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The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

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We know summer is here, when we all prepare for "FIELD-DAY". For the new members to Amateur Radio, The ARRL states the objectives as: " To contact as many stations as possible on the 160, 80, 40, 20,15 and 10 Meter HF bands, as well as all bands 50 MHz and above, and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions.

Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries.

Each claimed contact must include contemporaneous direct initiation by the operator on both sides of the contact. Initiation of a contact

may be either locally or by remote."

If you have any questions about the rules, visit "ARRL.NET". Due to Covud-19, last year's FD was held as best as the participating individuals could make do. This year, we have been offered the campus of The Grand Valley State University. We've been given LOT – B. it's on the north side of the campus, in Allendale.



The planning on who will bring what, and who is going to sign up as operators hasn't been finalizing.

We're also planning on what antennas we will use. Stay Tune for further details.

QRM

The QRM Newsletter is published quarterly. It is the official journal of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association. GRARA is an American Radio Relay League affiliated club.

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 Secretary@W8DC.ORG. **2021**

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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.

Silent Key K8EIO



Sheneman, Robert "Bob" Bob aged 68 of Grand Rapids, entered into eternal glory on May 5th, 2021 after a brief stay in the ICU. Bob spent many years and retired as a successful furniture salesman. Starting at the age of 14 he was an avid Amateur Radio (HAM) operator. Bob's radio buddies knew him by his call letters "K8EIO" but most of all he was a dedicated husband, father, brother and friend. . If Bob could write his final words maybe they would read, "This is K8EIO Signing Off."

R.I.P. Friend.

Silent Key; KB8ILD

Raymond Larabee Jr has passed away. Jack NY8D recall Jr did attend Lunch Bunch a couple times when we were at Nobles. Ray was very active in all of the clubs he got involved with. I recall meeting him

when The Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was first forming. He joined GRARA in 2005.

R.I.P. Friend.

Changes

The pandemic has effected just about everything. Certainly, our clubs meetings, and visiting the Open-Radio Room. That is about to change. While our host, The American Red Cross, has moved and left us searching for a new meeting place, we have been developing "Plan B". The new building owners have graciously let us use the garage to hold our meetings, and for the past few months, hold V.E. Exams. The new owners need to re-construct the building, and garage to suit their needs. "Plan-B" is still being worked on, and we haven't stopped looking for another suitable location. GRARA has been around for a long, long time. We do need classrooms, radio areas and a place to store materials. As soon as firm plans are made, we will share the information with you.

For right now, enjoy the weather and Field-Day2021.

Weekly Radio Nets in West Michigan

Monday	12:00 IRA Michigan Noontime Net 147.16+ (94.8Hz) 7:30pm Holland ARC Net 147.06+(94.8Hz) 8:30PM Michigan One DMR Net Mi talk group 3126 local Brandmeister DMR repeater or hotspot 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
Wednesday	12:00 IRA Michigan Noontime Net 147.16+ (94.8Hz) 7:00PM (2 nd & 4 th) Riverside Radio Amateurs Net 444.725+(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 6:00PM IRA After Dinner Net 147.16+(94.8Hz) 6:30PM SATERN Net K8SN 442.175+(103.5Hz) and W8LRC 145.27-(94.8Hz) 7:30PM MARA Net 145.23- (94.8Hz) x3rd Thursday 7:30PM MARA Net 145.23 simplex 3rd Thursday
Friday	3:00AM Insomniac Net 147.16+(94.8Hz) 12:00 IRA Michigan Noontime Net 147.16+ (94.8Hz) 7:00PM TGIF Net Holland ARC 146.06-(94.8Hz) 9:00PM Michigan VHF Traffic Net 147.16
Saturday	8:00AM MARA 6 Meter AM Net 50.400 AM 6:00PM IRA After Dinner Net 147.16+ (94.8Hz)
Sunday	8:30PM Sidewinders Around Michigan Net 144.155 USB 4:00PM 10 Meter Ragchew Net 28.870 USB 8:00PM WM Classic Six Meter AM Net 50.400 AM

