

Kalamazoo
Amateur

W8VY

Radio
Club

May 2023 Newsletter

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K.A.R.C. Monthly Meeting

Topic: Dustin Thomas (N8RMA) will be showcasing Advanced Features of the DMR mode and networks.

Thursday May 18th at 7:00 PM

Kalamazoo Red Cross Chapter House

5640 Venture Ct.

Kalamazoo, MI 49009

The meeting will also be live on Zoom, if you're unable to join us in person and would still like to listen in and participate please join us via

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88633801958?pwd=MjJIQjB5M1JNaWINTm42bUg1SHFYZz09>

News and Announcements



Come join us on June 25th & 26th at the Kalamazoo Red Cross Chapter House for Field Day!

Phone and Digital stations are planned with both HF and VHF operations available to cover all license classes. For new hams it's a great opportunity to get hands on experience; learn how to set-up a station, experience HF contesting,

and get on the air with mentorship.

Station and Antenna Setup will begin at 9am, contest operations kick off at 2pm (18:00 UTC) and will run through 2pm Sunday.

VE Testing Opportunities

By John Tucker (WB8ZVV)

For those thinking of upgrading (or getting their first license), the next opportunity will be on May 27th. To signup or for more information on licensing test sessions, contact John Tucker (wb8zvv@gmail.com).

Membership News

Birthdays

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

Harold—KD8XPS

Alex—KE8ICM

Connie - N8ZHL

John — KD8NNQ





Upcoming Hamfests

Hamvention

Greene County Fair and Expo Center
210 Fairground Road, Xenia 45385

Friday May 19th—Sunday May 21st

<https://hamvention.org/>

IRA Hudsonville Hamfest

Hudsonville Fairgrounds
5235 Park Avenue, Hudsonville

Saturday June 3rd, 8am -Noon

Tickets \$8

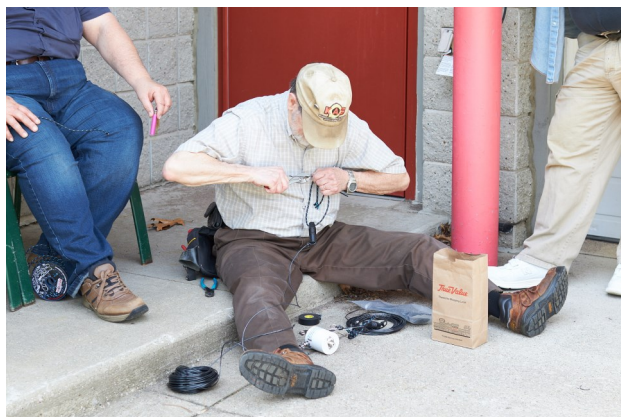
<http://w8ira.org/hudsonville-hamfest/>

April 15th, Antenna Maintenance Part 2

On Saturday, April 15th we had a second Antenna Maintenance day at the club shack located at the Kalamazoo Red Cross Chapter House. The weather cooperated beautifully and our group of volunteers raised the new Palomar Engineering 80-6 Meter Off Center Fed Antenna. Once up the antenna was up we through an analyzer on it and it measured well below 2:1 on all bands of operation.

Thank you to all the volunteers that came and helped install the new antenna!

Photos courtesy of Alex KE8ICM and Jack KA8AOB.











Upcoming Events

May

8th 6:30-7:30pm Board Meeting

18th 7-8pm May Club Meeting

June

12th 6:30-7:30pm Board Meeting

15th 7-8pm June Club Meeting

24-25th Field Day

July

10th 6:30-7:30pm Board Meeting

20th 7-8pm July Club Meeting

<i>Analog Repeaters</i>				
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	145.470	-0.6	FM	94.8

<i>Digital Repeaters</i>				
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 *

<i>Local Nets & Useful Frequencies</i>				
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>