

The Zero Beat

THIS MEETING

December 7, 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 will be held on Wednesday, December 7, at 7:30 PM. Socializing starts around 7:00 PM. This is **one week earlier** than usual. The club meets at 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 parking lot on the left, then enter the building on the east side where you see the club banner.

This month is our annual Holiday Party. The Board of Directors will supply food and drinks. Members are welcome to bring dishes to pass, anything from appetizers to casseroles to desserts. The business meeting will be very short. Relax and enjoy the company of fellow HPARC members, and celebrate with a bit of early holiday cheer. Everyone is welcome including spouses and families.

Continuing our tradition, we will be collecting gifts and donations for children in need at Hoover Elementary School in Hazel Park. Anyone who wishes to participate should bring an unwrapped toy to place on the donation table. The toy should cost no more than about \$10 and be suitable for elementary school children ages 5 to 11. The club will also pass along donations received in sealed envelopes. Please make out checks to: Hoover Elementary School.

PRESIDENT'S QRM

Happy Holidays!

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SIREN NET RECAP

Thank you to everyone who helped this year with testing the outdoor sirens. Only the October siren test was cancelled due to possible bad weather. Again this year, we were fortunate to finish early and were able help out other subnets.

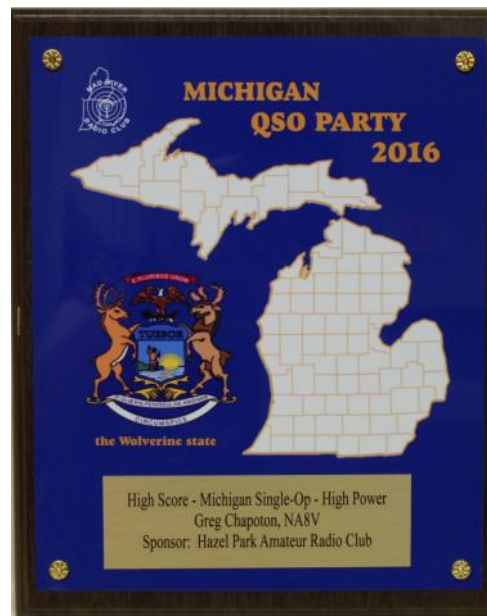
The Club website "Siren/Nets" page has a list of all of the cities we cover. You can see that we go quite a distance from Hazel Park. That is because our section has quite a few hams compared to other areas.

We will take a break from December until the first Saturday in March when we start testing again. If you are not on my call list please email me and I will add you.

The way it works is that for the first siren I try to give you one near your home or one of your choice in case you are out and about that day. After that we go farther out until all of the sirens are checked. I have 2 areas that are already covered - Farmington Hills and Southfield. Also next year I would like to try see about checking the sirens a second time if it works out.

Contact Marsha N8FE via email at n8fe@arrl.net to be added to the Siren Tester list.

73, Marsha N8FE



This plaque awarded in the 2016 Michigan QSO Party was sponsored by HPARC.

L I C E N S E T R A I N I N G C L A S S E S

The Lawrence Technological University Electrical and Computer Engineering Dept. and the Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club will host license training and upgrade classes beginning in January. The class schedule is:

Technician—Tuesdays, January 10 to March 21, 2017
Instructors are K8GT and WB2ADX

General—Mondays, January 9 to May 1, 2017
Instructors are KE8HR, KC8TVG and N8FE
Pre-requisite: Technician Class license or CSCE showing Element 2 exam credit.

Both classes run 7 to 9 PM at locations to be announced on the Lawrence Tech campus. Room location

and campus maps will be sent to you when you register. *Pre-registration is necessary by December 15.*

For both classes, instruction is free. A License Manual will be available for \$25 from the instructors at the first session. FCC license exams will be given at the last class session. The fee for a license exam is \$15.

Lawrence Tech is located at 21000 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, near Lahser Rd and the Lodge Freeway.

To register, please contact Jerry Begel at w9npi@arrl.net.

Note: The next Extra Class license training sponsored by HPARC will be held in Fall 2017.

C L U B N E W S

Swap Volunteers — Hugh Boyle KE8BED will soon be asking for swap volunteers. The club needs members' help for load-in on Saturday, January 28. On Sunday, January 29, help is needed for load-in before the swap opens, duties during the swap, and load-out Sunday at noon. Our vendors, both individuals and professionals really appreciate the volunteers with their hand trucks during arrival and departure. You can help make the swap a success by helping out. Watch for more information soon.

