



# The Amateur's News

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Ogemaw Arenac Amateur Radio Society – [www.k8oar.club](http://www.k8oar.club) – an ARRL Affiliate

## **New Facebook Group**

Come join us on Facebook in our new Facebook group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/26513209038266711>

## **Upcoming club events**

May 9, 2026 – Spring Fox Hunt, Starts at Irons Park, West Branch at 9:00AM.

June 28, 2026 - Field Day is the club's annual emergency communications and operating event. 10am setup- 2pm-operate till tired! Location will to be determined.

August 15, 2026 – Club Picnic at Elbow Lake Park, Skidway Lake — NOON potluck and social. Bring drinks and a dish to pass.

September \_\_\_\_ 2026 – Annual OAARS ham swap. Final decision will be posted soon on location.

October 10, 2026 – Fall Fox Hunt, Starts at Irons Park, West Branch at 9:00AM.

December 16, 2026 – Club Christmas party at Dee's Pizza, Skidway Lake, starts at 6:00 PM.

## **Website updated**

We have updated the website. Please check it for new net controller preambles that have been updated for 2026.

<https://www.k8oar.club>

## **Purple Crystal Awards**

Russ N8RSH is on the lookout for people who timeout the repeater. If you hear the repeater time out. Please let me know so we can get that person a Purple Crystal award. Anyone timing out one of the amateur repeaters in Ogemaw and Arenac counties are eligible to win.

## Upcoming Events:

Apr 1, 2026 – Club Meeting

May 6, 2026 – Club Meeting

Jun 3, 2026 – Club Meeting

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

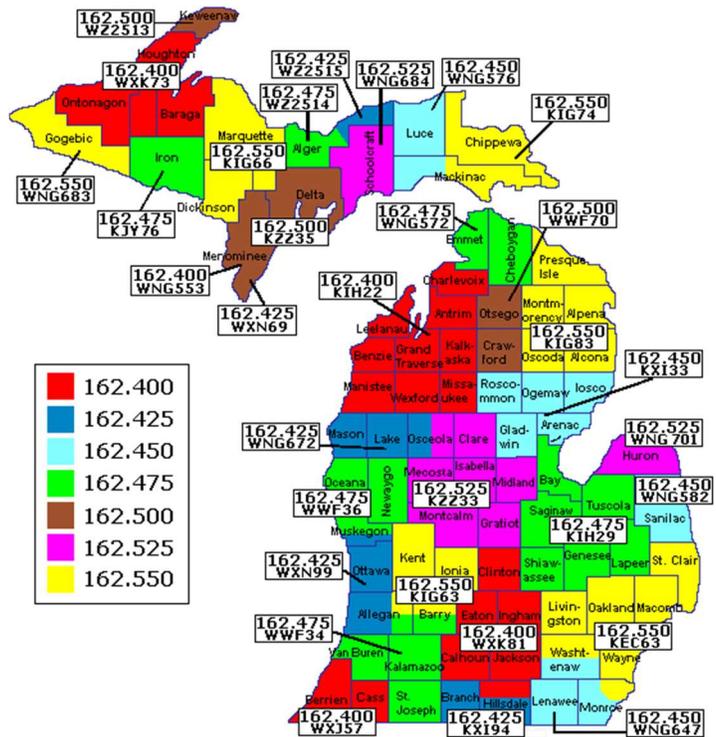
### **Monthly Club Attendance**

JAN 2026: 24

FEB 2026: 19

MAR 2026: 21

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



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 John KC8ARO.

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

Rose City Repeater 145.110Mhz -T131.8  
Lupton Repeater 147.080Mhz +T123 C4FM  
Mio Repeater 444.975Mhz +T123

Club Officers 2025		Club Info	
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