



# QRM

The Official Newsletter of GRARA  
The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Summer 2023 Volume 3

Packet .070, Repeaters 146.760, 147.260, 444.400

How we spent our Summer, so far.



Grace KE8RJU contacted Kjell Lindgren during Field\_Day 2023.

Field-Day at the Alendale Campus. But lets not forget helping out with the IRA ground clean up event. That will again be holding this coming fall.



Here our GRARA Crew is operating

We also saw a number of our friends attending "DAYTON" 2023.



## 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, Editor@w8dc.org

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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.

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**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.

# Grand Rapids Area Hamfest

An Annual Ham Radio Flea Market

Saturday September 9, 2023  
8-12pm

Admission: \$8  
License Testing 10am

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## Table Reservation

Description	Qty	Total
6' table in the middle of gym (\$10)		\$
6' table along gym wall with access to electricity (\$12)		\$

Make checks payable to GRARA  
PO Box 3282 Grand Rapids, MI 49501  
Or Paypal us at treasurer@w8dc.org

No refunds

Advance reservation due by August 31st  
Remaining tables will be available on a first-come basis  
the morning of the hamfest

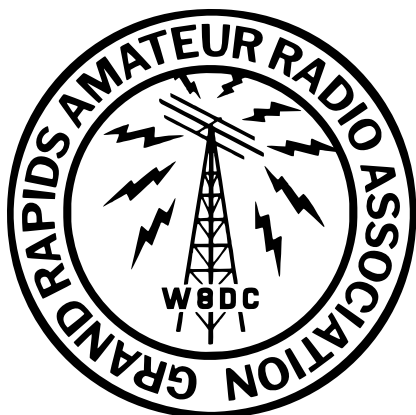
Seller setup on Friday 7-9pm and Saturday 7am

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Talk-in: 147.26+ (94.8 PL)

W8DC.ORG  
hamfest@w8dc.org

Rich:

Please send this to anyone you think should receive it, including previous award recipients, and the involved clubs or organizations.

And, thank you for your role in this as well!

Sincerely,  
Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

Hello, everyone.

At this year's IRA Potluck dinner on Friday: June 2, 2023, I was truly honored to receive the West Michigan Ham Of The Year Award.

I was notified of the award that evening, and received the official plaque at Lunch Bunch on Friday: June 16.

As many of you may know, ham radio has become my avocation since I retired from my teaching position at Ferris State University in May of 2016 and moved to Grandville shortly after that.

I sincerely appreciate the many opportunities I have been given to serve the West Michigan ham radio community over the past 7 years. I have enjoyed working with the IRA Board; the IRA Net Managers and Net Controllers; the Kent County SKYWARN Team; the ARRL Michigan Section District 6 Emergency Coordination leadership; and those who have helped with the West Michigan Emergency Communication Net.

As we all know, volunteer efforts like these are very rewarding in and of themselves; but it is gratifying to be recognized for those efforts by a community like ours.

I look forward to continuing to work with the West Michigan Ham Community on these and other endeavors in the years to come.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

