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The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

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Packet .070, Repeaters 146.760, 147.260, 444.400

How we spent 2023



Here our tower crew is getting ready to climb.



Above, nothing is as pretty to a ham as a tri-bander.



Safety is a must.

Band	QSOs	Pts	ZN	Cty	Pt/Q
3.5	3	4	2	2	1.3
7	9	19	5	8	2.1
14	119	327	18	55	2.7
21	31	89	8	21	2.4
28	27	66	10	14	2.4
Total	189	499	43	100	2.6

Score: 73, 957
1 Mult = 1.5 QSO

CQWWPhone score.

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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.

Club News 2024

As we say goodbye to 2023, we welcome 2024 by holding a brief club meeting on January 5th, followed by a mini-swap and a banquet. The meeting is short, but the food and conversation is great.

Come with a dish to pass, but whatever, just come and join in the fun. Who knows, maybe we'll actually come up with a new agenda for this year!

Silent Keys.

We begin with 2024 by saying goodbye to several of our friends.



Jerome Wittkoski, W8MSK. Who volunteered many years passing traffic on the QMN CW Net. Passed away on November 11, 2023. Jerry was Mr. 160meter operator. When ever he turned on his radio, a long distance signal, on 160 meter, would greet him. He loved helping other people out with becoming Hams, and loved to help them learn Morse Code, his favorite

mode. His family has a long history with GRARA. His Dad, W8DB Thomas J. Wittkowski, was the first trustee, of the Amateur Radio Club of Grand Rapids. What GRARA was known as back in 1931.

R.I.P. my dear, CW Friend.

Gale Scholten N8GS



Gale has joined and participated in many area clubs. He earned Associate's Degree from Ferris State College and built a career as a technician in civil engineering. He had an analytical mind and a creative spirit. In his younger years, he was an avid bicyclist and completed the 24-Hour Challenge. In more recent years, his favorite pastime was RVing, In addition, Gale had a passion for amateur radio, having served as president of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance ham radio club (call sign N8GS) and also their trustee.

Gale will be missed by all who knew him.

R.I.P. My Friend.

Events for January 2024 for the WM Amateur Radio community.

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I CANNOT PROMOTE EVENTS I DON'T KNOW ABOUT!

Email information to ny8d@arrl.net by the 25th of the month

Check with Web or Facebook pages for updated information. Web and FB page links listed below.

****WEBMASTERS and FACEBOOK PAGE Administrators, KEEP YOUR WEB / FB PAGES UPDATED!**

THIS FRIDAY

ANNUAL ANY (After New Year) MINI-SWAP and POTLUCK at the LIFE-EMS Education Center (Former Red Cross), 1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, starting 6:30 PM. ALL are welcome.

MAP: <https://goo.gl/maps/8W5xxsL5txFKREDR8>

A Mini-Swap is a Hamfest on a smaller scale.

Sponsored by the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA - W8DC) <https://w8dc.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GRARA.W8DC> 147.26+(94.8Hz)

Join us for the first GRARA club meeting and social of 2024.

GRARA will be providing meat (ham, of course!), beverages, place settings. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able, there is ALWAYS plenty, so just show up regardless. After a (short) club meeting, check out the radio room and enjoy the Mini-Swap. Bring any items you have to swap or sell. There is no admission or table charge. All invited to join us, and yes, that means you + family, friends, whoever you bring along.

This event is accessible by elevator for those who prefer not to use the stairs. Hosted by the 2024 GRARA Officers.

Transistor AM and/or FM radios wanted, working or not. 60s - 90s radios built with discreet components (no tubes or ICs) wanted for educational use in area schools. Got such radio(s) no longer using and don't mind letting go of? Contact Mike Smith KC8WJA mike@kc8wja.org

****NEW 220 REPEATER** KD8MEY** repeater @ 224.92-(94.8 Hz). Now at Full power! The repeater hosts several nets including the 220 Inquisitor net on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 6pm. The 220 Inquisitor net is also on N8JPR @ 223.92-(94.8Hz)

LUNCH BUNCH, FRIDAYS AT NEW BEGINNINGS RESTAURANT, 1455 Michigan St NE, Grand Rapids, between Fuller and Ball Ave.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/1fHNcp3un4HQfDUa8>

Close to Downtown Grand Rapids, near the expressways, serving a full breakfast and lunch menu.

