

# Zero Beat

Hampden County Radio Association, Inc.

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## Vice President's Comments

To be a good administrator (president of the club) it is good practice to delegate as many tasks to others as possible. We all know that Stan is a good president, so guess what? He's delegated the task of this month's President's Comments column to the vice president. So here we are. Thanks alot, Stan!

Since I'm also the newsletter editor, and since the first and foremost thing on my mind right now is putting together this Zero Beat, I thought I'd give you a little insight into what it takes to create a Zero Beat.

The first priority is to gather a stack of good CD's and load up the CD player—good music is essential for newsletter preparation!

Then I gather the articles that I have received over the past month. Those that I've received in the mail I enter into the word processor. Those that come to me on packet (this includes a bulletin here and there that looks like it will make a good article) I move from the BBS over to the Mac. Stan (usually) calls me and reads me his President's Comments, which I key into the word processor as he reads it. (I shut the music off for this!)

Next, I go into Pagemaker and get "last month's" newsletter, and take out all the articles. I change the page footers, edit the calendar, and other dates. Then I lay out all the articles I have on the pages. If I need to fill part of a page, I go searching (in magazines, newsletters, and packet) for something that looks like it will fit, and be of interest to the readers.

After everything is arranged and seems to fit, I take the file to work and print it on a laser printer there. I take these printouts and do some manual paste up (the ads, and any camera-ready pages that I have obtained from other sources). This gives me master pages, which I bring to the printer. At this time I also let someone else know that I will need labels. (Ron & Lil have done this for me in the past)

After a few days, I pick up the newsletter from the printer, and then I have to fold them, staple them, and stick the labels on. It takes about 4 hours to fold, staple, and label 225 newsletters, which is what we produce.

At this point, the newsletters are ready to deliver to the bulk mail acceptance center at the post office.

All in all, it takes about 10-12 hours of (volunteer) time to put a Zero Beat together.

~~Hope to see you at the May meeting! 73, Bob~~

**Next VE exam will be Sunday, April 28th at the HCRA Fleamarket**

**Next meeting will be May 3rd, 8:00pm at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church**

**Next board meeting will be May 9th**

### Club Officers

President—Stan Hilinski, KA1ZE  
Vice President — Bob Lafleur, NQ1C  
Treasurer—Greg Stoddard, N1AEH  
Secretary —Jim Sebolt, N1DUY

### Directors

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Scott Cohen, KA1QAS

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# Calendar of Events

April	28	Fleamarket
May	3	Meeting
	9	Board Meeting
June	5	VE Session
	7	June Banquet
	13	Board Meeting
	22-23	Field Day

## Notice:

Previous issues of Zero Beat listed Field Day as taking place on June 29 and 30. This is an error. Please note that Field Day is June 22 and 23, with setup day on June 21.

## Secretary's Notebook

Anyone who has not yet returned the database information update sheet from the last issue, please bring it to the next meeting. As of this writing, 19 forms have been received, of which 12 have changed information. I guess this shows that this effort is not a waste of time.

Remember that any member who wants to be a candidate for election to office must submit a nomination form no later than the May meeting. Candidates will be announced that night.

Jim N1DUY, Secretary/clerk

## Notice To All Members

Recently your board of directors voted on a resolution that may affect you. The resolution is as follows:

If any current member of the HCRA finds themselves in a financial situation where they can no longer afford to pay club dues, they should contact the treasurer. In certain cases the treasurer has been authorized to waive the yearly dues such that the individual can continue their status as a full member of the HCRA. Under this resolution only the treasurer and the individual involved would know of this

## Advanced Receiver Research



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SP50V0	50-54	< 1.3	15	0	CGFET	\$29.95
SP50V0G	50-54	< 0.5	24	-12	GAAAFET	\$79.95
SP144V0	144-148	< 1.5	15	0	CGFET	\$29.95
SP144V0A	144-148	< 1.0	15	0	CGFET	\$37.95
SP144V0G	144-148	< 0.5	24	-12	GAAAFET	\$79.95
P220V0	220-225	< 1.8	15	0	CGFET	\$29.95
P220V0A	220-225	< 1.2	15	0	CGFET	\$37.95
P220V0G	220-225	< 0.5	20	-12	GAAAFET	\$79.95
SP432V0	420-450	< 1.8	15	-20	Bipolar	\$32.95
SP432V0A	420-450	< 1.1	17	-20	Bipolar	\$49.95
SP432V0G	420-450	< 0.5	16	-12	GAAAFET	\$79.95

### Items on order

SP28V0	28-30	< 1.2	15	0	CGFET	\$29.95
SP50V0	50-54	< 1.4	15	0	CGFET	\$29.95
SP50V0G	50-54	< 0.55	24	-12	GAAAFET	\$109.95
SP144V0	144-148	< 1.6	15	0	CGFET	\$29.95
SP144V0A	144-148	< 1.1	15	0	CGFET	\$37.95
SP144V0G	144-148	< 0.55	24	-12	GAAAFET	\$109.95
SP220V0	220-225	< 1.9	15	0	CGFET	\$29.95
SP220V0A	220-225	< 1.3	15	0	CGFET	\$37.95
SP220V0G	220-225	< 0.55	20	-12	GAAAFET	\$109.95
SP432V0	420-450	< 1.9	15	-20	Bipolar	\$32.95
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# H C R A

## Amateur Radio • Computer • Electronics Flea Market

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1991

Southwick Recreational Center

Powder Mill Road, Southwick MA

Doors open at 9:00am, \$2 admission

VE exam registration at 9:00, exams at 10:00

50/50 raffles and door prizes!

Talk-in 146.52 simplex and 449.175/rpt (AC1T)

Additional information, call Bob 413/736-0178

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### HCRA Banquet

Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1991

at "The Warehouse?", Holyoke MA

Prime Rib \$16, Fish \$14, Chicken \$13

More than \$700 worth of door prizes!

Tickets will be available at the fleamarket or at the next meeting

## For Sale

Attention novices! Get on the air for \$200! 1 Barker and Williamson model 6100 100 watt transmitter, crystal controlled frequency synthesizer w/manual. 1 BC-348 Q receiver (surplus). 1 40 meter dipole with coaxial cable. 1 Barker and Williamson coaxial cable switch. 1 3-range power, modulation, and SWR tester. Call 782-0452 if you're interested in the package deal.

For sale: Sam's Photo-facts #1 to over 1000. Pick up only. \$100. Yaesu FT-901DM, manual, mike, excellent condition, \$500. FT-902DM, manual, mike, excellent condition, \$600. Drake L-4B, extra 3-500Z, delay relay, \$600. Ed White, W1NPL, 136 Woodlawn Street, Chicopee MA, 01020. 413/592-0756.

## VE Exams

Exams are sponsored by the HCRA on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM *sharp* at the Agawam High School. VE's are also needed. If you are interested in taking an exam or helping give exams, please contact Jeanette WC1O at 786-1463.

The next VE exam will be at the HCRA Fleamarket.

## HCRA Meetings

First Friday of each month at  
Feeding Hills Congregational Church  
Center of Feeding Hills  
Intersection of routes 57 & 187  
Doors open at 7:30 PM  
Meeting starts promptly at 8:00 PM

**Next Meeting**  
**May 3rd 8:00pm**  
**Feeding Hills Congregational Church**  
*Storm season is coming...*  
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