



# ZERO BEAT

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**Next Meeting: Friday, June 1, 2007**  
**Annual Tail Gate Party 6pm &**  
**Elections 7:30pm**

## Field Day 2007: Last Update

June 24, & 25<sup>th</sup> at Dufresne Park in Granby, MA.

It's hard to believe that this is the last ZB before Field Day. This will be my last chance to get you to come out and support the effort. All the pieces seem to be coming together, which worries me, I feel better if something goes wrong. I've never had a perfect project.

The food has been planned for and the orders are in. The inventory has been taken at the Church so we don't buy what we don't need. The equipment seems to be accounted for and a few backup's allotted.

Next is to verify the number of operators and when and what they want to operate.

If you have any fears, idea's or thoughts that need to be heard let me know. This is the last time I'll be able to invite you to come out to Dufresne Park, on the 22, 23, 24 of June. Come to operate, come to lend support, come to fill your curiosity, come for a Sunday Drive.. We'll be there. Maybe you haven't been to Field Day in years, that ok come to see, we won't even put to work.. 118 Ham's in

one place would be a sight to see. Oh, if you know someone involved with Scouts (Boy, Girl, Cub, or Brownie) we need people to use the Get On The Air station.. Even if you don't want to come to Field Day this is one place that needs help.. If they show up between 2 P.M. And 6 P.M. On Saturday I'll treat everyone to a free hot dog, chips and a soda..

I'm trying how about you?

Jim Harrington KB1JVF  
Chairman of Field Day 2007

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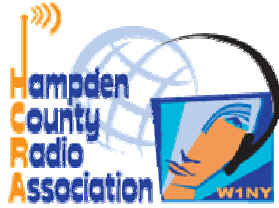
### Meeting Location:

Meetings are held at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

The church is located across from a Pride gas station.

Parking is in back of the church. Access is HP accessible.

Talk-in is available on the 146.94 repeater.



# 2007/2008 Election

It is with great pride we present the following slate of proposed officers for the 2007/2008 Elections. Approval of this slate will be at the June 1st club meeting.

There is still time to toss your hat in the ring. Almost all positions are filled but there are a few board members that could be 'convinced' to step aside and let some new face have a hand in guiding our club. If you feel you have something to contribute to HCRA please contact the board before June 1st.

Now on to the slate:

<b>2006/2007 Slate of Proposed Officers &amp; Directors</b>	
<u>Officers</u>	
President	Jim Harrington, KB1JVF
Vice President	Dave Cain, AA1YW
Treasurer	Greg Stoddard, N1AEH
Secretary	George Collins, KC1V
<u>Directors</u>	
Editor	Larry Krainson, WB1DBY
Technical	John Stark, N1JIO
Membership	Eric Richardson, KB1JVI
At Large	Ed LaCombe, KB1NWH
Program	Jim Mullen, KK1W

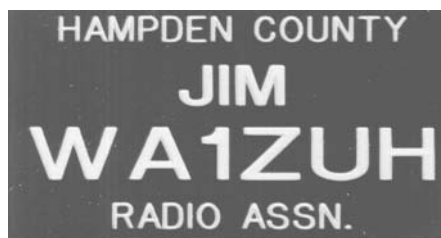
Thanks to all of the above that have volunteered their time for the betterment of HCRA and its members. Without hams like you our club would not be as strong, active or fun as it is today.

## Hams Needed

The Greater Westfield Medical Reserve Corps is looking for Hams to train the group. The director Ed Mello wants to have hams on board in case of emergencies. Ed is looking to train some of the GWMRC volunteers to become licensed operators and he is looking to train others as support personnel to the radio operator.

Contact: John, KB1NKL at kb1nkl@yahoo.com

**Wear it Proudly!**  
HCRA Name Badges



Only \$6.00. Available for order at any club meeting, or call or drop an email for immediate service!  
Show the world you belong to the oldest club in the Pioneer Valley.

Jim, WA1ZUH: [jmullen@rockys.com](mailto:jmullen@rockys.com) or (413) 245-3228

## WE NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS

We are asking for your suggestions and ideas for future HCRA meetings. The recent success of HCRA has been, in part, because of its interesting and timely key speakers and topics.

If you can help, please contact Jim, KK1W at [jmullen@rockys.com](mailto:jmullen@rockys.com) or (413) 245-3228

**Zero Beat Contributions:** Anything of interest is welcome. Please submit your ideas, articles and more to [wb1dby@comcast.net](mailto:wb1dby@comcast.net). Thank you, Larry, WB1DBY, Zero Beat Editor

Questions, Comments, and Suggestions  
Can Be Directed To:

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# HCRA Board Meeting – May 9, 2007

Held at the corporate boardroom of Rocky's ACE Hardware, Springfield, MA

Members present: Dave, AA1YW, Greg N1AEH, George KC1V, Jim KK1W, Eric KB1JVI and Larry WB1DBY. Johnny, KI1A and Jim, KB1JVF both joined the meet by telephone.

