

# The Zero Beat

## THIS MEETING

**October 12, 2016**  
**7:30 P.M.**  
**UFCW Hall**  
**876 Horace Brown Dr.**  
**Madison Heights, MI**

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## GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting of the Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club is on Wednesday, October 12, at 7:30 PM. Socializing starts around 7:00 PM. The meeting location is UFCW Hall, 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights. The location is south of 13 Mile Rd, between John R and the I-75 freeway. Turn south at the stoplight at Barrington St, then just before the dead end sign, turn right onto Horace Brown Dr. Enter the building on the east side .

### Meeting Topic: "2016 Field Day Recap" by John Teagardin AA8UU

John will review the W8HP 2016 Field Day operation, and start the plan for next year. We had a record turnout this year at the new location, with many first time participants. Things went well and the weather cooperated. Some lessons were learned. John AA8UU is the HPARC Field Day Chairman and a longtime member.

## PRESIDENT'S QRM

With the Fall season here, we're quickly coming into cool weather and of course contesting season. While not everyone is a contester (myself included, as yet) the question becomes: what is *your* thing that you like about this hobby?

Everyone has their own reasons why they got into amateur radio. Everyone has their own kind of investment into it, and enjoyment they expect out of it. Let me challenge you to deepen your interests, whatever they are.

The final question is: how can we support each other in those interests?

Not everything has to be a formal club event. It occurred to me when Mike Van Buren WD8S gave the history of the club, as well as other members who shared about the early days, that a lot of the best memories were made in the ham shack.

So revisit what you like in ham radio, maybe plan a project or an afternoon around it, and invite someone to join you. They'll probably say "yes."

73 from JD,  
 KD8VXZ



**Legislative Alert!** Help the Amateur Radio Parity Act clear its final hurdle. In September, the Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives. Now is the time to contact your U.S. Senators to request passage. Send e-mails via this handy page:

<https://arrrallycongress.net/ctas/urge-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act/letter>

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- **Oak Apple Run Royal Oak:**  
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## CLUB NEWS

**Saturday breakfasts** will NOT be moving after all. Jimi's Restaurant in Royal Oak will be remodeled into a sports bar, but we will be able to use the new section for breakfasts. During construction, breakfasts will move into the main part of the restaurant. Jimi's has given us no definite dates for the start and finish of the project.

**Lark in the Park.** John AA8UU is planning a "lark" outing for Saturday, October 29. The idea is simple: bring your portable gear to a park, throw up temporary antennas, and operate for a few hours. Everyone is welcome to visit and cheer fellow hams along. John intends to make the first one comfortable with AC power and working rest rooms. Details will be announced at the October meeting and via club e-mail.

**Sweepstakes Pins.** November is ARRL Sweepstakes month! The CW contest happens on the first weekend of the month, followed by the phone contest two weeks later. HPARC is continuing its tradition of awarding pins to member who makes 100 contacts either weekend, and a coffee mug to anyone who scores a "clean sweep" of all 83 ARRL and RAC section multipliers. Watch for details next month.

**Mini flea market.** Bill N8QVS will hold a mini flea market during the break at the October meeting. He is handling a ham radio estate and will be selling both used equipment and many small items. Bill wants club members to get first crack at this gear before hitting the hamfest circuit.

**We're famous at Lawrence Tech.** The Fall 2016 issue of *Lawrence Tech Magazine* devotes two pages to "Amateur radio taking off – again – at Lawrence Tech." The article calls ham radio "the original World Wide Web." HPARC members, particularly Jerry Begel W9NPI, get credit for revitalizing the Institute's ham radio club and station, W8QOA, last spring. The article is as much about HPARC as it is about the LTU club. Read all about it on page 8 at: <https://goo.gl/LsNR1w> (double click to enlarge the image).

**ARRL Centennial QSLs.** QSL cards for W1AW/portable and W100AW have been distributed – by the skidload – to the regional QSL bureaus, and should be showing up in your next bureau mailing. Direct QSL requests should also be in the mail.

## FIELD DAY PHOTOS

This year, HPARC operated Field Day from Scout Park in the city of Hazel Park. John AA8UU will have a full recap at the October club meeting. Highlights of the W8HP/W8JXU operation on June 25-26 include 4 stations plus VHF and Get On The Air setups, 29 operators and 4,906 points scored. John is pleased that the setup went exceptionally well, with members organizing themselves into teams, operations ran smoother than last year, and we had good weather all weekend. Our biggest problem was running out of coax cable! Here are some pictures of the operation.