Chart design by Dave Devos KF8QL, updated for February 2021
List of WEST MICHIGAN HAM NETS http://w8lrc.org/net_calendar/

Regional or national nets carried on the N8JPR 223.92+(94.8Hz) repeater.
Daily: The Nightcrawlers 220 Net, 1-2am hosted by the WM9W group in IL.
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Tuesday: Parker City IN 220 Net, 9-10pm, hosted by the K5VOM group in IN
Thursday: DFW 220 Net, 9-10pm, hosted by the MJARS group in TX.
Friday: Oklahoma 220 Net, 9-10pm, hosted by the W5CUE group in OK.
Saturday: The Original 220 Preservation Net, 9PM, hosted by the W9MW group in IL.
TNX to Greg KE8GC and Tom KB8TYJ for the 220 list.

Events May 2021 for the WM Amateur Radio community

LUNCH BUNCH RESUMES EVERY FRIDAY in modified form BEGINNING The first Friday in MAY 7th, Creekside County Park. Bring your own lunch or snack and libation (coffee, tea, pop, etc.) Brown bag it or take out. Plenty of room to spread out under the open air covered pavilion shelter. Usual time, 11:30AM or whenever you get there, stay until you're ready to leave.

Creekside County Park, 1035 68th St SE, about a mile from the Bob Evans restaurant where we were, and hopefully return to by fall. The park is between Kalamazoo Ave SE just south of Hwy M6 exit 11, and Hwy US131 exit 76. Enter Creekside Park north off of 68th st, proceed to the covered pavilion. And the rest rooms will be open.

<https://www.kentcountyparks.org/creekside/index.php>

Lunch Bunch is open to all hams, aspiring hams, inquisitive non-hams, etc. We don't care, regardless of any, or no, club affiliation. It's a Beer & Bull session, without the Beer. We'll talk about radio and most any other subject that comes up.

Who sponsors this? NOBODY! It's just a gathering of hams, and there's always room for you. Inquires to Jack ny8d@arrl.net Cell: 616-438-4548. Better yet, just show up!

MAJOR AREA EVENTS AT PRESS TIME

W8ZHO MINI-SWAP, Saturday, May 15th @ Clubhouse 8am-12pm. Sellers first come, first choice of location in or outside. NO ADMISSION OR SETUP COST (donations appreciated), Food concession available (for a small fee).

At the MAARC clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive on the east side of Scenic Drive. Look for our sign. contact N8PFC@arrl.net or KE8IKT@arrl.net

MAP: <http://mapq.st/2Gq86zV>
<http://www.w8zho.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/w8zho/> Talk-In 146.94-(94.8Hz)

IRA Hudsonville Hamfest, Saturday, June 5

Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426

Website: <http://w8ira.org/hudsonville-hamfest/>
Flier: <http://w8ira.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/IRA-Hamfest-2021-Full-Sheet-V3.pdf>

Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association
Type: ARRL Hamfest

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Friday night camping available \$20.

Talk-In: 147.16+(94.8)

Public Contact: Tom Bosscher K8TB, 3148 Rosewood Hudsonville, MI 49426

Phone: 616-541-4090

Email: hamfest@w8ira.org

****NOTICE**** Due to the possibility of last minute changes based on Michigan health regulations, we are taking reservations but all payments will be at the door. Check with <http://w8ira.org/> for any updates.

****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HAMFEST FRIDAY SETUP AND SATURDAY**.**

Friday: June 4 from 2 pm – 6 pm initial setup then stay for "Ray's Roadkill and Potluck Dinner".

Saturday: June 5 from 6:30 am – 8 am —Setup completion Talk-in 6:30 - first hour or two of the swap—radio will be provided at central stage platform 8AM– 11AM main gate/entry doors Take-down immediately after swap If you can assist, please contact Tom Behler, KB8TYJ at kb8tyj@arrl.net with your preferred time slots/activities.

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS needing AR volunteers

COME ON FOLKS, volunteer for at least one this year!

