



The Amateur's News

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



Silent Key KD8CLM

Allan David Bickford

August 31, 1947 - June 14, 2023

Al was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 31, 1947 to Wilbur E. and Mildred L. (Fisher) Bickford. He went into the Army from there. The Army wanted him to re-enlist, but he chose to enlist instead in the Air Guard. After his military service, Al became a Detroit police officer. Upon his retirement, he moved North, settling in Mio. He built a house and helped build a church. For fun, he became a HAM radio operator, then got involved in CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). He volunteered with the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. He also drove people to doctor's appointments for Love Inc. and also helped build for them. Al belonged to the VFW and the American Legion. He loved the Lord and helping people.

Al is survived by his wife Diane Bickford; his children: Kevin (Tracy) Bickford, Janet Bickford (Shaft Sanders), Marques (Jessica) Thomey, and Kurt (Colette) Lindemann; his grandchildren: Kevin, Brad (Jessica), Dan (Liz), Brady, Nick, and Caleb; and his great-grandchildren: Cora, Dean, Raelyn, Jackson, and Ellie. He was preceded in death by his parents: Wilbur and Mildred Bickford, and his brother Bruce Bickford.

Arrangements by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio, MI.

OAARS Club Picnic July 15th 2023

The Ogemaw Arenac Amateur Radio Society Club Picnic and Memorial will be held July 15th at the Elbow Lake Park off of Lucinda Dr. in Skidway Lake at 11:45 am. Bring a dish to pass, your own plates, silverware and drinks. Enjoy Bratts, Burgers and good conversation at this Beautiful Park. It was great success last year. The park is booked most of the summer and this was the only date we could get.

Spring Fox Hunt 2023

Our John the FOX did well, & we (*Dan DMI & *Armin CRQ) were “almost” dead LAST / Dan says I drive like an old lady! We were not confident enough to follow our small beams. Though we might have been still lost! who knows, but we needed to slow down & stop guessing where the fox might be.!!! Haste makes waste.!!! But on the fringe / the fox was just over the 5-mile perimeter and that really caught us off guard & fooled us.!!! The new guy on the block was “prepared” & put us old folks to shame.!!!

Yep, any one coming prepared like this first-place car deserves to win. He was lucky too, but that makes the package. But John the FOX being so far out also takes the cake / a trophy! Photo above show some of the folks participating the winning car.!!!!

But we still had fun & we then went to breakfast! 73s! Hopefully we do better next time this coming fall.

*Armin WD8CRQ

Club Officers for 2023

President Dale Wheeler KD8JSL
VP Dean Coleman W8BUH
Treasurer Tyler Rosebrugh KC8JOZ
Secretary Russell Hall N8RSH

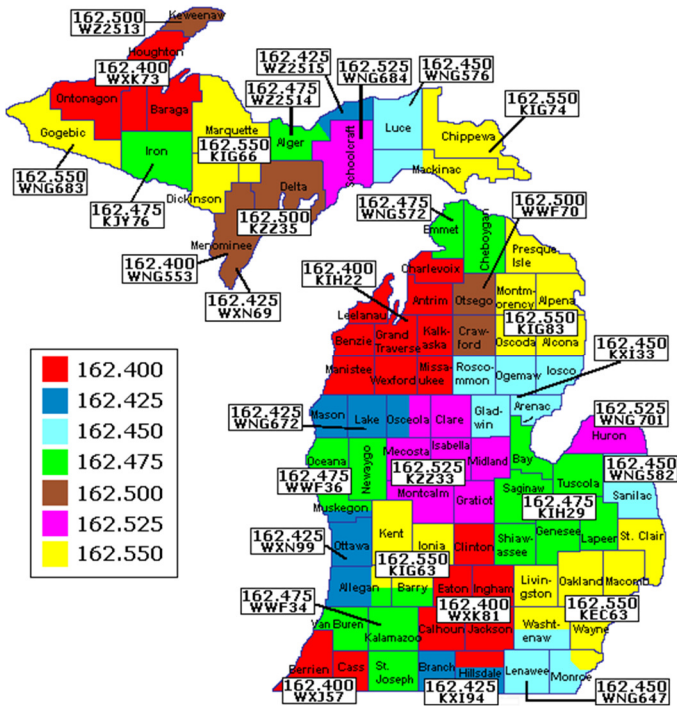
Upcoming Events:

Jul 15, 2023 – July Club Meeting
Aug 2, 2023 – August Club Meeting
Sep 6, 2023 - September Club Meeting
Oct 4, 2023 – October Club Meeting

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

Monthly Club Attendance

January 2023: 18
February 2023: 16
March 2023: 13
April 2023: 20
May 2023: 20
June 2023: 27



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 N8RSH

73 for now, from Russ N8RSH

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 Dale KD8JSL.

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 2023		Club Info	
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