

The Zero Beat

THIS MEETING

September 9, 2015
7:30 P.M.
Hoover Elementary School
23720 Hoover Ave.
Hazel Park, MI 48030

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GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting of the Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club will be held on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:30 PM. Socializing starts around 7:00 PM. The meeting location is Hoover Elementary School, 23720 Hoover Ave, Hazel Park. During the meeting, Ken AD8M and the new board will discuss a change of venue for the swap, and likely of future meetings as well. Wes Plouff AC8JF will present "DXCC In Three Years Or Less." Earning the DX Century Club award doesn't take a big station or a beam antenna. Wes will talk about his experience working DX with 100 watts and a dipole. He will present techniques that any ham can use to win the DXCC award in a reasonable length of time. Topics include what DX to look for, how to work DX, and the ins and outs of international QSLing.

Come early and visit with fellow hams. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting and bring a friend along. Coffee and donuts will be provided during the break.

Anyone wishing to join the club, please go to the website www.hparc.org. Fill out the membership form and bring a printed copy to the meeting. Membership forms can also be filled out onsite before the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S QRM

The 3rd quarter of the year is almost over and the autumnal equinox is almost upon us, marking the time for finishing those antenna projects before it gets too cold. 80 meters will open back up to serve the rag chewers and as usual, the balance of the bands will continue to surprise us with static or great DX.

This is also the time the club meetings come to order. The board members have been working diligently to make this year one which will keep you coming back for more. The Second Vice has promised a series of presentations which dovetail into each other. Our meeting venue is changing to encourage more interaction of the members. The board members will be more readily accessible. Our theme is

M2M, "Member to Member," to ensure that the new Ham will always have a willing, experienced member there to help them get on the air.

The meetings will have less administration functions and more Hamming time allotted. The first presentation will be by one of our own on detailing how to plan, execute and acquire the DXCC award. The meeting will also include a time slot to discuss projects, and ask for assistance from the general membership. I'm counting on the "Old Timers," and I mean that in the most respectful way, to offer up their experience, successes and failures as they at one time worked to get on the air. I anticipate through the efforts of our board and the participation

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of members that HPARC's reputation will surpass the clubs around us.

Our new and younger board is full of ideas, energy and most important the willingness to commit and the expertise to accomplish the tasks at hand. They bring to HPARC the way the younger generation communicates, allowing us to look to the future and begin to mold the club in that direction. I look forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

Ken Krause AD8M
President

FCC NEWS

Beginning this month, the amateur vanity license fee will be completely gone. Requests and renewals for vanity calls will be free, although the rules and administrative processing time will not change.

The FCC will undergo a major computer system upgrade that could affect Hazel Park members. Most FCC internet services will be offline from 6:00 PM Sept. 2 through the Labor Day weekend. The work should be completed by 8:00 AM on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Most FCC business will be at a standstill during the upgrade.

It is not clear from the ARRL or FCC news releases whether amateur licenses expiring during the outage will get any extension. So, anyone whose license is close to its expiration date may suffer a week's delay for Paperwork.

The *Zero Beat* does not know what will happen if the upgrade takes longer than planned.

In July, the FCC announced which field offices would close. Although 13 remain open, eleven field offices got the axe, including Detroit. Those hams old enough to remember taking their exams in the Federal Building downtown will now definitely have memories of a bygone era.

L I C E N S E T R A I N I N G C O U R S E S F O R F A L L

By Jerry Begel W9NPI

At long last, we are able to announce our course lineup, starting the week of September 21. We are also working on another Technician class, details to be announced.

The Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club will host Technician, General and Advanced Class Amateur license courses starting the week of September 21.

For all classes

Location: Lawrence Technological University
21000 West Ten Mile Road
(west of M-10 Lodge Freeway)
Southfield, MI 48075

Maps to the classroom will be supplied when you register.

Cost: Instruction, free
License manual, \$25 cash, pay at first session

Registration/Information: contact W9NPI@arrl.net
Pre-registration is necessary for all classes

Technician Class License Course

Dates: Tuesdays, September 22 to December 8, 2015
Time: 7 PM to 9 PM
Instructor: Gerry Treas K8GT
FCC License Exam: Tuesday, December 15 (\$15 fee)

General Class License Course

Dates: Mondays, September 21 to December 14, 2015
Time: 7 PM to 9 PM
Instructors: Wallace Murray KE8HR
Marsha Fleming N8FE
Pre-Requisite: Technician Class amateur radio license or
CSCCE showing Element 2 exam credit
FCC License Exam: Tuesday, December 15 (\$15 fee)

Extra Class License Course

Dates: Mondays, September 21 to December 14, 2015
Time: 7 PM to 9 PM
Instructor: Ron Miotke WD8MNX
Pre-Requisite: General Class amateur radio license or
CSCCE showing Element 3 exam credit
FCC License Exam: Tuesday, December 15 (\$15 fee)

H A M F E S T M O V E D

Excerpts from an August e-mail by AD8M and K8ABZ

Today we are writing to the membership about the Hazel Park Hamfest. The board has already taken steps to relocate our swap meet to Madison Heights. The hamfest will take place on Sunday, January 24, 2016, at the UFCW Hall, 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights. This is located off 13 Mile Road near I-75.