GRAND RAPIDS MUD RUN, Saturday, August 28, Kentwood

<https://www.grandrapidsmudrun.com/>

Karl Palma W8KRP Secretary/Special events <https://bit.ly/32NJsCk>

kcest_info@kcest.org

<https://www.kcest.org/events/> [https://www.facebook.com/41KCEST](https://www.facebook.com/cebook.com/41KCEST)

****RESCHEDULED** Barry-Roubaix Bicycle run**

Saturday, October 2. Communications coordinated by the Barry County ARA (BARA-K8BMI)

<https://k8bmi.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/244810886954700/> 442.725+(94.8Hz)

****RESCHEDULED** AMWAY RIVER BANK RUN**, Now Saturday, October 23, Grand Rapids.

<https://amwayriverbankrun.com/>

Karl Palma W8KRP Secretary/Special events <https://bit.ly/3tQA8t3>

kcest_info@kcest.org

<https://www.kcest.org/events/> [https://www.facebook.com/41KCEST](https://www.facebook.com/cebook.com/41KCEST)

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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.

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/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/largemap.jpg>

FOLLOWING THE NEWSCASTS the IRA Repeater enters Parrot (Echo) mode for 5 minutes. Good time to check your signal and modulation as this mode repeats your transmission.

NEWS BROADCASTS on the Lowell System 145.27

ARRL NEWS Saturdays 7PM & Sundays 7PM
AMATEUR RADIO NEWSLINE Saturdays 7PM & Sundays 7AM

From Quin Schultze, K8QS

I launched a YouTube channel, "Ham Radio Perspectives," which addresses amateur radio culture and history as well as technology. You can access it at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3MJT8o8-XXMxF8XROf7Q5GA/videos>

Videos already include:

A History of the Ham Shack

10 Ways the IC-7300 Has Impacted Ham Radio

A History of Ham Radio Print Publications

The Worst HF Rigs of All Time

Ham Radio Pranks -- Part One

A History of Ham Rig Visual Design -- Military to Modern

Reviews have been very positive. Please take a look at some of the videos and post your comments on YouTube or send me a note directly.

73, Quin

2nd Hand Ham Shop, Saturdays, 8AM "until it ends".

Used equipment, parts (some that are hard to find) and coffee with fellow enthusiasts.

Operated by Tom KD8DEG.

7830 80th Ave between Polk and Baldwin,
Zeeland (Blendon Township)

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/mJ82NL1a9U12>
<https://www.facebook.com/2nd-Hand-Ham-Shop-1007064166010266/>
kd8deg@centurytel.net (616)292-3335

Check out the only full time Amateur Radio

store in Michigan. HAMSTERS in Dowagiac, new and used radio gear.

“HAMSTERS, Your place for amateur radio items at a fair price.”

<http://hamsters.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/HamStersSomewhereInTime>

MONTHLY EVENTS

Some meetings taking place on air or online. Visit club Website or Facebook page for more information.

SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network-W8SAT) meeting first Tuesday, May 4, 7:30 PM. No further information available at press time.

Contact: Bob

WX8BOB dennis49544@gmail.com
<http://www.satern.org/> <http://eds-satern.sawmni.org/>

Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council

(MAARC-W8ZHO). Monthly meetings are on the first Thursday of the month May 6, 7 PM. Held at the MAARC clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive on the east side of Scenic Drive. Look for our sign.

Topic: May 15th Mini-Swap.

MAP: <http://mapq.st/2Gq86zV>
<http://www.w8zho.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/w8zho/> 146.94-(94.8Hz)

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

(GRARA-W8DC) regular MONTHLY meeting, the first Friday, May 7, via ZOOM. Check with the GRARA Facebook page for ZOOM link.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GRARA.W8DC/>

<http://www.w8dc.org/> 147.26+(94.8Hz)

VE EXAM - Muskegon, second Saturday, May 8, 10AM, held at the MAARC clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive, on the east side of Scenic Drive. Look for our sign. ARRL VEC.

Map: <http://mapq.st/2Gq86zV>
http://www.w8zho.com/main/page_licensing.html

The Holland Amateur Radio Club's monthly general membership meeting will be held Tuesday night, May 11, 7PM. If everyone minds their Ps and Qs and Covid cases remain on the decline, the Holland Amateur Radio Club's next monthly general membership meeting will be held in person at the Chick-Owa Sportsman's club, 9279 Ottogan St, Holland. You don't have to be a club member to attend – all hams and everyone interested in amateur radio are welcome to join us!

