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The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

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Chilli-Chilli and More Chilli !

As a way to promote Saturday operation at the club station **W8DC**, we are Running an event during April, just before taxes are due.

On April 13th, at 1 pm we will be having Chilli. It's first come first served unless you want to bring more? It might be a warm day?

If your last name ends in **A-M** bring some pop to pass, or chips. For those whose last name begins with **N-Z**. You can just eat too, but things will run out faster, like I used to tell my kids.

This is being done in cooperation with Chris Longcore KE8LQH and Tom Durfee KI8W.

Thanks to both.
Get your taxes done early, and do some operating the day before!

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Jeff Janke, Off-The-Air Director.

Adopt – A – Highway Clean up!

It, s that time once again, when we volunteer to clean up a section of highway. This year, we'll meet on April 16, 2024, on a Tuesday. We will be holding Adopt-A -Highway Cleanup. If you're interested, in volunteering, contact Tom at E-Mail address N8DGD@ARRL.NET. We'll meet at the Mobile Gas Station on the corner of M-57 and Northland Drive. Meet us at 6PM. it should take us about an hour. After wards, we can go for refreshments.

Time to renew your GRARA club membership. Contact either our Treasurer, or Secretary to renew. Their information is on page 2.

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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.

Senior Membership: Dues for members 70 and over are \$15/year. Senior members have the same privileges as Full members.

Youth Membership: A licensed Amateur Radio operator under the age of 18 years old may apply for Youth membership at no cost. Youth members have all of the privileges of Full members, except they may not run for the elected positions of President, Vice President, or Treasurer.

New Ham Membership: A newly licensed Amateur Radio operator may apply for New Ham membership at no cost. A New Ham member has all of the privileges of a Full member. Free New Ham membership lasts 12 months. Associate Membership: A non-licensed individual may apply for Associate membership. Adult Associate memberships cost \$25/year. Associate members may not vote and may not hold office.

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club Mini-Swap

Vendors Wanted

Saturday May 4th 2024

Salem Township Hall
3003 142nd Ave. Dorr, MI

(Located in Burnips at the corner of 30th and 142nd, 9 miles west of the
Dorr exit off us 131 and 13 miles north of Allegan)

Indoor Mini-Swap: 8:00 AM - 12 Noon

- Talk in on 147.240 + offset PL 94.8
- \$5 Admission Buying or selling
- Trunk sales weather permitting
- Tables first come first serve
- Vendor Setup: 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM
- Door prizes, Final Drawing at 11am
- Coffee, Donuts and Breakfast Available
- Gps Coordinates:
N 42° 43' 28.550" W 85° 50' 26.438"



www.AC8RC.org @AC8RC on Facebook



Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association Inc.

Membership Application

Please fill in the required information and send the form with your payment to

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association Inc.

P.O. Box 3282

Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3282

Or simply bring it to our Wednesday night Open Radio Room or our General Meeting.

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

_____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership Type:

Full(\$25)

Spouse/Family(free) Call of Full Member: _____

New Ham (free for 1 year) Month joined: _____

Youth (free under 18)

Associate (\$25) Non-voting/officer membership non-ham

Over 70 (\$15) Reduced rate for our senior members

ARRL Member: Yes No Type: Regular Life

Would you like a callsign@w8dc.org email alias: Yes No

Email address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Events for April 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

FOX HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 27. It's been a while, details below.

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!

Barry-Roubaix, Saturday, Apr 20

Hastings / Barry County, MI 49058

Like the classic it's named after, Barry-Roubaix will test riders against (80%) rolling gravel roads, pavement, one mile of rough two track, rocks, sand, mud, and possibly snow and ice as you traverse the scenic roads of Barry County.

Radio volunteers are still need, especially for the Sag Wagons.