We made a cost comparison between staying at Hazel Park High School and moving to the new hall. We found out that the rental costs at the hall would be \$365.00 less than at the high school. Other swap costs like flyers, stamps and advertising would stay the same.

It's not all about the money, although that does count. The UFCW Hall is about 3 miles from the school and is easy to get to. It provides all the necessary items such as tables, chairs and a public address system. The hall is in much better condition than the high school, and they will do table setup based on our floor plan.

The hall has been used by USECA for their swaps with success. It provides ample parking and security. More important, we will be able to let vendors set up on Saturday. This early access should bring more vendors to our swap.

M E E T I N G S M O V I N G ?

Excerpts from a second e-mail by AD8M and K8ABZ

When the board looked into moving the January swap meet to the UFCW Hall in Madison Heights, we also inquired about having our monthly meeting at this hall. Working the numbers, we found that we could have our meetings at this hall (September through May) at the yearly cost of \$450.00. All but \$85.00 of this fee is offset by savings from moving the swap.

We think that using the UFCW Hall can address many of the issues we have with meetings. These are issues the board is addressing because at one time or another members have voiced concerns about each of them. The hall has seating for larger crowds than we see at most meetings: tables, padded chairs, and they do all the setup

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HPARC NETS

HPARC Official Sunday Night 2-meter Phone Net

Every Sunday at 9:00 PM local time on the DART repeater, 146.64 (PL 100), catch up on club news and information, and just to keep in touch. All amateurs are welcome to check in.

Thursday Night Youth Net, 8 PM EST on the DART repeater, via Echolink *759629 (W5DDL-R).

Yacht Net, Saturday night, 8 PM EST. A youth net on the DART repeater, via Echolink *481872 (W8PIF-R).
Homepage: <http://yachthams.webstarts.com>

N8WYO CW net (Medium speed)

Named in memory of Al N8WYO. The net meets Tuesday night at 8:00 PM on **28.028 MHz** All amateurs are welcome. CW speed fluctuates between 20-25 WPM, but Joe will slow it down if necessary. Listen in at 8 PM sharp!

Wolverine Net

The 75 Meter Wolverine Net meets on 3935 KHz daily at 7:00 PM local time, with pre-net starting at 6:00 PM. You can get details from <http://www.wssbn.com/>

Oakland County ARPSC

Every Thursday @ 8 pm on 146.90 (PL 100). Hospital Radio Net on the last Thursday of each month @7:30. (W8OAK-3 will run packet on 147.56 MHz for those wanting to practice and test their equipment)
<http://www.arpac.com/>

NTS Traffic Nets

The Southeast Michigan National Traffic System (NTS) net Normally held every night at 10:15 PM local time on the 146.76 (PL 100) repeater. New people are welcome.



AROUND TOWN

HPARC Buddy Breakfast every Saturday @ 9:00 AM (or so)

Jimi's Restaurant, 714 South Washington Ave, Royal Oak (across from OCC). Come for the socializing — we're in the back room. Parking: lots of spaces in Jimi's parking lot, and street parking is free until 11 AM.

Oakland Co. ARPSC Siren Testing, 1st Saturday @ 1 PM

Pre-net on the DART Repeater, 146.640, around 12:30 PM. Contact Marsha N8FE a few days ahead for assignments.

Macomb Community College Electronic Lab

4th Wednesday of each month from 7-10 PM.
12 Mile & Hayes Rd. (Bldg "S" - Room S135) Extensive collection of equipment to use/learn plus a ham radio station to use and a big 3 element HF Yagi antenna on the roof of the building. Hams are invited from all clubs.

Amateur Radio License Testing

HPARC and the City of Oak Park offer amateur radio license testing on the first Tuesday of even months at the Oak Park, Michigan Community Center (14300 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park, MI 48237) beginning at 7:30 PM

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for us. The hall provides their own A/V system which can address over 150 people with visual and audio clarity. This would be a big improvement because you would be able to actually understand the presenter and see what they are presenting. Using the hall eliminates the need to maintain a P.A. system, video projector and projection screen, and haul them around each month. There is also a kitchen we could use for coffee and food during meeting breaks.

There will be more information presented about this at the September club meeting.

FIELD DAY 2015 PICTURES



*Daytime photos by
Wes Plouff AC8JF*

*Nighttime photos by
Gordon Scannell
KD8COJ*



BANQUET PICTURES



*Photo above by
Gordon Scannell KD8COJ
Other photos by
Wes Plouff AC8JF*



DIGITAL VOICE WORKSHOP

The Cherryland Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring a digital voice workshop on September 26, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The workshop will be held at the Salvation Army Post located at 1239 Barlow Street, Traverse City, MI.

The purpose of the workshop is to explore the new and not so new digital modes that are becoming popular on the VHF/UHF bands. Speakers will present information on Icom D-star, Yaesu System Fusion and Motorola MotoTrbo modes. Here is your chance to come and learn about these modes, try them out and see what works best for you!

