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The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

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West Michigan

Ham of the Year. 2025

Once each year, we present the West Michigan Ham of the Year Award to a nominated individual. This year, the award is presented to our very own **Greg Stoike** N8HR. Greg has done just about everything an interested Ham could do. Hams in the parks, working from a lighthouse, going through the different offices of our club, but also participating with other clubs. He also had a role in getting us back to meeting in a new location each month. His interest is wide spread and it shows. He will be presented with a wall plaque at the next meeting.

Congratulations Greg N8HR.

Have you renewed your membership? See page 3 for the form to renew or join.

2025 What's ahead for us!

We've already started the New Year off by holding our very first club meeting of 2025 in the GVSU Kenedy Engineering Building. This year some of our plans will be different. We are already discussing plans on holding Field-Day 2025 either in the same location as last year, or, someplace else? The location of the 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.

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.

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.

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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.

Membership Application

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

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association Inc.

P.O. Box 3282

Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3282

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

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

_____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership Type:

Memberships run January to December of each year

Full(\$25)

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

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

Youth (free under 18)

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

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

ARRL Member: Yes No Type: Regular Life

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

Email address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Events for April 2025 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**

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

RADIO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

THE BARRY ROUBAIX BICYCLE RACE is Saturday April 12.

YANKEE SPRINGS TIME TRIAL BICYCLE RACE is Saturday April 26.

please contact Ron at KC8SFQ@mei.net

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

THE ANNUAL DIRTY 30 GRAVEL GRINDER is coming to Saranac on April 19th,

2025. If your able to help out please contact Michael Carigon N8MRC n8mrc@yahoo.com

<https://dirtythirtygravelgrinder.com/>

We are looking for volunteers to help out with medical communications for the

2025 TULIP TIME PARADES. This is perhaps our best opportunity each year to represent amateur radio within our community, and we are providing a critical service to local residents and visitors. It's also a great time!

ALL members of these organizations are eligible to participate:

Ottawa County Emergency Communications (OCEC)

Holland Amateur Radio Club (HARC)

North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club (NOARC)

Radio operators are paired up with one or more medical personnel and assigned a section of the parade route. Once on station, we patrol and look for participants or spectators that are in need of medical assistance. When we encounter a medical need, we relay information regarding the patient's condition and location to Net Control. Our Net Control operators work alongside public safety and emergency medical dispatchers, and ensure that help arrives as soon as possible.

This year's parades are on Thursday, May 8th and Saturday, May 10th. We usually meet around noon and are finished by a bit after 4pm on both days. If you're interested in volunteering, please reply to this message or email me at bossman.mi@gmail.com and let me know which parade(s) you're available to help.

One change for this year's event is that the Saturday parade will be shortened to end at Kollen Park (same end point as the Thursday parade).

Thanks and 73, Todd Boss W8YHF bossman.mi+w8yhf@gmail.com

<https://www.tuliptime.com/>

2025 AMWAY RIVER BANK RUN, Saturday, May 10

It is that time of year again. The planning has begun for the 2025 Amway River Bank Run. We are again looking for communications volunteers to assist. You don't need to be a RACES, ARES, KCSAR or member of any club. All you need is an amateur radio license and the willingness to assist.

The Main Event is on May 10th from 6AM - 1PM with varying end times. We will also have a RBR Pre-Meeting on Friday May 9th Location TBD 6:30PM - 8:30PM. (We need about 80-85 People to help with the main event in various positions)

THE JUNIOR RIVER BANK RUN, Wednesday, May 7, will be located at the East Kentwood High School 6230 Kalamazoo Ave. SE Kentwood, MI 49508.

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

Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/ngMNBpHHU8PUDvHy9>

For those who have never worked the River Bank Run. This is the PREMIER

Communications event in Kent County. This event is one that you'll enjoy and come back every year for more! The RBR event is HUGE and keeps growing!

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.

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 RUSS' RESTAURANT, Wednesdays at 7:30AM

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

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.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, March 29, 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)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 AT 7 PM, KENT COUNTY SKYWARN will be conducting an exercise aimed at testing the county EOC Auxcomm amateur radio equipment. The net will be held on the K8SN 440 repeater system, 442.175+(103.5Hz). All amateur radio operators are welcome to participate! Skywarn will ask for location data and weather conditions at your location." Please help us spread the word, and plan to participate if you can. Thank you! Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

SILENT AUCTION, Thursday, April 3 6:30 – 7:00pm
MUSKEGON AREA AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL, 2888 N Scenic Dr, Muskegon, MI 49445, USA
Immediately followed by:

Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council meeting, first Thursday, April 3, 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>

FREE ON-LINE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATING CLASS

A FREE, WEEKLY, 3-HOUR AMATEUR RADIO OPERATING CLASS on Zoom will begin on Thursday April 3 and run through June 19 at 6:30 PM Eastern time. The presenters will be various experienced folks in the various subjects.