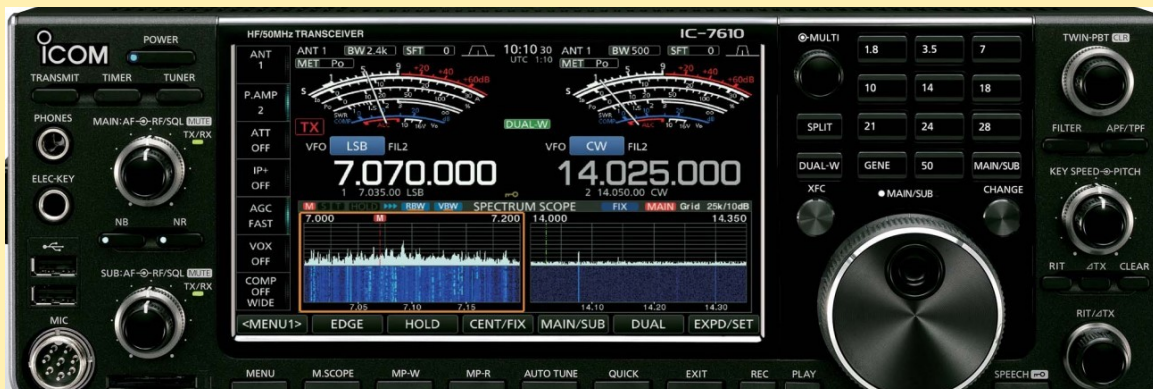
# W8USA Bulletin

This is a partial listing of K800's (SK) Estate. There may be more equipment as the "Shack" is being cleaned out. This is a listing of the current offerings.

With N8GS as executor, and K9BOJ as Gale's On-Line assistant, we are listing the first Group of Radios and associated equipment for sale from the Estate. This is the current equipment available, tested, and ready for Sale. **All Sales are final...** The prices listed are suggested, and offers can be made to Gale,

N8GS, via **e-mail only** [galesn8gs@gmail.com](mailto:galesn8gs@gmail.com)

The top Radio featured on this list is a lightly used Icom IC-7610!



(Pix from Icom Website)



(New \$3249.95 from DX Engineering)- Suggested Price \$2750.00

**MARA Repeater**

**145.230 Mz PL 94.8**

**WiresX**

**W8USA**

**Node 30382**

**Room 40382**

**Analog/Fusion**

## MARA

**UHF Repeater**

**444.450/449.450**

**Analog/ Fusion -PL**

**94.8**

**Daily Grouptalk at**

**11 am!**

**2 Meter Net  
Thursday Nights**

**7:30PM**

**W8USA**

**145.230 Repeater**

**(Analog)**

**6 METER AM NET  
FOLLOWS ON 50.4  
AND ALSO SUNDAY  
MORNINGS AT 8  
AM**

# K800 Equipment for Sale



**2 METER/ALL MODE IC271A—\$275**



**2 METER/ALL MODE IC271H—\$375**



**Diawa CN-801—HF SWR \$155**



**Mirage—MP3—UHF Wattmeter \$ 85**



**Mirage MP2 Wattmeter—HF—\$50.00**



Bird 43, 3-30mhz, 100w \$450/Slug \$125

Bird 43, 3-30mhz, 1000w \$525/Slug \$180



To purchase, contact Gale, N8GS .

[galesn8gs@gmail.com](mailto:galesn8gs@gmail.com)

## Reference Page K800

Item	Cost New	Item	Cost New
Bird Trueline 43	\$590.00	There are more than one slugs in each Bird.	
2-30 Mhz Slug 100 W	\$235.00		
2-30 Mhz Slug 1000W	\$365.00		
50-125 mhz Slug 100W	\$175.00		
100-250 mhz Slug 100W	\$183.00		
200-500 mhz Slug 100 W	\$175.00		

### Other Items—(No Pictures Available)

Power Supply—Astron linear 35 Amp \$175  
 Power Supply (Possibly for IC-720 OR OLDER RIG) \$25  
 Alexis Multimix, audio Mixer, USB - \$75  
 Alexis Multimix 8 -\$75  
 Bencher Key (Paddle) - \$100  
 Robyn 40 Channel CB—\$35  
 Aqua VU Underwater Camera—Make Offer  
 2 Motorola Surfboard Modem & WiFi Router—Make Offer  
 Icom RM2 Remote Controller—(For IC-701, IC-311, IC-245, etc) Make Offer  
 D-Link Air plus extreme G Wireless Access point—\$20  
 MFJ Versa Tuner II MFJ945C—\$55  
 Helping Hand Soldering stand—Make Offer  
 Icom IC-735—(not tested) HF Rig \$300  
 APC UPS 1300—\$25

There will be more, likely at the GRARA Swap later this year.  
 Again, Offers and purchase requests to Gale, N8GS E-mail Only!

