

Zero Beat

Hampden County Radio Association, Inc.

Our 43rd ARRL affiliated year
Special Service Club

Serving Greater Springfield, MA

President's Remarks

The June meeting will be an enhanced smorgasbord. You might well ask, what is enhanced? The Board of Directors has analyzed the comments received from the respondents to the questionnaire which was distributed earlier this year. The results were mixed, while there was a group that favored the banquets as they were in prior years, the majority wanted something different. But there was no consensus as to what different meant. Some wanted a restaurant, a picnic, a speaker. After significant discussion, more than on any other meeting, the Board decided upon an enhanced banquet. Enhanced both in quality and price. If the banquet is deemed a success it will be repeated in future years. If not, the Board will strive for something different. We hope you will be able to attend this very special meeting.

The Zero Beat editor Bob, NQ1C has been a member of the Board of Directors because he was also an elected director. This year we have more interest in the Director positions than this person can remember. In order to free up a position on the Board for one of the interested persons and keep the Zero Beat editor attending Board

Meetings, we have decided to recommend to the membership that the bylaws be changed to make the Zero Beat editor a member of the Board. You will be asked to vote on it at the June meeting.

Since we have more interest in Director positions than the club has positions, we are asking you to vote your choice. For those not attending the June banquet, a ballot is enclosed with this issue of Zero Beat. Please complete it and send it to the Club PO Box. For those attending the Banquet you can vote there. We will also have extra ballots to cover those family members who are also amateurs. If you cannot attend the June meeting and you have need for an additional ballot contact the club secretary. The President and Vice President will count all the ballots at the June meeting and announce the winners.

CU at the June Meeting. 73 de K1BXE, Yorke
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***Join us for Field Day
June 24th and 25th
Agawam High School***

Next VE exam will be June 6th, 7:00pm at the Agawam High School

The HCRA banquet will be June 1st at the Church — Tickets are \$10.00

Club Officers

President—Yorke Phillips, **K1BXE**
Vice President—Stan Hilinski, **KA1ZE**
Treasurer—Greg Stoddard, **N1AEH**
Secretary/Clerk—Jeanette Platanitis, **WC1O**

Board of Directors

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| Jim Sebolt, N1DUY | Ed Goldberg, WA1PLS |
| Larry Lemoine, N1EPE | Fred Stefanik, N1DPM |
| Steve Nelson, WA1EYF | Frank Potts, NC1I |
| Cliff Junkins, W1UWX | Bob Lafleur, NQ1C |

Board of Directors Candidates

Scott Cohen KA1QAS

I have been a member of the HCRA for 3 years. I hold an advanced class license. I am 15 years old and enjoy many aspects of Ham Radio, Packet, HF DXing—phone and CW, 6 meters, and satellite. If elected to the board of directors I would be able to give a younger perspective on things. This experience would give me a chance to see how our club functions. As well as Radio, I am an Eagle Scout.

Bob Cohen K1CPJ

Member of HCRA for 3 years. Enjoy HF DXing and VHF/UHF contesting. Active in BSA programs and Radio Merit Badge. Would work toward continuation of interesting HCRA meetings and activities and especially toward encouraging young people to take active roles in HCRA.

Howie Plouf N1HKJ

My first venture in radio started back in 1923 at age 12, building crystal sets and tube type radios. My interest in ham radio started in the late thirties when five meters was the hot subject. During World War Two I worked at the local Westinghouse plant testing Navy transmitters. I am a full member of ARRL, also a member of HCRA and Mt. Tom Repeater Association.

Roy Gero KC1OR

Though I have only been into amateur radio for less than two years, I feel that I can do a great job in assisting the board to make our club stronger and more active. My qualifications are accredited extra class volunteer examiner, official observer in the Amateur Auxiliary, and I am starting to get involved with public relations for

Amateur Radio.

Fred Gore KA1TBS

I have been employed with Digital Equipment Corporation for the past 15 years as an electronics technician. Four years prior to that I worked for RCA in San Antonio primarily installing VHF, UHF, and microwave equipment. I am an assistant communications officer for Southwick Civil Defense. I hold a technician class license and have been licensed since January, 1989. I am also involved with the United Satellite Cable Network.

Larry Lemoine N1EPE

I am completing my first year as an officer in our club, the H.C.R.A. I have been a ham for four years and hold a General class license. My interests are in DX and am currently considering getting into packet radio. As a new officer in the club I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with helping this year to be a success, and feel I contributed in representing the club members. I am asking for your support because I sincerely feel this year's experience will only help me be a better officer in the coming year.

Banquet Tickets Did you miss out?

If you would like to attend the banquet on June 1st, but missed the deadline, you may still be able to get a ticket. Contact Ron or Lil at 739-5228 to see if there are any tickets left. **No** tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

The doors open at 6:30pm, and dinner will be served at 7:00. The club business meeting will begin at 8:00, when elections will be held for club officers. You do not need to attend the banquet to attend the business meeting.

Field Day 1990

Yes — You can be a part of it — The extraordinary W1NY Field Day effort! Last year W1NY made second place, and this year we can make it to first, but we need your help!

No, you don't have to be a superduper CW operator. No, you don't have to crank a generator for 4 hours without stopping. No, you don't have to endure a swarm of mosquitoes that seems to enjoy mosquito repellent. And no, you don't even have to operate a radio for one minute, if you don't want to!

