



The Amateur's News

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

OAARS Ham Swap

The Ogemaw Arenac Amateur Radio Society will be hosting a Ham Swap this September 14, 2024 from 9:00AM – 1:00PM at the Ogemaw Nature Park, 5626 W. Rose City Rd, West Branch MI 48661.

Food and drinks will be available for a donation to fund youth scouting in Ogemaw County. Free admission for everyone. Tables are available for \$5.00 each. For information, please contact

Chris Barbb W8COP@yahoo.com or call/text 313-320-6009

Fox Hunt

We have our October Fox Hunt right around the corner. Saturday October 12, 2024. The fox hunt will start at 9 AM at Irons park in West Branch. I have totally forgot who is the fox this time. It will be a surprise for everyone 😊

Jamboree on the Air

Jamboree on the Air is the largest Scouting event in the world. In a typical year more than 1 million Scouts participate with over 11,000 stations operated by 20,000+ amateur radio operators in operation from 150+ countries around the world. The dates for the worldwide event are always the third weekend in October.

This year we will be putting together a station in West Branch, Saturday Oct 19, 2024 from 2PM-4PM. The location we be at the pavilion in Irons Park, West Branch, MI. If you want to come out and help, please let Russ N8RSH know.

Here is the list of the suggested calling frequency published by K2BSA.

80m - 3.940	
40m – 7.190 & 7.090	
20m – 14.290	17m - 18.140
15m – 21.360	12m – 24.960
10m – 28.390	6m – 50.160

For more information on JOTA

<https://k2bsa.net/jota/>

<http://www.arrl.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota>



Club Officers for 2024

President Dean Coleman W8BUH
Vice President Dave Burnell K8BD
Treasurer Tyler Rosebrugh KC8JOZ
Secretary Russell Hall N8RSH

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.



Allan KC8EHU now has 18 purple crystal awards as of last month.

Upcoming Events:

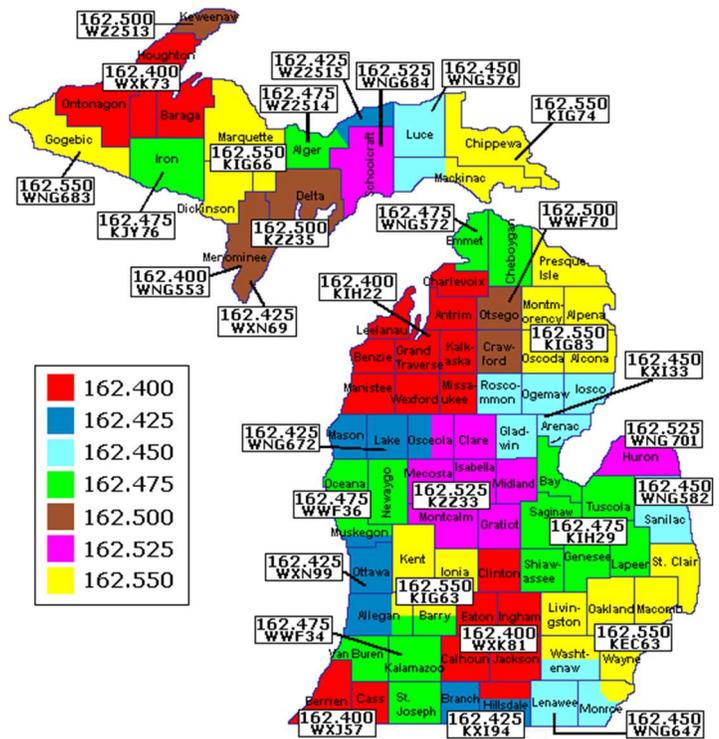
- Sep 4, 2024 – September Club Meeting
- Sep 14, 2024 – OAARS Ham Swap
- Oct 2, 2024 – October Club Meeting
- Oct 12, 2024 – Fox Hunt
- Oct 19, 2024 – JOTA
- Nov 6, 2024 – November Club Meeting
- Dec 4, 2024 – December Club Meeting

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

Monthly Club Attendance

- July 2023: 37
- Aug 2023: 27
- Sep 2023: 26
- Oct 2023: 21
- Nov 2023: 26
- Dec 2023: 21
- Jan 2024: 21
- Feb 2024: 19
- MAR 2024: 25
- APR 2024: 25
- MAY 2024: 32
- JUN 2024: 20
- JUL 2024: 25
- AUG 2024: 25

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 Dean W8BUH.

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

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