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/qiQPS9EVgTx>
<http://www.hollandarc.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/233793361844/> K8DAA
147.06+(94.8Hz)

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance (MARA-

W8USA) second Wednesday, May 12, meeting ON AIR, 7:30 PM. Currently, the MARA meetings at the Plainfield Township Fire Station Conference room have been canceled. Instead, the meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM on the 145.230-(94.8Hz) repeater. Meetings are held in Analog mode. Note, there is a “pre-net” held in C4FM digital at 7 PM. Please continue to check our website for further information.

<https://w8usa.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MARAW8USA/>

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club (ACARC-AC8RC) monthly meeting second Tuesday, May 11, 7PM Plainwell Public Safety Complex, 119 Island Avenue, Plainwell, MI 49080.

The training room entrance is just North of the main entrance, towards the big doors used by

the Fire trucks.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/MrttWWZJc3B2> <http://ac8rc.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/ac8rc/> 147.24+(94.8Hz)

VE EXAM - Grand Rapids / Rockford, Second
Friday, May 14, 6:30 PM.

New location is the Kateri Lodge, 520 Northland Dr. NE, Rockford MI 49341

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/w3X4tRsDKxqQBcnc6>

Before coming to the testing session we need you to complete two items, Obtaining an FRN and Filling out a Form. Details at <https://w8dc.org/license-testing/>

Barry County ARA (BARA-K8BMI) The BARA club meetings, Tuesday after the 3rd Saturday of the month, May 18, 7:00 PM with a 6:30 PM informal "Gathering Time", will NOT be held at the EOC until further notice. meetings will be online meetings held via the internet using the ZOOM conferencing app.

<https://k8bmi.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/244810886954700/> 442.725+(94.8Hz)

Lowell Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting, third Thursday, May 20, 6:30 PM social, 7PM meeting. All are welcome. Meeting in person, VIA ZOOM, or combination TBD.

<http://www.w8lrc.org> <https://www.facebook.com/w8lrc/> 145.27-(94.8Hz)

VE EXAM - Martin. Saturday, May 22, 9AM, Martin Township Community Building, 998 Templeton St, Martin, MI 49070

IMPORTANT NOTE: Get your FRN from the FCC.gov/uls website prior to taking your test. Visit <https://ac8rc.org/> for details.

Testing will take place in the Martin Township Hall. Enter the building using the Township Hall door located on the North side of building.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/82DrgzxZce7ZWngj8>

North Ottawa ARC NOARC-W8CSO monthly meeting fourth Thursday, May 27, ON-AIR 7PM <http://www.w8cso.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/401316979888404/> 145.49-(94.8Hz)

TRANSMITTER HUNT (AKA Fox Hunt), Allegan, Memorial Day, Monday, May 31.

Sponsor: Allegan County Amateur Radio Club (ACARC-AC8RC)

No further information available at press time.

<https://ac8rc.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/ac8rc/> 147.24+(94.8Hz)

HIAD (Ham in a Day) class, Lowell, Saturday, June 10.

This is an opportunity for anyone wishing to get their amateur radio technician license to study and take the exam all in one afternoon.

Directed study starts at 1:00 and continues till 6:00, when the test will be given. For registration and more

information <http://w8lrc.org/hiad-registration/>

Cost for the Ham in a Day study session is \$25.

Also, anyone wanting to take an exam (technician or upgrade) without the class may arrive at 6:00. There is no cost for the exams.

Anyone whose license is within 90 days of expiring can also renew their license between 6:00 and the end of testing at no charge.

Additional HIAD sessions for 2021:

Holland: Saturdays August 14, December

11. <http://www.hollandarc.org/?p=3322>

Lowell: Saturday October 9

4th Annual IRA OPEN HOUSE & SITE CLEANUP, Saturday, October 2, 9AM to 2 or ?.

The Independent Repeater Association (IRA) W8IRA is doing Open House and cleanup at the 92nd Street Hill repeater site.

