



# QRM

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The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

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## Winter Field Day 2024



members operate



Three members take a break while the other operate. It's called "Team Work!"



Dedication and patience helps out.



Every operator enjoyed the event!  
Next year, we'll be back!

## QRM

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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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Here is the award certificate for the FT Roundup multi-op results for 2023. We got #1 in Michigan, #6 in North America, and #12 (out of 16 entries) worldwide.

<https://www.rttycontesting.com/.../2023-multi-op-results/>



Thanks Lisa Britten W8LSA for sharing the results of the contest at GRARA's meeting.

# 2023 Multi Op Results

- [FT Roundup Home](#)
  - [2023 Results Page](#)
    - [Single Op Results](#)
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Show 16 entries

Search:

Pos	Call	80	40	20	15	10	QSO	Mults	Score	Award
1	P40L	27	168	235	269	272	971	102	97,308	#1 World
2	K6UFO	15	162	131	259	120	687	93	62,124	#2 World
3	K9TI	26	182	157	148	107	620	97	58,297	#3 World
4	KJ7KOJ	14	80	194	235	91	614	97	57,715	#1 Washington
5	W9HHX	62	164	159	141	45	571	86	47,902	#1 Wisconsin
6	UA6CE	18	159	111	177	61	526	78	40,638	#1 Europe
7	J48F	54	116	124	138	72	504	66	32,604	#1 Greece
8	YU3A	53	134	111	78	28	404	79	31,284	#1 Serbia
9	DL4A	56	142	89	74	50	411	70	27,720	#1 Germany
10	IQ4RA	10	113	71	94	56	344	80	25,920	#1 Italy
11	W8BAP	40	88	99	56	0	283	72	19,800	#1 Ohio
12	W8DC	23	41	60	65	27	216	55	11,275	#1 Michigan
13	JL3ZHU	0	5	15	56	11	87	29	2,523	#1 Asia
14	7E3E	0	43	3	30	0	76	17	1,241	#1 Oceania
15	9A5HZ	0	17	41	0	0	58	21	1,197	#1 Croatia
16	JA1PCM	0	0	0	12	0	12	9	99	

## Events for February 2024 for the WM Amateur Radio community.

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**Email information to [ny8d@arri.net](mailto:ny8d@arri.net)** by the 25th of the month

**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](mailto:mike@kc8wja.org)

**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](mailto:kd8deg@centurytel.net) (616)292-3335

**\*Anticipate a later start** on last Saturdays to follow 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://tasyll.k8ch.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](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 NOARC digital Fusion Net 443.775+(94.8Hz) & Wires X room 21335

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

8:00PM NOARC Analog Net 145.49-(94.8Hz)

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](mailto: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/](http://w8lrc.org/net_calendar/)

AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE NETS throughout Michigan

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

**SKYWARN SEMINAR** Kent/Ottawa Counties, Thursday evening March 28. Location TBD.

**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\*\***

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

Next business meeting Thursday, March 21.

**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)

**Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council** meeting, first Thursday, February 1, 7PM, at the MAARC Clubhouse, 2888 N Scenic Drive, N Muskegon, MI

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/vgdyPEzqsZDewg7>

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>

**Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association** (GRARA-W8DC) monthly meeting, first Friday, February 2. 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.

This months presentation: Amateur Radio Logging.

<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)

**VE EXAM - GRAND RAPIDS**, second Friday, February 9, 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](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, February 10, 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, February 10, 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)

**VE Testing, Ionia County** RACES, second Saturday (except April and December) February 10, 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)

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

**HIAD HAM IN A DAY** - Lowell, Saturday, February 10

Times 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM Study Sessions, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM License Testing Session Tech, General, Extra (License testing is fee free)

Cost for the Ham in a Day: \$25.00 in Lowell, \$ 15.00 in Holland. Light refreshments will be provided.

What to bring with you.....

If available bring a legal photo ID such as a Drivers License or Passport.

If no legal photo ID is available then bring 2 pieces of legal ID. Anyone 16 years old or younger must have a parent or legal guardian present for the entire session..

\*\*The study sessions uses memory retention. People who have concentration issues may not do well in this type of studying.

For more information: contact [hiad@w8lrc.org](mailto:hiad@w8lrc.org) <https://w8lrc.org/hiad-registration/>

**Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc. M.C.E.C.S.,** Second Monday, February 12, 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](https://maps.app.goo.gl/XBUkEFpgNrTvpJuRA?g_st=i)

[k8wnj@arri.net](mailto:k8wnj@arri.net) <http://mcecs.net/> <https://www.facebook.com/MCECS>

**OCEC (Ottawa County Emergency Communications & Ottawa County ARES)**, February 13, meet at the offices of Ottawa County Emergency Management 12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive on every other second Tuesday (even numbered months). All those interested in public service communications are welcome to join. Please contact Jack Cook, [n8rrl@arri.net](mailto:n8rrl@arri.net) or Tom Bosscher, [k8tb@bosscher.org](mailto:k8tb@bosscher.org) for more information.

**Holland Amateur Radio Club Meeting** ~ Second Tuesday, February 13, 2024

The next meeting of the Holland ARC will be on Tuesday, February 13, starting at 6:30pm at the Chick-Owa Sportsman's Club, located at 9279 Ottogan St., Holland.

