



The Amateur's News

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

Club Tee Shirt Pre Orders

Russ N8RSH is working on a tee shirt & hoodie order with the club logo on it. He will be taking orders at the June club meetings. After the June club meeting, he will turn the order in. We should have the tee shirts back for the July club meeting.

There are two colors available at this time in the tee shirt and hoodie.

Royal Blue & Red



Here is what the design looks like on a shirt. The front logo is 3.5 inches and the back logo is 10 inches.

T- Shirts 100% preshrunk cotton

Men Size S-XL \$20.00

Men Size 2XL \$22.00

Men Size 3XL \$25.00

Men Size 4-5XL \$27.00

Hoodie 8oz 50/50 cotton & polyester

Men Size S-XL \$30.00

Men Size 2XL \$35.00

Men Size 3XL \$40.00

Men Size 4-5XL \$42.00

Personalize Prices

Front of the shirt under the logo, is \$1.00 for your callsign. Letters will be one inch tall. On the back of the shirt under the logo is \$1.00 per charter, so N8RSH would be \$5.

Cash is preferred or check made out to OAARS. The club currently doesn't take credit cards.

Any questions, please let Russ know. You can email him at n8rsh1@yahoo.com or talk to him at the club meeting.

Upcoming club events

May 10, 2025, club sponsored Spring Fox Hunt, which is directly radio signal finding exercise. One team will hide with in a five-mile radius of the starting point. The other teams will race to find the fox team. John KC8ARO will be the fox this time. Meetup with others at 8:30AM at Irons Park WB.

June 28, 2025, the club will be setup operations for the ARRL Field Day. We will be setting up stations start around 10:00 AM EST. We will be operating on the radios will start at 2:00 PM EST. Potluck will be at 4:00PM EST. The public is welcome to visit 2:00PM to 6:00PM. We will be at the nature park again, the deer park place. Questions, reach out to Russ N8RSH.

The ARRL Field Day event is open June 28-29, 2025. This is a national exercise to test out emergency communications, while also having an open house for the public to see how it all functions.

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

August 16, 2025, club picnic. This is a potluck event, and we all get together to enjoy some food, sun, and talk a lot. We will be at Elbow Lake Park 12PM-3PM. Questions get ahold of John KC8ARO

September 13, 2025, club sponsored Ham Swap. Chris W8COP and Lou N8LOU are leading the front of the swap this fall. Tables will be \$10.00; admission will be \$5.00. There will be door prices and food will be available by donation to the local scout troop.

October 11, 2025, club sponsored Fall Fox Hunt, which is just like the spring except in fall. More details next time.

October 18, 2025, Jamboree-on-the-air This is an annual event getting scouts on the air with amateur radio. Russ N8RSH will work on getting the local scout troops and club together to setup a local station.

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 10, 2025 – Spring Fox Hunt

Jun 4, 2025 – June Club Meeting

Jun 28, 2025 – ARRL Field Day

Jul 2, 2025 – July Club Meeting

Aug 6, 2025 – August Club Meeting

Aug 16, 2025 – Club Picnic

Sep 3, 2025 – September Club Meeting

Sep 13, 2025 – Club Swap Meet

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

Monthly Club Attendance

Jan 2025: 15

Feb 2025: 15

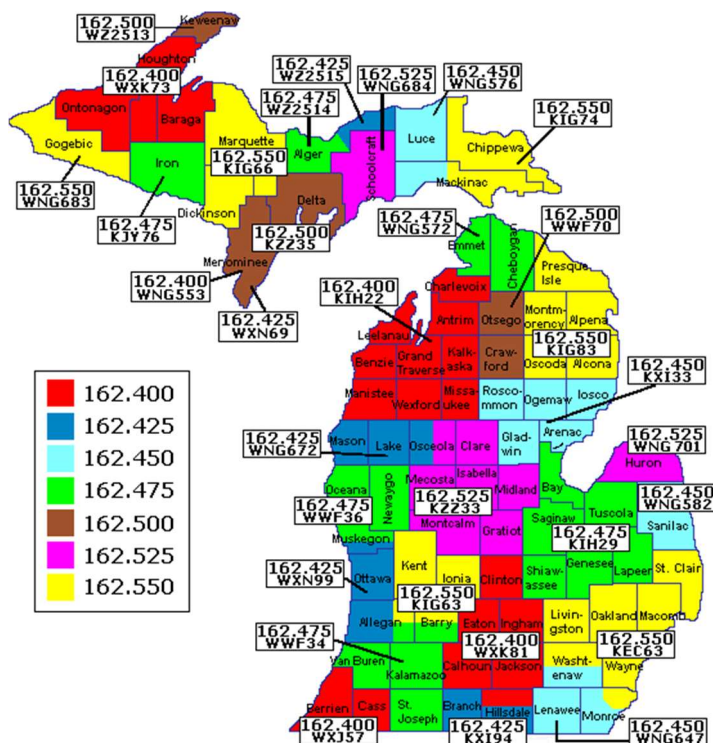
Mar 2025: 25

Apr 2025: 25

May 2024: 26

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

Club Officers 2025

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