Photos above by Mike W8MJC (left and right) and Reuven KB3EHW (center)



Photos above by JD K8VXZ (left and right), Marsha N8FE (3 in center)



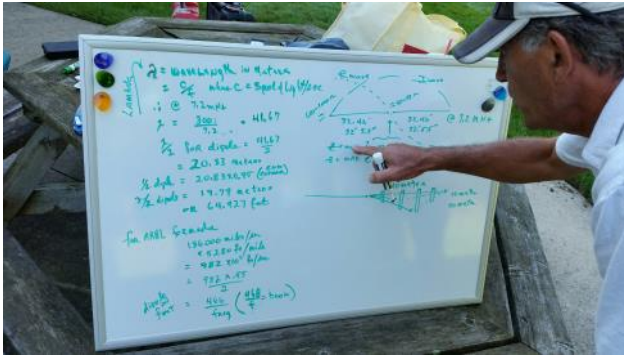
Photo by Mike W8MJC

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brenda White KD8SGB  
 Mike White N8BBC  
 Oliver Legel KE8ENB  
 Eric Tokarski WD8ERT  
 Sean Fleming K8KHZ  
 Elmer Bennett N8IF  
 Chris Jensen K8CRJ  
 Rick Przebienda KE8EVN

## ANTENNA BUILDING PARTY

On September 19, club members gathered at the QTH of Ken Kraus AD8M for antenna-building party. First there was the math, then cutting, building, tuning and tweaking. With a little help from Ed N8LBS, at the end of a long afternoon, John KC8HCX and Hugh KE8BED went home with new 3-band fan dipoles. Now you have to use them, guys!



Photos courtesy Hugh Boyle KE8BED

## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by President, JD KD8VXZ.

Pledge of Allegiance said.

New members introduced: Brenda KD8SGB, Mike N8BBC, Oliver KE8ENB, Eric WD8ERT, Sean K8KHZ, Elmer N8IF, Chris K8CRJ, and Rick KE8EVN.

Introductions made.

Presentation by Mike WD8S on the history of the Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club.

Break for Coffee and Donuts

JD announced that the club is searching for a new Coffee and Donut Czar.

Field Day YouTube video played during end of the break.

Education report from W9NPI - 4 classes going on: 2 tech, 1 general, and 1 extra. LTU tech class has 3 people, general class has 6, extra class has 4.

Gerry K8GT gave a short rundown about upcoming contests.

M2M- N8BBC asking for advice on putting up larger than 25' tower in Roseville. Gerry K8GT suggested he look into PRB-1 state law, but nobody from the club has previously dealt with Roseville specifically.

Aaron W8VIP selling his Kenwood HT, offered it to the club before he auctions it online.

Ken AD8M will be building a fan dipole with Hugh KE8BED and looking for helpers/offered to show others how as he does it in his backyard.

KE8UM DART repeater status working out kinks with fusion repeater: Need to remove audio filter to make audio response better. Reminds people to set tone squelch so they don't hear the digital noise.

Meeting Adjourned 9:02pm.

Union hall staff confirmed that the projector will be replaced with upgraded HD model by next month, as current projector has poor color quality.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Reuven Gevanyahu KB3EHW, HPARC Secretary

## H P A R C N E T S

### 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.

### October Contests

22-23 Stew Perry Topband Challenge  
29-30 CQ Worldwide DX SSB

For details and many more contests visit:  
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

## A R O U N D T O W N

### HPARC Buddy Breakfast every Saturday @ 9:30AM (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. See *also Club News*.

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

**March through November** except in April, it is held the second Wednesday at 1 pm. Contact **Marsha N8FE** at [n8fe@arr.net](mailto:n8fe@arr.net) to be assigned a siren to test.

### 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 contact Jerry W9NPI at [w9npi@arrl.net](mailto:w9npi@arrl.net)

## H A M F E S T S

### 10/8 Alpena Swap 9-2

Alpena Mall, 2380 US-23 South, Alpena  
<http://thunderbayarc.org/>

### 10/15 Muskegon Color Tour 8-12

Fellowship Reformed Church, 4200 E. Apple Ave, Muskegon <http://mcecs.net/Hamfest.htm>  
Talk-in: 146.82 (PL 94.8)

### 10/16 Kalamazoo Hamfest 8-12

Kalamazoo Co. Fairgrounds, 2900 E. Lake St, Kalamazoo (Use I-94 exit 81)  
<http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com>  
Talk-in: 147.04 (PL 94.8)

### 10/30 USECA Swap 8-2

UFCW Hall, 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights  
<http://usecaarc.com/swap/SwapFlier2016.pdf>  
Talk-in: 147.18 (PL 100)

### Upcoming:

12/4 L'Anse Creuse Swap, Madison Heights  
1/29/2017 Hazel Park Swap, Madison Heights

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**2016 Meetings**

October 12  
November 9  
December 21—NEW

**2017 Meetings**

January 11  
February 8

**TIME**

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

**PLACE**

UFCW Hall  
876 Horace Brown Dr.  
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**Meeting and Swap location**



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