



# The Amateur's News

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

## Club Picnic July 13,2024

We will be having our July club meeting at the picnic. We voted during the June meeting to move it to the picnic due to the 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

## OAARS Membership Dues

Our club dues membership rollover in March of every year. Tyler and Russ will be available at any 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.

## OAARS Ham Swap

The Ogemaw Arenac Amateur Radio Society will be hosting a Ham Swap this September 14, 2024 from 9:00AM – 1:00PM at the Ogemaw Nature Park, 5626 W. Rose City Rd, West Branch MI 48661.

Food and drinks will be available for a donation to fund youth scouting in Ogemaw County. Free admission for everyone. Tables are available for \$5.00 each. For information, please contact

Chris Barbb [W8COP@yahoo.com](mailto:W8COP@yahoo.com) or call/text 313-320-6009

## ARRL Field Day

OGEMAW COUNTY- Ham radio operators from the Ogemaw Arenac Amateur Radio Society participated in a national amateur radio exercise from 2 – 6 p.m. on Sat., June 22 at the Ogemaw Nature Park.



Hams from across North America ordinarily participate in Field Day by establishing temporary ham radio stations in public locations to demonstrate their skill and service. Their use of radio signals, which reach beyond borders, bring people together while providing essential communication in the service of communities. Field Day highlights ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and

create an independent, wireless communications network.

Operators had a great time explaining the radio and operations to visitors and new "hams" in the area.  
--- UpNorthVoice.com ---

This is a fantastic post that the Ogemaw Voice posted on their website. Which counts as extra bonus point to our overall score. As for the number of points that we have, well, I am still working on counting them up. I am hoping to have everything counted up and submitted before the picnic.

We had four stations setup with every transmitter going at one time. It was very interesting try not to interfere with each other. During the event our designator was 4A MI. We operated as a Club, with four transmitters, in Michigan.

We had 19 people come out to the Ogemaw Nature Park. Which was amazing due to the crazy rain storm that passed through. There was a concern of a tornado watch. Chris W8COP kept a vigilant eye on the weather radar. Lucky the strong part of the storm stayed to the south of us. During the storm we enjoyed some great food while staying dry inside of the building.



If you would like to participate, help out, or just fellowship next year. Field day is always the fourth weekend of June.

~Russ N8RSH

**Club Officers for 2024**

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

**Upcoming Events:**

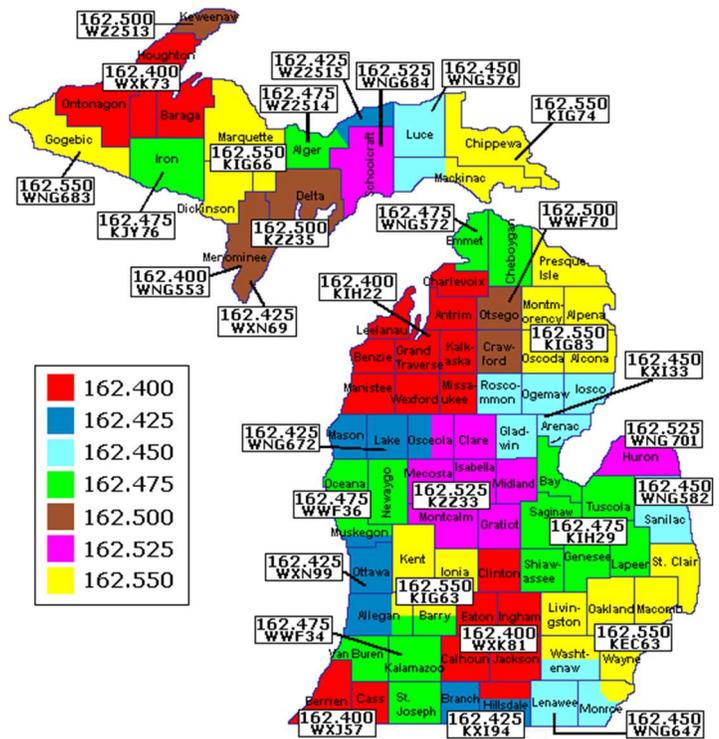
- July 13, 2024 – Club Picnic
- Aug 7, 2024 – August Club Meeting
- Sep 4, 2024 – September Club Meeting
- Sep 14, 2024 – OAARS Ham Swap
- Oct 2, 2024 – October Club Meeting

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

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

Club Officers 2024		Club Info	
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