

The Amateur's News

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

Field day 2025 update

We had a great time this year Field day event with 12 people in attendance. The weather was a bit warm, but its hard to complain about a beautiful day compare to last year's thunderstorm that rolled through. With three stations operating during the event we were a 3A MI designation. Russ is still working on totaling up the points, and should have an update soon.

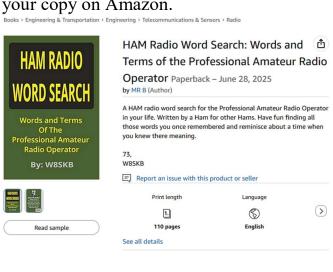
The ARRL Field Day event is open the fourth weekend in June every year. This is a national exercise to test out emergency communications, while also having an open house for the public to see how it all functions. http://www.arrl.org/field-day





New book on Amazon

Scott W8SKB just published a book entitled "HAM Radio Word Search: Words and Terms of the Professional Amateur Radio Operator" 'A HAM radio word search for the Professional Amateur Radio Operator in your life. Written by a Ham for other Hams. Have fun finding all those words you once remembered and reminisce about a time when you knew there meaning.' You can get your copy on Amazon.



Upcoming club events

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:

Aug 6, 2025 – August Club Meeting

Aug 16, 2025 – Club Picnic

Sep 3, 2025 – September Club Meeting

Sep 13, 2025 – Club Swap Meeting

Oct 1, 2025 – Club meeting

Oct 18, 2025 – JOTA

Nov 5, 2025 – Club Auction/Meeting

Dec 3, 2025 – Club Meeting

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

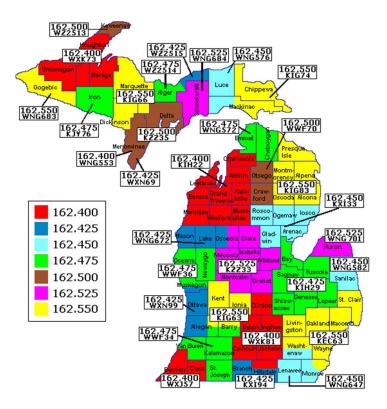
Apr 2025: 25

May 2025: 26

June 2025: 21

July 2025: 20

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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