<https://www.allmenus.com/mi/grand-rapids/59561-new-beginnings-restaurant/menu/>

Arrive 11:30AM or whenever you get there, stay until you're ready to leave.

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.

It's just a gathering of hams, and there's always room for you. If you're waiting for a personal invitation, THIS IS IT!

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 (616)292-3335

*Anticipate a later start on last Saturdays for the Holland HAM IS FOR BREAKFAST.

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://tasyk8ch.net>. Hope to hear from you soon!

33 (The Sign Off for YL Hams Everywhere)

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

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

Thursday

9:00AM Auto State YLs TASLYs Net 3940KHz/LSB
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/AM

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 224.92+(94.8Hz) KD8MEY/R linked via Allstar to
223.92+(94.8Hz) N8JPR/R Moline,

Sunday

8:00AM 6 Meter AM round table net 50.400/AM
4:00PM 10 Meter Ragchew Net 28.870/USB
7:00PM Auxcom 147.24+(94.8Hz)
8:00PM WM Classic Six Meter AM Net 50.400/AM
8:00PM ACARC Informal Net 147.24+(94.8Hz)
8:30PM Sidewinders Around MI Net 144.155/USB

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

Regional or national nets carried on the KD8MEY 224.92-(94.8Hz) and/or N8JPR 223.92-(94.8Hz) repeater.

TNX to Greg KE8GC, Tom KB8TYJ, Steven KD8MEY, and Glenn KA8DUX for the 220 list information.

Daily: **The Nightcrawlers** 220 Net, 1-2am hosted by the WM9W group in IL. (KD8MEY, N8JPR)

Sunday: The 220 at 2:20 Net, 3:20PM- 4:20PM, hosted by the WM9W group in IL. - (KD8MEY, N8JPR)

Monday - Friday The Morning Brew Net 7-9AM (Except Holidays) hosted by East Coast Reflector Group. KD8MEY

Tuesday Night Tech Net 8-10PM hosted by East Coast Reflector Group. (KD8MEY)

Tuesday: Parker City IN 220 Net, 9-10pm, hosted by the K5VOM group in IN. (N8JPR)

Thursday: DFW 220 Net, 9-10pm, hosted by the MJARS group in TX. (KD8MEY, N8JPR)

Friday: Nationwide 220 Net, 7PM - (N8JPR)

Friday: Oklahoma 220 Net, 9-10pm, hosted by the W5CUE group in OK. (KD8MEY, N8JPR)

Saturday: The Original 220 Preservation Net, 9PM, hosted by the W9MW group in IL. (KD8MEY, N8JPR)

List of WEST MICHIGAN HAM NETS

http://w8lrc.org/net_calendar/

AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE NETS throughout Michigan

<https://mi-arpdc.org/net/>

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

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, January 4, 7PM, at the MAARC Clubhouse, 2888 N Scenic Drive, N Muskegon, MI

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

TI: W8ZHO 146.94-(94.8Hz)

http://www.w8zho.com/main/page_home.html

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

Lowell Amateur Radio Club weekly gathering, Thursdays, 6:30 PM. Join us in the radio room for pizza. 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)

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA-W8DC) monthly meeting, first Friday, January 5. SEE INFO NEAR THE TOP

Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc. M.C.E.C.S., Second Monday, January 8, 7PM, @ Muskegon County Emergency Management Training Room, 1903 Marquette Avenue, Muskegon 49442. (SW corner of the complex)

The training room entrance door is number 37. Monitoring 147.435 MHz for directions.

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/XBUkEFpgNrTvpJuRA?g_st=i
k8wnj@arrl.net <http://mcecs.net/> <https://www.facebook.com/MCECS>

Holland Amateur Radio Club K8DAA Meeting second Tuesday, January 9, 6:00PM, Herrick North Branch Library 155 Riley St, Holland, MI. This is on the north side of Riley, just east of 136th Ave about 1.3 miles west of US 31.

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/oToGZtmPBt8oDy7E9>
<http://www.hollandarc.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/233793361844/> <https://www.facebook.com/HollandAmateurRadioClubK8DAA> K8DAA 147.06+(94.8Hz)

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club (ACARC-AC8RC) monthly meeting second Tuesday, January 9, 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 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, January 10, 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)

VE EXAM - GRAND RAPIDS, second Friday, January 12, 6PM. Testing location is at the Life EMS Education Center (1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503), downstairs in Classroom C.

