



# 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, 19 2026 – Annual OAARS ham swap, will be at Edwards Township Hall, 2601 Wickes Rd. West Branch, MI 48661, 9:00AM – 1:00PM. \$5.00 door admission and tables are \$10. For Vendor information contact John KC8ARO@icloud.com

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:

May 6, 2026 – Club Meeting

Jun 3, 2026 – Club Meeting

Jul 1, 2026 – Club Meeting

Aug 5, 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

APR 2026: 20

