



The Amateur's News

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

Club Officers for 2026

Here is the election results from our January officer election.

President	John Greenough KC8ARO
Vice-President	Chavis Richmond KE8GLB
Secretary	Russell Hall N8RSH
Treasurer	Tyler Rosebrugh KC8JOZ



John Greenough KC8ARO

John is a seasoned ham with 34 yrs experience in radio. He is passionate about the hobby and helping others in achieving their goals. Ham radio is a fun hobby and the conversations it brings. Get on the air and have fun.

His interests in radio include, building antennas, operating QRP, HF nets and POTA Parks on the air. These are just a few to mention. Having participated in many aspects of the hobby. If you can't find something in the hobby you are not looking.

Dear K8OAR Members,

It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the position of Vice President of our esteemed radio club. I am deeply honored by your trust and confidence in my ability to serve our community of passionate radio enthusiasts.

As we embark on this new chapter together, I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. Our club has a rich history, and I am committed to building upon this strong foundation while exploring new horizons in the world of amateur radio.

Please feel free to reach out to me at 248-296-4616 with any suggestions, concerns, or simply to chat about our shared passion for radio.

Thank you once again for this opportunity. Here's to a year of clear signals and exciting adventures in amateur radio!

73,

Chavis Richmond, Vice President, Ogemaw, Arenac, Amateur Radio Club. K8OAR

New Facebook Group

Come join us on Facebook in our new Facebook group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/26513209038266711>

Upcoming club events

February 4, 2026 Club Meeting 7PM

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:

Feb 4, 2026 – Club Meeting
Mar 4, 2026 – Club Meeting
Apr 1, 2026 – Club Meeting
May 6, 2026 – Club Meeting
Jun 3, 2026 – Club Meeting

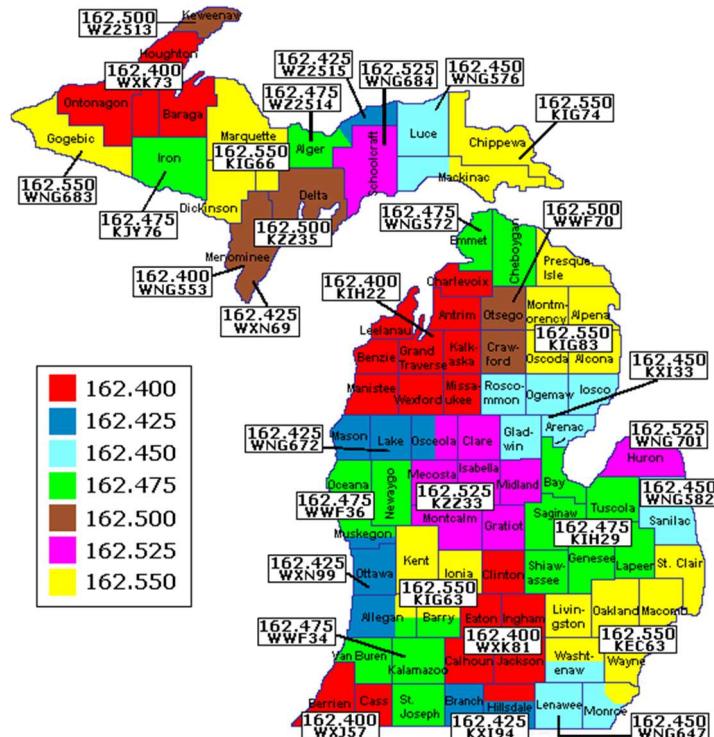
Come join us at our Monthly club Meetings, First Wednesday of the Month.

Monthly Club Attendance

Jan 2025: 15
Feb 2025: 15
Mar 2025: 25
Apr 2025: 25
May 2025: 26
June 2025: 21
July 2025: 20
Aug 2025: 23
Sep 2025: 23
Oct 2025: 25
Nov 2025: 24
Dec 2025: 17
JAN 2026: 24

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 John KC8ARO.

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

Bay City 145.510MHz 145.8	Club Officers 2025	Club Info
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