Website: <https://w8dc.org/license-testing/> Contact: Stephen Provost
AC8QE 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, January 13, 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

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, January 13, 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 W8ZHO 146.94-(94.8Hz)

Contact: ve@w8zho.com

Barry County ARA (BARA-K8BMI) meetings, third Tuesday, January 18, 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, January 23, 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)

Holland HAM IS FOR BREAKFAST!

Last Saturday of the month, January 27, 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/> K8DAA <https://www.facebook.com/HollandAmateurRadioClubK8DAA> K8DAA 147.06+(94.8Hz)

WINTER FIELD DAY, Saturday January 27, Sunday January 28.

<https://winterfieldday.org/> Scroll down for location map.

HAY! Your club or group participating and welcome guests? Then get on somebody's keester to get your location listed.

VE Testing, Ionia County RACES, second Saturday (except April and December) January 13, Ionia County Central Dispatch, 545 Appletree Dr,

Ionia http://wa8rra.org/?page_id=452 n8mrc@yahoo.com

<http://wa8rra.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/Riverside.Radio.Amateurs>

VE Testing, Allegan County ARC, 4th Saturday odd months, January 27, 9AM, Martin Township Community Building, 998 Templeton St, Martin, MI 49070.

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

Pre register prefer <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/49010/inperson> - but walk-ins accepted.

http://ac8rc.org/?page_id=53 <mailto:w8rmn@arrl.net>
<https://www.facebook.com/ac8rc/>

VE Testing, Holland Amateur Radio Club, Saturday, March 9, 6PM

the Holland Amateur Radio Club will be holding licensing exams for anyone wishing to obtain or upgrade their amateur radio license. The testing session will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Holland ARC has no charge for any testing; however, the FCC does charge a \$35 application fee for new licenses. Upon passing your Technician exam, the FCC will email you instructions for payment. (This \$35 fee also applies to license renewals and vanity call requests, but not upgrades.) No Morse code is required for any grade license.

The testing location is the Chick-Owa Sportman's Club, located at 9279 E. Ottogan St., Holland, MI 49423. Again, the test session begins at 6:00 p.m.

More info: https://www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=6310

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/wD95RNKQDEYNgP7L9>

28th ANNUAL West Michigan Hams GET OUTTA THE CABIN DINNER,

Saturday, March 16, 2:00 PM At PIZZA RANCH HUDSONVILLE, 3492 Chicago Dr, Hudsonville, MI 49426

<https://pizzaranch.com/locations/mi/hudsonville/3492-chicago-dr>

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/JciACcnFUgu1x3FZ6>

ENDORSED BY GRARA, MARA, HARC, IRA, LARC and any other organizations that wish to do so.

BRING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER, the KIDS, FRIENDS, anyone involved or interested in ham radio is welcome, regardless of any or no club affiliation. In tradition, we especially like to encourage and welcome any new licensees or new to the area hams. Dress casual.

LET THE NEW HAMS KNOW WE WELCOME THEM and enjoy each others company. We'll all have a good time!

If you're not familiar with the Pizza Ranch, it's far more than a pizza joint. They have a well stocked salad bar, some of the best fried chicken around, as well as all the accompaniments and desserts. If you don't see your favorite pizza on the buffet, just ask for it when you arrive. They'll make it and bring it to your table so you get your slices before it's put out for everyone.

Pay at the door, proceed to the reserved room. Normal restaurant rates + tax, gratuity. Proceed to the reserved room.

All attendees must purchase a buffet.

No reservations, just show up. Questions? Contact ny8d@w8dc.org (616)438-1464

FOX HUNT, Saturday April 27. There will be a Fox Hunt Event at Douglas Walker Park from 9am – 1pm. More information as available or contact Tom K8TB for more information. tom@bosscher.org

MEETINGS/EVENTS/ORGANIZATIONS NOT LISTED ABOVE, CHECK AREA ORGANIZATIONS FOR UPDATES.

