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The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

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Yes, this is Fall!

Fall season is when we nominate people for GRARA Offices. Ron, K8DMR is still interviewing folks to see if they have any interest in joining Grara's Board. We will learn who has expressed an interest at this coming Friday Business meeting.

We also have many items to discuss during this coming Friday nights business meeting. On page 3 you can read the new rules that have been suggested for our participating in the Life-EMS building..

A reminder, GRARA's **Open_Radio_Room** has been put on hold till after our upcoming Friday night business meeting.

License Testing

We have license testing each second Friday of the month. Our license testing is in the basement at the Life EMS Education Centre in Classroom C

Starting April 19, 2022 the FCC has imposed a \$35 fee. Information regarding this can be found [here](#). This fee, if it applies, will **be paid to the FCC, not us. We do not collect money for this.** This fee, for the purposes of our testing, only applies to new licenses. After passing, the FCC will contact you via email to pay the fee.

Before coming to the testing session we need you to complete **two** items, **Obtaining an FRN** and **Filling out a Form**.

No appointment is necessary but **Obtaining an FRN** and **Filling out a Form** below is needed before coming to the testing session. These are both fairly quick to do.

Obtaining an FRN

The FCC does not allow us to use your Social Security number any more. Please go to this website: The Please go to this website: **<https://apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do>** and complete the following before filling out the form below and before coming to the testing session.

QRM

The QRM Newsletter is published quarterly. It is the official journal of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association. GRARA is an American Radio Relay League affiliated club.

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

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

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Membership Information

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

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

Spouse/Family Membership: One spouse or an immediate adult family member of a Full member may apply for Spouse/Family membership at no cost. A member of this type, who is a licensed Amateur Radio operator, has all of the privileges of a Full member.

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.

These will be circulated at the Oct 4, GRARA business meeting.

GRARA/Life EMS Radio Room Rules

GRARA's use of the Life EMS facility exists for no other reason than at the pleasure of our generous **host-landlord Life EMS**. As mere guest tenants, we have the duty of being particularly mindful regarding the use of the radio room and associated spaces. To that end we desire to maintain high standards of care – perhaps even higher standards than that of the care we afford for our own homes. At the same time, we want to promote amateur radio activity. Toward these dual goals, in cooperation with Life EMS, the following rules for behavior and use of Life EMS spaces (indoors and out) have been proposed.

1. Life EMS must be notified in advance of all radio room activities, contests, testing and open radio room dates and hours.
2. Permission for station use may be granted only by a GRARA officer and only to licensed amateur radio operators. An officer may delegate a GRARA member to supervise radio room activities. That designee is then responsible for operations.
3. Non-members may operate club equipment if supervised by a GRARA member qualified to operate the equipment being used.
4. No unauthorized persons may be in the radio room. Persons who become problematic by disrespecting or not following GRARA radio room rules or Life EMS expectations may be asked to leave and have access privileges revoked. The GRARA board is the sole judge of what appropriate use is and who authorized person are.
5. Only authorized persons may have keys or card access to the facility and/or radio room. The GRARA board may deactivate any misused card keys, or change the radio room lock combination without notice.
6. All radio room access is to be through the northern stairwell entrance.
7. No overnight room usage without a GRARA officer's permission and Life EMS notification.
8. Facility-provided internet is for official GRARA uses only. It may not be used for Netflix, streaming movies, social media, gaming, email or other personal internet activity.

9. Since this is a certified health training facility, no pets or animals allowed except for officially registered and certified service animals are permitted. Official government proof is required for service animals.
10. Alcohol, vaping, illicit drugs, smoking or other tobacco use is not allowed.
11. Please remove all left-over food, food waste or used food packaging (such as pizza boxes, pop bottles, cups, or fast-food waste bags & wrappers).
12. No hot plates or cooking, except for microwave and coffee pot use.
13. No unattended minors, even if they are licensed. An authorized adult must be present.
14. No propping open of building doors. All doors must remain locked with restricted entry maintained.
15. Unless authorized otherwise, our occupancy is restricted to the radio room, testing rooms and restroom. No wandering around the building.
16. No storing of privately owned items or equipment without express authorization.
17. Neither Life EMS nor GRARA are responsible for injuries to visitors nor for damage to or losses of visitors' equipment or possessions. Visitors assume all their own risks.

To notify Life EMS of schedule changes, contact our Liaison Director. Jim, k8jh@arri.net

Events for October 2024 for the WM Amateur Radio community.

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RADIO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

Saturday Oct 5 2024 is the North shore trail run we will meet by the restrooms at Coast Guard Park, Ferrysburg, at 7:30 and should be done by 11:00 if you can help contact me at kc8uny@arrl.net thanks John.

