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The Official Newsletter of GRARA
The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Spring 2024 Special

Packet .070, Repeaters 146.760, 147.260, 444.400

Remember we lose a whole
hour of sleep.

SPRING FORWARD
SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH



Snoopy is Awesome on FB

Hamvention

From Stephen Provost

[the following is taken from an E-Mail
posting)

ok, I have several people who want
to go to Hamvention 2024 this
year. lets use this thread of
messages as a common point to
meet at here.

We normally go on the Thursday
and leave sunday to go home of
the week of hamvention.

I am looking at airbnb houses for
use.

Sadly, I will NOT be going this year
:(what I need to know is who
wants to go.

"can you share a bedroom?"

"who can drive a car and take
passengers?"

Depending on numbers who are
going, will determines the cost.

please be aware that the housing
cost is a flat rate (depending on
how many people go) where the
cost is the same whether you do
one day or all days.

Thank you.

stephen provost

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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.

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The following is information that folks wanted to know more about.

Solar Eclipse • Monday, April 8, 2024
As viewed from West/Mid Michigan

<p>2:30 PM</p> 	<p>3:11 PM</p> 	<p>3:45 PM</p> 
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Begin 1:55 PM End 4:24 PM

Average cloud cover 70 percent
Proper eye protection needed to look at sun

 NOAA • National Weather Service • Grand Rapids, Michigan

The West Michigan Ham of the Year award

You've heard of this award, below is the folks who have so far, received it. To nominate a person for this award, just let any of the below folks know who you want to nominate, and why.

Chronological order by year

Year	Callsign	Name
2000	WA8AAT	Carl Thompson
2000	KB8ILI	Evelyn Thompson
2001	W8HVG	Ray Abraczinskas
2002	AA8JR	Jim Jaworwicz
2003	NY8D	Jack Amelar

2004	KI8JD	Jim Cordes
2005	WW8WW	Alan L Eckman
2006	WD8USA	Joe Bell
2007	W8SPX	Leonard Schaafsma
2008	K8JX	Richard Ranta
2009	N8DGD	Tom Hansen
2010	N8VWI	Bill Zaidel
2011	WD8KPO	Bruce Reffeor
2011	WD8LGN	Char Reffeor
2012	K8SN	Samuel Nabkey
2013	N8WKM	Daniel G Thompson
2014	KF8QL	Dave De Vos
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018	K8AJ	Sheila Bosscher
2018	K8TB	Thomas Bosscher
2019	W8MSK	Jerry Wittoski
2020	KC8KVR	Larry L. Dells
2021	AC8QE	Stephen T Provos
2022		
2023	KB8TYJ	G Thomas Behler, Jr
2024	K8DMR	Ronald J "Ron" Fredricks

The missing years will be filled when time permits.

WEST MICHIGAN AREA AMATEUR RADIO BANQUET



Announcing the 28th ANNUAL West Michigan Hams GET OUTTA THE CABIN DINNER

Formerly called "The New Hams Dinner"

ENDORSED BY:



www.hollandarc.org www.w8usa.org www.w8dc.org www.w8lrc.org www.w8ira.org

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.

