



# The Amateur's News

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

## Jamboree on the Air 2024

Jamboree on the Air is the largest Scouting event in the world. This year Russ had a station in West Branch at the pavilion in Irons Park, West Branch, MI.

We made several FT8 contacts during the day. Then we had a very long QSO with an Ohio station Bill, were every cub scout that want to talk on the radio had the opportunity. We probably talk for about 30mins on 20 meters.



## Russ N8RSH teaching Radio Merit Badge

I got to teach the Radio merit badge during one of our troop in house merit badge day. I had found a 240-slide deck that took about 3 hours to cover all of the requirements. Then we had an hour of working FT8 and finding other stations on HF. I had a great time talking about radio, and I think the kids had fun too.



**Fox Hunt**

During our October fox hunt. Tyler KC8JOZ was the fox hiding somewhere in West Branch with location unknow to the public. Arman W8CRQ found him.



**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.



**Club Officers for 2024**

**President** Dean Coleman W8BUH  
**Vice President** Dave Burnell K8BD  
**Treasurer** Tyler Rosebrugh KC8JOZ  
**Secretary** Russell Hall N8RSH

**Upcoming Events:**

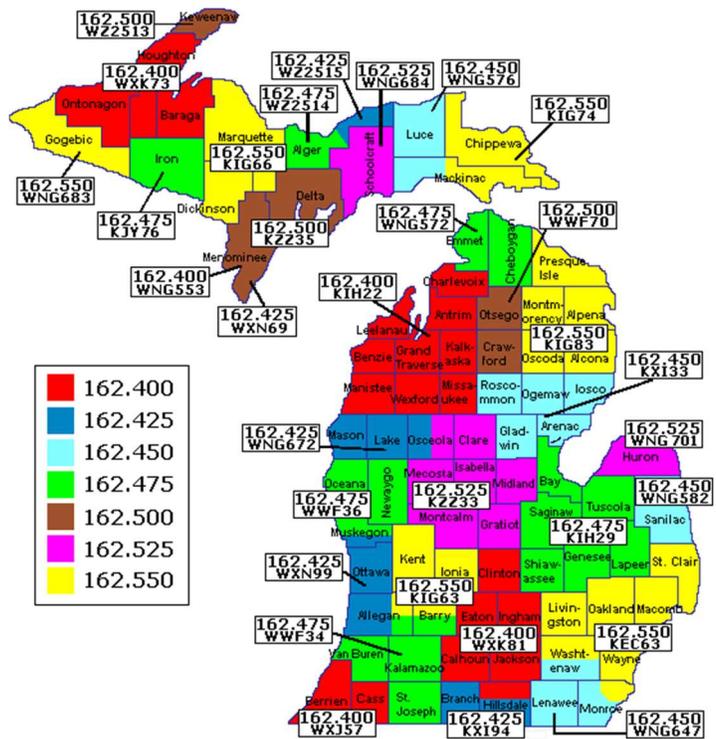
Nov 6, 2024 – November Club Meeting  
Dec4, 2024 – December Club Meeting

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

**Monthly Club Attendance**

- July 2023: 37
- Aug 2023: 27
- Sep 2023: 26
- Oct 2023: 21
- Nov 2023: 26
- Dec 2023: 21
- Jan 2024: 21
- Feb 2024: 19
- MAR 2024: 25
- APR 2024: 25
- MAY 2024: 32
- JUN 2024: 20
- JUL 2024: 25
- AUG 2024: 25
- SEP 2024: 23
- OCT 2024: 17

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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