

Kalamazoo
Amateur

W8VY

Radio
Club

May 2024 Newsletter

K.A.R.C. Monthly Meeting

Topic: Field Day Plans, Strategy, Logging, and Exchanges with Dustin -
N8RMA and Alex - KE8ICM

Thursday May 16th 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?>

News and Announcements



Come join us on June 22nd & 23rd 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. Sign ups and station schedules will be at the May and June Club meetings.

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, or to sign up contact John Tucker (wb8zvv@gmail.com).

Member 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!

Bruce—KE8MRN
John—KD8NNQ
Connie—N8ZHL
Warren KE8QOS
Harold—KD8PXS
Robert—WB8CDT
Alex — KE8ICM



Upcoming Hamfests

Dayton Hamvention

May 17, 18, 19

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

<https://hamvention.org/>

IRA Hudsonville Hamfest

June 1st, 8am—noon

Tickets: \$5

5235 Park Avenue
Hudsonville, MI

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

Chelsea Amateur Radio Club Swap Meet

June 2nd, 8am—noon

Tickets: \$5

Chelsea Community Fairgrounds
20501 W. Old US Hwy 12
Chelsea, MI 48118

<http://wd8iel.com/2024/05/08/chelsea-amateur-radio-club-swap-shop/>

MARC Hamfest

June 15th, 8am—noon

Tickets: \$5

Salvation Army Building
330 Waldo Ave.
Midland, MI 48640

<https://www.w8kea.org/WP/the-hamfest-is-coming/>

A Special Thank You to our Skywarn Net and RACES community

On May 7, 2024, our amateur radio community came together for the welfare of the community at large. A coordinated effort helped ensure the accurate reporting of weather-related incidents, disaster assessment, and community safety while working with our local law enforcement and emergency counterparts.

If you were part of the Net on May 7th, Thank You. Your work on the air and your actions on the ground saved lives.

We would also like to recognize and thank those who helped in the days following the tornadoes, working as part of the damage assessment teams working with Public Safety, Fire, and Utilities providers to address issues and solve problems. It is for these extraordinary acts of selflessness and devotion to the community at large that we would like to extend our thanks to the volunteers who came forward to assist during and after the storms.

Please accept our gratitude and apologies if anyone is missing from this list:

Patrick McVerry - K8MCV
Scott Lemmer - KD8RCI
John Matheison - AC8JW
Mike Greis - KD8GTX
R.J. Bregenzer - KE8AET
Charlie Pfister - WD8AXB
Mike Boersma - KE8EIB
Jack Price - KA8AOB
Gary Runcie - KB5BGC
Tyler Adams - K8SEX
Joe Curry - KE8RRF
Bruce Atherton - KE8MRN



May 9th—Damage Assessment Crew

Front Row L-R: Gary Runcie KB5BGC, Jack Price KA8AOB.

Back Row L-R: Joe Curry KE8RRF, Van Buren Co. Vince Dexter KE8TEM, Van Buren Co Mike Greis EC KD8GTX, Scott Lemner KD8RCI, Bruce Atherton KE8MRN, Mike Corfman KCSD/PEM KE8DBW.

Upcoming Events

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

22nd-23rd Field Day @ Red Cross

July

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

18th 7-8pm March Club Meeting

August

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

22nd 7-8pm March Club Meeting

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
W8IRA 2m Link	145.47	-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>