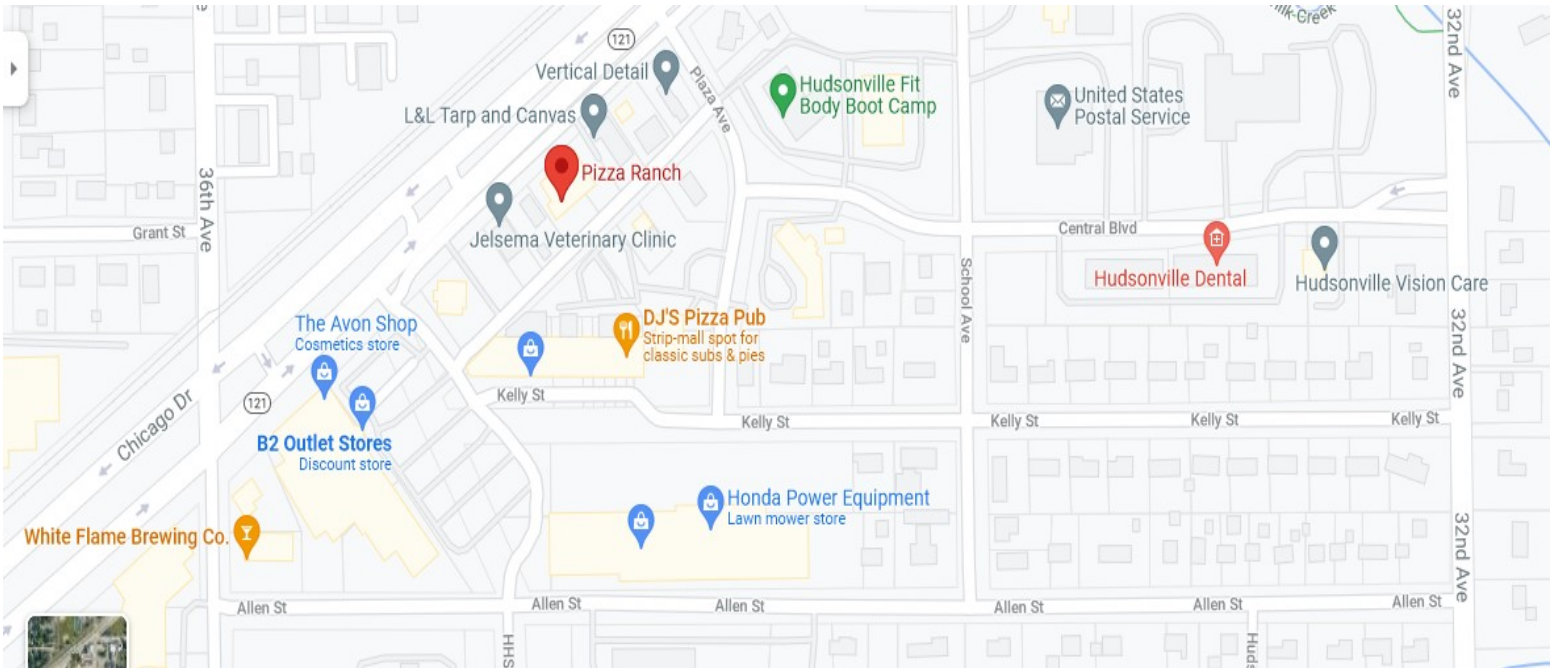
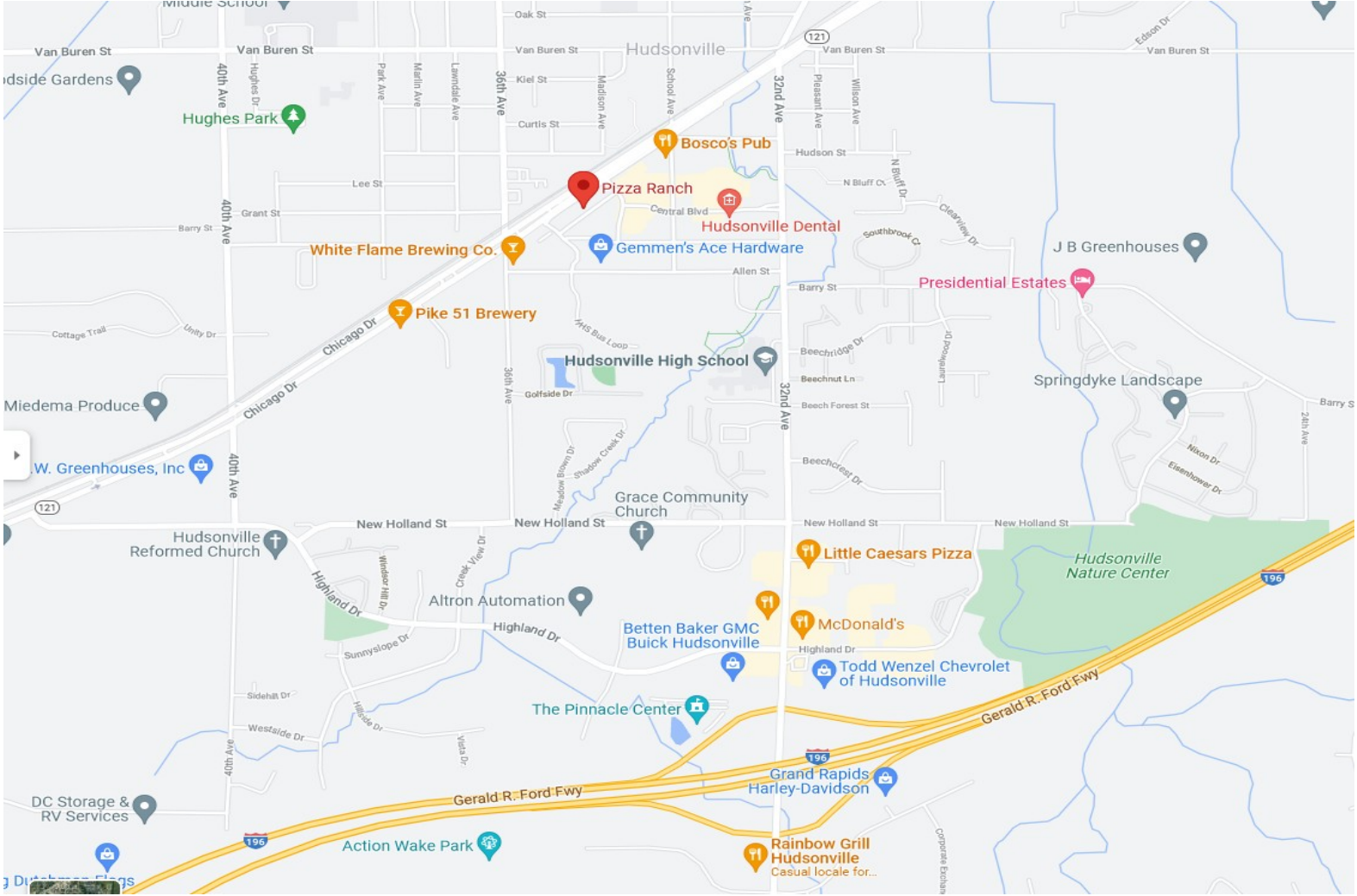
All attendees must purchase a buffet.

