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2024 What a year!

We had a great Field-Day operation this past year. Our monthly meeting place changed. From the Life-EMS garage to The Grand Valley State University's Kennedy Engineering Building. Finally, the Life – EMS building was finished, and we moved back to their newly remodeled building. The Life- EMS building. There was concerns, with the Life-EMS operation, so we had to move to another location, The Grand Valley State University's Kennedy engineering building. The Open-Radio-Room hasn't changed: still Wednesday from 4PM to 6Pm and then, on Sunday, 1PM to 4PM. We also have had to change the VE testing location. (Read on the last page)

But we all came through this in great shape, and more importantly, together.

2025 What's ahead for us!

We're going to start the year off by holding our very first club meeting of 2025 in the GVSU Engineering Building and also our yearly banquet. We hold this get together every first meeting of January. This year will be no different. The club will be paying for some of the food, but if you can bring a dish to pass, will be helpful. We are also going to plan on holding Field-Day 2025. The location of operation to be decided later. Our relationship with the university should be beneficial for both of us.

Our members are used to experiencing changes, so this coming year should be an exciting time for all of us.

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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.

Grara Meetings

Time and Date: First Friday of each month at 7pm

Location: GVSU Kennedy Hall of Engineering

301 Fulton Street West, Grand Rapids, MI, 49504

Room 124 (Capacity 70)

Note: The main entrance is on the north side of the building on Front Street NOT Fulton Street

Parking Information

Parking enforcement ends at 6pm, members may use any parking lot on campus for free that has open parking spaces regardless of what the lot is placarded for. If they show up sooner than 6pm, there is a very good chance they will receive a ticket. The easiest lots to access Kennedy Hall are as follows and are listed from closest to furthest away:

Eberhard Lot (60 Front Ave NW) **Recommended for members who have mobility issues, 4 placarded handicap spots.**

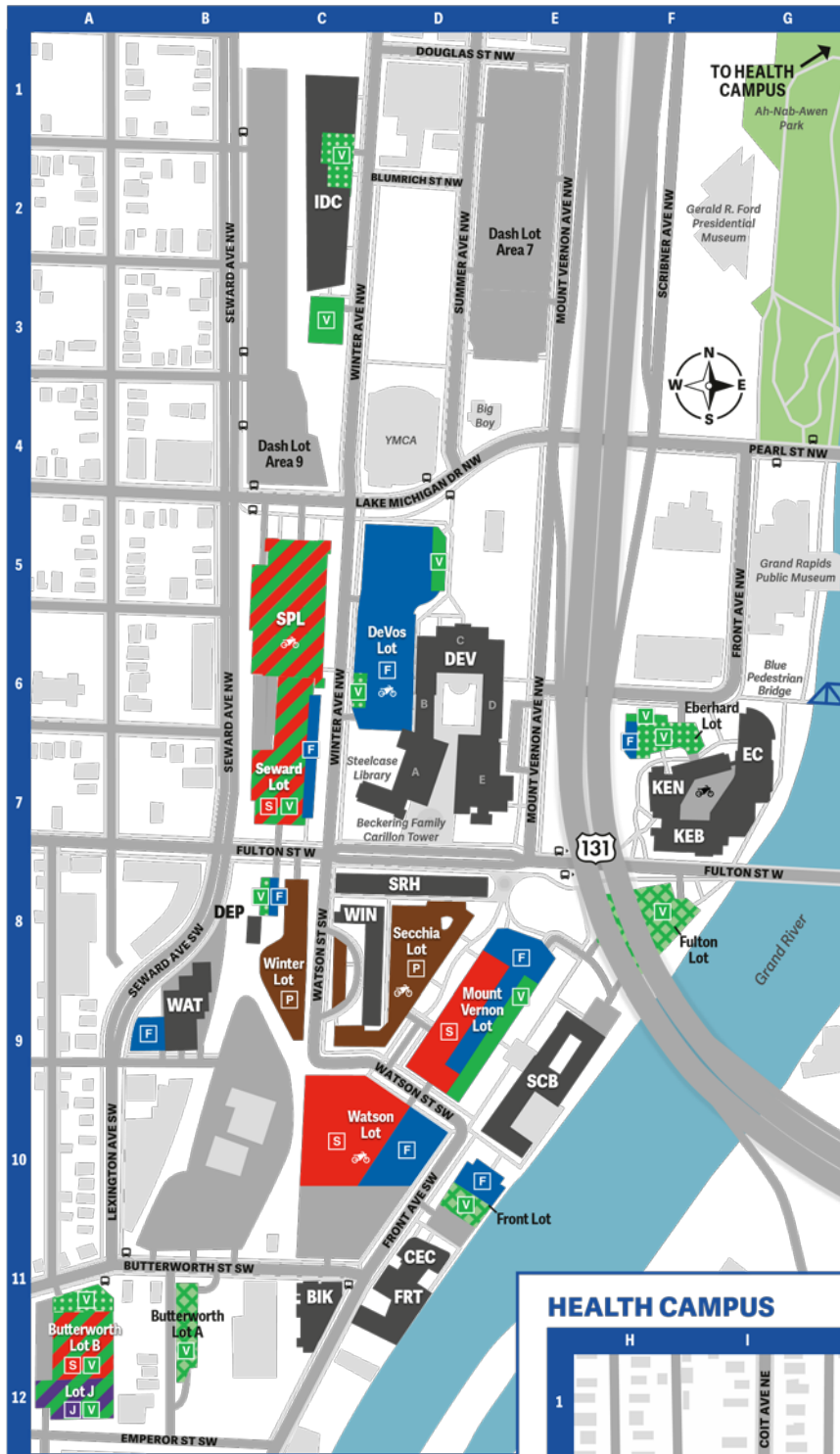
Mt Vernon Lot (417 Watson St SW) 800 Ft walk, about 3 mins

