

Kalamazoo
Amateur

W8VY

Radio
Club

August 2022 Newsletter

K.A.R.C. Monthly Meeting

Meeting Topic: Local Nets and a Summer Potluck!

Thursday August 18 at 7pm

Central Park
7810 Shaver Rd
Portage, MI 49024

We're bringing the Hotdogs and Drinks, please bring a side dish or desert to pass. Our conversation for the evening will revolve around the many nets that are hosted in the area. Please note that this event is at Central Park in Portage (behind the Police and Fire Station), not the Red Cross as usual.

News and Announcements

Survey

The KARC board has developed a brief survey to learn more about YOUR interests and needs for the club meetings and activities. We would really appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete the survey so we can plan topics and activities that match your interests. We distributed the survey at the last KARC meeting and want to follow up with the rest of the membership so we get as many opinions as possible.

Below is a link to the 2022 KARC Club Survey . The online survey is a quick and easy form. If you haven't already completed the survey in person or online, please do so. We appreciate your help by completing the survey.

[KARC 2022 Survey](#)

Fall Bike Celebration

September 17-18



Bike Friendly Kalamazoo is hosting their Fall Bike Celebration again this year on September 16-18th. The base of the event is at the Vicksburg Historic Village, with bike routes covering the Southwest Michigan area all the way down to Shipshewana! They've asked the local amateur radio community to participate and provide communications again this year and we're in need of volunteers on the 17 and 18th of September.

Due to the nature of the event and the areas being covered, operators working the event should have a vehicle outfitted with mobile radio and an external antenna, an HT will not suffice for this event.

We had a great time and experience last year with the bike community and are looking forward to it again this September.

Sign up sheets will be posted at upcoming meetings or you can send an email to secretary@w8vy.org to be added to the list.



Upcoming Hamfests

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club HamFest

Okemos Convention Center
2187 University Park
Okemos, MI 48805
Sept 10, 2022
<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/central-michigan-amateur-radio-club-hamfest>

GRA Hamfest 2022

The Home School Building
5625 Burlingame, SW
Wyoming, MI 49509
Sept 10, 2022 8am–1pm
<https://www.w8dc.org/ham-fest/2022GRAHamFestFlier.pdf>

Classifieds

Have an item you would like to sell or trade? Drop us a line at secretary@w8vy.org and give us the following information: Item, Condition, Asking Price, and Contact information and we'll add it to our newsletter here!

Feedback and Submissions

We'd love to hear your feedback. If you have any comments, suggestions, or if you have any upcoming news, events, stories or technical knowledge to share with the community, please drop us a line at secretary@w8vy.org

Member News

New Members

No new members this month. But remember that the clubs membership renewal time is coming up in October. Get your renewal sent in today!

Birthdays



The following club members celebrate a birthday in June. If you see them or hear them on the radio be sure to say happy birthday this month!

- * Don—WE8UPJ
- * Mark—KE8KZU
- * Gary—KD8OXF
- * Nelson—KE8MRM

VE Testing Report

By John Tucker WB8ZVV

Getting or upgrading an amateur radio license requires a test. With study, even an elementary school student can pass the Technician exam. Of course, the General class (providing as it does greater

privileges) requires a slightly more difficult test. Most people take a test and then study to take an exam to upgrade their license at a later time. Occasionally, a test taker will take and pass consecutive tests at the same test session.

At the test session on 16 July, Wayne Meinema passed the Technician test and followed up by successfully passing the General test. So in a few weeks, there will be a new General class ham in the area.

For those thinking of upgrading (or getting their first license), there are two upcoming opportunities. As the local ARRL sponsored testing occurs on the odd numbered months, testing will next be offered on 17 September. Need a little more time to study? Testing will also be offered at the Kalamazoo Hamfest (www.kalamazooamfest.org) on 16 October. For more information on licensing test sessions, contact John Tucker (wb8zvv@gmail.com).
Awards and Honors

Area Hams

By John Tucker WB8ZVV

Hams are not distinguished by gender, age, or any other demographic. The kid down the street, the waitress in your favorite restaurant, a medical professional (nurse, doctor, optometrist, etc.), a clergy person who serves in a church near you, or just about anyone else who you might meet could be an amateur radio operator.

Some are obviously very active. Their property is festooned with wires and cables that allow them to contact hams across the street or around the world. Others may need to operate clandestinely with hidden antennas because of restrictive covenants. Of course, not all hams are active. Some have constraints (jobs, families, etc.) but they are still out there.

A quick demographic survey found 482 licensed hams with addresses in the cities of Kalamazoo and Portage. (Undoubtedly, there are others in smaller communities within Kalamazoo county.) Eight licenses are for clubs in the two cities, some of which are probably special interest groups.

communicating. Granted, not all people are extroverts. Perhaps some got licensed through self-study and are in a "now what" situation. Maybe constraints of time, physical limitations, or knowledge have limited their participation. Next time you chance upon a ham you do not know. What might happen if you introduce yourself as a fellow ham? Communicate. Get (both them and yourself) involved. You might be surprised at who is (or could become) a ham.

Part of being a ham involves



Analog Repeaters				
Location/Info	Freq	Offset	Mode	Tone
W8VY Portage Main	147.000	+0.6	FM	94.8
W8VY Downtown In	147.000	-0.6	FM	127.3
W8VY Richland In	147.000	+0.6	FM	127.3
W8VY Oshtemo	224.300	-1.6	FM	none
W8VY Portage	444.650	+5.0	FM	94.8
K8KZO 2m	147.040	+0.6	FM	94.8
K8KZO 6m	51.720	-0.5	FM	94.8
W8IRA Kzoo Input	147.160	+0.6	FM	107.2

Digital Repeaters				
Location/Info	Freq	Offset	Mode	Tone/CC
W8VY Paw Paw	145.340	-0.6	D-Star	-
W8VY Paw Paw	444.075	+5.0	D-Star	-
NK8X KazoBorgess	444.500	+5.0	D-Star	-
W8VY Paw Paw	444.075	+5.0	D-Star	-
K8KZO	444.875	+5.0	C4FM/YSF	94.8
KM8CC	443.400	+5.0	DMR	CC1 *

Local Nets & Useful Frequencies				
Net	Day	Time	Freq	Mode
ARPSC RACES	Wed	7:30 pm	147.000	FM
D-Star	Wed	8:15 pm	444.500	D-Star
SMART	Tue	7:30 pm	147.040	FM
6m SSB	Tue	8:30 pm	50.140	SSB
6m AM	Sun	8:00 pm	50.400	AM
10m Net	Wed	9:00 pm	28.485	SSB
MI Statewide DMR	Mon	8:30 pm	443.400 Michigan TG*	DMR
220 Mhz	Sun	9:00 pm	224.300	FM
Nat'l Simplex: 52.525, 146.52, 223.5, 446., 1294.5				
APRS: 144.39 Local Skywarn: 147.00				

*KM8CC TG info: <https://groups.io/g/km8cc/wiki>