Independent Repeater Association

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

Kent County Emergency Services Team (KCEST-KC8EST)

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.satarn20@gmail.com
<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/usc/satarn-program/>
Dick Seeley N8NIF rks1257@comcast.net David W Johnson
KC8DJ Jonsson1936@gmail.com

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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VINTAGE ELECTRONICS EXPO, Saturday, January 20, 2024 9AM-4PM
Location: The Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Rd, Southfield, MI 48076
Website: <https://www.thevee.org/>
Flier: https://www.thevee.org/downloads/Winter_24_vendor_reg.pdf
Sponsor: Michigan Antique Radio Club
Contact: Mark 734-207-2346

Cherryland ARC 50th Anniversary Swap-N-Shop, Saturday, February 10
Location: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School, 1601 N. Three Mile Rd, Traverse City, MI 49684
Website: http://cherrylandarc.com/?page_id=56
Flier: https://cherrylandarc.com/?wpfb_dl=332
Sponsor: Cherryland Amateur Radio Club
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.86-(114.8Hz)
Public Contact: Joe Erlewein N8CN, PO Box 1842 Traverse City, MI 49685-1842
Phone: 231-668-4223 Email: swap@cherrylandarc.com

LIVONIA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ANNUAL SWAP & SHOP, Saturday, February 17, 2024
Location: Monaghan Banquet Center, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia MI 48150
Website: <http://livoniaarc.com/larc-annual-swap-and-shop>
Flier: <https://livoniaarc.com/download/2024-larc-swap-flyer/#>
Sponsor: Livonia Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 145.35(100Hz)
Public Contact: Michael Rudzki N8MR, PO Box 51532 Livonia MI 48151
Phone: 734-648-6453 Email: k8uns@arrl.net swap@livoniaarc.com

CABIN FEVER HAMFEST, Saturday, February 24

Location: LaPorte Civic Auditorium
1001 Ridge St, LaPorte, IN
Website: <https://lpcarc.org/hamfest/>
Flier: <https://lpcarc.org/hamfest/Hamfest-2024.pdf>
Sponsor: LaPorte Amateur Radio Club
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.610-(131.8Hz)
Public Contact: Richard Oberle KC9DJP, 1978 E. 500 S. LaPorte, IN 46350
Phone: 219-448-0090 Email: cabinfeverhamfest@gmail.com

CROSSROADS HAMFEST, Saturday, March 9

Location: Wings Stadium complex at 3705 Vanrick Dr., Kalamazoo Township, MI 49001
Website: <https://www.w8df.com/index.php?content=hamfest>
Flier: <https://www.w8df.com/hamfest/hamfest2024.pdf>
Sponsor: Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society (SMARS-W8DF)
Phone: 269-815-8007 Email: smarshamfest@gmail.com?Subject=Hamfest

TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION HAMFEST AND COMPUTER FAIR, Sunday,
March 17, 2024

Location: Owens Community College, 30335 Oregon Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551
Website: <https://w8hhf.org/2023/03/30/2024-hamfest/>
Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Association
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.27+(103.5Hz)
Public Contact: Brian Harrington , WD8MXR
4463 Holly Hill Drive Toledo, OH 43614
Phone: 419-385-5624 Email: wd8mxr@gmail.com

IRA HAMFEST, Saturday, June 1

Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Ave, Hudsonville, MI
Website: <https://w8ira.org/hudsonville-hamfest/>
Flier: <https://w8ira.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/IRA-Hamfest-2024-Full-Sheet.pdf>
Talk-In: 147.16+(94.8Hz)
Phone: 616-209-9296 Email: hamfest@w8ira.org

I CANNOT PROMOTE EVENTS I DON'T KNOW ABOUT!

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

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Thank you Jack NY8D

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024,
2:00 PM at PIZZA RANCH - HUDSONVILLE
3492 Chicago Dr, Hudsonville, MI 49426
<https://pizzaranch.com/locations/mi/hudsonville/3492-chicago-dr>

BRING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER, the KIDS, FRIENDS, anyone involved or interested in ham radio is welcome, regardless of any or no club affiliation. In tradition, we especially like to encourage and welcome any new licensees or new to the area hams. Dress casual.

LET THE NEW HAMS KNOW WE WELCOME THEM, and enjoy each others company. And you don't want to miss out on the door prizes, nothing spectacular like a new rig, but a prize is a prize. We always have a good time!

Buffet style including pizza, fried chicken, fixin's, desert and beverage. Pay at the door, Normal restaurant rates + tax, gratuity. Proceed to the reserved room. www.pizzaranch.com.

All attendees must purchase a buffet.

No reservations, just show up.

Questions? Contact: Jack ny8d@arrl.net (616)438-1464

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