DeVos Lot (52 Winter Ave NW) 1000 Ft walk, about 5 mins.

There is also street parking available on Fulton Street that is free after 6pm and the GR Public Museum paid lot across the street from Kennedy.

Public Transit Information

For arrival by bus, there is a Laker Line and DASH stop at 323 Fulton Street West, just outside of Kennedy Hall. DASH busses are free to ride and have many parking lots for commuters in the downtown area with stops directly adjacent to the lots.



BUILDINGS

BIK Bicycle Factory	C11	KEB Fred M. Keller Engineering Laboratories	F7
CEC Consumer's Energy John G. Russell Leadership Center	D11	KEN John C. Kennedy Hall of Engineering	F7
CHS Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences	L4	L.V. Eberhard Center (see EC)	
DCIH Daniel and Pamella DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health	L4	L. William Seidman Center (see SCB)	
DEP The Depot	B8	Peter F. Secchia Hall (see SRH)	
DEV Richard M. DeVos Center	D6	RFH Raleigh J. Finkelstein Hall	L2
EC L.V. Eberhard Center	G7	Richard M. DeVos Center (see DEV)	
FRT 140 Front Avenue/ Steelcase Building	D11	SRH Peter F. Secchia Hall	D8
IDC Innovation Design Center	C2	SCB L. William Seidman Center	E9
John C. Kennedy Hall of Engineering (see KEN)		SPL Seward Parking Lot Ramp	C6
		WIN Winter Hall	C8
		WAT 609 Watson Building	B9

PARKING LOTS

Butterworth Lot A	B11	Mount Vernon Lot	D9
Butterworth Lot B	A12	Raleigh Finkelstein Lot	L1
DeVos Lot	D6	Secchia Lot	D8
Eberhard Lot	F6	Seward Lot	C7
Front Lot	D10	Watson Lot	C10
Fulton Lot	F8	Winter Lot	C8
Lot J	A12		



HEALTH CAMPUS



LEGEND

- Bus Stop
- Motorcycle Parking
- Faculty & Staff
- Pew Campus Resident
- Student Commuter
- Lot J Remote Commuter
- Visitor (pay-to-park)
- Visitor (events/conferences)
- Visitor (permit required)

ADA-compliant spaces are available in all GVSU lots

January 2025 for the WM Amateur Radio community.

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Check with Web or Facebook pages for updated information. Web and FB page links listed below.

****WEBMASTERS and FACEBOOK PAGE Administrators, KEEP YOUR WEB / FB PAGES UPDATED!****

RADIO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

Looking for volunteers for communication support for the 51st Sgt Preston Yukon King Run, January 1st 2025.

Muster at Snug harbor at 10am, race through approximately 14:00.

Please contact Scott W8AOR at scott.king9@comcast.net or 231-206-4368 if you would like to sign up.

"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.