[galesn8gs@gmail.com](mailto:galesn8gs@gmail.com)



**Events for August 2023** for the WM Amateur Radio community.

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**RADIO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

DO YOUR PART, volunteer for at least ONE event this year. You can do it!

**LUNCH BUNCH EVERY FRIDAY, CREEKSIDE COUNTY PARK**, 1035 68th St St SE. 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. rest rooms available. Bring your own lunch or snack and libation (coffee, tea, pop, etc.) Brown bag it or take out/drive thru. 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.

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

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/mz7bRimVKpSzC XKf6>

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@arri.net](mailto:ny8d@arri.net) Cell: 616-438-1464. Heck, just show up!

**2ND HAND HAM SHOP**, Saturdays, 9AM until 12 Noon or until everyone is gone. Used equipment with lots of consignment, parts (some that are hard to find) and eyeball rag chew with fellow enthusiasts.

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

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/mJ82NL1a9U12>

<https://www.facebook.com/2ndHandHamShop>

[kd8deg@centurytel.net](mailto: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://ham-sters.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/HamStersSomewhereInTime>

**ATTENTION YLs!** Yes, that's you, the female members of the ham radio community. You are invited to join our TASYL (The Auto State Young Ladies) group. The purpose of TASYLs is to promote fellowship among women who share the common bond of amateur radio. Membership is open to any YL, with or without a ham license. Our TASYL Net is Thursday mornings at 9:00 am on 3940 kHz. We discuss common interests, technical topics, and upcoming events and activities. You

can learn more about our group at our website <http://tasyi.k8ch.net>. Hope to hear from you soon!

33 (The Sign Off for YL Hams Everywhere)

**\*NEW\* 220 net on the N8JPR repeater** Moline, 223.92+(94.8Hz). The first and third Saturdays of the month, 6pm. NET coordinator: Steven KD8MEY [scubabishop@yahoo.com](mailto:scubabishop@yahoo.com)

**CW PRACTICE.** Having settled on a good frequency, (146.480 simplex), I would like to invite you to join us Thursday evenings, 8PM for a little fun with FM Simplex. If you have an oscillator, we can practice some CW on 2m, or if you want to test your radio for Simplex operation, we got that too.

As many of you know, we are doing a Simplex net on Thursday nights at 8PM on 146.480. Many have expressed an interest in establishing a link of relays extending from west to east Michigan. The extremes of those stations extends from Muskegon to Jackson.

If any of you wish to join us as a link station, please let me know. Thanks!

73, Greg Conlon, KE8GC [ke8gc.hamradio@gmail.com](mailto:ke8gc.hamradio@gmail.com)

**The following chart created by Dave KF8QL, with updates.**

### **Monday**

11:00AM MARA Daily Net 444.45+(94.8Hz) or C4FM

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

5:30pm After School 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**

11:00AM MARA Daily Net 444.45+(94.8Hz) or C4FM

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

7:00PM Calhoun Co ARES Net 147.12+(186.2Hz) No Net on 3rd Tuesday

8:30PM WM 6 Meter SSB Net 50.140 USB

### **Wednesday**

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

11:00AM MARA Daily Net 444.45+(94.8Hz) or C4FM

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

7:00PM (2nd & 4th) Riverside Radio Amateurs Net 444.725+(94.8Hz)

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

8:00PM Allegan 10 Meter NET 28.380

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

### **Thursday**

9:00AM Auto State YLs TASLYs Net 3940KHz

11:00AM MARA Daily Net 444.45+(94.8Hz) or C4FM

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  
8:00PM Fun with simplex + CW practice. 146.48 Greg KE8GC  
8:00PM 6 Meter AM round table net 50.400

