

The Official Newsletter of GRARA The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

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2020

Events for May 2020 for the WM Amateur Radio community

WEBMASTERS and FACEBOOK PAGE Administrators, UPDATE YOUR WB / FB PAGES during these uncertain times, actually, do it all times.

As last month, figure all meetings, lunches, VE Exams are canceled until further notice. Check with the club's Web or Facebook page for updated information. Web and FB page links listed below.

SIREN TEST, KENT COUNTY Noon First Fridays to October. Check in 145.27-(94.8Hz) W8LRC Lowell/R, K8SN Moline 442.175+(103.5), or Smart phone www.Vrm.cc/kcsirens

MAJOR AREA EVENTS AT PRESS TIME

CANCELED Cadillac Hamfest, Saturday, May 2, Cadillac Junior High School

CANCELED Hamvention, Friday May 15 – Sunday May 17 *POSTPONED* MORLEY SITE CLEANUP Saturday, May 16 TO SOMETIME LATER THIS SUMMER.

STILL ON/PLANNED Hudsonville/Grand Rapids, Saturday, June 6 (Ray's Roadkill and Potluck dinner, Friday, June 5, 6:30PM) Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426 Website: http://w8ira.org/ Flier: http://w8ira.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/01/IRA-Hamfest-2020-Full-Sheet-05-29-19.png Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association Talk-in: 147.16+(94.8Hz) Public contact: IRA, PO Box 8122, Kentwood, MI 49518 Phone: 616-541-4090, Email: hamfest@w8ira.org The IRA is still doing a wait and see, but will make a final decision by mid-May. It might go on as planned, or a trunk sales only, delayed until August ? As trunk sales location ?,

or just plain canceled. All depends on the state, Ottawa County Health Dept, the Fairgrounds decisions.

QRM

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You may freely reprint any material in the QRM, but please credit the QRM, the original author, and the original publication, if given.

Everybody is encouraged to submit original articles on topics relevant to the hobby of Amateur Radio. Submit articles to the Editor, care of scooter1cat@comcast.net.

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Membership Information

Anybody interested in the exciting hobby of Amateur Radio is invited to join the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association. There are four classes of membership:

Full Membership: Full membership costs \$25/year and is open to licensed Amateur Radio operators. Full members may run for a GRARA elected officer position and may vote on Club business.

Spouse/Family Membership: One spouse or an immediate adult family member of a Full member may apply for Spouse/Family membership at no cost. A member of this type, who is a licensed Amateur Radio operator, has all of the privileges of a Full member.

Senior Membership: Dues for members 70 and over are \$15/year. Senior members have the same privileges as Full members.

Youth Membership: A licensed Amateur Radio operator under the age of 18 years old may apply for Youth membership at no cost. Youth members have all of the privileges of Full members, except they may not run for the elected positions of President, Vice President, or Treasurer.

New Ham Membership: A newly licensed Amateur Radio operator may apply for New Ham membership at no cost. A New Ham member has all of the privileges of a Full member. Free New Ham membership lasts 12 months. Associate Membership: A non-licensed individual may apply for Associate membership. Adult Associate memberships cost \$25/year. Associate members may not vote and may not hold office.

The following List created

by Dave KF8QL, TNX!

Monday

12:00 IRA MI Noontime Net 147.16+(94.8Hz)

9:00PM Michigan VHF Traffic Net 147.16+(94.8Hz)

Tuesday

6:00PM IRA After Dinner Net 147.16+(94.8Hz)

7:00PM GRARA Net 147.26+(94.8Hz)

8:30PM WM 6 Meter SSB Net 50.140 USB

9:00PM Covid-19 net 145.27-(94.8Hz)

Wednesday

3:00AM Insomniac Net 147.16+(94.8Hz)

12:00 IRA MI Noontime Net 147.16+(94.8Hz)

7:00PM Satern Net 147.16+(94.8Hz)