****CLOSED SATURDAY DECEMBER 28****

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.

****NOTICE**** HAM-STERS/SOMEWHERE IN TIME has closed.

"The "Time" has come. We will be closing the store (Ham-sters/Somewhere In Time) near the end of the year. Our last day of operation will be December 21." The entire announcement at
<https://www.facebook.com/HamStersSomewhereInTime>
<http://ham-sters.com/> 574-333-4990 n9qid@hotmail.com

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 MOVING TO RUSS' RESTAURANT, Wednesdays at 7:30AM (8AM on New Year's Day).

1313 S Beacon Blvd, Grand Haven, MI 49417
<https://www.russrestaurants.com/>
Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/3ywiPP9iBEgsQy7r9>
<https://www.facebook.com/RussRestaurants/>
<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.buywowayradios.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, December 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)

Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council meeting, first Thursday, January 2, 7PM, at the MAARC Clubhouse, 2888 N Scenic Drive, N Muskegon, MI

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>

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA-W8DC) monthly meeting, first Friday, January 3, 6:30 PM social, 7PM meeting. "GRARA meetings resume at GVSU, the Kennedy Engineering Center Bldg. This is the same location where we met during COVID." <https://www.facebook.com/share/14niPcoVQT/>

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88674164695> Meeting ID: 886 7416 4695 Passcode: 483106

Open Radio Room Wednesday 4PM to 6:30PM and Sunday 1PM to 4PM 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.

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)

VE TESTING - Riverside Radio Amateurs of Saranac. First Monday, January 6, 6PM. 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>

n8mrc@yahoo.com 616-272-1341

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance (MARA-W8USA) meeting second Wednesday, January 8, 7:30PM. Plainfield Fire Department Training Center, 5 Mile & Plainfield NE, Grand Rapids.

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, January 10, 6PM. GVSU Kennedy Engineering Center Bldg.

Website: <https://w8dc.org/license-testing/> Contact: Stephen Provost AC8QE stprovost@provtechs.com

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 "We are waiting for word on our testing night, which is not confirmed yet. Stay tuned for further updates. Jim K8JH"

BARA Breakfast, Second Saturday of each month, January 11, 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, January 11, 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

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club (ACARC-AC8RC)

Winter monthly meetings will be held on the second Saturday of the month, 10AM, at the PLAINWELL PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 119 Island Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080

MAP: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/yU8smfys45fokmEy6>

Winter meeting dates: January 11th, February 8th, March 8th. April

back to the normal schedule of the second Tuesday of the month at 7PM

If anyone has any questions or concerns please send an email to

AC8RCMI@GMAIL.COM

-Seth McPherson KE8GOJ

<https://ac8rc.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/ac8rc/> AC8RC 147.24+(94.8Hz)

Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc. M.C.E.C.S.

general meeting Second Monday, January 13, 7PM, at Chery Health, 1611 E Oak Ave. Muskegon, MI 49442.

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

k8wnj@arrl.net <http://mcecs.net/> <https://www.facebook.com/MCECS> K8WNJ

146.82-(9

Holland Amateur Radio Club Meeting ~ Second Tuesday, January 14, starting at 6PM at the Herrick District Library North Branch, 155 Riley St, Holland, MI 49424.

MAP: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Rqe6ogoZmegVK5q9A>

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/groups/233793361844/K8DAA)
K8DAA 147.06+(94.8Hz)

Lowell Amateur Radio Club-W8LRC, Thursday, January 16, postponed from December due to weather. Quarterly business meetings, third Thursdays, March, June, September, December

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-W8LRC

HOLLAND ARC POST FESTIVUS FESTIVUS PARTY, Tuesday, January 21.

Once again the Holland Amateur Radio Club will be holding a post holiday get together.

Put Tuesday, January 21, 2025 on your calendar. Time will be 6:00 PM, and the location will be the Holland Pizza Ranch, 734 E. 16th St, Holland, MI. This is located just a few hundred feet north of the Waverly and 16th St. Meijer.

We will be in a reserved eating area, not jammed in the one small/cramped room.

Of note, is that we moved this to Tuesday night, where children, 10 and under, eat free, from 4-7 PM.

If you have never been to Pizza Ranch, yes, they have pizza, but they also have a well stocked salad bar, and then there is the fried chicken, veggies and potatoes area. Oh, they have plenty of plates. Oh, and a dessert area.