Kc8uny NOARC-W8CSO 145.49-(94.8Hz)

MAP: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/tPJUu6MjXU4s9Vsj7>

"Interested in West Michigan weather? Are you also interested in radio communications? If so, you are welcome to join Kent County Skywarn to use your passion for weather and radio to serve our community!

Kent County Skywarn accepts both amateur radio and GMRS operators into membership to report ground truth weather data for our served agencies. If you would like more information on becoming a Skywarn team member, please email kentskywarn@gmail.com.

Kent County Skywarn also hosts monthly siren test nets on the first Friday of each month (April through October). You do not need to be part of Skywarn to participate - you can check into our monthly net on the K8SN 442.175 MHz repeater, or send us a report online through spotterconnect.com."

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

Used equipment with lots of consignment, parts (some that are hard to find) and eyeball rag chew with fellow enthusiasts.

7830 80th Ave, between Polk and Baldwin, Zeeland (Blendon Township)

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/mJ82NL1a9U12>

<https://www.facebook.com/2ndHandHamShop>

(616)292-3335

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

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)

AND NOARC Breakfast at Idle Hour, Wednesdays at 7:30AM

213 W Savidge St, Spring Lake, MI 49456

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7wxNjjiqTP4WbhULz6>

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Idle-Hour-Cafe-100076322082803/>

<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://tasyk8ch.net>. Hope to hear from you soon!
33 (The Sign Off for YL Hams Everywhere)

CW PRACTICE. Having settled on a good frequency, (146.480 simplex), I would like to invite you to join us Thursday evenings, 8PM for a little fun with FM Simplex. If you have an oscillator, we can practice some CW on 2m, or if you want to test your radio for Simplex operation, we got that too. As many of you know, we are doing a Simplex net on Thursday nights at 8PM on 146.480. Many have expressed an interest in establishing a link of relays extending from west to east Michigan. The extremes of those stations extends from Muskegon to Jackson.

If any of you wish to join us as a link station, please let me know. Thanks!

73, Greg Conlon, KE8GC ke8gc.hamradio@gmail.com

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>

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.

****MONTHLY EVENTS****

Holland HAM IS FOR BREAKFAST!

Last Saturday of the month, September 28, 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> K8DAA
147.06+ (94.8Hz)

HAM RADIO TECHNICIAN CLASSES (AKA HAM Radio Certification) in Lowell.

Tuesdays Oct 01 - Nov 05, 2024, 5:30 PM-6:30 PM (1 hour)

Lighthouse Family YMCA, 1070 N Hudson St, Lowell. Heading North from M21 before becoming Lincoln Lake Ave.

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/RKWCavZrppEaBtCj7>

Description: A class designed to prepare youngsters and adults to take and pass the FCC "Technician Class" exam to receive their amateur radio "Technician Class" license. Obtaining this license will allow one to participate in the exciting world of amateur radio as a hobbyist, and to offer emergency communications assistance during and after disasters!

This is a 6 week certification course.

Sponsor: Riverside Radio Amateurs of Saranac. Preregistration is required.

<https://www.grymca.org/offerings/ham-radio-certification/>

Cell: Call or text Mike Carigon N8MRC 616-272-1341, Email: n8mrc@yahoo.com

Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council meeting, first Thursday, October 3, 7PM, at the MAARC Clubhouse, 2888 N Scenic Drive, N Muskegon, MI
Review Color Tour Hamfest plans, November Sweeps Operators, Section Manager Visit

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, October 4, 12: NOON.

Report what you hear to 442.175+(103.5Hz) K8SN or Smartphone

<https://t.ly/E0le>

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, October 4. 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/>

ZOOM MEETING

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88674164695?pwd=VSBE0YiR2jSbRzVruuze4NXh1ay0Gn.1>

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/1LqRpw7TKWw8XKFM7>

NOTICE: Open Radio Room Wednesday and Sunday is suspended until further notice.

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://x.com/W8DC_GR W8DC 147.26+(94.8Hz)

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/>

Flier: <http://www.kalamazoohamfest.org/Flier2024.pdf>

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

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>

VE TESTING - Riverside Radio Amateurs of Saranac. 1st Monday of each month at 6pm, October 7. New location is Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes, Lowell (Vergennes Township). Enter on the west side by the communications tower. Preregistration is required.