Contact: Ron Yeo KC8SFQ@MEI.net

<https://barry-roubaix.com/>

Yankee Springs Time Trial, Saturday, Apr 27

Deep Lake Campground, 2526 Yankee Springs Road, Middleville, MI 49333 ([map](#))

The 34th annual Yankee Springs Time Trial, the longest running mountain bike race in Michigan. As one of the largest time trial races in the Midwest, the event regularly draws over 750 participants who are looking to challenge themselves on some of the most advanced and well maintained single track in the state.

Contact: Ron Yeo KC8SFQ@MEI.net

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/pkZXPVsjs2m1xCtm8>

<https://yankeespringstt.org/>

HOLLAND TULIP TIME PARADES, Thursday May 9 and Saturday May 11.

We are looking for volunteers to help out with medical communications for the 2024 Tulip Time parades. This is perhaps our best opportunity each year to represent HARC and amateur radio within our community, and we are providing a critical service to local residents and visitors. It's also a great time!

Radio operators are paired up with one or more medical personnel and assigned a section of the parade route. Once on station, we patrol and look for participants or spectators that are in need of medical assistance. When we encounter a medical need, we relay information regarding the patient's condition and location to Net

Control. Our Net Control operators work alongside public safety and emergency medical dispatchers, and ensure that help arrives as soon as possible.

This year's parades are on Thursday, May 9th and Saturday, May 11th. We usually meet around noon and are finished by a bit after 4pm on both days. If you're interested in volunteering, please email me at bossman.mi@gmail.com and let me know which parade(s) you're available to help.

Thanks and 73, Todd Boss W8YHF

RIVER BANK RUN (RBR) Saturday, May 11, 6AM-1PM

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!

ARMED SERVICES MARATHON, Sunday, May 19, Grand Haven High School

Email ke8vzs@fastmail.com for more details.

SKYWARN KENT COUNTY: Anyone interest in being a Net Control Station please contact team leader Collin McConkey KE8RXN. To be NCS you will need 2M/440 base station and a high speed computer to work radar.

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.

NET

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)

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

****NEW**** We also do a GMRS net following the Simplex Net on Thursdays at 8:00PM using Rick Dykstra's (K8RT) repeater: 462.550+5MHz(141.3Hz) channel RPT15

FYI, GMRS frequency list, simplex and repeater, at

<https://www.buytwowayradios.com/blog/2022/11/list-of-gmrs-frequencies-and-channels.html>

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 West Michigan Connect 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)

Want your NET listed here? Send me the information!

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
AMATEUR RADIO NEWSLINE Saturdays 7PM & Sundays 7AM

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

WE8CHZ MICHIGAN RADIO AMATEURS TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MiRATS is a new club for everyone in Michigan interested in the technological side of amateur radio, callsign WE8CHZ. The club is primarily for Michigan residents, but is open to all who wish to participate. It has a general focus on the exploration of radio technologies, the use of technology in practical applications, and other offshoots of the radio hobby. We are an internet-based club, meaning that there is no regional or geographical home location within Michigan for the club. Our primary presence is on Discord, <https://discord.gg/pFdGeqFt92>, but we also exist on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557181891539>, and the internet, <https://we8chz.org/>. You'll often find our members on the IRA Linked Repeater System, <http://w8ira.org/>.

I hope you'll take a look, and if you're interested in joining, let me know.

Rich "RoadieRich" Lovely rich@roadierich.co.uk AE8RL, MiRATS Voting Member

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, April 4, 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/vgdyPEzqsZDewg7>

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, April 13, 11:30AM ~ 2PM

KENT COUNTY MONTHLY SIREN TEST, first Friday, April to October, April 5, 12: NOON.

Report what you hear to 145.27-(94.8Hz) W8LRC or 442.175+(103.5Hz) K8SN or Smartphone <https://t.ly/E0Ie>

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA-W8DC) monthly meeting, first Friday, 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, April 11, 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)

Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc. M.C.E.C.S., Second Monday, April 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 Meeting ~ Second Tuesday, April 9, 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, April 10, 7:00PM, 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, April 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
**OPEN RADIO ROOM, Wednesdays 4PM to sometime after 7PM, NEW Saturdays 9AM to 6PM, Sundays 1PM to 4PM.