More at <https://pizzaranch.com/locations/mi/holland/734-e-16th-street>

The full buffet for adults is \$ 16.99/person, and seniors (65 and older) are \$ 14.99/person. Drinks are included in these prices.

You do not have to be a member of the Holland ARC to attend. We accept just about anyone. Even Dallas Cowboy fans.

Barry County ARA (BARA-K8BMI) meetings, third Tuesday, January 21, 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 Fourth Thursdays, January 23, Ferrysburg City Hall, 17520 Ridge Ave, Spring Lake, MI 49456.

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

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

TI: W8CSO 145.49-(94.8Hz)

VE Testing, Allegan County ARC, 4th Saturday odd months, January 25, 9AM, Pre-Registration Link (Recommended, Walk-ins welcome):

https://bit.ly/AC8RC_Jan2025

Tengam Engineering Incorporated, 545 Washington St, Otsego, MI 49078

MAP: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/AyhifXHSP6eVkw476>

http://ac8rc.org/?page_id=53 <mailto:w8rmn@arrl.net>

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

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Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/X8wwwZ4Q93pf9aVu7>

<https://southsideinnrestaurant.com/>

<http://www.hollandarc.org/> [https://www.facebook.com/groups/233793361844/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/233793361844/K8DAA)

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

147.06+(94.8Hz)

WINTER FIELD DAY, Saturday-Sunday January 25-26, start Sat 11AM (1600 UTC), end Sun 4:59 PM (21:59 UTC).

To see where activations are taking place, go to

<https://winterfieldday.org/> scroll down to the location map.

Holland ARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training) fourth Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 PM, at the Herrick District Library Second Floor Flex Room. 300 S River Ave, Holland. The meeting will partner with Groundworks

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/groups/233793361844/K8DAA)

K8DAA 147.06+(94.8Hz)

VE Exam Holland - Our next test session is on Saturday, March 8 at 6:00pm at Chick-Owa Sportsmans Club. https://www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=6310

MAP: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/WNN3sU8KggakBoHcA>

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

The next Ham in a Day Session will be on Saturday April 12, 2025, at 1pm at Chick-Owa Sportsman's Club with a VE Test Session to follow at 6pm

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: [aekman@lowellschools.com](mailto:aeckman@lowellschools.com)

AC8RC Allegan Mini-Swap, Saturday, April 12 2025
Location: Salem Township Hall, 3003 142nd Ave, Burnips, MI 49314
Sponsor: AC8RC Allegan County Amateur Radio Club
<https://www.facebook.com/share/18WDKmGcx2/>
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.240+(94.8Hz)
Public Contact: John Hanse AC8HZ, 255 Jackson St. Allegan, MI 49010
Phone: 616-836-3737 Email: ac8hz@arrl.org

IRA Hudsonville Hamfest, Saturday, June 7, 2025
Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426
Website: <http://www.w8ira.org>
Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association W8IRA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.16+(94.8Hz)
Public Contact: Tom Bosscher K8TB, 3148 Rosewood St. Hudsonville, MI 49426
Phone: 616-209-9296 Email: hamfest@w8ira.org

MICHIGAN PARKS ON THE AIR MEETUP, Saturday, June 7.
US-3310 Fort Custer State Recreation Area
5163 Fort Custer Drive, Augusta, MI 49012
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Shelter: Whiteford Lake
<https://www.michiganpotameetup.com/>
MAP: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/eR3xGZY4H6J8WJyv6>
michiganpotameetup@gmail.com

Grand Rapids Area Hamfest (GRAHamfest 2025), Saturday, September 6, 2025
Location: Home School Building (HSB) Gym, 5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
Website: <https://w8dc.org/grand-rapids-area-hamfest/>
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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)

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/>

ARRL Hamfest **uP COMING HAMFESTS**

and Convention Database <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search>

Check ARRL hamfest search and sponsor websites for any updates or cancellations before heading out

VINTAGE ELECTRONICS EXPO WINTER '25, Saturday, January 25. 9AM-4PM

Location: Oakland Expo Center, 2212 Mall Dr East, (off Telegraph Hwy US24, about 1 mile north of Hwy M59), Waterford Twp, MI 48328

Website: <https://www.thevee.org/>

Sponsor: Michigan Vintage Electronics Club

Public contact: Mark Goodwin, 9225 Moon Rd, Saline, MI 48176

Phone: 734-207-2346 Email: w8fsa@arrl.net

CHERRYLAND ARC HAM SWAP, Saturday, February 8.