8:00PM West MI Emergency Comm Net 145.27-(94.8Hz)

9:00PM Michigan VHF Traffic Net 147.16+(94.8Hz)

Thursday

9:00AM Auto State YLs TASLYs Net 3940KHz

7:30PM MARA Net 145.23-(94.8Hz) x3rd Thursday 7:30PM MARA Net 145.23 simplex 3rd Thursday

9:00PM Covid-19 Net 145.27-(94.8Hz)

Friday

11:30AM Lunch Bunch Net 443.800+(94.8Hz)

12:00 IRA MI Noontime Net 147.16+(94.8Hz)

9:00PM Michigan VHF Traffic Net 147.16+(94.8Hz)

Saturday

6:00PM IRA After Dinner Net 147.16+(94.8Hz)

9:00PM Covid-19 Net 145.27-(94.8Hz)

Sunday

8:00AM MARA 6 Meter AM Net 50.400 AM

9:30PM Sidewinders Around MI Net 144.155USB

4:00PM 10 Meter Ragchew Net 28.870USB

8:00PM WM Classic Six Meter AM Net 50.400AM

9:00PM Covid-19 Net 145.27- (94.8Hz)

The Following are the events and links to their clubs.

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS needing AR volunteers

SARANAC / IONIA COUNTY Dirty

30 Gravel Grinder bicycle event March 28 *RESCHEDULED* to Saturday, October 17 <u>https://www.dirtythirtygravelgrinder.c</u> om/

HASTINGS / BARRY COUNTY

Barry-Roubaix Killer Gravel Road Race Bicycle event April 18 *RESCHEDULED* to Saturday, October 10 https://barry-roubaix.com/

HOLLAND Tulip Festival

May 2-10 *CANCELED* https://www.tuliptime.com/

GRAND RAPIDS Amway River Bank Run May 9 *RESCHEDULED* to Saturday, October 24 https://amwayriverbankrun.com/

GRAND RAPIDS Festival of the Arts June 5, 6 *CANCELED* (Doesn't call for AR help, but still a major event) https://festivalgr.org/

MIDDLEVILLE / BARRY COUNTY National 24 Hour Challenge Bicycle event Saturday, June 20 *RESCHEDULED* to August 22. https://www.n24hc.org/

SKYWARN Specialized severe weather training May 13 *CANCELED* Dr. Thomas Behler, (KB8TYJ) Main Event Coordinator E-mail: tombehler@gmail.com (303)775-1199

On air NETS, of course, are not affected.

List of WEST MICHIGAN HAM NETS http://w8lrc.org/net_calendar/

SKYWARN KENT COUNTY: Anyone interest in being a Net Control Station please contact Tom KB8TYJ tombehler@gmail.com To be NCS you will need 2M/440 base station and a high speed computer to work radar. Want your NET listed here? Send me the information. NEWS BROADCASTS on the IRA Link System 147.16 AMATEUR RADIO NEWSLINE Tuesdays at Noon ARRL NEWS Thursdays at Noon Coverage map with remote frequencies: http://w8ira.org/wpcontent/uploads/2015/10/largemap.jp q NEWS BROADCASTS on the Lowell System 145.27 ARRL NEWS Saturdays 7AM & Sundays 7PM AMATEUR RADIO **NEWSLINE Sundays 7PM & Sundays** 7AM Other area repeaters carrying news, send me details to be included. NETNETNETNETNETNETNETNETNE **TNETNETNETNETNET 2nd Hand** Ham Shop, Saturdays, 8AM - 2PM https://www.facebook.com/2nd-Hand-Ham-Shop-1007064166010266/ kd8deg@centurytel.net (616)292-3335 SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network-W8SAT) Contact Bob WX8BOB dennis49544@gmail.com http://www.satern.org/ http://edssatern.sawmni.org/ Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association W8DC https://www.facebook.com/groups/GR ARA.W8DC/ http://www.w8dc.org/