BARA Breakfast, Second Saturday of each month, April 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, April 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

CHILLI CHILI CHILIE Saturday, April 13th 1PM at GRARA-W8DC OPEN RADIO ROOM. As a way to promote Saturday operation at the club station W8dc, we are running an event during April, just before taxes are due. We will be having Chili. It's first come first served unless you want to bring more? It might be warm day? If your last name ends in A-M bring some pop to pass, or chips for those N-Z. This is being done in cooperation with Chris L and Tom D. Thanks to both.

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.

VE Testing, Holland Amateur Radio Club, Saturday, April 13, 6PM

Examinations will be held the second Saturday of March, April, June, August, November and December, beginning at 6:00pm.

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>

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-W8LRC

OPEN RADIO ROOM Thursdays, 6:30 PM. Join us in the radio room for pizza (usually). 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)

Lowell Amateur Radio Club quarterly business meetings, third Thursdays, March, June, September, December

WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY, Thursday, April 18

World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) is celebrated each year on April 18.

The theme for 2024 is, "A Century of Connections: Celebrating 100 Years of Amateur Radio Innovation, Community, and Advocacy." The global event covers all

of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) regions and spans 2 days:
Thursday, April 18, 2024, 0000 UTC to Friday, April 19, 2024, 0000 UTC. (8:PM to
8:PM EDT)

<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/world-amateur-radio-day-is-april-18-2024>

MICHIGAN QSO PARTY, Saturday, April 20, 12: NOON (1600UTC) - 12: MIDNIGHT
(0400UTC Sunday) <https://miqp.org/>

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club (NOARC-W8CSO) will be at Kirk Park Lodge,
Holland. email KE8VZS@fastmail.com. Flier: [https://w8cso.org/wp-
content/uploads/2024/04/Michigan-QSO-Party-Flyer-v5-1.pdf](https://w8cso.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Michigan-QSO-Party-Flyer-v5-1.pdf)

TI: 145.49-(94.8Hz)

Michigan Area Amateur Radio Council (MAARC-W8ZHO) at the Club House.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/vgdyPEzqsbzZDewg7> TI: W8ZHO 146.94-(94.8Hz)

Holland ARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training) fourth Tuesday, April 23,
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)

NORTH OTTAWA ARC (NOARC-W8CSO) meeting Thursday, April 25, 6pm-6:30pm
social, 6:30pm-8pm business; Held in Program Room 1 of Spring Lake Library (123
E Exchange St, Spring Lake, MI 49456) ARRL RFI presentation.

MAP: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/jV8J3QdKb5TQtUsF9>

TI: W8CSO 145.49-(94.8Hz)

Holland HAM IS FOR BREAKFAST!

Last Saturday of the month, April 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)

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

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

May 11, 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>

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club (ACARC-AC8RC) monthly meeting second Tuesday, May 14, 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)

VE Testing, Allegan County ARC, 4th Saturday odd months, May 25, 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/>

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/>

ARRL UP COMING HAMFESTS

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

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

GMARC TRUNK SWAP AT THE PPG, second Saturdays, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14

Location: Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site (PPG), 49965 Van Dyke Ave. Shelby Twp., MI

Website: <http://GMARC.org>

Sponsor: General Motors Amateur Radio Club (GMARC)

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 443.075+(123.0Hz)

Public Contact: Dick Weir N8HG

1816 Brookview Circle Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Phone: 248-247-8006 Email: N8HG@arrl.net

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

MARC Hamfest, Saturday June 15

Location: Salvation Army Building, 330 Waldo Ave, Midland, MI 48640

Website: <http://w8kea.org>

Sponsor: Midland Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.000+(103.5Hz)

Public Contact: Dennis Klipa N8ERF, 750 E. Madelene Dr. Midland, MI 48640

Phone: 989-948-5427 Email: n8erf@arrl.net

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

AUBURN HAMFEST, Saturday, July 20

Location: Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, 1600 Wayne Street, Auburn, IN 46706