This site hosts many other Amateur Radio groups equipment as well.

If you have never set foot on "the hill", or it's been a while, or

last week, this is a great time to get a tour of the place. We will

be showing off the (not fancy) place as well as doing some tidying up inside and out.

DO NOT FEEL ANY OBLIGATION TO PARTAKE IN CLEANUP. We look forward to your company. Arrive when you can, leave when you want to.

We'll have complementary coffee, donuts, and for lunch burgers and dogs.

Talk-in (as you can guess) 147.16+(94.8Hz)

566 92nd St SE, Byron Center, MI 49315

Lat 42.796779, long -85.650055

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/Zp7RSg9cQpR2>
<http://w8ira.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1764710107178775/>

Contact ny8d@arrl.net (616)438-1464

Riverside Radio Amateurs (Ionia County)

W8RRA <http://wa8rra.org/> n8mrc@yahoo.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Riverside.Radio.Amateurs> 444.725+(94.8Hz)

Kent County Emergency Services Team (KCEST-KC8EST)

kcest_info@kcest.org

<https://www.kcest.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/41KCEST> 145.11-(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

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<http://www.w8zho.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/w8zho/> Talk-In 146.94-(94.8Hz)

GMARC Trunk Swaps, Saturdays May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18

Location: Packard Proving Grounds, 49665 Van Dyke Avenue, Shelby Township, MI

Website: <http://www.gmarc.org>

Sponsor: GM Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 443.075+(123Hz)

Public Contact: Bobby Corr, N8CY, 45601 Fox LN

W Apt 106, Shelby Township, MI 48371

Phone: 248-346-2733

Email: Motownbc@gmail.com

IRA Hudsonville Hamfest, Saturday, June 5

Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426

Website: <http://w8ira.org/hudsonville-hamfest/>

Flier: <http://w8ira.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/IRA-Hamfest-2021-Full-Sheet-V3.pdf>

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Talk-In: 147.16+(94.8)

Public Contact: Tom Bosscher K8TB, 3148

Rosewood Hudsonville, MI 49426

Phone: 616-541-4090

Email: hamfest@w8ira.org

Annual Chelsea Amateur Radio Club Swap Meet, Sunday, June 6

Location: Chelsea Community Fairgrounds, 20501 W Old US Highway 12, Chelsea, MI 48118

Website: <http://wd8iel.com/2021/04/03/2021-chelsea-amateur-radio-club-swap/>

Sponsor: Chelsea Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.450-(100Hz) and 146.980-(100Hz)

Public Contact: Michelle Dye, KD8GWX, 561 N McKenzie St Adrian, MI 49221

Phone: 734-717-5660

Email: michelle.dye@redcross.org

Monroe Hamfest, Saturday, June 20 (Father's Day)

Location: Monroe County Fair Grounds, 3775 S. Custer Road, Monroe, MI 48161

Website: <http://www.mcrca.org/Hamfest/Index>

Flier: <http://www.mcrca.org/Hamfest/GetFlierFile>

Sponsor: Monroe County Radio Comm Assoc

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.72- (100Hz)

Public Contact: Fred VanDaele K8EBI, 4 Carl Dr Monroe, MI 48162

Phone: 1-734-755-4904

Email: ka8ebi@yahoo.com

DX Engineering Hamfest, ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention, Saturday, August 7

Location: DX Engineering/Summit Racing, 1200 Southeast Ave, Tallmadge, OH 44278

Website: <http://dxengineering.com>

Sponsor: DX Engineering

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: 146.985-

Public Contact: Teri Grizer K8MNJ, 1200

Southeast Ave Tallmadge, OH 44278

Phone: 330-630-7520

Email: tgrizer@dxengineering.com

GRAHamfest 2021 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) Saturday, September 11

Location: The Home School Building, 5625

Burlingame, SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

Website: <https://w8dc.org/grand-rapids-area-hamfest/>

Flier: [https://w8dc.org/wp-](https://w8dc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf)

[content/uploads/2021/04/2021GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf](https://w8dc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021GRAHamFestFlyer.pdf)

Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.26+(94.8Hz)

Public Contact: Stephen Provost AC8QE, PO Box 3282, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3282

Phone: 616-648-5983

Email: stprovost@provtechs.com

Cadillac Hamfest, Saturday, September 18

Location: Cadillac Junior High School, 500 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, MI 49601

Website: <https://www.wexaukeearc.org/>

Flier: <https://www.wexaukeearc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/SWAP-FLYER-2021-FINAL.pdf>

Sponsor: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.980 No Tone

Public Contact: Donald La Brenz WB8I, 5108

Sandy Run Road, Sears, MI 49679

Phone: 231-206-5691

Email: dlabrenz@comcast.net

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club,

Saturday, September 18

Location: Okemos Convention Center, 2187

University Park Dr, Okemos, MI 48864, MI

Website: <https://www.centralmiarc.com/>

Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.390 100 mgh -600

Public Contact: Daniel Dembinski KD8YDE, 9749

Peacock Rd, Laingsburg, MI 48848

Phone: 517-512-9846

Email: Kd8yde@inbox.com

Adrian Hamfest, Sunday, September 19

Location: Lenawee County Airport, 2651 W

Cadmus Rd, Adrian, MI 49221

Website: <http://w8tqe.com/hamfest.htm>

Kalamazoo Hamfest, Sunday, October 17

<http://www.kalamazoohamfest.org/> [https://w](https://www.facebook.com/kzoohamfest/)

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Utica Shelby Emergency Communications

Association 37th Hamfest, Sunday, October 24

Location: United Food & Comm. Workers Hall,

876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights, MI

48071

Website: <http://usecaarc.com/>

Sponsor: Utica Shelby Emergency
Communications Association
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.80+(100Hz)
Public Contact: Gary Simms, Ki8M, 8463 Lillian
Drive Washington Township, MI 48094
Phone: 586-322-2134 Email: ki8m@arrl.net

AC8RC website <https://ac8rc.org/> and Facebook
Page <https://www.facebook.com/ac8rc/> for
info and updates

DX Card Checker at Grara Swap.

For those who would like their Dx
Cards checked, We have schedule
a DX card checked to operate at
our swap this coming fall.

LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest, Sunday,
December 5
Location: Madison Place, 876 Horace Brown
Drive, Madison Heights, MI 48071
Website: <http://www.n8lc.org>
Flier: https://www.qsl.net/n8lc/swap_flyer_2021.pdf
Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.08+(100 Hz)
Public Contact: Russell Price N8HAR, 40565
Shakespeare Dr Sterling Heights, MI 48313
Phone: 586-246-0161
Email: n8har1977@gmail.com

MORLEY RADIO SITE hosts W8LRC/R, K8SN/R,
and W8CMN/Dig. Bring your camper, RV, tent,
(electric available) or just stop by. Thursday,
May 20 - Monday, May 24. THIS WHAT SHOULD
HAVE BEEN HAMVENTION(r) WEEKEND. Arrive
when you can, leave when you need to. For
anyone inclined, we'll do some site cleanup on
Saturday.
At the 250 ft tower, 3814 155th Ave, Morley
(Deerfield Township) just south of 4 Mile Rd.
Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/48cdZhJ7DCr> Lowell
ARC. W8LRC 145.27-(94.8Hz)
Inquiries: Jack NY8D ny8d@arrl.net (616)438-
1464

ALLEGAN ARC fox hunt Memorial Day week-end
(Saturday May 29, Sunday May 30, and Monday
May
31) from 10 AM – 6 PM in Plainwell/Otsego
area. Fox frequency 145.53 simplex. Check the



GRAHamfest 2021

Grand Rapids Area Hamfest

Saturday, September 11th

an ARRL Approved Hamfest

The Home School Building
5625 Burlingame, SW
Wyoming, MI 49509-9702

Annual Electronics, Ham Radio, Shortwave
 CB and Computer Equipment, Trains, Airplanes
or just about anything with an electron in it!
 Swap Meet / Flea Market

Opens at 8 AM

Ends at 1:00 PM

Seller Setup: Friday 7- 9PM, & Saturday 7AM

(Vendors only prior to 8AM)

Indoor and Outdoor Sales

DX card on-site checking

Laurel VE Session - 10AM

Concessions provided on-site

Admission: \$8 at the door

K-12 students free admission

with student ID

See: www.w8dc.org

for updates and

any additional information.