Location: VFW Cherryland Post 2780, 3400 Veterans Dr, Traverse City, MI 49684

Website: https://cherrylandarc.com/?page_id=56
Flier: <https://cherrylandarc.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/SWAP-FLYER-2025.pdf>
Sponsor: Cherryland Amateur Radio Club
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.860-(114.8Hz)
Public Contact: Scott Pyles WX1J, 919 Washington Street Traverse City, MI 49686
Phone: 248-495-3665 Email: spyles@aol.com

Livonia Amateur Radio Club Annual Swap & Shop, Saturday, February 22.
Location: Ward Church, Knox Hall, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167
Website: <https://livoniaarc.com/larc-annual-swap-and-shop/>
Sponsor: Livonia Amateur Radio Club K8UNS
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 145.350-(100Hz)
Public Contact: Michael Rudzki N8MR, PO Box 51532, Livonia, MI 48151
Phone: 734-648-6453 Email: swap@livoniaarc.com

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO YOUTH CLUB HAMFEST, Sunday, March 23.
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: K8LHS 147.37+(162.2Hz)
Public Contact: Al Eckman WW8WW, 725 Bowes Rd Apt K6, Lowell, MI 49331
Phone: 616-450-4332 Email: [aekman@lowellschools.com](mailto:aeckman@lowellschools.com)

AC8RC Allegan Mini-Swap, Saturday, April 12.
Location: Salem Township Hall, 3003 142nd Ave, Burnips, MI 49314
Sponsor: AC8RC Allegan County Amateur Radio Club
<https://www.facebook.com/share/18WDKmGcx2/>
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.240+(94.8Hz)
Public Contact: John Hanse AC8HZ, 255 Jackson St. Allegan, MI 49010
Phone: 616-836-3737 Email: ac8hz@arrl.org

SJCARC Hamfest, Saturday, April 19.
Location: St. Joseph County Fairgrounds, 316 E. Charlotte St, Centreville, MI 49032
Sponsor: St. Joseph County Amateur Radio Club
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 145.310-123.0Hz)
Public Contact: John Felcyn KC8AAF, 65793 Burr Oak Rd. Burr Oak, MI 49030
Phone: 269-353-7673 Email: fuseboxr@hotmail.com

IRA Hudsonville Hamfest, Saturday, June 7.
Location: Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426
Website: <https://w8ira.org/hudsonville-hamfest/>

Flier: <https://w8ira.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/IRA-Hamfest-2025-two-sided.pdf>

Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association W8IRA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.16+(94.8Hz)

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

Phone: 616-209-9296 Email: hamfest@w8ira.org

CHELSEA ARC, Sunday, June 8.

Chelsea Fairgrounds

<https://wd8iel.com/events-coming-soon/>

Not listed with ARRL Hamfest Calendar as of press time.

CROSSROADS HAMFEST, Sunday, June 8

Location: Calhoun County Fairground, 720 Fair St, Marshall, MI 49068

Website: <http://www.w8df.org>

Sponsor: Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.660-(94.8Hz)

Public Contact: Matt Woodman AD8KA, 26840 B-Drive South, Albion, MI 49224

Phone: 269-358-8809 Email: smarshamfest@gmail.com

MONROE HAMFEST, Sunday, June 15

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 Communications Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.72-(100Hz)

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

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

ELKHART EAST HAMFEST, Saturday, August 2.

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

Website: <http://elkharteasthamfest.com>

Flier: <https://elkharteasthamfest.com/images/2025-EEHamfestFlyer.pdf>

Sponsor: Northern Indiana K9DEW Repeater Network

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.330 / CTCSS: 131.8

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

Phone: 574-370-2436 Email: elkharthamfest@gmail.com

GRAND RAPIDS AREA HAMFEST (GRAHamfest 2025), Saturday, September 6.

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

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

Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.26+(94.8Hz)
Public Contact: Tom Bosscher K8TB
3148 Rosewood Hudsonville, MI 49426
Phone: 616-662-1080
Email: k8tb@bosscher.org

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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, email: ny8d@arrl.net

73 Jack NY8D

VE License Testing

We have license testing each second Friday of the month. Our license testing is in the Grand Valley State University's Kennedy Engineering building. 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.