Website: <http://w9ou.org>

Flier: <http://www.w9ou.org/2024-auburn-hamfest-scheduled-for-july-20-2024-9am-2pm/>

Sponsor: Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.015+(141.3Hz)

Public Contact: John Chalmers W9GOO, P.O. Box 145 Auburn, IN 46706

Phone: 260-927-5746 Email: W9OU@arrl.net

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

ARANCI HAMFEST, Sunday, August 11

Location: Lake Village Community Center 9728 North 300 West, Lake Village, IN 46349

Sponsor: ARANCI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.330-(131.8)

Public Contact: Michael Swiader KA9E, PO Box 215 Lake Village, IN 46349

Phone: 815-409-5070 Email: ka9e@yahoo.com

GRAHAMFEST 2024 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest), Saturday, September 7

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

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

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

Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Talk-In: 147.26+(94.8Hz)

Public Contact: PO Box 3282 Grand Rapids, MI 49501

BRANCH COUNTY ARC FALL TRUNK SWAP, Saturday, September 7

Location: Kilgore International, 595 W. Chicago St, Coldwater, MI 49036

Website: <http://branchcountyarc.org>

Sponsor: Branch County Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 443.300+(123Hz)

Public Contact: Larry Camp WB8R, 71 Oakdale Ln. Coldwater, MI 49936

Phone: 517-617-4883 Email: wb8r@arrl.org

FINDLAY HAMFEST, Sunday, September 9

Location: Hancock County Fairgrounds 1017 E. Sandusky St, Findlay, OH 45839

Website: <http://w8ft.org>

Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.150+(88.5Hz)

Public Contact: Bill Kelsey N8ET, 3521 Spring Lake Dr. Findlay, OH 45840

Phone: 419-423-3402 Email: n8et@woh.rr.com

ADRIAN HAMFEST, Sunday, September 15

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

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

Flier: <http://w8tqe.com/pdfs/2024%20Hamfest%20Flier.pdf>

Sponsor: AARC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.37

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

Phone: 517-902-3091 Email: cqnu8z@gmail.com

KALAMAZOO HAMFEST, Saturday, October 5

Location: Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds and Expo Center, 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

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

Sponsor: Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club (KARC), Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team (SMART)

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.04+(94.8Hz)

Public Contact: Alex Stuart KE8ICM, P.O. BOX 773 Portage, MI 49081-0773

Phone: n/a Email: info@kalamazoohamfest.org

U.S.E.C.A. (Utica Shelby Emergency Communication Association) HAMFEST, Sunday, October 6

Location: VFW Post #1146 (Bruce Post), 28404 E. Jefferson Ave, St. Clair Shores, MI

Website: <http://USECAARC.ORG>

Sponsor: U.S.E.C.A.

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: n/a

Public Contact: Gary Simms KI8M, 8463 Lillian Drive Washington Township, MI 48094

Phone: 5863222134 Email: ki8m@arrl.net

MUSKEGON COLOR TOUR HAMFEST, Saturday, October 12

Location: Fellowship Church, 4200 E. Apple Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440

Website: <http://www.mcecs.net/hamfest>

Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc.

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.820-(94.8Hz)

Public Contact: James Duram K8COP, 2010 West Lake Rd, Twin Lake, MI 49457

Phone: 231-638-7010 Email: k8cop@arrl.net

LCARC AMATEUR RADIO SWAP/HAMFEST, Sunday, December 1

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

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

Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.08+(100Hz)

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

Phone: 586-246-0161 Email: n8har1977@gmail.com

WINTER HAMFEST, Saturday, December 7

Location: Ruyhley Park Pavilion, 320 W. Holland Street, Archbold, OH 43502

Website: <https://k8bxq.org/hamfest>

Sponsor: FCARC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.195+ (103.5Hz)

Public Contact: Bryan Patterson kb8elg, 8202 County Road 6-2 Delta, OH 43515

Phone: 419-250-6694 Email: kb8elg@hotmail.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

73 Jack NY8D