Sweepstakes Pins and Mugs — A reminder, to get a Sweepstakes pin (100 contacts) or a Clean Sweep mug, you must turn in your score by Saturday, December 17. Send the following to John Teagardin AA8UU at aa8uu@arrl.net: for Sweepstakes pin (100 contacts), a

copy of your Cabrillo log file or your log summary sheet. For a Clean Sweep mug, you must send a copy of your Cabrillo file.

Radio Raffle — From Marsha N8FE. The Vote is in! Given 2 choices - 2 meter or Dual Band radio, the members voted overwhelmingly that the raffle prize from now on would be a DUAL BAND RADIO.

Tickets are \$5 each and all of the ticket money goes toward the cost of the radio. That being said, we need to sell a lot of tickets to have a drawing. There is no limit to the number of tickets a person can buy.

Tickets will be for sale during the Holiday Party. Drawing will be after the January meeting, so please stay after the meeting is adjourned to see who wins.

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President, JD KD8VXZ.

New member KD8YMT Ed introduced
Introductions were made

Recognitions:

Rick KE8EVN passed his upgrade to General Class
N8KKG passed his extra exam 7 classes into the course,
sends thanks to Ron's extra class

Presentation by Paul AA8OZ on Mobile / Aeronautical
radio

Coffee and Donuts

Next meeting will be first week (Dec 7th) instead of the
second- We hoped to change to the 3rd week, but the hall
was not available

We are still doing donations to Hazel Park elementary
school to give underprivileged students toys for the holi-
days. Please bring toy or cash/check to the December
meeting

Ed N8LBS - Meeting location on repeater announcement
needs updating- Murray will look into it

John AA8UU spoke about the Lark- There was lots of DX
because it was the CQWW contest, but mostly on 20m.
40/15m was quiet. People were in-and-out, weather was
nice. Overall very successful.

Treasurer's report presented, bottom line is that we are
on track for the year.

Jerry W9NPI on education- AC8AO Bruce Rittenhouse,
who used to help out with education, passed away in Au-
gust. Another engineering exploration day at LTU (2x/yr),
for high school students. W9NPI, AA8IK and KE8BED set
up small station, 20m antenna, and ran psk-31. Trying to
continue doing next year.

Gerry K8GT on contests- just had SS CW this past week-
end, week from coming weekend SSB side of sweepstakes.
Conditions were so-so, low flux so 10m quiet and 15m
sparse. CQ WW CW is week after that. RTTY contests after
that. Marsha - Sweepstakes was my first contest, low
pressure, US/Canada only, simple exchange. If you are
Technician, find a General and let him be a control op and

use his station. The contest exchange encourages both to
copy correctly, and to have a good time.

M2M:

Marsha N8FE- What gauge wire should I use for a 50W
mobile Radio? Paul AA8OZ - A 12G wire should work.

Jay WB8SBI- Got an Ammo bag online, it holds 3
handhelds and is a great Go-bag. Aaron W8VIP- I can order
them through my business if we want bulk pricing on them.

AA8OZ- to W9NPI is there a way to donate time to teach
kids radio, like the LTU day mentioned? Jerry- LTU is slow
moving to set up club; once it is active we will be able to
bring in people as speakers, etc.

Ken AD8M- Some of us have a "after meeting meeting" at
local pub. 32275 Stephenson "Madison Club"... In prepara-
tion for SS where I need 2 hands, I repaired and set up an
old sewing machine pedal for PTT. (Gerry K8GT can get
online for just a few dollars, why fix?). Jerry W9NPI why not
use VOX? Gerry K8GT - because VOX picks up other noises
and chatter

N8BBC- There is a 2 mile walk for MS starting at Comer-
ica park, looking for communication support help.

Bill Q8QVS- There are a few things to give away on the
table

Marsha N8FE - For the raffle, 2m or dual band? Dual
band seems to be consensus

Adjourned 8:59

Respectfully Submitted,

Reuven Gevanyahu KB3EHW, HPARC Secretary



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
March through November except in April, it is held the second Wednesday at 1 pm. Contact **Marsha N8FE** at 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 **7:00 PM**. Contact Jerry W9NPI at w9npi@arrl.net (Note updated time.)