### **Friday**

11:00AM MARA Daily Net 444.45+(94.8Hz) or C4FM  
12:00 IRA MI Noontime Net 147.16+(94.8Hz)  
7:00PM TGIF Net Holland ARC 146.06-(94.8Hz) FIRST FRIDAY ONLY  
9:00PM Michigan VHF Traffic Net 147.16+(94.8Hz)

### **Saturday**

8:00AM MARA 6 Meter AM Net 50.400 AM  
6:00PM (1st & 3rd) 220 net 223.92+(94.8Hz) N8JPR repeater Moline,

### **Sunday**

8:00AM 6 Meter AM round table net 50.400  
4:00PM 10 Meter Ragchew Net 28.870USB  
8:00PM WM Classic Six Meter AM Net 50.400AM  
8:30PM Sidewinders Around MI Net 144.155USB

**SATERN DIGITAL NET** Wednesday at 8pm on BM 31269 with FSN room 43641 or EchoLink K8SN-L. All Hams are welcome to this national Net.  
For more info contact Bob at [dennis49544@gmail.com](mailto:dennis49544@gmail.com)

**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.

Sunday: The 220 at 2:20 Net, 3:20PM- 4:20PM, hosted by the WM9W group in IL.

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.

**SKYWARN KENT COUNTY:** Anyone interest in being a Net Control Station please contact Tom KB8TYJ [tombehler@gmail.com](mailto: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

**YouTube channel**, "Ham Radio Perspectives," which addresses amateur radio culture and history as well as technology.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3MJT8o8-XMxF8XROf7Q5GA/videos>

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 K8QS

\*\*Quin has an extensive interview about communicating in episode #434 QSO Today.

<https://www.qsotoday.com/podcasts/K8QS>

\*\*MONTHLY EVENTS\*\*

**Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council** meeting, first Thursday, 7PM, at the MAARC Clubhouse, 2888 N Scenic Drive, Muskegon, MI

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/vgdyPEzqsbszZDewg7>

TI: W8ZHO 146.94-(94.8Hz)

[http://www.w8zho.com/main/page\\_home.html](http://www.w8zho.com/main/page_home.html)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/424216613247162>

**KENT COUNTY MONTHLY SIREN TEST**, first Friday, Spring to Fall, 12: NOON.  
Report what you hear to 145.27-(94.8Hz) W8LRC or 442.175+(103.5Hz) K8SN or Smartphone <https://t.ly/E0Ie>

**Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association** (GRARA-W8DC) monthly meeting, first Friday, August 4. At the renovated LIFE-EMS Education Center (former Red Cross) Building at 1050 Fuller Ave NE, GR, between the I-196 Ford Fwy and Leonard St.

<https://w8dc.org/meetings/>

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/1LqRpw7TKWw8XKFM7>

**\*WEDNESDAY OPEN RADIO ROOM\*** is back! Opens around 4pm to sometime after 7PM when things slow down for the night. Stop by whenever you can.

There is a stairwell on the north side right next to our antenna tower, that is the entrance we use for the building. <https://w8dc.org/open-radio-room/>

**\*SUNDAY OPEN RADIO ROOM\*** as well, 1PM to 4PM.

<http://www.w8dc.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GRARA.W8DC/> [https://twitter.com/W8DC\\_GR](https://twitter.com/W8DC_GR) W8DC 147.26+(94.8Hz)

**Allegan County Amateur Radio Club** (ACARC-AC8RC) monthly meeting second Tuesday, August 8, 7PM Plainwell Public Safety Complex, 119 Island Avenue, Plainwell.

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>  
Email us at [Ac8rcmi@gmail.com](mailto:Ac8rcmi@gmail.com) to get details on how to join the meeting on Zoom.  
<https://ac8rc.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/ac8rc/> AC8RC 147.24+(94.8Hz)

**Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance** (MARA-W8USA) meeting second Wednesday, August 9, 7:30PM, Plainfield Township Fire Department Admin Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, SW corner of 5 Mile and Plainfield.