MAP: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/jStjNXLA6EYkBYbB6>

<https://www.wa8rra.org/upcoming-activities/ionia-county-races-ve-sessions/>

<http://wa8rra.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/Riverside.Radio.Amateurs>
n8mrcd@yahoo.com 616-272-1341

****NEW NET**** Bill (KI9NG) apprised us of a new GMRS net called the Simplex Communication and Relay System Roll Call Net on 146.43 simplex on Mondays. They want to establish relays for use in emergencies. For more information contact Bill at KD9YBK@gmail.com.

(ED, No time or GMRS channel listed. Awaiting more information.)

Holland Amateur Radio Club Meeting ~ Second Tuesday, October 8, 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, October 8, 7PM Plainwell Public Safety Complex, 119 Island Avenue, Plainwell.

The training room entrance is just North of the main entrance, towards the big doors used by the Fire trucks. Map:

<https://goo.gl/maps/MrttWWZJc3B2>

Email us at ac8rcmi@gmail.com to get details on how to join the meeting on Zoom.

<https://ac8rc.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/ac8rc/> AC8RC

147.24+(94.8Hz)

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance (MARA-W8USA) meeting second Wednesday, October 9.

Normally Meetings are at 7:30 pm at the Plainfield Fire Department Training Center, 5 Mile & Plainfield NE, Grand Rapids. However, the next meeting will be held on ZOOM, starting at 7:30 PM, on Oct 9, 2024. We welcome all Ham Radio enthusiasts to our October meeting! Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84152352358?pwd=p098w9gRbs61eretXXIrot5IheTUya.1>

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, October 11, 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.arrrl.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

MUSKEGON COLOR TOUR HAMFEST, Saturday, October 12

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

Website: <http://mcecs.net/Hamfest.htm>

Flier: <http://mcecs.net/Download/Hamfest2024.pdf>

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@arrrl.net

BARA Breakfast, Second Saturday of each month, October 12, 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, October 12, 10AM at the MAARC Clubhouse.

****NEED TO VERIFY** as this is the same date as the Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest.

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

Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc.

M.C.E.C.S., Training Second Monday, October 14, 7PM, at Chery Health, 1611 E Oak Ave. Muskegon, MI 49442.

PROGRAM: Demonstration of VARA FM

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ypsaaK9yehVjze6r6>

k8wnj@arrl.net

<http://mcecs.net/> <https://www.facebook.com/MCECS> K8WNJ 146.82-(94.8Hz)

****NEW** Riverside Radio Amateurs Open** net October 14 and 28, (started Sept 23) at 7pm on the RRA Repeater WA8RRA, 444.725+ (94.8Hz) Everyone is welcome to check in. This net will be held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. This will be just a general net with topics that the net control can choose. If your interested in being net control let me know and I can get the preamble to you..

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

Barry County ARA (BARA-K8BMI) meetings, third Tuesday, October 15, 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. 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

Holland ARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training) fourth Tuesday, October 22, 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 Fourth Thursdays, October 24, Ferrysburg City Hall, Meeting Room 5

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/FzvFkWhbK8WcHLBB8>

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

TI: W8CSO 145.49-(94.8Hz)

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<https://southsideinnrestaurant.com/>

<http://www.hollandarc.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/233793361844/>

K8DAA <https://www.facebook.com/HollandAmateurRadioClubK8DAA> K8DAA
147.06+ (94.8Hz)

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

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO YOUTH CLUB HAMFEST, Sunday, March 23, 2025

Location: Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes St, Lowell, (Vergennes Township)

Website: <http://amateurradioyouth.club>

Sponsor: Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.37+(162.2Hz)

Public Contact: Al Eckman WW8WW, 725 Bowes Rd Apt K6, Lowell, MI 49331

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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/>

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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>

WE8CHZ MICHIGAN RADIO AMATEURS TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MiRATS 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

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:PM RRA Open Net 2nd & 4th 444.725+(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

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/>

Flier: <http://www.kalamazoohamfest.org/Flier2024.pdf>

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: <https://usecaarc.org/events>

Flier: <https://usecaarc.org/swap/flyer2024.pdf>

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

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: K8UO 147.18+ (100Hz)

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.

Flier: <http://mcecs.net/Download/Hamfest2024.pdf>

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: Rauhley 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

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO YOUTH CLUB HAMFEST, Sunday, March 23, 2025

Location: Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes St, Lowell, (Vergennes Township)

Website: <http://amateurradioyouth.club>

Sponsor: Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.37+(162.2Hz)

Public Contact: Al Eckman WW8WW, 725 Bowes Rd Apt K6, Lowell, MI
49331

Phone: 616-450-4332 Email: aeckman@lowellschools.com

Thank you Jack for the update.

email: ny8d@arrl.net

73 Jack NY8D