

Kalamazoo
Amateur

W8VY

Radio
Club

July2023 Newsletter

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K.A.R.C. Monthly Meeting

Topic: Field Day wrap-up and lessons learned.

Thursday July 20th 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=MjJlQjB5M1lNaWlNTm42bUg1SHFYZz09>

News and Announcements

Fall Bike Celebration

September 17th



Bike Friendly Kalamazoo is hosting their Fall Bike Celebration again this year on September 17th. 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 17th 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.

Kalamazoo Hamfest Presenters and Volunteers needed

Come and share your knowledge!

The Kalamazoo Hamfest is looking for presenters and forum moderators. Please email us at info@KalamazooHamfest.com or message us on Facebook with your presentation or forum topic and preferred time slot.

The hamfest is also looking for volunteers to cover hours during setup and teardown on Friday afternoon/evening and Saturday. If you are interested in helping please contact Mac at

ke8rrg@gmail.com



Upcoming Hamfests

Auburn Hamfest

July 29th

9am—2pm

Free Admission

Location:

Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum

1600 S. Wayne St.

Auburn, IN 46706

<http://www.w9ou.org/>

Elkhart East Hamfest

August 5th

9am—2pm

\$8 Admission

Location:

Northern Indiana Event Center

21565 Executive Parkway

Elkhart, IN 46514

<https://www.elkharteasthamfest.com/>

Birthdays

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

Jon—KE8RRJ

Tim—KM8TLG

Mike—KD8GTX

Jeff—KD8NPV

Bob— KC8NLP

Clint—KB8SY



VE Testing

By John Tucker WB8ZVV

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 September 16th.

Need a little more time to study? Testing will also be offered at the Kalamazoo Hamfest (www.kalamazoohamfest.org) on October 7th. For more information on licensing test sessions, contact John Tucker (wb8zvv@gmail.com).

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@wb8vy.org

Field Day Wrap Up

Thanks to all who came out and supported the club's field day activities this year! We had a great time this year operating from the Red Cross, we saw a number of new hams and club members as well as longtime members and visitors from out of town.

Operating from the Red Cross presented opportunities and challenges to our club.

The change in location meant that our club had the option operating under the EOC (Emergency

Operation Center) category while giving our club station and recent antenna repairs a good test. Making sure our equipment in good operating condition is important to furthering our emergency preparedness as a club. We'll be discussing our experiences at this months meeting.

Here's a look at a few of our stations:





As with any event of this nature, there are always unexpected challenges to overcome. Whether it be logistical constraints, technical issues, or poor conditions it comes with territory of setting up and operating group events. But overcoming these challenges is the fun part, it's what makes the great stories we tell.

Here's a few photos of our members at this year's field day:





Share your photos of our club at field day and other events on our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/KalamazooW8VY>



We hope you had fun this year and thanks for taking the opportunity to visit, setup, or operate with us!

Upcoming Events

July

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

15th 8am VE Exam Session

20th 6pm-6:45pm Kalamazoo Hamfest Planning Meeting

20th 7-8pm July Club Meeting

August

14th 6:30-7:30pm Board Meeting

17th 6pm-6:45pm Kalamazoo Hamfest Planning Meeting

17th 7-8pm July Club Meeting

September

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

17th - Fall Bike Celebration Operating Opportunity

21st 6pm-6:45pm Kalamazoo Hamfest Planning Meeting

21st 7-8pm July Club Meeting



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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	145.470	-0.6	FM	94.8

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>