



The Amateur's News

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

Field Day Report

June 28, 2026 - Ham Radio Field Day today. We had an excellent time at the Frank Alley, Memorial Park. It's located on the corner of Rose City Rd. in Fairview Road.

It was our first time setting up at this park and we had six stations on the air this year. Lots of fun was had by all and enclosed are some pictures of this year participants.

We operated on 10 m 20 m 15 m 40 and 80m

I think it was a great success. We had a lot of fun and we got to show people what ham radio is all about..

We had a few of our members that had great success today on both 10 and 20 with lots of contacts. Those two bands seem to be the highlight of today's activities.

We also had one test that we gave and we also granted a new technician,, as he passed the test.

I did not participate in ve session it was for my son. He will receive his new call sign soon.

I think today's count for participation is that we had about 25 people in total at different times. Special shout out to all the folks that took the time to come by and participate in today's event and we also had a great crew that came in and devoted their time to set up each one of their stations so that we could operate. Check out the Facebook group for all the pictures. John KC8ARO

July Club meeting is canceled

Due to the extreme heat and no AC at the new Mills township hall, we have canceled the meeting

Upcoming club events

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.



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9:00AM – 1:00PM

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3601 Wickes Rd,
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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.

New Facebook Group

Come join us on Facebook in our new Facebook group.

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

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>

Upcoming Events:

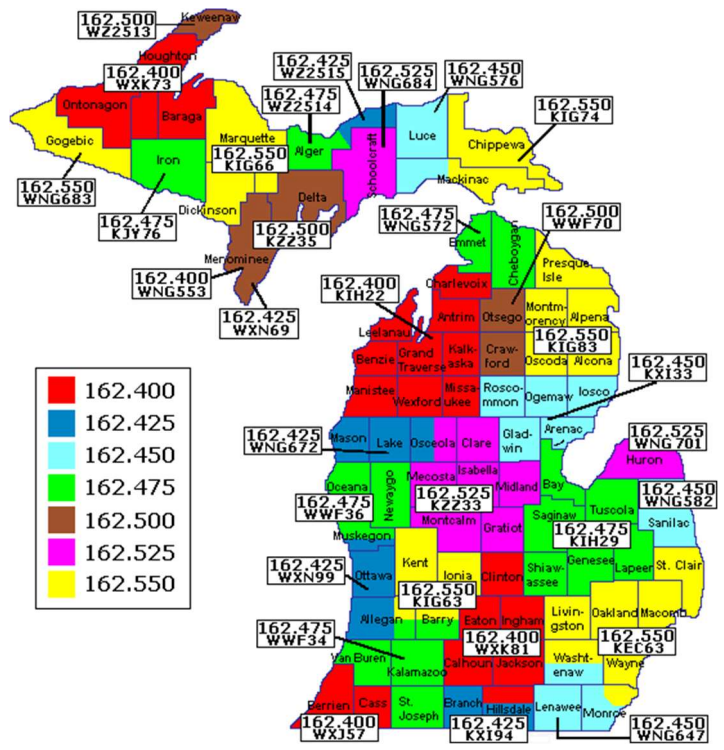
Jul 1, 2026 – Club Meeting
Aug 5, 2026 – Club Meeting
Aug 15, 2026 – Club Picnic
Sep 2, 2026 – Club Meeting
Sep 19, 2026 – Club Swap
Oct 7, 2026 – Club Meeting
Oct 10, 2026 – Fox Hunt
Nov 4, 2026 – Club Meeting
Dec 2, 2026 – Club Meeting
Dec 16, 2026 – Club Pizza Party

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
MAY 2026: 21
JUN 2026: 18
JUL 2026: 0 HEAT

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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