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

The Ogemaw County Fair

The fair is over and in the history books for year. We had a great turn out, even with the rain and the near-miss of a tree branch. We did give away of a weather radio but during the writing of this newsletter I didn't get whom. Of course it is someone, just not me, just like the lotto.

N8RSH

The Fall Fox Hunt

Come out this October 14, 2017, for our annual fall fox hunt with N8RSH Russ as the fox. I have a good source that the fox will be hiding in a great spot this year. Come out on and enjoy the fun. If you have never gone out before and would like to try it, just show up at Iron's Park and we can pair you up with someone for the event. Good luck to the hunters this fall. N8RSH

Club Picnic

The club picnic is coming up really soon at Elbow Lake Park in Skidway. The picnic is Saturday September 9, 2017, from Noon till 2PM. The park is a newly built park with bathroom houses on site. Bring a dish to pass and a great appetite. N8RSH

ALERT - Danger of Falling Trees to Ham Radio Ops

Chris Barbb, Ogemaw County EC/RO, reported to me a *near miss accident*, in which a tree limb had fallen at the Ogemaw County Fair yesterday morning, just missing the display booth for the Ogemaw-Arenac Amateur Radio Club. The limb crushed a pickup truck parked next to the

booth. There were no winds or storms at the time. The falling limb caught all by surprise. Luckily, no one was injured in this incident; we have all seen national news stories about others being hurt or killed by falling trees, so the threat is clear.

This is the time, across much of Michigan, for county fairs, and many of our radio clubs have set up portable operations at these fairs to showcase amateur radio and solicit community interest in our hobby. PLEASE be exceedingly careful when setting up and operating near or under trees.

Trees are seemingly convenient for shelter from sun and weather, and especially for hanging antenna wires, but bear considerable threat to our wellbeing, as well. "Widow makers" and "dead man" limbs can fall off of even apparently healthy trees at any time, with no regard to what or who might be on the ground underneath. This is especially true in this time of dying and dead ash trees across all of Michigan; they are a considerable threat to those underneath. And, as the Ogemaw example provides, falling limbs can be a threat even if the weather seems calm and the wind is not blowing (likely when we least expect the danger).

The old Boy Scout saw that I was taught holds here – do not set up camp underneath of trees. Avoid the threat of falling trees or limbs, and the additional threat of lightning strikes drawn to trees, by avoiding the trees. As always, survey your preferred site for portable radio operations with a critical eye to safety before you set up.

Safety first.

Dave

Dave Wallick, N8LBF
MI District 3 EC/RO

National Silent Key Archive

The purpose of the National Silent Key Archive™ is to collect and preserve photographs, life event narratives, and data artifacts of deceased Amateur Radio operators, and to make the Archive's digital library available to anyone wishing to view its contents online.

The National Silent Key Archive™ is a Wiki, where anyone can Contribute or Add a Memorial to The Archive, and without first obtaining a login ID or password. Submitted content will be reviewed by The Archive, edited if necessary, and added to The Archive's digital library upon approval.

The success of The Archive depends mostly on the willingness of Amateur Radio Operators to volunteer small segments of time to submit photographs, obituaries, and life event narratives of their deceased Amateur Radio friends and family members.

The scope of what the National Silent Key Archive™ hopes to accomplish requires much more dedication and time than a single individual can put forth. Through the efforts of many, however, the National Silent Key Archive™ can become an outstanding and useful Amateur Radio historical reference.

<http://www.silentkeyhq.com>

Michael Carroll N4MC
Founder, The National Silent Key Archive™

MSPOTA

Michigan State Parks on the Air is in the swing of things. As our club decided to be a sponsor of Rifle River Rec Area MRA315 this year, I would like to encourage you to help active this park a few times this year and get some QSL cards coming in. For more info, visit it <http://www.mspota.org> N8RSH

Club Dues

Just a quick reminder to all club members that dues were due in March. If you have any questions about your membership status, come find me or send me an email to n8rsh1@yahoo.com. Thanks Russ
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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, or get yourself some of da Bob's purple crystal awards. Truth be told, it's not very hard to be the net controller, give it a try.
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Announcements:

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

Upcoming Events:

Sep 6, 2017 – September club meeting
Sep 9, 2017 – Club Picnic
Oct 4, 2017 – October club meeting
Oct 7-8, 2017 – Great Lakes HamCon
Oct 14, 2017 – Club Fox Hunt
Nov 1, 2017 – November club meeting

Dec 6, 2017 – December club meeting

For Sale / Wanted:

If you want to list something, send me an email 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

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

Club Officers 2017

President :	W8COP Chris Barbb
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**The latest news from the Great Lakes HamCon @MIS
can be found here:**

<http://glhamcon.org/GLARANewsSummaryJun172017.pdf>