The presenters will be:

- D-Star: Chuck Scott N8DNX and Chuck Brew N8NXP
- System Fusion: Mike Flynn KC8GW
- MotoTrbo: Joe Erlewein N8CN

The cost of the workshop, including lunch, is \$10. All proceeds go to the Salvation Army.

Register for this event at <http://bit.ly/carcdigital>. For more information about the digital workshop, see <http://cherrylandarc.com/?p=1230>

MEETING MINUTES

No meeting minutes in this issue because there was no business meeting at the June Annual Banquet or the August DART Picnic!

CONTESTS

September 2015

5 Russian RTTY WW Contest

[5-6 ARRL EME Contest](#)

5-6 All Asian DX Contest, SSB

5-6 Colorado QSO Party

6-7 Tennessee QSO Party

7-8 MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint

12-13 WAE DX Contest, SSB

12-13 Arkansas QSO Party

12-13 Russian Cup Digital Contest

[12-14 ARRL September VHF Contest](#)

19-20 Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW

19-20 South Carolina QSO Party

20 Washington State Salmon Run

20 New Jersey QSO Party

[26-27 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY](#)

26-27 Maine QSO Party

26-27 Texas QSO Party

October 2015

2-4 YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest

3-4 Oceania DX Contest, Phone

3-4 Russian WW Digital Contest

3-4 International HELL-Contest (80 and 40m)

3-4 California QSO Party

Upcoming DX Conventions

W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet

Sept. 11-12, Schaumburg, IL

Includes Contest University and DX University on Friday

<http://www.w9dxcc.com/>

W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention

Sept. 25-26, Pigeon Forge, TN

Includes Ham Radio Bootcamp on Friday

<http://www.w4dxcc.com/>

HAMFESTS

09/13/2015 Findlay Hamfest 8-1

Hancock County Fairgrounds, 1017 E. Sandusky St,
Findlay, OH <http://www.findlayradioclub.org>

Talk-In: 147.15 (PL 88.5)

07/18/2015 GMARC Fall Trunk Swap 8-12

Packard Proving Grounds, 49965 Van Dyke, Shelby Twp
<http://www.gmarc.org>

Talk-In: 443.075 (PL 123)

09/20/2015 Adrian Hamfest 8-1

Lenawee County Fairgrounds, 602 North Dean St, Adrian
<http://w8tqe.com>

Talk-In: 145.37 (PL 85.4)

09/20/2015 London Hamfest 9-12

Hellenic Community Centre, 133 Southdale Rd. West,
London, ON *(about 2 hours from Hazel Park; passport or
enhanced drivers license required)*

<http://www.larc.ca/>

Talk-in: 147.06 (PL 114.8)

09/27/2015 Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show 8-2

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, 164 Eastland Rd, Berea, OH
(about 2:45 from Hazel Park)

<http://www.hac.org>

Talk-In: 146.73 (PL 110.9)

10/03/2015 GRAHamfest 8-1

Home School Bldg, 5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI
(about 2:15 from Hazel Park)

<http://w8dc.org/>

Talk-In: 147.26 (PL 94.8)

Upcoming:

10/25 USECA Swap & Shop

12/06 L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Swap

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2015 Meetings

- September 9
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9

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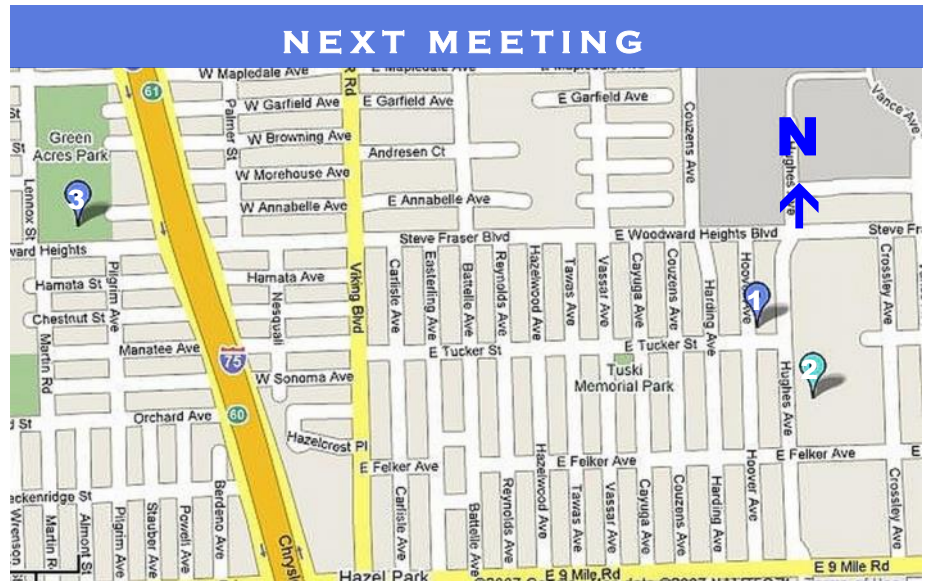
Socializing @ 7:00 PM
Meeting @ 7:30 PM

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HAMFEST

January 27, 2016
UFCW Hall
876 Horace Brown Dr.
Madison Heights 48071



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