



# The Amateur's News

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Ogemaw Arenac Amateur Radio Society – [www.K8OAR.club](http://www.K8OAR.club) – an ARRL Affiliate

## **September Club Meeting**

At this time, we will be having our club meeting at the Mills Township Hall. Come join us at 7pm. If you would like to join us via Zoom, please reach out to Russ N8RSH [n8rsh1@yahoo.com](mailto:n8rsh1@yahoo.com) for a link.

## **Looking at upgrading your license, You should do it now!!**

FCC is going to be adding a \$35 processing fee to any new/renewal/changes on top of the normal VE exam fee you have been paying. If you are thinking about upgrading, you should do it now. QRZnow.com has a very good post written about it. There is a link on our club Facebook page.

## **Bruce's Traders Net**

Bruce's Traders Net is the first Monday of the month on the 94 Repeater at 7PM before the Monday Night TalkNet. If you have any Ham radio gear you are willing to sell/trade/buy direct those to Net Control. This would be a great place to connect with a lucky Ham Operator. Please limit your announcements to HAM RADIO items only.

## **Club Dues Starting 2021**

A Motion pass at Feb 2021 club meeting to raise the club dues to \$20 per year, or \$90 for five-year term.

Question ask our president Scott W8SKB

On that note, club annual dues are Due in March

## ***Monday Talknet on the 94 Machine***

Just for all of you that live under a rock, every Monday night at 8:00 PM we host a directed talknet on the West Branch 94 machine. If you are willing to be the net controller for said talknet, raise your hand at the next club meeting.

## **The FINDLAY HAMFEST**

We're thrilled to announce the return of the Findlay Ohio Hamfest on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at the Hancock County Fairgrounds, 1017 E. Sandusky Street, Findlay Ohio. Complete details of this ARRL sanctioned event are posted at our [Hamfest website](#). Come join the over 2,000 anticipated attendees at our 79th celebration of amateur radio and electronic enthusiasts. Nearly 150 tables in the main vendor pavilion (Legacy Building)

Acres of flea market sales

Prize drawings every 15 minutes!

Ample free parking (including limited handicap spaces)

Doors open at 8:00AM

Buy your [tickets online](#) or at the gate:

\$10 Admission

\$5 flea market spaces

\$15 covered / shaded flea market spaces (Buckeye Building)

\$15 overnight camping fee

Youth under 18 years old admitted FREE. Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, kid next door...

Scout Leaders (in uniform) admitted free

Prizes - a different approach this year:

Grand Prize drawing at 1:00PM: ICOM IC-7300 HF-6m rig

Runner-up Prize at 12:30PM: Yaesu FT3DR HT

\$100 CASH Prize every 30 minutes: Eight \$100 cash prize drawings between 8:30AM and Noon!

*Ticket holders must be present to claim prizes*

At 15 and 45 minutes after each hour, we'll also be drawing for additional door prizes including two \$100 gift certificates from DX Engineering, ARRL certificates, and more.

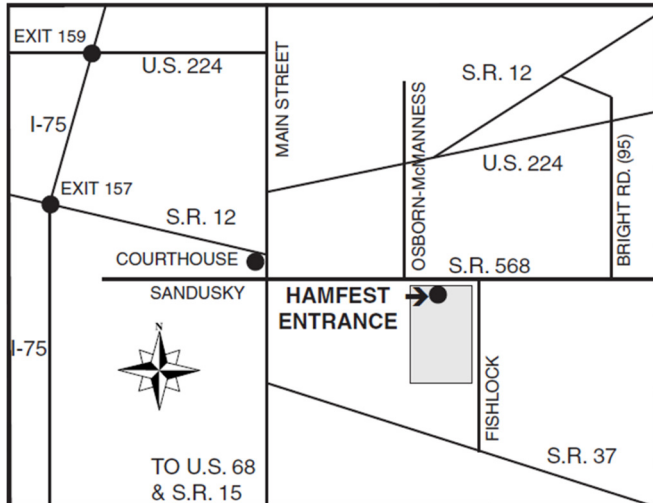
Program Track

ARRL Forum led by Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Director, ARRL Great Lakes Division, Scott Yonally, N8SY, Vice Director, ARRL Great Lakes Division, and Tom Sly, WB8LCD, ARRL Ohio Section Manager  
A series of 30-minute seminars geared toward the new ham - or yet to be licensed enthusiast – focused on the themes of:

"What can I do with amateur radio?"

"How can I do that?"

We're looking forward to seeing many of you return to our event this year and hope to meet many new participants at our Findlay Hamfest.



## Announcements:

- If you want to submit an article for the newsletter, please email it to Russ at [n8rsh1@yahoo.com](mailto:n8rsh1@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming Events:

Sep 1, 2021 – September Club Meeting  
 Oct 6, 2021 – October Club Meeting  
 Nov 3, 2021 – November Club Meeting  
 Dec 1, 2021 – December Club Meeting

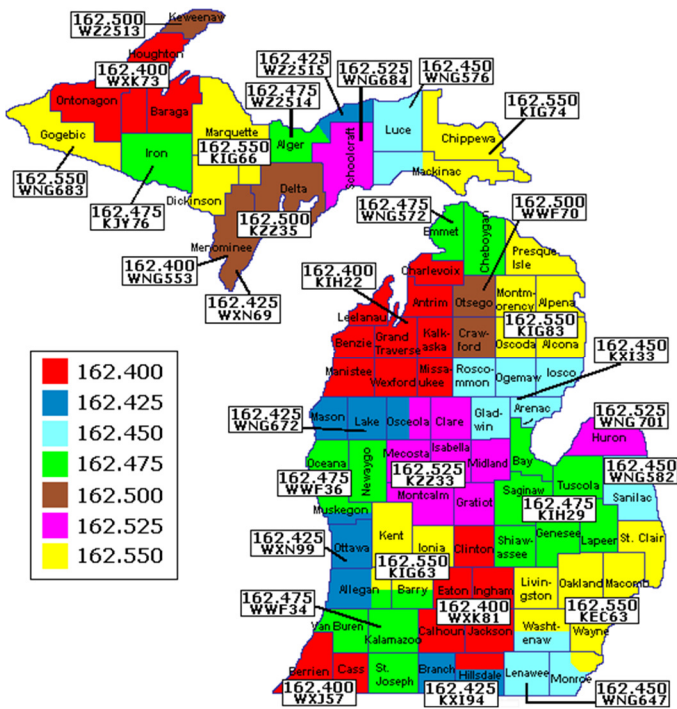
Come join us at our Monthly club Meetings, First Wednesday of the Month.

### Monthly Club Attendance

Jan 2021 Zoom: 10  
 Feb 2021 Zoom: 17  
 Mar 2021 Zoom: 22  
 Apr 2021 Zoom: 22  
 May 2021 Zoom: 15  
 June 2021 Elbow Lake: 24  
 July 2021 Mills Twp: 17  
 Aug 2021 Mills Twp: 16

W8COP is now selling SWR Grease.  
 Contact him today.





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 Scott, W8SKB.

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: Richard, AB8YG.

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  
Gaylord 147.180Mhz +T173.8

Rose City Repeater 145.110Mhz -T131.8  
Lupton Repeater 147.080Mhz +T123 C4FM  
Roscommon 145.450Mhz -T  
Mio Repeater 444.975Hmz +T123

Club Officers 2021		Club Info	
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