

Kalamazoo
Amateur

W8VY

Radio
Club

April 2024 Newsletter

K.A.R.C. Monthly Meeting

Topic: R.A.C.E.S. with John (AC8JW) and Patrick (K8MCV)

Thursday April 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88633801958?pwd=MjJlQjB5M1lNaWlNTm42bUg1SHFYZz09)

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News and Announcements

Group POTA Activation

Come join us on April 20th from 1-3pm at the [Kal-Haven Trail State Park](#) on N 10th Street. We'll be setting 1 or more portable stations for operations so you can come see what POTA is all about.



Kalamazoo Rock Show—Ham Radio Booth Needs Volunteers

We've once again secured a table at this year's Kalamazoo Rock Show on May 3, 4, and 5th courtesy of Bruce Atherton (KE8MRN). The purpose of the booth is to expose attendees and the public to amateur radio and its suitability to emergency communications plans for rock collectors in the field. The event is a 3-day event so there's lots of opportunity to help staff the table. If you are interested in signing up and helping, please contact myself (secretary@w8vy.org) or Bruce (fireball9207@charter.net) to get on the list.



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

Dayton Hamvention

May 17, 18, 19

Greene County Fair and Expo Center

210 Fairground Road

Xenia, OH 45385

<https://hamvention.org/>

AC8RC Mini-Swap and Trunk Sale

Saturday, May 4th, 2024

Salem Township Hall

3003 142nd

Dorr, MI 49323

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!



April

Andie — KE8KOY
Steve — AB8SP
Mike — KE8MAU

New Members

Welcome to our new members this month. We look forward to meeting and getting to know you!

Quinn — KE8ZSX
Russell — KE8ZLX
David — KF8AMC



VE Testing Opportunities

By John Tucker WB8ZVV

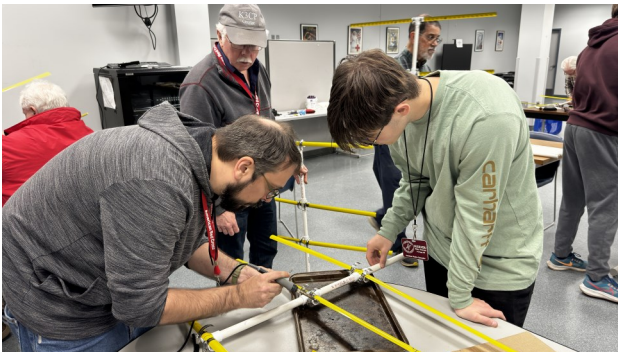
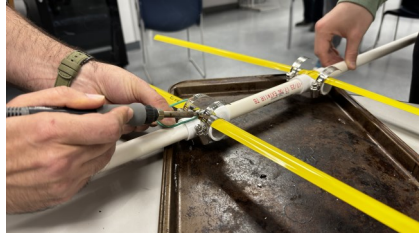
For those thinking of upgrading (or getting their first license), the next opportunity is May 25th.

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

Club Kit Build

Last month we put on a group build for the venerable 2 meter tape measure yagis. We had a total of 10 participants and had a great time learning , building, and testing together. We look forward to putting the antennas to use at future events.





Silent Key

By Alex Stuart (KE8ICM)

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Ken Irish, Jr, W8JVP.

Ken graduated from WMU's ROTC program, going on to serve in the US Army Signal Corps for 26 years, rising to the rank of Colonel.

Ken was a lifelong radio enthusiast, volunteer, and community member. He received his own call sign (K8SXH) at an early age and upon his father's passing took over his call (W8JVP) . Ken was a founding member of Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) in 1963 and helped mentor some of the first amateur operators of that country.

Locally Ken has been a longtime member and volunteer with in the club. Over the years taking on various roles on the board and at events. Ken has been serving with the club's Board of Directors for the last 3 years and has been an active volunteer and contributor at Field Day, the Fall Bike Celebration, and the Kalamazoo Hamfest. He always brought an enthusiasm for mentoring others and helping folks get on the air.

His obituary can be found [here](#).



Thank you for your service and dedication Ken, you will be greatly missed.

Upcoming Events

April

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

18th 7-8pm February Club Meeting

20th 1- 3pm POTA Activation at [Kal-Haven Trail State Park](#)

May

3-5th Kalamazoo Rock Show Booth

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

16th 7-8pm March Club Meeting

17-19th Hamvention — Xenia, OH

June

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

20th 7-8pm March Club Meeting

22-23rd Field Day @ Red Cross

<i>Analog Repeaters</i>				
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
W8IRA 2m Link	145.47	-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>