No reservations, just show up.

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

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PIZZA RANCH, 3492 Chicago Dr, Hudsonville, MI 49426



March 2024 for the WM Amateur Radio community.

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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.

FOX HUNT Saturday, April 27. It's been a while, details below.

SKYWARN TRAINING happening, see below for locations and dates.

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

RADIO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

RIVER BANK RUN (RBR) Saturday, May 11.

It is that time of year again. There is new leadership in place at the Amway River Bank Run Staff. We are excited for this new relationship. For the most part things should remain the same, but as always we will adjust as needed.

You don't need to be a RACES, ARES, KCSAR or member of any club. All you need is an amateur radio license and the willingness to assist.

The Main Event is on May 11th from 6AM - 1PM with varying end times. We will also have a RBR Pre-Meeting on Friday May 10th Location TBD 6:30PM - 8:30PM. (We need about 80-85 People to help with the main event in various positions)

The Junior River Bank Run. This will be located at the East Kentwood High School 6230 Kalamazoo Ave. SE Kentwood, MI 49508. We are waiting on exact details for this event.

Come and join us and spread the work to anyone who may be interested in assisting.

Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/2024RBR>

For those who have never worked the River Bank Run. This is the PREMIER Communications event in Kent County. This event is one that you'll enjoy and come back every year for more! The RBR event is HUGE and keeps growing!

