The Amateur's News

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

Ham Swap recap

We had a great turn out at our club Ham Swap at Edwards Township hall back in September. We have reserved the hall again for 2027. Stay tuned for more details.





October's Fox Hunt

A ham radio fox hunt is a direction signal exercise. One team will transmit on low power, while the other teams will track down that signal to find them. This is a great way to learn and refresh one skill on tracking down radio signals. Dan W8DMI & Armin WD8CRQ were the fox this time while hiding in a five-mile radius from Irons Park in West Branch. Teams listed in order.

1. Chris W8COP & Charlie KB8PRU
2. Tyler KC8JOZ

November Auction

If you missed out at the Club Auction after our November meeting. Then you missed out on a very successful auction. There was a lot of items sold for the club. Same time next year.

Upcoming club events

December 16, 2026 – Club Christmas party at Dee's Pizza, Skidway Lake, starts at 6:00 PM. Come join us at Dee's Pizza in Skidway lake for our annual Christmas Pizza Party. Festivities start at 6:00pm, come have some fun and good conversations with Club Members, their families and other Hams.

December 2, 2027, Nominations for club officers for the 2027 year will take place during out December club meeting. If you are interred in being a club officer, feel free to ask an officer. We will be having elections at our January meeting.

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/2651320 9038266711

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

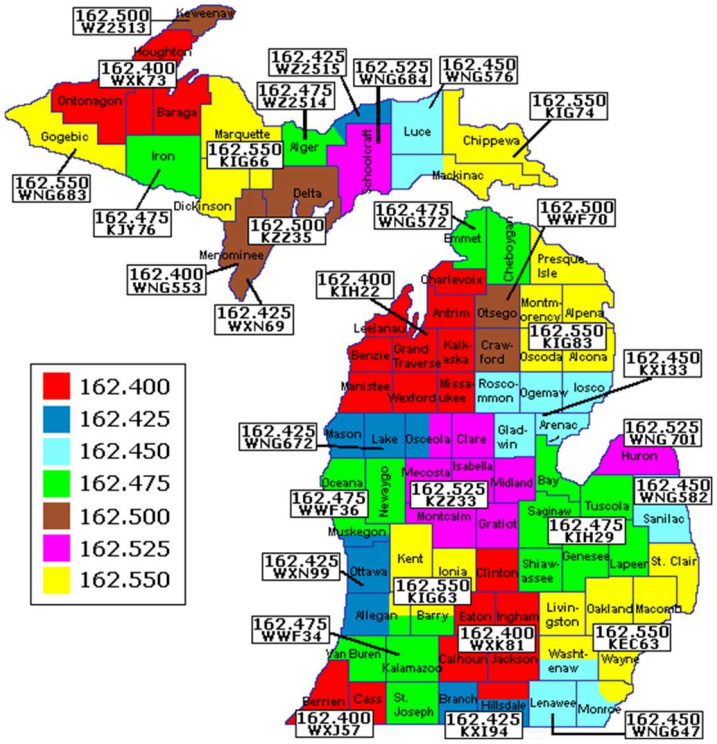
Upcoming Events:

Dec 2, 2026 – Club Meeting
Dec 16, 2026 – Club Pizza Party
Jan 6, 2027 – Club Meeting
Feb 3, 2027 – Club Meeting
Mar 3, 2027- Club Meeting
Apr 7, 2027 – Club Meeting
May 5, 2027 – 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
MAY 2026: 21
JUN 2026:18
JUL 2026: 0 HEAT
AUG 2026: 18
SEP 2026: 20
OCT 2026: 18
NOV 2026: 19

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, at 7 PM. For more information on the club or club events, contact John KC8ARO.

The Prescott Testing Group has scheduled Amateur Radio Examinations by appointment only. 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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