

Kalamazoo
Amateur

W8VY

Radio
Club

October 2023 Newsletter

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K.A.R.C. Monthly Meeting

Topic: Getting Started with Parks on the Air with Alex Stuart
(KE8ICM)

Thursday October 19th 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=MjJIQjB5M1lNaWINTm42bUg1SHFYZz09>

News and Announcements

Membership Renewals

October is our membership renewal month for the K.A.R.C. Membership rates are staying the same this year at \$25 for regular and family memberships and \$15 for our retired or disabled members. New Hams get their first year with the club for Free!

Membership form can be found here: <https://w8vy.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/MembershipApplication.pdf>

and can be brought to a meeting or sent to:

K.A.R.C

PO BOX 773

PORTAGE MI 49081-0773

Member News

Birthdays

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



Matt — KE8NWB

Barry — KE8JCD

Todd — KD8RSJ

Mark — KE8HAA

Patty — KD8ZKJ

VE Testing Opportunities

By John Tucker WB8ZVW

For those thinking of upgrading (or getting their first license), the next opportunity is November 18th.

For more information on licensing test sessions, contact John Tucker (wb8zv@gmail.com).



Upcoming Hamfests

Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo

November 18-19th

9am - 4pm Saturday, 9am—2pm Sunday

\$8 Admission Sat & Sun, \$4 Sunday only

Location:

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

4000 Parnell Ave.

Fort Wayne, IN 46801

<http://acarts.com/hfmain.htm>

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

Kalamazoo Hamfest Wrap Up

By Alex Stuart (KE8ICM)

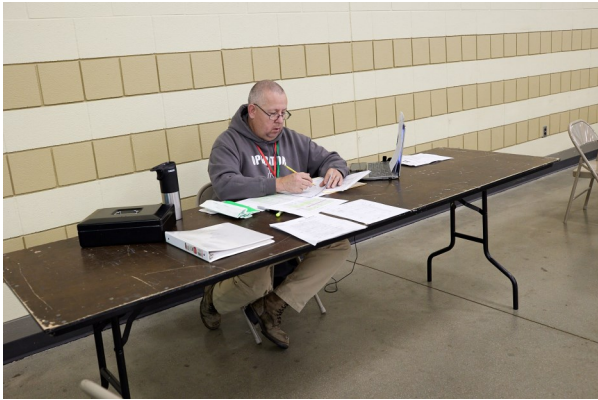
Another year has passed and another successful Hamfest is in the books. First up, I want to thank all the volunteers and committee members who made the event possible. Without your selflessness and willingness to step up and help plan, coordinate, and advertise, the event simply wouldn't be possible.

This year was a big gamble for us as we made a lot of changes that increased the cost of running the event. We changed from our typical Sunday to a Saturday earlier in the month, we expanded available space into a the north expo hall, and extended hours until 4pm from our regular noon closing time. All these changes were made based on the feedback from both the Amateur Radio community as well as the Michigan Antique Radio Club\Vintage Electronics Expo community, who we partnered with again this year.

While we have not tallied the official numbers yet, things look promising. We sold roughly 80% of our 240 total tables and had roughly 400-450 attendees this year. That's a big increase over last year! We had several great presentations that were well received as well as a host of great door prizes given out. For those interested in the answer to how many vacuum tubes were in the jar, the answer was 707!

We've had some great reports about the event on some of the local 40 and 80 meter HF nets. We're already in talks with the expo center to move forward with the same weekend and format again next year.

If you didn't get a chance to see the hamfest you can see an excellent walkthrough on YouTube on d-labs channel here: [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ocph4WQH6w>].







Upcoming Events

October

7th 9am-4pm Kalamazoo Hamfest

9th 6:30-7:30pm Board Meeting

19th 7-8pm October Club Meeting

November

13th 6:30-7:30pm Board Meeting

16th 7-8pm November Club Meeting

December

11th 6:30-7:30pm Board Meeting

TBD — Holiday Dinner Party

| <i>Analog Repeaters</i> | | | | |
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| 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 |
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| <i>Digital Repeaters</i> | | | | |
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| 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> | | | | |
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| 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>