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The Official Newsletter of GRARA
The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Early Fall 2024 GRSWAP issue

Packet .070, Repeaters 146.760, 147.260, 444.400

We moved the 76 repeater.



Moline is its new home.



Fall 2024 is a busy time for us.

We have a lot to get done during this coming fall. The GRARASWAP is coming up. And we need help setting up. More information is on the flyer located on page 3.

It is also time to think who we want to be on the GRARA board next year. We nominate in September, and vote on them in October. If your interested in running for a spot on the board, or know some one who is interested, Let Ron K8DMR know.

We also have the tradisional I.R.A. repeater site clean up. A great time to help maintain the IRA repeater. There will be refreshemnts and donuts. Help make the site cleaner.

QRM

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You may freely reprint any material in the QRM, but please credit the QRM, the original author, and the original publication, if given.

Everybody is encouraged to submit original articles on topics relevant to the hobby of Amateur Radio. Submit articles to the Editor, Editor@w8dc.org

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Membership Information

Anybody interested in the exciting hobby of Amateur Radio is invited to join the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association. There are four classes of membership:

Full Membership: Full membership costs \$25/year and is open to licensed Amateur Radio operators. Full members may run for a GRARA elected officer position and may vote on Club business.

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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.

Grand Rapids Area Hamfest

An Annual Ham Radio Flea Market

Saturday September 7, 2024
8-11am

Admission: \$8
License Testing 10am

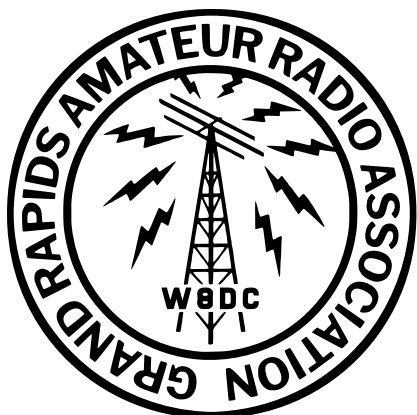
Table Reservation

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

Make checks payable to GRARA
PO Box 3282 Grand Rapids, MI 49501

Name/Callsign: _____

Email: _____



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

W8DC.ORG

***** SEVENTH ANNUAL *****
INDEPENDENT REPEATER ASSOCIATION (IRA)
OPEN HOUSE & SITE CLEAN-UP
AT THE 92ND ST HILL SITE
Saturday, September 28, 2024
9AM to 2PM or whenever

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

This site hosts many other Amateur Radio groups equipment as well. If you have never set foot on "the hill", or it's been a while, or last week, this is a great time visit and tour. We will be showing off the (not fancy) place as well as doing some tiding up.

Do not feel any obligation to partake in cleanup. We look forward to your company. Arrive when you can, leave when you want to.

We'll have complementary coffee, donuts, burgers and dogs for lunch.

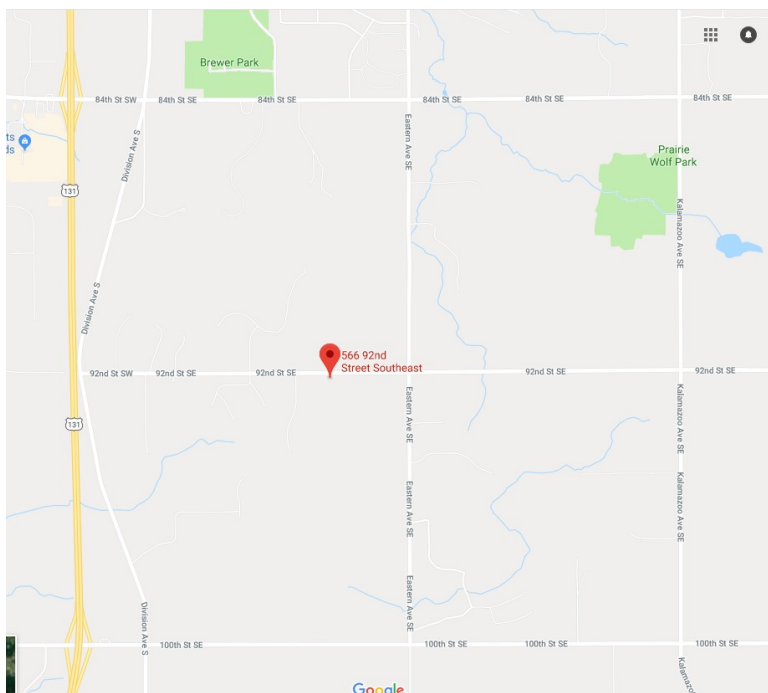
Talk-in (as you can guess) W8IRA 147.16-(94.8Hz) Echolink W8IRA-R

