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Ogemaw Arenac Amateur Radio Society – www.K8OAR.club – an ARRL Affiliate

2021 Recap / State of the Club

Dear Members:

As I finish the final days as your President I wanted to recap my tenure as 'El Presidente' of the Ogemaw Arenac Amateur Radio Society. I have been your President for the past two years and what a two years it has been. The club had adapted to unprecedented times and as a club we have survived and prospered. I want to recognize that we have lost some members and good friends that are now silent keys. We have had members that have lost their spouses and loved ones. I want you to know that my heart, thoughts and prayers will always be with those that we have lost and their families.

I want to thank my board, Russ N8RSH, Tyler KC8JOZ, Dan W8DMI, Joe N8IGM, Dave K8BD, Chris W8COP and Dean W8BUH for serving and for the fine work they do every day on behalf of the club.

Over the past two years we have had to make several compromises and adaptations to keep the club running as normal as possible. The Covid virus has touched all of us in some way and the safety of our members became the top priority for the executive board. We transitioned to online Zoom meetings successfully, had a parking lot auction and a modified club picnic all with thought of getting together as a club safely. The Zoom meetings were lightly attended at first, but have steadily

grown as people have gotten used to the procedure. A big thanks to Russ N8RSH for setting up and administering those meetings. Through all of this we have increased our membership. New members are the future of this club and we all need to strive to bring new Ham's into the club.

Financially the club is in excellent shape thanks to the auction, sales of unused equipment and generous donations by our members. Special recognition goes to Don W8SWL for his extremely generous donation. We have had to spend some money on repeater / Echo Link maintenance, repairs and upgrades. Our repeaters are in good shape. We have seen the addition of the All Star system integrated into the repeaters which is a great technology that will serve the club well. Special thanks to Tom KC8FCQ for his donation of equipment to make the All Star system happen. Also, thanks to all the other folks that helped Tom setting up and integrating the system.

In closing I want to thank all of our members for being a part of our club and for the support you have given me over the past two years. The club is strong and I look forward to seeing what the new administration has planned for the future. Sincerely,
Scott Buttrick. W8SKB
El Presidente'

New Club Officers for 2022

Dave K8BD and Joe N8IGM certified the club officers for the 2022 year before the club zoom meeting on January 5, 2022.

President Dale Wheeler KD8JSL
VP Dean Coleman W8BUH
Treasurer Tyler Rosebrugh KC8JOZ
Secretary Russell Hall N8RSH

Silent Key Report

Richard Beattie, AB8YG, passed away on December 7th, 2021, at the age of 86. Richard was a longtime member of the Ogemaw County ARES RACES Group, and served as assistant emergency coordinator. Richard loved serving the community, and was always available when called to serve. Richard also served as head of the Prescott Testing Group. Richard had tested hundreds of new hams, as well as helping many hams upgrade. His service to the ham community was a big part of giving back to the hobby that he so loved.

I will miss Richard's smile and quick wit. Thanks for being my friend Richard. Till we meet again,

73, Chris W8COP

Bruce's Traders Net

Bruce's Traders Net is the first Monday of the month on the 94 Repeater at 7PM before the Monday Night TalkNet. If you have any Ham radio gear you are willing to sell/trade/buy direct those to Net Control. This would be a great place to connect with a lucky Ham Operator. Please limit your announcements to HAM RADIO items only.

Club Dues Starting 2021

A Motion pass at Feb 2021 club meeting to raise the club dues to \$20 per year, or \$90 for five-year term.

Question ask our president Scott W8SKB
On that note, club annual dues are Due in March

Announcements:

- If you want to submit an article for the newsletter, please email it to Russ at n8rsh1@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events:

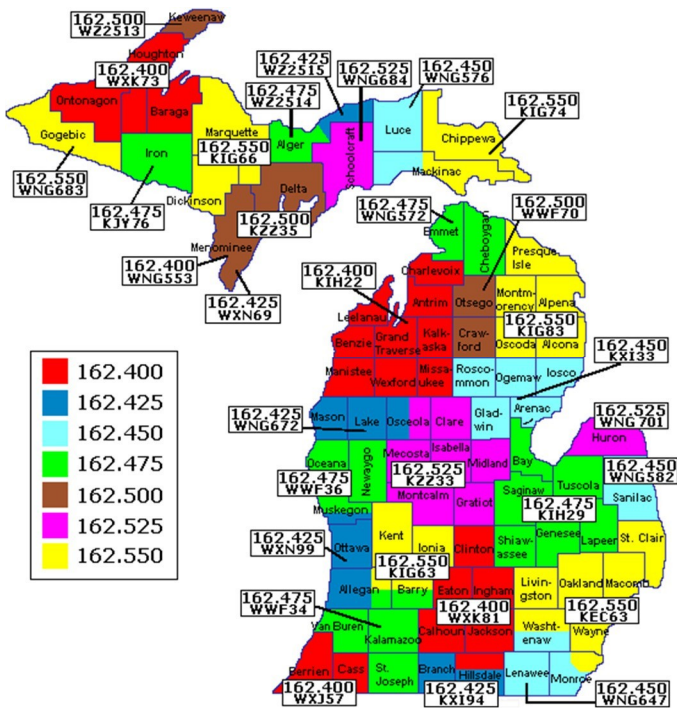
- Feb 2, 2022 – February Club Meeting
- Mar 2, 2022 – March Club Meeting
- Apr 6, 2022 – April Club Meeting
- May 4, 2022- May Club Meeting
- Jun 1, 2022 – June Club Meeting
- Jul 6, 2022 – July Club Meeting

Come join us at our Monthly club Meetings, First Wednesday of the Month.

Monthly Club Attendance
July 2021 Mills Twp: 17
Aug 2021 Mills Twp: 16
Sep 2021 Mills Twp: 18
Oct 2021 Zoom: 15
Nov 2021 Zoom: 16
Dec 2021 Zoom: 20
Jan 2022 Zoom: 20



Monday Night TalkNet
Every Monday Night
@ 8:00 PM EST
on the 146.940 Repeater



Something most people have forgotten about is the NOAA weather radio system. It is a 24-hour FM Weather radio system design in the VHF bands on seven stations across the United States. The stations will broadcast a three to eight minute program with local observations and weather forecasts from the National Weather Service in that area. In the event of weather advisories/warning/watches are issues they will interrupt the broadcast to relay this information. Most if not all of our 2m, radios can tune into these stations. On the left is a map of the channels in Michigan. ~Russ N8RSH

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 Dale, KD8JSL.

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: Dave, K8BD.

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
Gaylord 147.180Mhz +T173.8

Rose City Repeater 145.110Mhz -T131.8
Lupton Repeater 147.080Mhz +T123 C4FM
Roscommon 145.450Mhz -T
Mio Repeater 444.975Mhz +T103.5

Club Officers 2022		Club Info	
President :	KD8JSL Dale Wheeler	Website:	www.k8oar.club
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