



The Amateur's News

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

Club August picnic

Thanks to everyone that came out! It was great day of comrade and lots of good food! We had an excellent organizer Chavis and Helen and lot of homemade goodie's. See you next year! John KC8ARO



Club Swap

The club swap is coming up fast!! September 19, 2026. If you like to reserve a table, get ahold of John KC8ARO. Location is 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

Upcoming club events

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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September 19, 2026

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West Branch, MI 48661

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:

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
AUG 2026: 18
SEP 2026: 20

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.

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

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