



# The Amateur's News

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Ogemaw Arenac Amateur Radio Society – [www.K8OAR.club](http://www.K8OAR.club) – an ARRL Affiliate

## *President's update for 2017*

2017 Year-end report:

I want to thank all the members who participated in club events in 2017. While we did not have a ton of activities, we sure had fun at the ones we did. While we did not win the Michigan QSO party, we did have a great showing for a club of our size. Our club enjoyed 2 fox hunts, in the spring and fall, and I think the change in locations was a hit with those who participated. Many members attended the Skywarn training in April, and a presentation by Michigan State Trooper Jeff Devine was well received by the group. The county fair once again proved successful, and many club members stepped up to work the tent. Our annual auction brought money into the treasury, and provided a fun night out. Finally yet importantly, the annual pizza party at Dee's in December topped off the year. I want to thank Joe N8IGM again for bringing the anchovies.

My 2 years at the top went by in a flash, and I will always remember and cherish all the laughs we had. I wish the new board continued success, and hope that our club grows as we move forward.

73, Chris W8COP

## *Election results for 2018*

Here is your 2018 club officer's election results.

President: Dale Wheeler KD8JSL  
Vice President: Dan Karbginsky W8DMI  
Treasurer: Tyler Rosebrugh KC8JOZ  
Secretary: Russell Hall N8RSH

## *MSPOTA 2018 Updates*

With 2018 just starting, the MSPOTA webmaster has the Leaderboard updated to show stats for 2018. Check out the [mispota.org](http://mispota.org) website to see which state park can be activate for 2018. Not all of the state parks can be active at one time. For more information on Michigan State Parks on the Air, please visit <http://www.mispota.org>

### *Worth the read*

Right down our alley as communicators... In addition to this, I especially liked and appreciated the radio amateur support during the last two hurricanes.

There were [indeed] a HUGE support nearly 24 hours a day to provide available input to me and others as we provided support and gained "health and welfare" info for friends and family in storm torn areas.... Even amongst the rampant solar flares and geomagnetic storms, emergency traffic was maintained.

**The Radio Amateur group is much more capable than what we might imagine; and it shines brightly each time when needed.**

Keep "talkin" and continue to become most proficient as radio amateur activities will be there when other systems are not. Radio nets are not there just to tell each listener what we had for dinner but designed to allow each to pass traffic in a clear and concise fashion to allow accurate forwarding by/through net control activities and capable others.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/09/21/552649149/in-devastated-dominica-hams-become-vital-communications-link>

Tom M. de N8NJY

### *Noise Cancellers - RFI Survival Guide*

Earlier this year, I published a series of articles on my web site called "Noise Cancellers - RFI Survival Guide". The purpose of this information was to help hams and shortwave listeners lower their local HF noise floor and improve reception.

RFI from neighbors is a constant challenge. Properly set up, noise cancellers are amazingly effective in cleaning up or reducing RFI. Success depends on understanding what kind of noise you can fight, how noise cancellers work, and most important, designing and installing noise probe antennas around your location. This five-article series does just that. It also includes a detailed video demonstrating effective noise cancellation.

Please take a moment to review these articles. If you find them to be useful, please consider passing these along to your members or contacts.

You can use these articles by linking to them on your web site, Twitter feed, Facebook page or by e-mail. The URL is:

<http://play.fallows.ca/wp/series/noise-cancelers-rfi-survival-guide/>

Thanks for your consideration. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me.

73 John Fallows VE6EY  
Calgary, Alberta

### **Monday Talknet**

Just for all of you that live under a rock, every Monday night at 8PM we host a directed talknet on the West Branch 94 machine. If you are willing to be the net controller for said talknet, raise your hand at the next club meeting.

## Announcements:

- If you want to submit an article for the newsletter, please email it to Russ at [n8rsh1@yahoo.com](mailto:n8rsh1@yahoo.com)
- Please remember to email in your Talk Net control logs to Russ at [n8rsh1@yahoo.com](mailto:n8rsh1@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming Events:

Jan 3, 2018 – January club meeting  
Feb 7, 2018 – February club meeting  
Mar 7, 2018 – March club meeting  
Apr 4, 2018 – April club meeting  
May 2, 2018 – May club meeting  
Jun 6, 2018 – June club meeting

## For Sale / Wanted:

WANTED....I am looking for a used Miracle Whip antenna. Plan to use this QRP antenna on my SDR receiver, as it should fit perfectly. If you have one to sell, call me at 989 578-0030. Don W8SWL

**If you want to list something, send me an email [n8rsh1@yahoo.com](mailto:n8rsh1@yahoo.com)**

**Monthly Club Attendance**

Jan 2017 Meeting: 27  
 Feb 2017 Meeting: 20  
 Mar 2017 Meeting: 27  
 Apr 2017 Meeting: 25  
 May 2017 Meeting: X  
 Jun 2017 Meeting: 30  
 Jul 2017 Meeting: 30  
 Aug 2017 Meeting: 33  
 Sep 2017 Meeting: 28  
 Oct 2017 Meeting: 26  
 Nov 2017 Meeting: 27  
 Dec 2017 Meeting: 32

**2017 Net Control Stats**

Total check in for the year was 820, with an average of 17 per net. Highest number of check ins was on 1/16/17 by KD8JSL with 23 check ins. The lowest number was on 7/10/17 by W8SWL with 5 check ins. KD8JSL was Net Controller the most last year with 13 nets.



73 for now, from Russ N8RSH

The Ogemaw Arenac Amateur Radio Society meets the first Wednesday of every month at the Mills Township Hall, 2441 Greenwood Road, Skidway Lake, at 7 PM. For more information on the club or club events contact Chris, W8COP.

The Prescott Testing Group has scheduled Amateur Radio Examinations the Third Wednesday of every month at the Mills Township Hall. Registration begins at 6:30 PM, Exams begin at 7 PM. For more information on testing or to pre-register, please contact: Richard, AB8YG.

The Monday Night Talk Net on the 146.940 Mhz West Branch Repeater, Monday at 8PM EST  
 Please review the 'Repeater Rules of Conduct' on the web site for repeater operation use.

*Local Repeaters in the area*

West Branch Repeater 146.940Mhz -T103.5  
 Gladwin Repeater 147.180Mhz +T173.8  
 Bay City 145.310Hmz -T131.8  
 Roscommon 145.450Mhz -T  
 Rose City Repeater 145.110Mhz -T156.7  
 Lupton Repeater 147.080Mhz +T123  
 Sterling 147.060Mhz +T103.5  
 Gaylord 147.180Mhz +T173.8

| <b>Club Officers 2018</b> |                        | <b>Club Info</b>  |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---|
| President :               | KD8JSL Dale Wheeler    | Website: <a href="http://www.k8oar.club">www.k8oar.club</a> |
| Vice President:           | W8DMI Dan Karbginsky   | Mailing Address: O.A.A.R.S                                  |
| Treasurer:                | KC8JOZ Tyler Rosebrugh | PO BOX 4358   |
| Secretary:                | N8RSH Russell Hall     | Prescott, MI 48756  |