566 92nd St SE, Byron Center, MI 49315

Lat 42.796779, long -85.650055 Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/Zp7RSg9cQpR2>

Questions? Contact Jack NY8D ny8d@arrl.net

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







Tom Wilson KD8DEG S.K.

"It is with a heavy heart that I write this, my Dad Tom KD8DEG Wilson passed away this morning at 2:59 am. Myself and my sisters were with him, he is whole again and with our Lord and savior. Thank you for all your prayers during the last 7 months as my Dad went through all of this. He truly was the most amazing man and my hero! Leah"

Tom owned and ran the "Second Hand Shop" in Zeeland as a "hobby"!

This is Leah, Tom's (KD8DEG) daughter. My sister and I would like to be at the shop this next **Saturday August 10th** and see all Dads friends and be able to share some memories of my Dad. We would love to see everyone and I'll bring donuts (because that's what Dad would want). So if you can stop in and say hi, share a memory of my Dad, we would love

to see you. **Open Saturdays 9AM to NOON (or later). 7830 80th Ave, Zeeland** (Blendon Township), MI

Field Day 2024

This issue of QRM has received the most photographs of ham events than any other issue we've come out with. I'll let the photo's do the talking. It was a fun time for all who attended. I want to thank Chris Longcore, Jim K8JH, Lisa Britten and Jack Amerlar NY8D for the information regarding everything else.

THANK YOU.

Field Day 2024





Events for August 2024 for the WM Amateur Radio community.

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**I CANNOT PROMOTE EVENTS I DON'T KNOW ABOUT!
Email information to ny8d@arri.net by the 25th of the month**

RADIO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

DO YOUR PART, volunteer for at least ONE event this year. YOU CAN DO IT!

BARA will be providing radio communications again this year for the Lord of the Springs bicycle race in the Yankee Springs area. The race will be on Saturday September 7. Net control will again be at Camp Manitou-Lin. As always, we need several volunteers to provide adequate radio coverage for the race.

Contact Jay Hopewell KD8LNO at: Middlevillemi@Yahoo.com as soon as possible. Those locations are: Net control, Shadow, Sag wagon, Yankee Springs Bible Church, aid stations at Otis Bird Sanctuary and at the intersection of Gun Lake Rd and Hastings Point Rd., Emergency Access F and on Graves Hill Trail at the intersection where the 19 mile course racers split off to take Norris Trail. I expect that radio volunteer start times and estimated finish times will be the same as last year and will be confirming that in my next email within a few days. 73 Jay KD8LNO

SPECIAL EVENT SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

2ND HAND HAM SHOP, Saturdays, 9AM* until 12 Noon or until everyone is gone.

****ATTENTION**** "This is Leah, Tom's (KD8DEG) daughter. My sister and I would like to be at the shop this next Saturday August 10th and see all Dads friends and be able to share some memories of my Dad. We would love to see everyone and I'll bring donuts (because that's what Dad would want). So if you can stop in and say hi, share a memory of my Dad, we would love to see you."

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> 2ndhandhamshops@gmail.com

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

NET CHANGE:

The West Michigan Emergency Communication Net will be switching over to the **K8SN 440 linked repeater system**, effective this coming Wednesday: August 7. The net meets every Wednesday evening at 8 PM, and anyone with an interest in any aspect of amateur radio emergency communication is welcome to check in. This repeater change is due to the continuing issues with the Lowell Amateur Radio Club repeater system.