General Questions:

stprovost@provtechs.com

Table Reservations:

rmoe424242@gmail.com

Deadline for advance paid

reservations: August 31st

Make checks payable to:

G.R.A.R.A.

Tables unclaimed after 8 AM are

available on a first-come basis!

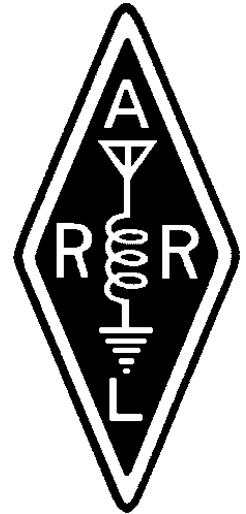
No refunds for unclaimed tables!

Reservation form and payment to:

Bob Moe AC8ZX

2235 Valentine Blvd NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49525



Talk-In: W8DC on 147.26+ (94.8HZ PL)

Table Reservation Form

Description	Qty.	Ext. amount
6' table along wall* (<i>check for availability—limited quantity</i>) @ \$12		
6' table (middle of the gym) @ \$10		
Total	—	

* *Only wall tables have access to electricity.* Table rental does *not* include admission to the swap. No charge for tailgate spaces, except a hamfest admission ticket is required for each person.

Name / Callsign

Phone (optional)

Email (req'd for table confirmation)

Address (optional)

City, State, Zip (optional)

