



The Amateur's News

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

OAARS Membership Dues

Our club dues membership rollover in March of every year. Tyler and Russ will be available at the March club meeting to accept payment. If you can't make it to the club meeting, you can mail a check in to

Ogemaw Arenac Amateur Radio Society
PO Box 4358
Prescott, MI 48756

Please check your current information on the club roster as well. If you need it updated, please let Russ N8RSH know.

Upcoming club events

May 10, 2025, club sponsored Spring Fox Hunt, which is directly radio signal finding exercise. One team will hide within a five-mile radius of the starting point. The other teams will race to find the fox team.

June 28-29, 2025, ARRL Field Day event. 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 sponsored picnic. This is a potluck event, and we all get together to enjoy some food, sun, and talk a lot.

September 13, 2025, club sponsored Ham Swap. This is a time to rent a table to sell some ham gear you can't live without. I think more stories are exchange than cash.

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

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:

Apr 2, 2025 – April Club Meeting

May 7, 2025- May Club Meeting

Jun 4, 2025 – June Club Meeting

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

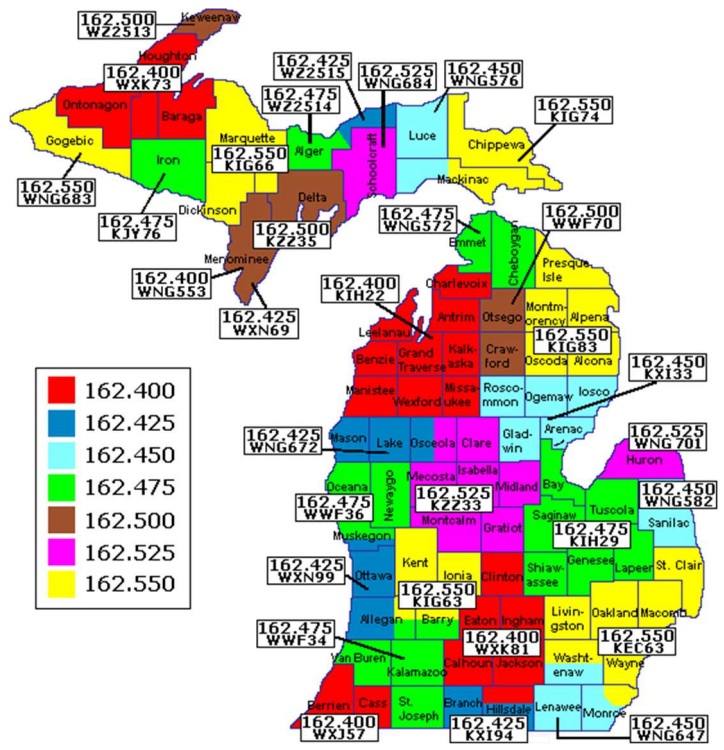
Monthly Club Attendance

Jan 2025: 15

Feb 2025: 15

Mar 2025: 25

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 +T103.5

Club Officers 2025		Club Info	
President :	W8BUH Dean Coleman	Website:	www.k8oar.club
Vice President:	Dave Burnell K8BD	Mailing Address:	O.A.A.R.S
Treasurer:	KC8JOZ Tyler Rosebrugh		PO BOX 4358
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