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.

ICYMI, Tom KD8DEG has been hospitalized and has a long recovery ahead (The store is still open). More info at the FB page.

A GOFUNDME set up by his daughter Leah is taking contributions if so inclined.
<https://gofund.me/86d4d789>

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 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://tasy1.k8ch.net>. Hope to hear from you soon!

33 (The Sign Off for YL Hams Everywhere)

RELATED: The Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL) is hosting an International Women's Day YL Parks on the Air® (POTA) Party from 0000Z - 2359Z on March 8.

<https://ylrl.net/>

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

Area Nets list 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

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-arpsc.org/net/>

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

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Other area repeaters carrying news, send me details to be included.

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****

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club (ACARC-AC8RC) monthly meeting Tuesday, March 5, 7PM Plainwell Public Safety Complex, 119 Island Avenue, Plainwell.

Moved to first Tuesday from second Tuesday for March.

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)

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

SPECIAL AGENDA Silent Auction extensive list from Estate of Bill Bowman KF8QT in March 2024 "Flashovers". Unable to locate posting. Contact editor for PDF copy: k8eod@w8zho.com

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>

****OPEN RADIO ROOM** second Saturday, March 9, 11:30AM ~ 2PM

VE EXAM - GRAND RAPIDS, second Friday, March 8, 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

****OPEN RADIO ROOM**, Wednesdays 4PM to sometime after 7PM, NEW Saturdays 9AM to 6PM, Sundays 1PM to 4PM.

****RADIO ROOM CONSTRUCTION** second Thursdays, March 14, 3PM

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/>

<http://www.w8dc.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GRARA.W8DC/>
https://twitter.com/W8DC_GR W8DC 147.26+(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

2024 ALLEGAN/ BARRY COUNTY SKYWARN TRAINING SESSION, Saturday, March 9, 10:00AM EST

Luella Collins Community Center 419 126th Ave, Shelbyville, MI 49344

Free registration <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alleganbarry-county-skywarn-training-tickets-848562291657?aff=ebdssbdestse>

BARA Breakfast, Second Saturday of each month, March 9, 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, March 9, 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

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>

VE Testing, Ionia County RACES, second Saturday (except April and December)
March 9, 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>

Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc. M.C.E.C.S.,
Second Monday, March 11, 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 Meeting ~ Second Tuesday, March 12, 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.

The March meeting will feature a sensational presentation on CW QRP by David
Chase K8RXB, CW QRP operator extraordinaire, whose expertise on the subject is
unmatched. You won't want to miss this!!

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)

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance (MARA-W8USA) meeting second Wednesday, March 13, 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)

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.

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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

Barry County ARA (BARA-K8BMI) meetings, third Tuesday, March 19, 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)

Lowell Amateur Radio Club quarterly business meeting, Thursday, March 21,
6:30 social, 7PM meeting.

**OPEN RADIO ROOM II other 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)

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 <mailto:w8rmn@arrl.net>

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

Holland ARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training) fourth Tuesday, March 26,
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)

2024 OTTAWA-KENT SKYWARN TRAINING SESSION will be held Thursday, March 28.

This will be held at the Hudsonville High School Fine Arts Center, 5155 32nd Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426, starting at 6:30 PM.

You will need to register with EventBrite for this event. There is no charge.

Details and registration at https://Ottawa_Kent_Skywarn_2024.eventbrite.com

Thank you, Ottawa County Skywarn Team

Holland HAM IS FOR BREAKFAST!

Last Saturday of the month, March 30, 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)

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA-W8DC) monthly meeting, first Friday, April 5. At the 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>

****OPEN RADIO ROOM**, Wednesdays 4PM to sometime after 7PM, NEW Saturdays 9AM to 6PM, Sundays 1PM to 4PM.

****RADIO ROOM CONSTRUCTION** second Thursdays, March 14, 3PM

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/>

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

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.