**Vice President Dave, AA1YW:** The May meeting went well, with 56 or 57 people attending. The presentation by KQ1F and K1XM was very well received.

**Treasure Greg, N1AEH:** The current balance is \$4058 with no outstanding debits. The monthly deposit was \$145 including \$115 from the raffle. There was one new paid member this month.

**Secretary George, KC1V:** There was no club correspondence during the past month.

**Membership Eric, KB1JVI:** Met two new licensees at the last VE session.

**Zero Beat Larry, WB1DBY:** Contributions of material for Zero Beat has been good, except for ham shack photos. It was suggested that a prize for the best published photo would increase participation.

**Director at Large Jim, KB1JVF:** (By phone) Nothing to report this month as Director at Large.

**Program Jim, KK1W:** Program planning for next year has not begun yet.

**President Johnny, KI1A:** (By phone) Nothing to report at this time.

## Old Business:

Field Day - Field Day Chairman Jim, KB1JVF reported that Field Day Food Manager, Kathy sold \$130 worth of meal tickets at the May meeting. It was agreed to advance \$550 for food purchases. Jim, KK1W asked if the balance of the Park rental fee had been paid. Jim, KB1JVF, will contact the Town, as he did not think we had received a bill from the Town yet. It was agreed that the club would purchase 6 FD tee shirts, in larger sizes, and 20 FD pins for sale and as gifts. Jim, KB1JVF, confirmed that the Saturday night dinner would feature deep-fired turkey.

Elections - Ed, KB1NWH, has volunteered to run for Director at Large and will be added to the slate of proposed candidates.

## New Business:

NE Director's Meeting - The next Director's meeting will be July 7 or 8 in Manchester, NH.

Auction Meeting Raffle - KI1A suggested that we purchase a small HF beam for the first prize or HRO Gift Certificates. The Board agreed to purchase HRO Gift Certificates for the raffle prizes in the amounts of \$250, \$100 and \$50.

Board of Directors Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on June 7 at Rocky's.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Collins, KC1V, Secretary.

## Have you tried IRLP yet?

IRLP is the Internet Radio Linking Project, connecting radios over the Internet. With your 2m radio, you make contacts all over the world. HCRA sponsors an IRLP node, in South Hadley, MA. It is there for your use, please give it a try (at least turn it on and listen) 146.46 simplex, 114.8hz PL Kx1x, Node #7270, S.Hadley, MA

For a list of IRLP nodes and other IRLP information, go to:  
<http://www.irlp.net/>

### HCRA 10m Net

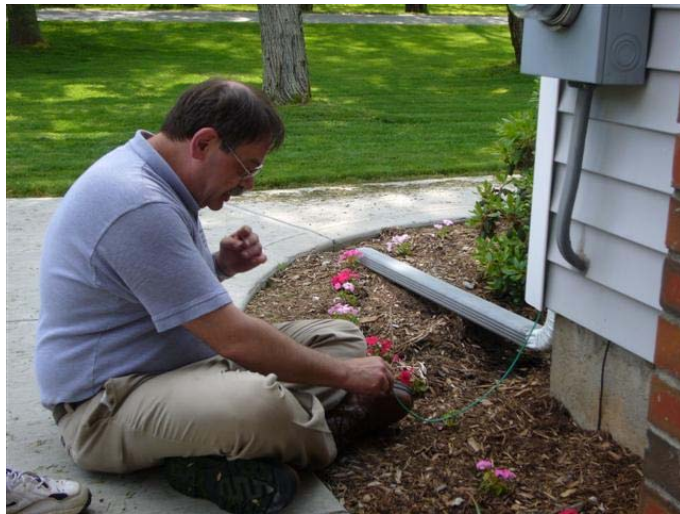
Join NCS, Tom Doyle (n1muv),  
each Monday night at 7:30 PM (local) on

**28.375 MHz**

Get the latest local word, join good friends,  
take part in good conversation each week!!!  
Anyone can join in, don't be shy!!!

Antenna Party  
At Dick—KB1NPA's House  
Sunday, May 20th



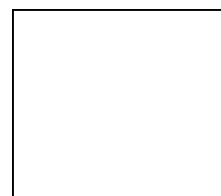


Dick, KB1NPA and George, KC1V finish on the roof. Listen for Dick on the air!

George, KC1V solders a PL-259 onto the coax and attaches the ground to finish the project.

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