Map: <http://w8usa.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Meetings.jpg>  
<https://w8usa.org> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MARAW8USA/> W8USA  
145.230-(94.8Hz)

**Holland Amateur Radio Club** K8DAA Meeting Thursday, August 10, 6:00PM (note the earlier time).

Herrick District Library main floor meeting room, 300 S River Ave, Holland  
Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/4bBC3Fqs6zBvCApd7>  
<http://www.hollandarc.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/233793361844/> <https://www.facebook.com/HollandAmateurRadioClubK8DAA> K8DAA 147.06+(94.8Hz)

**VE EXAM - GRAND RAPIDS**, second Friday, August 11. Testing location is at the Life EMS Education Center (1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503), downstairs in Classroom C.

NOTE: **SEPTEMBER LICENSE TESTING** will be on SATURDAY 9th at our Hamfest at 10am. No Testing on FRIDAY in September.

Website: <https://w8dc.org/license-testing/> Contact: Stephen Provost  
AC8QE [stprovost@provtechs.com](mailto:stprovost@provtechs.com)

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/1LqRpw7TKWw8XKFM7>

Registration begins at 6:00pm and testing follows at 6:30pm. Laurel VEC, no exam fee, however, the FCC has imposed a \$35 fee. This fee will be paid to the FCC, not us. More info <https://www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fee>

Before coming to the testing session we need you to complete two items, Obtaining an FRN <https://apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do> and filling out the exam form

**BARA Breakfast**, Second Saturday of each month, August 12, 8:00 AM at Curley Cone 12850 M-179, Wayland MI 49348. Phone number 269-792-6560. The restaurant is located about 250 yards east of the intersection of M-179 and Patterson Road. Anyone with an interest in amateur radio is invited to join us for breakfast.

We try to provide an accurate number of breakfast attendees to the restaurant management by noon on the day before the breakfast. [bara\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:bara_newsletter@yahoo.com)

Map: <https://g.page/CurleyCone?share>

<https://k8bmi.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/244810886954700/>  
K8BMI 442.725+(94.8Hz)

**VE EXAM - MUSKEGON**, Second Saturday, August 12, 10AM at the MAARC Clubhouse

MAARC Provides regular testing the Second Saturday of every month. License exams start at 10AM at the Club House, 2888 Scenic Drive. You also need an ID, FRN #, and \$15 cash necessary for processing your license application. If Upgrading your license, please bring a copy of your current license.

MAP: <http://mapq.st/2Gq86zV>

[http://www.w8zho.com/main/page\\_licensing.html](http://www.w8zho.com/main/page_licensing.html) W8ZHO 146.94-(94.8Hz)

Contact: [ve@w8zho.com](mailto:ve@w8zho.com)

**HIAD** - Ham License in a Day ~ Saturday, August 12, 2023

"Ham in a Day" will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2023. 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 begins at 1:00PM and continues till 6:00PM, when the test will be given.

The testing location is the Chick-Owa Sportsman's Club located at 9279 E. Ottogan St., Holland, MI 49423. Again, the "Ham in a Day" study hall begins at 1:00 PM, and the test session begins at 6:00 PM.

For registration and more information, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/holo-hiad-ve>

Cost for the Ham in a Day study session is \$15 . After you pass your Technician exam, the results will be sent to the FCC, who will in turn send you an email with instructions on how to pay their \$35 application fee to receive your license. (The FCC charges \$35 only for new licenses, renewals, and vanity call requests – not upgrades. The Holland Amateur Radio Club does not charge for any paperwork whatsoever.)

In addition to the Ham in a Day students, anyone can arrive at 6:00 and take the technician, general, or extra class exam.

**VE Testing, Ionia** County RACES, second Saturday (except April and December) August 12, Ionia County Central Dispatch, 545 Appletree Dr, Ionia [http://wa8rra.org/?page\\_id=452](http://wa8rra.org/?page_id=452) [n8mrc@yahoo.com](mailto:n8mrc@yahoo.com)

**Lowell Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting**, third Thursday, August 17, 6:30 PM social, 7PM meeting. All are welcome.

Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St E (HWY M-21), Lowell

Map: <https://g.page/FROMlowell?share>

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

Weekly Thursdays Open Radio Room, same as meeting time, all welcome.

NOTE: NO open radio room will August 10.

**Barry County ARA** (BARA-K8BMI) meetings, third Tuesday, August 15, 7:00 PM with a 6:30 PM informal "Gathering Time". At the Barry County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), in the basement of the E911 Central Dispatch building at 2600 Nashville Rd, Hastings (next to Thornapple Manor). Facing the building, go to the door on the left. Press the doorbell button near the door and pull the door open when you hear a click. Use 146.56 MHz simplex for talk-in if you need directions.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/jw8vkLmB7VGVqmr17>

<https://k8bmi.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/244810886954700/> K8BMI  
442.725+(94.8Hz)

**Holland ARC E.A.T.** meeting (Education And Training) fourth Tuesday, August 22, 7PM, at the Herrick District Library, 300 S River Ave, 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! Demonstrations, as well as answer any questions and especially help newcomers get started in the hobby. The sessions are open to the public and you do not need to be a HARC member or have an amateur radio license to attend. If you have questions about amateur radio equipment, operating practices, licensing, test and measurement, or anything remotely related to amateur radio, this is the place to be.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/4bBC3Fqs6zBvCApd7>  
<http://www.hollandarc.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/233793361844/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/HollandAmateurRadioClubK8DAA>  
K8DAA 147.06+(94.8Hz)

**North Ottawa ARC NOARC-W8CSO** monthly meeting fourth Thursday, August 24, 6:00 PM, at Spring Lake District Library, room 1, 123 E Exchange Street.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/YgRiUbXYwPeoYsUL7>  
<http://www.w8cso.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/401316979888404/> W8CSO 145.49-(94.8Hz)

### **Holland HAM IS FOR BREAKFAST!**

Last Saturday of the month, August 26, Southside Inn, 192 W 35th St, Holland, 9:00am, Back Room - Reserved

Where the coffee is hot and I'm sure the conversation will be lively!

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/X8wwwZ4Q93pf9aVu7>  
<http://www.hollandarc.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/233793361844/> K8  
DAA <https://www.facebook.com/HollandAmateurRadioClubK8DAA> K8DAA  
147.06+(94.8Hz)

### **GRAHAMFEST 2023** (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest), Saturday, September 9, 2023

Location: The Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame, SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

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

Flier: <https://w8dc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/GRAHamfestFlyer.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

Phone: 616-648-5983 Email: [STPROVOST@PROVTECHS.COM](mailto:STPROVOST@PROVTECHS.COM)

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**Riverside Radio Amateurs** (Ionia County) monthly meeting second Thursday starting September 14, 7PM Michael N8MRC QTH, Saranac.

<http://wa8rra.org/> [n8mrc@yahoo.com](mailto:n8mrc@yahoo.com) W8RRA  
444.725+(94.8Hz) <https://www.facebook.com/Riverside.Radio.Amateurs>

**VE Testing, Allegan County** ARC, 4th Saturday odd months, September 23, 9AM, Martin Township Community Building, 998 Templeton St, Martin, MI 49070.

<https://www.facebook.com/ac8rc/>

[http://ac8rc.org/?page\\_id=53](http://ac8rc.org/?page_id=53) <mailto:w8rmn@arrl.net>

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/xzHwtCHFAGM2>

**6th Annual IRA OPEN HOUSE & SITE CLEANUP**, Saturday, September 30, 9AM to 2 or ?. Rain date, Saturday, October 7.

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

<http://w8ira.org/>

**Jamboree On The Air**, Friday, October 20th through Sunday, October 22nd, 2023 Gerber Scout Reservation 1733 Owasippe Rd, Twin Lake, MI 49457, 6pm Friday through 10am Sunday

Please RSVP to [mattK0TEA@gmail.com](mailto:mattK0TEA@gmail.com) if planning on attending.