A detailed syllabus will be published before the classes begin. Attend them all, or any that you like, but you must register for the classes. To receive registration information, contact Rol Anders, K3RA, at roland.anders@comcast.net.

Subjects will include:

All About Operating--A general Introduction
Amateur Radio Organizations—Local to International
Ham Radio Awards
DXing-History and Tips from the Experts
QSLing-How to get that needed card for DXCC or WAS
VHF/UHF Weak Signal Work and "Roving"
Image Operating—Slow Scan and Fast Scan TV
Remote Station control over internet
Learning CW in the no-code era
Digital Modes—From RTTY to FT8 and beyond
Contesting—How to get started, tips for the beginner and intermediated contester
Logging Software—What's available, how to use
Propagation—A general intro to HF Propagation
Amateur Satellites—How to get started
Portable (backpacking) operation—Tips from an expert
Setting Up a Modern (or not so modern) HF Station
Lightning Protection and Grounding
Traffic Handling
Public Service, Emergency Communications
Thanks, Rol, K3RA

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA-W8DC) monthly meeting, first Friday, April 4, 6:30 PM social, 7PM meeting. "GRARA meetings at GVSU, the Kennedy Engineering Center Bldg. This is the same location where we met during COVID."

Tom Behler, KB8TYJ, to come talk about getting involved in VHF/UHF Nets, AND for those of you who don't know, Tom is blind, and will also show us Handi-Ham tricks of the trade that enable him to be on of the most effective Net Control Operators that has ever been!

The May 2 meeting scheduled Colin McConkey, Director of Kent County Skywarn/KCEST for the timely topic of Severe Weather in Western Michigan.

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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

OPEN RADIO ROOM Wednesday 5PM to 8:30PM 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, April 7, 6PM. 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

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club (ACARC-AC8RC) meeting second Tuesday, April 8 7PM, at the PLAINWELL PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 119 Island Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080

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

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

Holland Amateur Radio Club Meeting ~ Second Tuesday, April 8, starting at 6:30PM at the Herrick Main Library, 300 South River, Holland, Michigan 49423

MAP: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/EvybbmKrDHfrQHxq9>

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.k8daa.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/233793361844/>

K8DAA 147.06+(94.8Hz)

Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance (MARA-W8USA) meeting second Wednesday, April 9, 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, April 11, 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

****CANCELED FOR APRIL, BARA Breakfast**, instead communications for Barry-Roubaix**, Second Saturday of each month, next month May 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)

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

VE EXAM - MUSKEGON, Second Saturday, April 12, 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

“HIAD - Ham in a Day” will be held on Saturday, April 12, August 9 and December 13, 2025. This is an opportunity for anyone wishing to get their amateur radio technician license to study and take the exam all in one afternoon. Directed study begins at 1:00PM and continues till 6:00PM, when the test will be given.

The testing location is the Chick-Owa Sportsman’s Club located at 9279 E. Ottogan St., Holland, MI 49423. Again, the “Ham in a Day” study hall begins at 1:00 PM, and the test session begins at 6:00 PM.

For registration and more information, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/holo-hiad-ve>. Cost for the Ham in a Day study session is \$15. After you pass your Technician exam, the results will be sent to the FCC, who will in turn send you an email with instructions on how to pay their \$35 application fee to receive your license. (The FCC charges \$35 only for new licenses, renewals, and vanity call requests – not upgrades. The Holland Amateur Radio Club does not charge for any paperwork whatsoever.)

Note: This is a federal exam and the FCC requires you to have a Federal Registration Number (FRN.) You can obtain your FRN before the test by going to this website: <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>. The FCC FRN process is simple and quite fast.

In addition to the Ham in a Day students, anyone can arrive at 6:00 and take the technician, general, or extra class exam. Please see the post regarding license testing for additional testing requirements.

<https://www.k8daa.org/7862/>

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

VE Exam Holland - Our next test session is on Saturday, April 12 at 6:00pm at Chick-Owa Sportsmans Club.

<https://www.k8daa.org/your-license/register-for-a-holland-arc-ve-test-session/>

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

Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc. M.C.E.C.S. general meeting Second Monday, April 14, 7PM, 1903 Marquette Avenue, Suite J (SW corner of the Muskegon County Complex) Muskegon, MI 49442.

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/QxcVi9uYJrUUKoD59>

k8wnj@arrl.net <http://mcecs.net/> <https://www.facebook.com/MCECS> K8WNJ 146.82-(94.8Hz)

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

NOARC (North Ottawa ARC W8CSO) + **MIRATS** (Michigan Radio Amateurs Technical Society WE8CHZ) are hosting miqp at the Kirk Park Lodge, Saturday, April 19. join us. all are welcome.

