



# MINI ZERO BEAT

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October 2017

*Special points of interest:*

*Next Meeting:*

*November 3rd*

*SWling and DXing:*

*Yesterday and Today*

*Harold Woering Sr. N1FTP*

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## ATTENTION HCRA MEMBERS:

For a limited time, you can own your own 30 ounce hot/cold tumbler with the HCRA logo and your call or name laser engraved on it. Keep your coffee hot or your ice tea cold. Look good with the club logo and your call.

Makes a great gift too.



We need to reach a minimum order and if we do by November, you can have your tumbler by the holidays.

A great deal at only \$20 each. Must be paid in full. Make checks payable to the HCRA.

## October's Meeting

**Join us Friday October 6th at 7:30, in the Holyoke Medical Center Auxiliary Conference Center .**



## DXLAB

Our guest speaker will be Dave Bernstein (AA6YQ) the developer of this very popular logging software that is used by many hams.

DXLab is a freeware suite of eight interoperating applications that can be installed independently in any order. When multiple applications are running, they sense each other's presence and automatically interoperate to support your Amateur Radio DXing activities.

For directions to The Holyoke Medical Center Auxiliary Conference Center:

<http://www.hcra.org/meeting-location/>

# Win a FT-891

## Tickets only \$10 each

### Only 250 to be sold

**Drawing to be held at  
the MTARA HamFest  
March 10th.**



**\$1000 package includes a Yaesu ATAS-120 antenna!**

# FROM THE SHACK

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Now that fall is here, we will have cooler weather (although it is in the high 80's as I write this) and hopefully some better band openings to enjoy our hobby. Maybe the DX will be better as we head towards some of the popular contests. Speaking of contests – there just may be a new one that will be could be just for HCRA members. Hopefully it will be ready to announce at our October meeting.

At the October meeting, the program will be DX Labs, one of the most, if not the most, popular programs used by Hams. The author of DX Lab Suite, Dave Bernstein, AA6YQ, will be present to make the presentation, This is a chance to ask questions and get the answers that have been keeping you from using all the functions of DX Labs. It is a lot more than just a Logging Program. Come and find out what this amazing program can do!

A lot of other activities going on at the October meeting. Have any swap or for sale items, bring them to the Swap Tables before the meeting. Don't have your Raffle ticket for this year's radio and antenna, they will be there, Tickets for the Holiday Party will be there, and Most importantly, Don't forget to renew your membership for 2018 if you have not done so.

See you on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October.... Until then, keep the bands humming

## SOME INTERESTING WEB SITES:

Why do pilots say “Rodger that”?

<https://m.thevintagenews.com/2017/05/21/the-story-of-why-pilots-say-roger-that/>

Want to know more about DMR? Here is a great PDF that explains everything you ever wanted to know about DMR.

[http://www.raqi.ca/~ve2rae/dmr/Amateur\\_Radio\\_Guide\\_to\\_DMR.pdf](http://www.raqi.ca/~ve2rae/dmr/Amateur_Radio_Guide_to_DMR.pdf)

## “SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE” LEADER WANTED.

With all the excitement over JT-8. We are looking for someone to lead a “Share the Knowledge” session on getting started with digital modes.

Would you like to “Share your Knowledge” about another subject? We're interested! Please contact me at: [gary.fields@northcomm.net](mailto:gary.fields@northcomm.net)

## FOR SALE:

**MFJ-4115 small 15 amp switching power supply.**  
Used very little and works great. Here's the description:

MFJ-4115 is supercompact, great for traveling -- weighs just 11/2 lbs and is a tiny 3 3/4W x 2 1/4H x 7 3/4 D inches. This tiny supply will easily fit in your briefcase or suitcase and power most VHF/UHF or QRP radios. Has over-voltage and over-current protection systems and works with AC input from 90 to 130 Volts. Output is 13.8 VDC, 17 Amps surge and 15 Amps continuous. It has one set of 5-way binding post connections. It is super clean, has a quiet fan and super regulation. Has load fault indicator and automatic shut-down. Price is \$70 in the current MFJ catalog.



**Price: \$50**

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