The K8SN repeater system can be accessed via the following means:

Main Moline Link: 442.175 with a +5MHZ offset and 103.5 tone

Lakeview link: 442.075 with a +5mhz offset and 103.5 tone.

EchoLink: K8SN-R AllStar: node 29972

Please spread the word to anyone who you think might be interested.

Thanks for your understanding as we transition to a new home. We are confident that this transition will serve us well.

Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, West Michigan Emergency Communication Net Manager
+The NET listing has been updated.

Check out the only full time Amateur Radio store in Michigan. HAMSTERS in Dowagiac, new and used radio gear.

"HAMSTERS, Your place for amateur radio items at a fair price."

113 Pennsylvania Ave, Dowagiac, MI

<http://ham-sters.com/> 574-333-4990 n9qid@hotmail.com

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

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!

NOARC Breakfast at Pine St Cafe, Saturdays, 7AM.

401 Pine St, Ferrysburg, MI 49409

MAP: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Epx8wM67GrPS3gBG6>

<https://pinestreetcafemi.com/>

<https://w8cso.org/calendar/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/401316979888404/>

TI: W8CSO 145.49-(94.8Hz)

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

"My co-host on YouTube's 'Ham Radio Perspectives' is back in operation after the hurricane destroyed most of his Florida home, so we are working on some great videos, including one with a friend of mine from college days who became an 'enforcer' in the FCC and worked at the Allegan station for years.

Here are the most recent videos from 'Ham Radio Perspectives'"

10 Reasons Why We Miss Frequency Drift in HF Radio on Ham Radio

<https://youtu.be/mUIEkpebcAY>

How to Have a Conversation on the Air: Lessons for Ham Radio Operators

<https://youtu.be/530oPDxtvH8>

CB, Ham Radio, and the "Walkie Talkie Effect"

<https://youtu.be/r2AD5CVG0jc>

Quin, K8QS

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

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

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.buycwowayradios.com/blog/2022/11/list-of-gmrs-frequencies-and-channels.html>

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

****MONTHLY EVENTS****

VE EXAM - GRAND RAPIDS, second Friday, August 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

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, Sundays 1PM to 4PM.

BARA Breakfast, Second Saturday of each month, August 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

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

<https://k8bmi.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/244810886954700/>

K8BMI 442.725+(94.8Hz)

VE EXAM - MUSKEGON, Second Saturday, August 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 W8ZHO 146.94-(94.8Hz)
Contact: ve@w8zho.com

VE Testing, Ionia County RACES, second Saturday (except April and December) August 10, Ionia County Central Dispatch, 545 Appletree Dr, Ionia
<https://www.wa8rra.org/upcoming-activities/ionia-county-races-ve-sessions/>
n8mrc@yahoo.com
<http://wa8rra.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/Riverside.Radio.Amateurs>
444.725+(94.8Hz)

VE Testing, Holland Amateur Radio Club, Saturday, August 10, 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>
Please answer the following questions below to register for the next testing session.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqq1mXCPIQ6HkR9yBL6tLAWqbT12YmljtQdofMslvGke742w/viewform>

Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc. M.C.E.C.S.,
Second Monday, August 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
k8wnj@arrl.net <http://mcecs.net/> <https://www.facebook.com/MCECS>

Holland Amateur Radio Club Meeting ~ Second Tuesday, August 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/K8DAA> 147.06+(94.8Hz)

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club (ACARC-AC8RC) monthly meeting second Tuesday, August 13, 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)

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

Lowell Amateur Radio Club-W8LRC

OPEN RADIO ROOM Thursdays, 6:30 PM. Join us in the radio room. 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

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

NORTH OTTAWA ARC (NOARC-W8CSO) meeting + POTA + Dinner

Saturday August 24, 2024, 4pm, P. J. Hoffmaster State Park

<https://w8cso.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/401316979888404/>

TI: W8CSO 145.49-(94.8Hz)

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

Holland HAM IS FOR BREAKFAST!