<https://miqp.org/>

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

<https://discord.gg/pFdGeqFt92>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557181891539>

Holland ARC E.A.T. meeting (Education And Training) fourth Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 PM, at the Herrick Main 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>

<https://www.k8daa.org/e-a-t-upcoming-topics/>

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

K8DAA 147.06+(94.8Hz)

NORTH OTTAWA ARC (NOARC-W8CSO) meeting Fourth Thursdays, April 24, 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/>
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<https://southsideinnrestaurant.com/>

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K8DAA <https://www.facebook.com/HollandAmateurRadioClubK8DAA> K8DAA
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HAMVENTION DAY TRIP

The ARROW Communications Association and the Toledo Mobile Radio Association (TMRA) are proud to sponsor a motor coach trip to the Hamvention 2025 in Dayton, Ohio. This one-day trip leaves early in the morning on Saturday, May 17, 2025 and returns the same day after Hamvention closes for the day at 5:00 p.m. The bus has two pickup spots, in Ann Arbor and in Toledo (Rossford). Please join us!

Tickets are \$70 per person. Please note that THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE HAMVENTION TICKET, which you need to purchase separately.

To Register and see full Details visit: <https://w8rp.org/daytonbus2025/>

There are two pickup/drop off locations on May 17th, 2025

Ann Arbor – 601 W Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI – Departing 4:30 am

Toledo – 727 Lime City Rd. Rossford, OH – Departing 5:30 am

On board, you can stretch out, relax, take a nap, chat with other hams, and enjoy a light breakfast with coffee as the coach takes you directly to the country's largest amateur radio event!

VE Testing, Allegan County ARC, 4th Saturday odd months, May 24, 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/>

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

Lowell Amateur Radio Club-W8LRC, Thursday, June 19. Quarterly business meetings, third Thursdays, March, June, September, December
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

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/>
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

Independent Repeater Association W8IRA <http://w8ira.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1764710107178775> info@w8ira.org
w8ira@w8ira.groups.io W8IRA 147.16-(94.8Hz) main site.

Kent County Emergency Services Team (KCEST-KC8EST)
kcest_info@kcest.org
<https://www.kcest.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/41KCEST> K8EST 145.11-(94.8Hz)

SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network-W8SAT)
Contact sa.satern20@gmail.com
<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/usc/satern-program/>
Dick Seeley N8NIF rks1257@comcast.net David W Johnson KC8DJ
Jonsson1936@gmail.com

West Michigan Technical Group is a group of "Hams" that support the West Michigan Amateur Radio community with reliable and open communication systems.
<https://www.wmtg.me/> <https://www.facebook.com/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)

AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE NETS throughout Michigan

<https://mi-arpssc.org/net/>

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

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

WEXAUKEE ARC SWAP & SHOP, Cadillac, Saturday, May 3

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

Website: <http://wexaukeearc.org>

Sponsor: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.980-

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

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

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

****CANCELED** CHELSEA ARC, Sunday, June 8.**

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

Sponsor: Chelsea ARC

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

CROSSROADS HAMFEST, Sunday, June 8

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

Website: <https://www.w8df.com/index.php?content=hamfest>

Flier: <https://www.w8df.com/hamfest/hamfest2025.pdf>

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

MIDLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SWAP, Saturday, June 14

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

Website: <https://w8kea.org/midland-swap-scheduled-for-june-14/>

Flier: http://w8kea.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/swap_2025.pdf

Sponsor: Midland Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.00+(103.5Hz)

Public Contact: Keith Johnson KB8SOE, 1300 E. Olsen, Midland, MI 48640

Phone: (989) 737-9023 Email: kb8soe@kb8soe.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

BARA / MCRN Trunk Swap, Saturday, July 26

Location: Five Pines Ministries, 6597 Smith Rd, Berrien Center, MI 49102
Website: <https://www.w8mai.org/index.php/club-information/bara-trunk-swap>
Sponsor: Blossomland Amateur Radio Association and the Midwest Classic Radio Net
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 146.82, - 600, 88.5 PL
Public Contact: Frank Lemanski AD8BU, 701 Alma St. Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone: 269-362-4143 Email: bararustykey@gmail.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

ADRIAN HAMFEST, Sunday, September 14

Location: Lenawee County Airport, 2651 W Cadmus Rd, Adrian, MI 49221
Website: <http://w8tqe.com/hamfest.htm>
Flier: <http://w8tqe.com/pdfs/2025%20Hamfest%20Flier.pdf>
Sponsor: AARC
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 145.37
Public Contact: Mark Hinkleman NU8Z, 108 E. Kilbuck Tecumseh, MI 49286
Phone: (517) 423-5906 Email: cqnu8z@gmail.com

KALAMAZOO HAMFEST + Michigan Vintage Electronics Club EXPO, Saturday, October 4.

Kalamazoo Expo Center.
Sponsors: Kalamazoo ARC, SW Michigan AR Team, Michigan Vintage Radio Club
No further info as of press time.

MUSKEGON COLOR TOUR HAMFEST, Saturday, October 11

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: Jim Duram K8COP, PO Box 386, Fruitport, MI 49415
Phone: (231) 638-7010 Email: mcthamfest@gmail.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, email: ny8d@arrl.net

once again, a big thank you to Jack, NY8D.

73 Jack NY8D