBS

We have much to report this month to our subscribers and as the Holidays approach we all are looking for that perfect new accessory or rig to put under the Christmas tree or menorah so here's what's happening around our area hot off the press (Okay, make that recently received from my sources who spoke to me on "deep background" due to the scandals exposed in Washington as to leaks of information.)

OAKLAND COUNTY ARPSC NEWS:

On November 2, the Oakland County ARPSC held its regular fall membership meeting and a very pleasant dinner was served to those in attendance that night. After the General Meeting the members then relocated to the auditorium of the Information Technology Building of Oakland County for an informative lecture from a representative of National Weather Service office in White Lake on the subject of Winter Weather Hazards and Preparations.

To keep up with Southeast Michigan weather at any time you can tune on NOAA weather radio at 162.55 MHz for automated reports and check website of Detroit office of NWS at site www.weather.gov/dtx. There are cool charts and wind chill formulas so we all can tell what to wear when we go out in the heavy snowy winter weather hated for our town and area. (I know, right now its 70 degrees and we could be in shorts and a T-shirt and sunglasses but JUST WAIT.... it will snow eventually and even get COLD OUTSIDE) Be prepared and know what equipment to have in the trunk of your car in the winter. (Shovel, flashlight, sand in bag, battery cables, and scraper. blanket and area road map advisable also.)

Sign up to be a weather spotter and make reports to the NWS office when snow or high winds are seen in your area. Everyone IS certified as a Skywarn Spotter and HAS taken the annual offered Skywarn Training Class in the Spring to learn what to report and where to call, aren't you?

The Oakland County Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response in conjunction with

FEMA and the Oakland ARPSC will be offering an IS-700 class on National Incident Management System (NIMS) to all interested hams on Saturday, November 12, 2006 from 9:00AM to 12 Noon at the EOC in Pontiac. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND WE ASK THAT YOU CALL THE EOC TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE FOR THIS CLASS.

Call Loretta Pethick at EOC at 248-858-5300 to confirm attendance.

Oakland County ARPSC will conduct the 2005 Simulated Emergency Test on Saturday, November 19, 2005 from 10:00 AM to about 1:00PM. To receive an assignment of duty or task and to find further information, contact Justin, KC8UQF or Ralph, K8CAR to be involved in this test.

The Oakland County ARPSC meets on 2 mtr Fm Net each Thursday at 145.25 MHz (100 hz PL neg. offset) at 8:00 PM. Tune in and join the net on Thursdays and find out the latest news of what is happening in the area of County emergency planning, events, or training sessions.

The 2005 Siren Test season is now completed and we thank all who checked a local siren in their neighborhood or city this year to confirm good working order. We begin again in February or March so help is needed then ...come out and help for an hour one day per month.

HAPPENINGS IN HAMDOM

November 19-20, 2005.....Indiana State Convention (Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo. Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society. Fort Wayne, IN. Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Avenue. <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>. Talk in 146.88 (-). Contact James D. Boyer KB9IH Phone 260-489-6700. Email kb9ih@arrl.net

December 3, 2005...a Net Control Station Training Workshop will be held at Salvation Army Headquarters, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI from 10AM to 2 PM. This workshop will discuss what you should know in order to be a more effective net control station no matter what kind of net in which you participate.

Those interested in this session please email k8amr@arrl.net and she will send a copy of the manual. You are expected to read the manual before hand and bring written answers to the scenarios found at the back of the manual. If you attend and submit the written answers, you will receive a certificate of completion.

December 4, 2005...33rd Annual L'Anse Creuse ARC Swap. Harrison Township/Mount Clemens, MI. L'Anse Creuse High School, 38495 L'Anse Creuse Road, Talk In 147.08 (+) Echo repeater, 146.42 Simplex contact David Harrington N8NLK. Phone 586-465-2797 Email to n8nlk@arrl.net

December 18, 2005 Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell, Lowell, MI. Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes Street. <http://www.argyl.org>. Talk In 146/620 (PL 94.8 Hz (-) and 145.270 (-) PL 94.8 Hz. Contact Al Eckman WW8WW. Phone 616-897-7659 Email to al.eckman@sbcglobal.net

January 14, 2006 ARAY Swap. Amateur Radio and Youth Club. Flushing, MI. St Robert Catholic School, 214 East Henry Street, <http://www.arayclub.org> Talk In 147.100(PL 100Hz (+)

January 15, 2006, Hazel Park ARC SWAP. Hazel Park, MI. Hazel Park High School, 23400 Hughes Street. <http://www.qsl.net/w8hp>. Talk In 146.640 (PL 100Hz)(-) Contact Sean Fleming, K8KHZ. Phone 248-691-1130 or email to k8khz@yahoo.com

April 8, 2006 Milford ARC Swap, Highland MI. Milford High School, 2380 Milford Road. <http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk> Talk In 145.49 MHz (PL 67 Hz) (-) Contact Rose Mary Moore KC8NQJ Phone 810-632-5174 Email to mboard3106@aol.com

That wraps up this month and as I said there is a lot happening this winter around town so see all of you at a swap or a meeting soon. 73 for Now

Gary Sklar K8IKW, Assistant Emergency Coordinator-Public Services for Oakland County

REMINDER...

Hello everyone this is KC8UQF with a reminder we have the Simulated Emergency Test coming up this next month.

Here are some details. We will have on Saturday November 19th the SET exercise. We can email you your role or send it normal mail.

This will happen 10am – 1pm

Between now and then we have to get more people to sign up and commit to join us in this real world exercise.

We will be manning our hospitals, and also have other positions that we will need to fill to carry out the timeline.

Your specific event will be given to you in an envelope. Please when you sign up specify if you are willing to be mobile and in what locations in the county.

If you cannot go to a location and prefer to stay at home let us know we can come up with a position for that as well.

Please respond with your questions and/or RSVP to hatchet248@comcast.net (KC8UQF-JUSTIN) or (Ralph) K8CAR@yahoo.com

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Check Mailing Label—is your membership about to expire?

Club Meeting – Wednesday November 9th, 7:00 PM

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