We are looking for more operating shelters, such as a motor home, truck, or easily movable structure such as a screenhouse. If you have anything of this sort that we might be able to use, please let us know.

We also need fill-in operators who can operate for short spells to give other operators a break. If you're a night owl, we need you to operate in the wee hours of the morning! If you like to socialize with your fellow hams, we need you to be at the Field Day site and keep things alive. Who knows, you might even get a chance to appear on a videotape or TV show!

We will meet at the Agawam High School on Friday, June 23rd around noon for pre-setup. We can't actually begin any setup until 2:00pm on Friday, but we want to be there early to make sure that when 2:00 rolls around, we are ready and that everyone knows what to do.

On Saturday, we will begin gathering at the high school at 8:00am or earlier.

The contest begins on Saturday, June 24th at 2:00pm and runs until Sunday at 2:00pm. Don't go away — after the contest is over, we've got to take everything down!

Any and all skills, whether they're radio related or not, are needed. If you think you can help, please contact Bob NQ1C at (413) 737-8503.

With your help, we can win it this year!
Without your help...

HCRA Exam Program Successful

The HCRA has held exam sessions during the past year, with Jeanette WC1O coordinating the effort. Thanks to Jeanette and the VE examiners, we have several new hams, and many upgraded hams in the area. These new licenses/upgrades include:

Paul Faille, KA1TBA upgraded to General.
Klim Pesesky, KA1NAI upgraded to Tech.
Joel Wilks, N1GYD upgraded to General.
Peter Russell, WB1FNP, upgraded to Advanced.
Donald Devine, KA1LYT upgraded to Advanced.
Ronald Chartier, KA1URQ upgraded to Tech.
Dirk Mahling, KA1UUY upgraded to Tech.
Kenneth Tatro, N1GPL upgraded to General.
Edward Skutnik obtained Advanced.
Benjamin Perkins, KA1TSM upgraded to Tech.
Matthew Rugens, N1GOL upgraded to Advanced.
Joseph Koksi, N1GGM upgraded to Advanced.
William Hampton, WA1OIR upgraded to Advanced.
Kevin Paulson, N6RCK upgraded to Extra.
Anthony Renaud, KA1MHY upgraded to Extra.
Edward Judd obtained Novice.
Robert Brown, KA1MZB upgraded to General.
Roland Chaffee, N1GZF upgraded to Advanced.
Edith Hack, KA1VED upgraded to General.
Derek Hook, KA2HIM upgraded to Tech.
Robert Hummel, KB1CO upgraded to Extra.
Robert Johnson, WB1HAB upgraded to General.
Thomas Nowak, KA1ONZ upgraded to General.
Brett Provost obtained Novice.
Robert Rassest, WA1UQM upgraded to General.
David Vitte obtained Novice.
James Ussailis obtained Novice.
Ronald Fornier obtained Novice.

Fleamarket Results

We are happy to report that the HCRA Fleamarket held on April 29th was a great success. The club made approximately \$600, which is quite good for a first crack at a fleamarket. Thanks to Fred N1DPM and Tom WB1FVS for organizing the event! Make room for us again next year on your fleamarket calendar!

Rescue! ...Continued

Last month we ran a story about Stu, K8SJ getting help from Chet, K1YQQ to land his plane during a radio outage. If you remember, the story ended abruptly with Stu being lost on the radar, and Chet not wanting to talk to anyone.

That was a real "whoops" on the editor's part, so here's the rest of what happened. The following was written on a thank-you card received by K1YQQ:

"Dear Chet, Thank you for your help when I ran into trouble. We came out of the clouds in a right turning dive. I flared, leveled out, cut the engine, and rolled out. I never saw the farmer's fence and ruined my Cherokee. My broken leg and ribs are healing fast. Many thanks to all who sent cards. 73, Stu K8SJ".

Incidentally, Stu K8SJ has the first letter in the correspondence section of the May, 1990 QST. Check it out!

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.

Next VE exam will be June 6th at the Agawam High School.

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

Local Nets

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| HCRA 10 Meter Net | Thursday 9:00 PM 28.650 |
| Nutmeg VHF Traffic Net | Daily 9:30 PM 146.28/88 |
| 80 Meter Ragchew Net | Tuesday 8:00 PM 3.709 Mhz |
| WMPN | Daily 6:00 PM 3.937 |
| WMSN | Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 PM 3.713 |
| WMN | Daily 7:00 PM 3.562 |
| WMTN | Monday-Friday 1:00 PM 146.31/91 |
| CPN | Monday-Saturday 6:00 PM 3.965 |
| | Sunday 10:00 AM 3.965 |
| Mt. Tom Information Net | Wednesday 7:30 PM 146.34/94 |
| Mt. Tom Swap Net | Follows Mt. Tom Information Net |
| Mt. Tom Emergency Net | Sunday 8:45 AM 146.34/94 |
| WMA Tfc Net Cycle 3 | Tue, Wed, Thu 4:00 PM 146.34/94 |
| RASON | Daily 9:00 PM 146.13/73 |
| WESCON | Daily 8:30 PM 147.78/18 |
| CN | Daily 7:00 & 10:00 PM 3.640 |
| CSN | Monday-Friday 7:30 PM 3.720 |
| BEARS Traffic Net | Daily 9:15 PM 145.11(-) |

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