You don't have to be a club member or a licensed operator to attend – all hams and everyone interested in amateur radio are welcome to join us!

<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, February 13, 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, February 14, 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)

**Barry County ARA** (BARA-K8BMI) meetings, third Tuesday, February 20, 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 HAM IS FOR BREAKFAST!**

Last Saturday of the month, February 24, 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)

**Holland ARC E.A.T.** meeting (Education And Training) fourth Tuesday, February 27, 7PM, at the Herrick District Library Second Floor Flex Room. 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)

**Michigan Crossroads Hamfest & Radio Swap, Saturday, March 9**

Location: Wings Event Center, 3600 Vanrick Drive, Kalamazoo Twp, MI

Website: <https://www.w8df.com/index.php?content=hamfest>

Flier: <https://www.w8df.com/hamfest/hamfest2024.pdf>

Sponsor: SMARS

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.000+(94.8Hz)

Public Contact: Matt Woodman AD8KA, PO Box 934, Battle Creek, MI 49016

Phone: 269-815-8007 Email: [smarshamfest@gmail.com](mailto:smarshamfest@gmail.com)

**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](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](mailto:ny8d@w8dc.org) (616)438-1464

**VE Testing, Allegan County ARC**, 4th Saturday odd months, March 23, 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](http://ac8rc.org/?page_id=53) mailto:[w8rmn@arrl.net](mailto:w8rmn@arrl.net)

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

### **Ham License in a Day ~ Saturday, April 13, 2024**

"Ham in a Day" will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024. 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. Please see the post above for additional testing requirements.

**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](mailto:tom@bosscher.org) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1837252043166688>

**AC8RC Mini-Swap**, Saturday, May 4, 8AM-12NOON, setup at 6:30AM

Location: Salem Township hall, 3003 142nd Ave, Burnips, MI 49314

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/CcWcgRZZ9dv7KxLw6>

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1566602037517629>

Sponsor: Allegan County Amateur Radio Club

Talk-In: 147.240+(94.8Hz)

More information as available.

**IRA Hudsonville Hamfest**, Saturday, June 1

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

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

Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.16+(94.8Hz)

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

Phone: 616-209-9296 Email: [hamfest@w8ira.org](mailto:hamfest@w8ira.org)

### **Independent Repeater Association**

W8IRA <http://w8ira.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1764710107178775> in  
[fo@w8ira.org](mailto:fo@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)

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/usc/satern-program/>

Dick Seeley N8NIF [rks1257@comcast.net](mailto:rks1257@comcast.net) David W Johnson  
KC8DJ [Jonsson1936@gmail.com](mailto: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

**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](http://cherrylandarc.com/?page_id=56)

Flier: [https://cherrylandarc.com/?wpfb\\_dl=332](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](mailto: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](mailto:k8uns@arrl.net) [swap@livoniaarc.com](mailto: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](mailto:cabinfeverhamfest@gmail.com)

**Michigan Crossroads Hamfest & Radio Swap**, Saturday, March 9

Location: Wings Event Center, 3600 Vanrick Drive, Kalamazoo Twp, MI

Website: <https://www.w8df.com/index.php?content=hamfest>

Flier: <https://www.w8df.com/hamfest/hamfest2024.pdf>

Sponsor: SMARS

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.000+(94.8Hz)

Public Contact: Matt Woodman AD8KA, PO Box 934, Battle Creek, MI 49016

Phone: 269-815-8007 Email: [smarshamfest@gmail.com](mailto:smarshamfest@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:wd8mxr@gmail.com)

**Dayton Hamvention, ARRL National Convention, Friday May 17 - Sunday 19**

Location: Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center, 210 Fairgrounds Road,  
Xenia, OH 45385

Website: <https://hamvention.org>

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: 146.94-(123.0Hz)

Public Contact: Jim Gifford KD8APT, PO Box 964 Dayton, OH 45401

Phone: 937-276-6930 Email: [media@hamvention.org](mailto:media@hamvention.org)

**IRA Hudsonville Hamfest, Saturday, June 1**

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

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

Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.16+(94.8Hz)

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

Phone: 616-209-9296 Email: [hamfest@w8ira.org](mailto:hamfest@w8ira.org)

**Elkhart East Hamfest, ARRL Central Division** Convention, Saturday, August 3

Location: Northern Indiana Event Center, 21565 Executive Parkway, Elkhart, IN 46514

Website: <http://elkharteasthamfest.com>

Flier: <https://elkharteasthamfest.com/images/2024-EEHamfestFlyer.pdf>

Sponsor: Northern Indiana K9DEW Repeater Network

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.330+(131.8Hz)

Public Contact: Dewey Thrash K9DEW, 53464 Baywater Place Bristol, IN 46507

Phone: 574-370-2436 Email: [elkharthamfest@gmail.com](mailto:elkharthamfest@gmail.com)

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](mailto:ny8d@arrl.net)

"Thanks to Jack NY8D for all he does.

**73 Jack NY8D**

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Formerly called "The New Hams Dinner"

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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](http://www.pizzaranch.com).

All attendees must purchase a buffet.

No reservations, just show up.

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

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