DECEMBER CONTESTS

2-4 ARRL 160 Meter Contest, CW
10-11 ARRL 10 Meter Contest
17 RAC Winter Contest
18 ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW

January 1 ARRL Straight Key Night

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

HAMFESTS

12/04/2016 L'Anse Creuse Swap 9-12
UFCW Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights
Talk-in: 147,08 (PL 100)
<http://www.n8lc.org>

Upcoming

1/29/2017 Hazel Park Swap, Madison Heights

HAZEL PARK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 51st ANNUAL SWAP & SHOP

****NEW LOCATION****

****UFCW Local 876 - 876 Horace Brown Dr. Madison Heights, MI 48071****

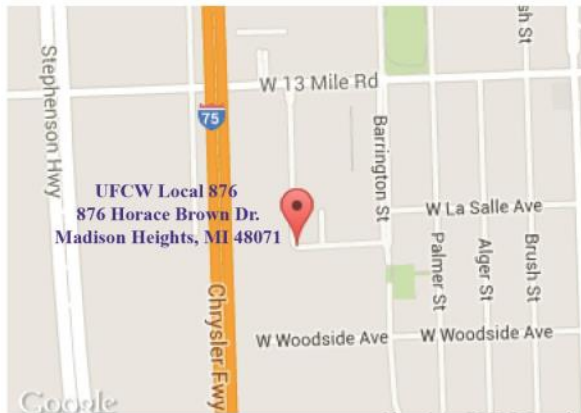
January 29, 2017 - 8:00 a.m. til 12:00 noon

W8HP - Talk-in 146.640 (100hz.PL) D.A.R.T. Repeater
Tables \$15.00 Tickets \$5.00 Ample Free Parking

NEW for VENDORS!

Vendor setup times with paid admission

Jan. 28th 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm. and Jan. 29th 7:30 a.m.



PRIZES	
1ST	CASH PRIZE \$100.00
2ND	CASH PRIZE \$50.00
3RD	CASH PRIZE \$25.00

E-mail Address: HazelParkSwap@gmail.com Phone: Hugh Boyle (248) 755-6094
Web Site: WWW.HPARC.ORG Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hpargroup/>

Tickets and Table Reservation Mail-in Coupon

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone() _____ Email _____

Tickets ____ x \$5.00 Tables ____ x \$15.00 Enclosed \$ _____

MAIL TO: H.P.A.R.C. INC. SWAP, P.O. BOX 368 HAZEL PARK, MI 48030

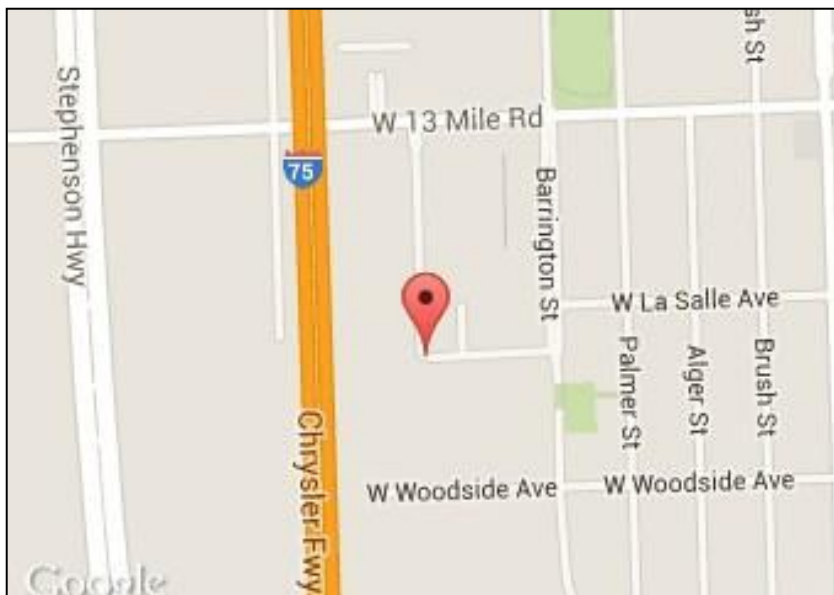
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2016 Meetings
December 7—early!

2017 Meetings
January 11
February 8
March 8

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

PLACE
UFCW Hall
876 Horace Brown Dr.
Madison Heights 48071



Meeting and Swap location



Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club
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