Looking for volunteers to help out with the event. If you know someone who should know, please forward this info.

Volunteers can use the same e-mail to obtain additional information and get signed up. Matt KØTEA

<https://www.scouting.org/international/jota-joti/jota/>

<http://www.arrl.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota>

<https://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/properties/gerber-scout-reservation/>

### **Independent Repeater Association**

W8IRA <http://w8ira.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1764710107178775> [info@w8ira.org](mailto:info@w8ira.org) [w8ira@w8ira.groups.io](mailto:w8ira@w8ira.groups.io) W8IRA 147.16-(94.8Hz) main site.

### **Kent County Emergency Services Team (KCEST-KC8EST)**

[kcest\\_info@kcest.org](mailto:kcest_info@kcest.org)

<https://www.kcest.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/41KCEST> K8EST 145.11-(94.8Hz)

### **SATERN** (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network-W8SAT)

Contact [sa.satern20@gmail.com](mailto:sa.satern20@gmail.com)

<http://www.saternusa.org>

**West Michigan Technical Group** is a group of "Hams" that support the West Michigan Amateur Radio community with reliable and open communication systems.

<https://www.wmtg.me/> <https://www.facebook.com/wmtgnet/>

### 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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**Adrian Hamfest**, Sunday, September 17

Location: Lenawee County Airport, 2651 W. Cadmus Rd, Adrian, MI 49221

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

Flier: <http://w8tqe.com/pdfs/2023%20Hamfest%20Flier.pdf>

Sponsor: Adrian Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.37-(85.4Hz)

Public Contact: Mark Hinkleman NU8Z, 108 E. Kilbuck St. Tecumseh, MI 49286

Phone: 517-902-3091 Email: [cqnu8z@comcast.net](mailto:cqnu8z@comcast.net)

**Central Michigan ARC HAMFEST**, Saturday, September 23

Location: West Lansing Church of Christ, 5505 S. St. Joseph Highway, Lansing, MI 48901

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

Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.390-

Public Contact: Daniel A Dembinski KD8YDE, 9749 Peacock Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848-9263

Phone: 1-517-512-9846 Email: [kd8yde@inbox.com](mailto:kd8yde@inbox.com)

**Blossomland ARA Trunk Sales**, Saturday, September 23

Location: Five Pines Ministries, 6597 Smith Road, Berrien Center, MI 49102

Website: <https://w8mai.org/index.php/club-information/bara-trunk-swap>

Sponsor: Blossomland Amateur Radio Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.820-(88.5Hz)

Public Contact: Tim Richards KD8NOH, PO Box 175, St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: 269-849-3581 Email: [KD8NOH@arrl.net](mailto:KD8NOH@arrl.net)

**Top of Michigan Amateur Radio Club & Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club**  
Hamfest

Saturday, September 23

Location: Gaylord Knights of Columbus Hall, 2573 Wilkinson Rd, Gaylord, MI 49734

Website: <http://nm8rc.org/swapfest/>

Flier: <http://nm8rc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/TOMARC-SWAP-2023.pdf>

Sponsor: Top of Michigan ARC Gaylord and Thunder Bay ARC Alpena

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.82-(118.8Hz)

Public Contact: Joseph Hickerson N8JTQ, 1593 Murner Rd, Gaylord, MI 49735

Phone: 989-858-3541 Email: [jhickerson6@yahoo.com](mailto:jhickerson6@yahoo.com)

**L'ANSE CREUSE ARC** Swap/Hamfest, Sunday, December 3

Location: Balkan American Community Center, 1451 E. Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48007

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

Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.08+(100Hz)

Public Contact: Russell Price N8HAR, 40565 Shakespeare Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Phone: 586-246-0161 Email: [n8har1977@gmail.com](mailto:n8har1977@gmail.com)