We've done this in the past, now put April 27, 2024 on your calendar.

A "Tune-Up In the Park" Fox Hunting exercise will be held on Saturday, April 27. Whether you are just beginning to be interested in fox hunting or you are a seasoned veteran, plan on being at Douglas Walker Park from 9 am to 12 noon. There will be at least five micro-transmitters hidden in the park for you to take your time locating, practicing your skills, and debugging your equipment. At noon, the park activity will stop, and a live "fox" will go on the air, located within eight miles of the start.

There will be experienced fox hunters to help with your equipment and techniques. If you have a fox box or a micro/mini fox and would like to bring it to the park to be used, please contact the event coordinator, Tom Bosscher, K8TB at k8tb@arrl.net. Douglas Walker Park is on 84th Street, 1.5 miles west of US-131 exit 74, Byron Center. Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/sQXDhkoeZZKdoeXz7>

Please note that the park grounds are very wet from the winter snow, and rather sloppy. Use appropriate footwear accordingly.

2024 MUSKEGON COUNTY SKYWARN TRAINING SESSION, Saturday, April 27th 10:00AM

Room 1300 Stevenson Center - Muskegon Community College 221 S. Quarterline Road Muskegon, MI 49442 No Registration Needed.

AC8RC MINI-SWAP AND TRUNK SALE, Saturday, May 4, 8AM-12NOON, setup at 6:30AM

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

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

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

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Allegan County Amateur Radio Club

Talk-In: 147.240+(94.8Hz)

Public Contact: John Hanse AC8HZ, 255 Jackson St. Allegan, MI 49101

Phone: 616-836-3737 Email: ac8hz@arrl.net

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

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.satern20@gmail.com

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

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

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

CENTREVILLE MICHIGAN HAMFEST, Saturday, April 20

Location: Saint Joseph Co. Grange Fair, S Franklin St, Gate 52, Centreville, MI 49032

Sponsor: St. Joseph County MI Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.310 123 PL K8SJC repeater

Public Contact: John Felcyn KC8AAF, 65793 Burr Oak Rd. Burr Oak, MI 49030

Phone: 269-353-7673 Email: fuseboxr@hotmail.com

AC8RC MINI -SWAP AND TRUNK SALE, Saturday, May 4, 8AM-12NOON, setup at 6:30AM

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

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

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

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Allegan County Amateur Radio Club

Talk-In: 147.240+(94.8Hz)

Public Contact: John Hanse AC8HZ, 255 Jackson St. Allegan, MI 49101

Phone: 616-836-3737 Email: ac8hz@arrl.net

WEXAUKEE ARC SWAP AND SHOP, Saturday, May 4

Location: Mackinaw Trail Middle School, 8401 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI 49601

Website: <http://wexaukeearc.org>

Flier: <https://www.wexaukeearc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Swap-Table-Request-Form-2024.pdf>

Sponsor: Wexaukee ARC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.980-

Public Contact: Lyn Cryderman WA8UPB, 10440 South 11 1/4 Road Cadillac, MI 49601

Phone: 616-443-4733 Email: cryderman.lyn@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

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

ANNUAL CHELSEA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SWAP MEET, Sunday, June 2

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

Website: <http://wd8iel.com>

Sponsor: Chelsea Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.450-(100Hz)

Public Contact: Michelle Dye , KD8GWX, PO Box 664 Manchester, MI 48158

Phone: 734-717-5660 Email: wd8iel@gmail.com

MONROE HAMFEST, Sunday, June 16

Location: Monroe County Fairgrounds, 3775 S. Custer Rd., Monroe, MI 48161

Website: <https://mcrca.org/Hamfest/Index>

Flier: <https://mcrca.org/Hamfest/GetFlierFile>

Sponsor: Monroe County Radio Comm Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.72-(100Hz)

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

Phone: 734-755-4904 Email: ka8ebi@yahoo.com

ELKHART EAST HAMFEST, ARRL Central Divison 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

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

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73 Jack NY8D