See other side for map & directions

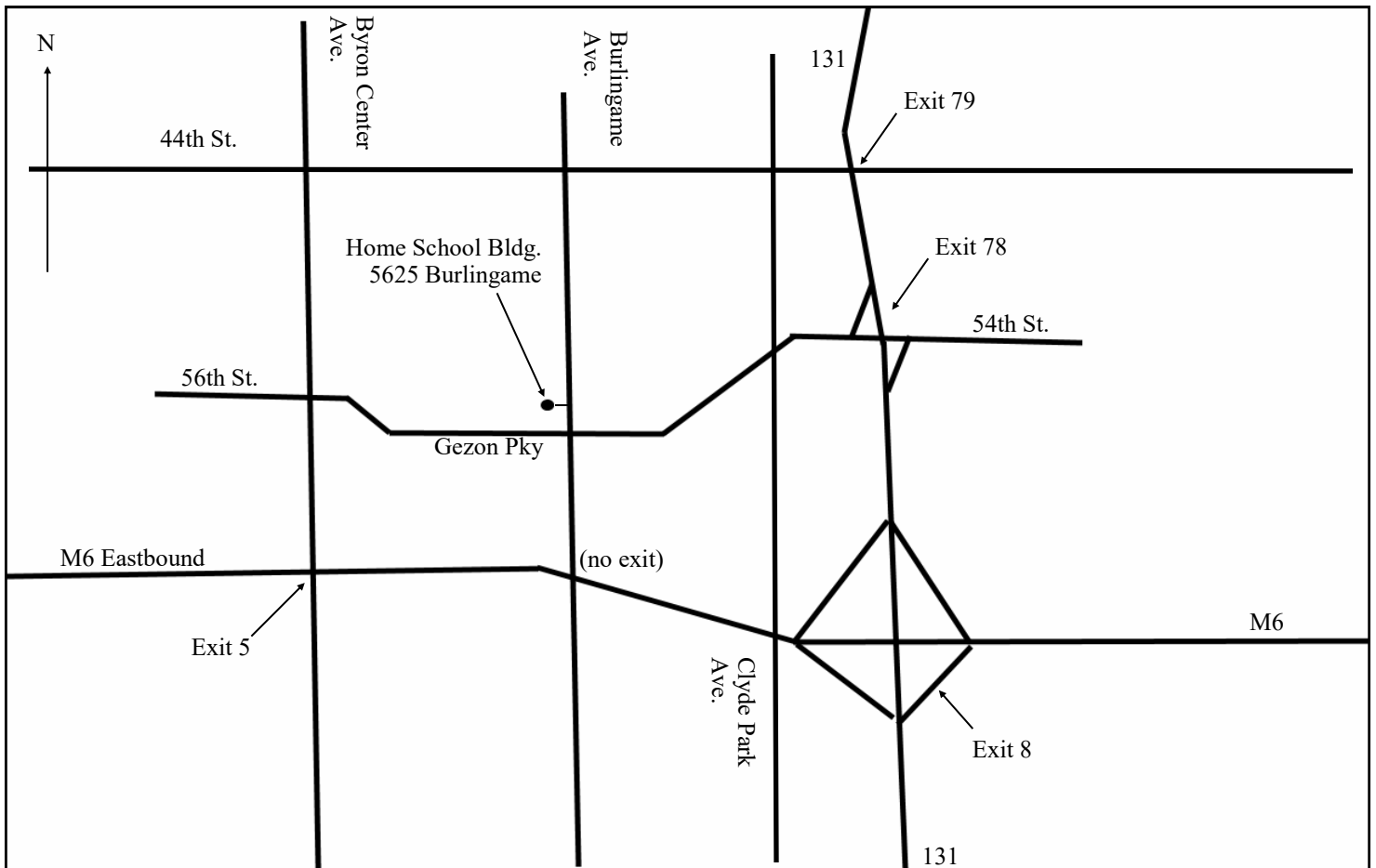
GRAHamfest directions

From the West:

Take M6 East / Lansing to exit 5 / Byron Center Ave. Turn left onto Byron Center Ave., drive 0.8 mi. Turn right onto Gezon Parkway, Drive 1.0 mi. Turn left onto Burlingame Ave. Turn left into the Home School Building.

From the North:

Take 131 South, to exit 78 / 54th St. Turn right onto 54th St. (turns into Gezon Pkwy) Drive 1.1 mi. Turn right onto Burlingame Ave. Turn left into the Home School Building.



From the East:

Take M6 West / Holland to exit 8, 131 North. Drive 1.3 mi. to exit 78 / 54th St. Turn left onto 54th St. (turns into Gezon Pkwy) Drive 1.1 mi. Turn right onto Burlingame Ave. Turn left into the Home School Building.

From the South:

Take 131 North to exit 78 / 54th St. Turn left onto 54th St. (turns into Gezon Pkwy) Drive 1.1 mi. Turn right onto Burlingame Ave. Turn left into the Home School Building.

2021 HUDSONVILLE IRA HAMFEST

Independent Repeater Association, Inc.

West Michigan's Largest Hamfest

Saturday, June 5 ~ 8AM-Noon

Tickets \$8 ~ 12 & Under Free

Spacious Indoor & Trunk Sales

Food & Drinks Available

Inside tables \$ 10, trunk sales \$ 5



Hudsonville Fairgrounds

5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville

GPS: N42.8645 / W85.8763

FREE PARKING!

MULTIPLE DOOR PRIZES!!

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

Bring a dish to pass and join the fun, "Eyeball QSOs," entertainment, awards, and surprises. Hot dogs and burgers supplied. .

FRIDAY NIGHT ~ Camping Available on the Grounds

Showers & restrooms available. \$ 20 for camping overnight

SATURDAY 10AM ~ FREE VE Testing by the Holland ARC

Questions? Email hamfest@w8ira.org



Talk-in on the IRA
147.16 repeater.

TICKETS & RESERVATIONS

Send table requests to:

IRA
PO Box 8122
Kentwood, MI 49518

PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE W8IRA/R LINKED REPEATER SYSTEM.

Your financial assistance is required to maintain this system.

Special Notes

We are taking reservations for tables, but please pay at the door only.

Or

QUESTIONS?

Email hamfest@w8ira.org

~ or call ~

616-541-4090

(If no answer, leave message)

We may be forced to make last minute changes, based on the State of Michigan regulations. Please keep an eye on the website, www.w8ira.org, and listen to the nets on the W8IRA system for updates.

Thanks for your support!

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