

Kalamazoo
Amateur

W8VY

Radio
Club

March 2024 Newsletter

K.A.R.C. Monthly Meeting

Topic: Station Grounding with Chuck (WD8AXA)

Thursday March 21th 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

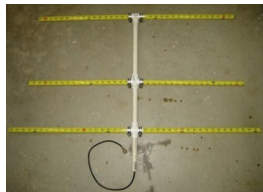
Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88633801958?
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News and Announcements

Club Kit Build

We'll be offering a kit building opportunity this month from 1-3pm on Saturday March 23rd. We'll be doing a group build of the infamous Tape Measure Yagi's for 2 meters. Cost will be \$25 and we'll have all the components, tools, instructions, and assistance you need to complete the project.

If you're interested and haven't signed up yet, please email me at secretary@w8vy.org or sign up at this months meeting.



Member News

Birthdays

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

February

- Fred — AC8ED
- Wayne — N8UC
- Andy — KE8TEN

March

- Paul—KE8WGH
- Wayne—N8UC
- Joseph—KE8NFM
- Nancy—KE8YNO





Upcoming Hamfests

Centreville Michigan Hamfest

Saturday, April 20, 2024

8:00am till 12:00pm

Talk-In: 145.310 123 PL K8SJC repeater

Saint Joseph Co. Grange Fair

S. Franklin St. Gate 52

Centreville, MI 49032

AC8RC Mini-Swap and Trunk Sale

Saturday, March 9th, 2024

Salem Township Hall

3003 142nd

Dorr, MI 49323

VE Testing Opportunities

By John Tucker WB8ZVV

For those thinking of upgrading (or getting their first license), the next opportunity is January 27th.

For more information on licensing test sessions, contact John Tucker (wb8zvv@gmail.com).

POTA Program Changes

A heads up for all of the active POTA participants, there are changes coming this month to the POTA program that will affect everyone's activations and hunting.

The Parks on the Air admins are in the process of changing the country prefix for park numbers to better align with International Standards for country codes as well as expanding park numbers from 4 to 5 digits. So for example, US parks used to be in the format; K-XXXX, starting March 20th, 2024 they will change to the format; US-XXXXX. Another example would be Canada went from VE-XXXX to CA-XXXXX earlier this month.

This may affect logging software or certain software integrations that were built with the other country codes in mind. Be sure to stay on top of updates for any software related to your POTA activations.

You can read more about the changes and the timeline for other upcoming changes here:

<https://docs.pota.app/docs/changes.html>

<https://docs.pota.app/docs/changes/upcoming.html>

Upcoming Events

March

11th 6:30–7:30pm Board Meeting

21st 7–8pm March Club Meeting

23rd 1-3pm Club Kit Build–2m Tape Measure Yagi

April

8th 6:30–7:30pm Board Meeting

18th 7–8pm February Club Meeting

20th POTA Activation at [Kal-Haven Trail State Park](#)

May

13th 6:30–7:30pm Board Meeting

16th 7–8pm March Club Meeting

17-19th Hamvention

TBD — Fox Hunt

June

10th 6:30–7:30pm Board Meeting

20th 7–8pm March Club Meeting

22-23rd Field Day @ Red Cross



Analog Repeaters				
Location/Info	Freq	Offset	Mode	Tone
W8VY Portage Main	147.000	+0.6	FM	94.8
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

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>