Last Saturday of the month, August 31, 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>

<https://southsideinnrestaurant.com/>

<http://www.hollandarc.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/233793361844/>

K8DAA <https://www.facebook.com/HollandAmateurRadioClubK8DAA>

147.06+(94.8Hz)

Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council meeting, first Thursday, September 5, 7PM, at the MAARC Clubhouse, 2888 N Scenic Drive, N Muskegon, MI
Color Tour Hamfest – volunteers, Micro Fox Hunt 17:30 to 18:30, Charge Nominating committee.

OPEN SHACK Saturday, August 10

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>

KENT COUNTY MONTHLY SIREN TEST, first Friday, April to October, September 6, 12: NOON.

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

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.

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA-W8DC) monthly meeting, first Friday, September 6 WILL BE AT the hamfest location as part of set up, 7PM
**OPEN RADIO ROOM, Wednesdays 4PM to sometime after 7PM, Sundays 1PM to 4PM.

**RADIO ROOM CONSTRUCTION second Thursdays, July 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)

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

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

Website: <https://w8dc.org/2024/02/05/grand-rapids-area-hamfest/>

Flier: <https://w8dc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/GRAHamfestFlyer.pdf>

Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association
Talk-In: 147.26+(94.8Hz)
Public Contact: PO Box 3282 Grand Rapids, MI 49501

7th Annual IRA OPEN HOUSE & SITE CLEANUP, Saturday, September 28, 9AM to 2 or ?.

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

This site hosts many other Amateur Radio groups equipment as well. If you have never set foot on "the hill", or it's been a while, or last week, this is a great time to get a tour of the place. We will be showing off the (not fancy) place as well as doing some tidying up inside and out.

DO NOT FEEL ANY OBLIGATION TO PARTAKE IN CLEANUP. We look forward to your company. Arrive when you can, leave when you want.

We'll have complementary coffee, donuts, and for lunch burgers and dogs.

Talk-in (as you can guess) 147.16+(94.8Hz)

566 92nd St SE, Byron Center, MI 49315

Lat 42.796779, long -85.650055 Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/Zp7RSg9cQpR2>

<http://w8ira.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1764710107178775/>

Contact ny8d@arrl.net (616)438-1464

VE Testing, Allegan County ARC, 4th Saturday odd months, September 28, 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/>

Registration Open for the 23rd USA Radio Orienteering Champs

Registration for the 2024 USA and IARU Region 2 Radio Orienteering

Championships is now open! The event will be held in the area of Chelsea, Michigan from 5-13 October 2024.

<https://radioorienteeringchamps.us/>

<http://arrl.org/amateur-radio-direction-finding>

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.saturn20@gmail.com
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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/groups/wm8tg>

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 Communication Net K8SN Moline 442.175+(103.5Hz), Lakeview 442.075+(103.5Hz), Echolink K8SN-R, AllStar node 29972
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)

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

GMARC TRUNK SWAP AT THE PPG, second Saturday, 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

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/2024/02/05/grand-rapids-area-hamfest/>
Flier: <https://w8dc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/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 8
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 + VINTAGE ELECTRONICS EXPO, Saturday, October 5

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

Kalamazoo, MI 49001

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

Sponsors: Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club (KARC), Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team (SMART), Michigan Antique Radio Club (MARC).

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: 586-322-2134 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

FORT WAYNE HAMFEST & COMPUTER EXPO, Saturday November 16, Sunday
November 17

Location: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave, Fort Wayne, IN
46801

Website: <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/>
Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.880-(141.3Hz)
Public Contact: ACARTS Fort Wayne W9IXW, PO Box 10342 Fort Wayne, IN 46851
Phone: 260-579-2196 Email: FM@acarts.com

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>
Flier: https://www.qsl.net/n8lc/swap_flyer_2024.pdf
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: Ruihley Park Pavilion, 320 W. Holland Street, Archbold, OH 43502
Website: <https://k8bxq.org/hamfest>
Flier: https://k8bxq.org/sites/k8bxq.org/files/2023-12/WinterHamfestFlyer_0.pdf
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

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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,
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73 Jack NY8D