147.26+(94.8Hz) Holland ARC K8DAA http://www.hollandarc.org/ https://www.facebook.com/groups/23 3793361844/ 147.06+(94.8Hz) Allegan County Amateur Radio Club (ACARC-AC8RC) https://ac8rc.org/ https://www.facebook.com/ac8rc/ 147.24+(94.8Hz) Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance (MARA-W8USA)Talk-in W8USA 145.23-(94.8Hz) https://w8usa.org/ https://www.facebook.com/groups/MA RAW8USA/ Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council (MAARC-W8ZHO) http://www.w8zho.com/ https://www.facebook.com/w8zho/ 1 46.94-(94.8Hz) Lowell Amateur Radio Club (LARC-W8LRC) http://www.w8lrc.org https://www.facebook.com/w8lrc/ 145.27-(94.8Hz) Ionia County RACES http://wa8rra.org/ n8mrc@yahoo.com Map: The Independent Repeater Association (IRA-W8IRA) http://w8ira.org/ https://www.facebo ok.com/groups/1764710107178775/ mailto: info@w8ira.org North Ottawa ARC meeting, (NOARC-W8CSO) http://www.w8cso.org/ https://www.facebook.com/groups/40 <u>1316979888404/</u> 145.49-(94.8Hz) **UP COMING HAMFESTS** ARRL Hamfest and Convention

Database

http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search Check ARRL hamfest search and sponsor websites for any updates or cancellations before heading out

CANCELED Cadillac Hamfest,

Saturday, May 2 Location: Cadillac Junior High School, 500 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, MI 49601 Website: <u>http://www.wexaukeearc.org</u>

Flier: <u>http://www.wexaukeearc.org/wp-</u>

content/uploads/2020/01/Cadilac-Hamfest-Flyer-2020.pdf

Sponsor: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club

Talk-In: 146.980 No Tone Public Contact: Duane Eubanks , KD8ULW, 3950 North Brown Road Manton, MI 49663 Phone: 231-824-9813, Email: kd8ulw@arrl.net

CANCELED Hamvention(r), Friday May 15-May 17

Hudsonville/Grand Rapids,

Saturday, June 6 (see information above)

(Ray's Roadkill and Potluck dinner, Friday, June 5, 6:30PM) Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville,MI 49426

Website: <u>http://w8ira.org/</u> Flier: <u>http://w8ira.org/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2020/01/IRA-</u> <u>Hamfest-2020-Full-Sheet-05-29-</u>

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Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association Talk-in: 147.16+(94.8Hz) Public contact: IRA, PO Box 8122, Kentwood, MI 49518 Phone: 616-541-4090, Email: hamfest@w8ira.org

Monroe Hamfest, Father's Day,

Sunday, June 21 Location: Monroe County fairgrounds, 3775 S. Custer Road, Monroe, MI 48161 Website: <u>http://mcrca.org/</u> Flier: <u>http://mcrca.org/Hamfest/GetFlierFile</u> Sponsor: Monroe County Radio

Sponsor: Monroe County Radio Communications Association Talk-In: 146.72- (100Hz) Public Contact: Fred VanDaele, K8EBI, 4 Carl Drive Monroe, MI 48162 Phone: 734-652-3843, Email: ka8ebi@yahoo.com

Summer Eat, Great and Swap

meet, Saturday, July 11 Location: St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 1690 W Sterns Road, Temperance, MI 48182 Website: <u>http://www.ohbsrs.org/</u> Sponsor: Northwest Ohio BlackSwamp Radio Society Talk-In: 146.420 simplex Public Contact: Allen Manrow, W8ALM, 4641 Monac Drive Toledo, OH 43623 Phone: 419-308-6986, Email: W8ALM73@gmail.com

CANCELED Vintage Electronics

EXTRAVAGANZA, Saturday July 20 -Sunday July 21 Location: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 (formerly at the Kalamazoo Expo Fairgrounds) Website: <u>https://www.thevee.org/</u> Sponsor: Michigan Antique Radio Club

Gladwin Area ARC Hamfest,

Saturday, July 25 Location: Gladwin City Park Activity Center, 240 City Park Street, Gladwin, MI 48624 Sponsor: Gladwin Area Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 147.180 - (173.8Hz) Public Contact: JOHN HENSLEY, W8CSX, 5125 Pickering Road Gladwin, MI 48624 Phone: 734-679-0385, Email: johnhensley1940@gmail.com

Auburn's Classic City Hamfest,

Saturday, July 11 Location: Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, 1600 S Wayne Street, Auburn (DeKalb County), IN Website: <u>http://w9ou.org</u> Sponsor: Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Assoc. Talk-In: 147.015+ No Tone Public Contact: Jack Dold, W9OWO, 1201 Hideaway Drive Auburn, IN 46706 Phone: 260-585-0408, Email: <u>w9owo@arrl.net</u>

Elkhart East Hamfest, Saturday,

August 8 Location: Northern Indiana Event Center, 21565 Executive Pkwy, Elkhart, IN 46514 Website:

http://elkharteasthamfest.com

Sponsor: Northern Indiana Repeater Group Talk-In: 145.430- (141.3Hz) Public Contact: Dewey Thrash, K9DEW, 53464 Baywater Place Bristol, IN 46507 Phone: 574-370-2436, Email: <u>dewey@k9dew.com</u>

Angola Hamfest, Saturday, August 8

Location: Gateway Community Church, 255 N Gerald Lett Avenue, Angola, IN 46703 Sponsor: Land of Lakes Amateur Radio Club LLC Talk-In: 147.180+ (131.8Hz) Public Contact: Steve Cleverly, N9YK, 2572 S 800 E Angola, IN 46703 Phone: 260-668-5202, Email: scleverly@metalink.net

GRAHamfest (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest), Saturday, September 12 Location: Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49509 Website: http://w8dc.org

Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association Talk-In: 147.26 (94.8Hz) Public Contact: Stephen Provost, AC8QE, PO Box 3282, Grand Rapids, MI 49501 Phone: 616-648-5983, Email: <u>stprovost@provtechs.com</u>

CMARC Hamfest, Saturday,

September 19 Location: Okemos Conference Center, 2187 University Park Drive, Okemos, Michigan 48864 Website: <u>http://www.centralmiarc.com/hamfest</u> .php Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club Talkin: 145.39- (100Hz) Email: hamfest@centralmiarc.com

Adrian Hamfest, Sunday, September 20 Location: Lenawee County Airport, 2651 W Cadmus Rd, Adrian, MI 49221 Website: <u>http://w8tqe.com</u> Sponsor: Adrian Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 145.37- (85.4Hz) Public Contact: Mark Hinkleman, NU8Z, 108 E. Kilbuck St. Tecumseh, MI 49286 Phone: 517-423-5906, Email: cqnu8z@comcast.net

Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest,

Saturday, October 17 Location: Fellowship Reformed Church, 4200 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49440 Website:

http://mcecs.net/Hamfest.htm

Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services Talk-In: 146.820 -600 (94.8Hz) Public Contact: James Duram, K8COP, PO Box 386 Fruitport, MI 49415 Phone: 231-638-7010, Email: jimk8cop@afo.net

Kalamazoo Hamfest, Sunday, October 18

Location: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds and Expo Center, 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048 Website:

https://www.kalamazoohamfest.org/

Sponsor: Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team (S.M.A.R.T.) and the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club (K.A.R.C.) Talk-in: 147.04+(94.8Hz)

Public Contact: Kalamazoo Hamfest, PO Box 115, Scotts, MI 49088

Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer

Expo, ARRL Central Division Convention Saturday, November 14 – Sunday, 15 Location: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46801 Website:

http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society Talk-In: 146.880- no tone Public Contact: ACARTS Fort Wayne, W9INX, P.O. Box 10342 Fort Wayne, IN 46851 Phone: 260-579-2196, Email: <u>chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com</u>

LCARC Amateur Radio

SwapHamfest, Sunday, December 6 Location: Madison Place, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights, MI 48071

Website: <u>http://www.n8lc.org</u> Flver:

https://www.qsl.net/n8lc/swap_flyer_ 2020.pdf

Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 147.08+ (100 Hz) Public Contact: Russell Price, N8HAR, 40565 Shakespeare Drive Sterling Hts, MI 48313-4158 Phone: 586-246-0161, Email: <u>n8har1977@gmail.com</u>

If I missed something or there is something coming up of interest to the West Michigan Ham community, let me know by the 25th of the month, email: ny8d@arrl.net

73 Jack NY8D

Latest Club News

Things change! I had a lot of articles planed regarding what the club was going to do this coming spring/summer, and wow. Things change. Thank goodness for Jack NY8D and his untiring source of information on what the western Michigan area Ham Clubs are doing. I've decided to include his latest information bullentin so you will have a good, up-to-date source on what is going on. Or should I say, what isn't going on. But we Hams are a resourceful lot. We check up on each other to see how we're doing in this crisis. We also help each other out.

The one event we all miss the most, is not being able to attend the club meetings. Of course, that includes "The Open Radio Room". The whole community misses the opportunity to take Volunteer Examinations. No new Hams? Nobody is sure when it will be safe to go there again. Our members also miss out on having breakfastlunch with fellow Hams. One club

has decided that wouldn't stop them from having coffee together. Mara is meeting in the Fire Department parking lot. It's just coffee and maybe a donut, but it does mean they're seeing each other. Of course, staying 6 feet apart. Thanks to Dave DeVos, KF8QL, we held an impromptu board/executive meeting on April 29 on the ZOOM media communication program. It worked so well, we did it again this past Friday to try our hand at holding a club meeting. It worked ok. We had some adjustments to make, but it did work well. We Ham's adjust, adapt to whatever situation we find ourselves. This crisis, is different. This involves the whole world. While at present, we can't attend Ham related functions, we can still come together and bring our expert skills to bare on any problem we're faced with. One thing we can all do is give our friends a call, on the phone, or better yet, on the Ham Frequencies! Staying inside our QTH's doesn't mean we're isolated. Maybe you can come up with an article you'd wish to share with others on how you're dealing with this crisis. All ideas are welcome! I'll more information on what we're all doing in the next issue. Probably within 45 days. Remember, truly, we're all in this together! Stay Safe Stay Inside till its ok. QRM Editor, Richie K8JX and cat.



WWW.ARRL.ORG



Independent Repeater Association, Inc. West Michigan's Largest Hamfest

Saturday, June 6 ~ 8AM-Noon

Tickets \$6 ~ 12 & Under Free Spacious Indoor & Trunk Sales Food & Drinks Available



Hudsonville Fairgrounds

5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville GPS: N42.8645 / W85.8763 FREE PARKING! MULTIPLE DOOR PRIZES!!

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FRIDAY 6:30PM ~ Ray's Roadkill and Potluck Dinner

Bring a dish to pass and join the fun after helping with setup. "Eyeball QSOs," entertainment, awards, and surprises. .

FRIDAY NIGHT ~ *Camping Available on the Grounds* Showers & restrooms available. (Reservations on reverse.)



SATURDAY 10AM ~ *FREE VE Testing by the Holland ARC* Ta Questions? Email *hamfest@w8ira.org* 1

Talk-in on the IRA 147.16 repeater.

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| Kathy KB8KZH 616-541-4090 (If no answer, leave message) | | | | т | DTAL | \$ |

Thanks for your support!



Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association Inc.

Membership Application

Please fill in the required information and send the form with your payment to

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association Inc.

P.O. Box 3282

Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3282

Or simply bring it to our Wednesday night Open Radio Room or our General Meeting.

| Name: | Call: | Call: | |
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