

Kalamazoo
Amateur

W8VY

Radio
Club

November 2024 Newsletter

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K.A.R.C. Monthly Meeting

Topic: Building a Multi-mode Digital Hotspot with Pi-Star by
Dustin (N8RMA)

Thursday November 21st 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://us06web.zoom.us/j/87111950403?pwd=AWitKTb8PuMR5G01whMh6A56Lq5l6R.1>

News and Announcements

Membership Renewals

Just a reminder that October was our membership renewal month for the Club. Membership rates are \$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!

New this year, you can pay your membership renewals online! You will notice that the membership rates are priced slightly higher online, currently they are \$1 more expensive. This is to account for the transaction fees charged by PayPal.

If interested, go to the membership page on the website (<https://w8vy.org/karc-membership-application/>) and follow the link that says "Renew Online with PayPal". If you'd rather pay by cash or check, membership forms can be found here: <https://w8vy.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/MembershipApplication.pdf> and can be brought to a meeting or mailed to:

K.A.R.C

PO BOX 773

PORTAGE, MI 49081-0773

W8VY Discord Server

Discord is a popular, cross-platform, chat and voice application. I was surprised to see the number of KARC members and hams jump on the local Kzoo Meshtastic discord server after last month's presentation. I didn't realize we had that many Discord users, so I've created a server for the club. If you are interested in joining there will be a link below. No pressure to join or judgement if you don't use Discord, aren't interested, or just don't want to have to deal with yet another new *thing*.

W8VY Discord server link: <https://discord.gg/kJyz79MKVk>



Upcoming Hamfests

Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo

November 16-17th

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>

VE Testing Opportunities

By John Tucker WB8ZVV

For those thinking of upgrading (or getting their first license), the next opportunity is November 16th.

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

Club Shack Dedication in Honor of Ed Halcomb (KD8WAV)

Last month on October 17th the Red Cross honored former KARC President, Ed Halcomb (KD8WAV), by naming the club's shack at the Red Cross after Ed. Ed passed away in June of 2022 but was a prolific volunteer with numerous community groups including the Red Cross, Portage Fire Department, and the KARC. There was a nice turnout with representatives from all the various groups and organizations that Ed participated in. A few speeches were given, including one from current KARC President, Dustin Thomas (N8RMA), before the Presenting and Mounting of the Plaque outside the radio room.





Upcoming Events

November

21st 7–8pm November Club Meeting

December

12th 6:30pm – Holiday Dinner Party @ Gull Road–Main St. Pub - 5462 Gull Road Kalamazoo, Michigan 49048

January

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

16th 7–8pm January Club Meeting

Member News

New Members

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

Rick – N8RGH

Jan

William



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!

Chuck–WD8AXA

Kat – KD4ZLT

Tom –KC8QFF

Kevin–KC8AFW

Russel–KE8YNK

Ken–N8KDC

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.

While we have not tallied the official numbers yet, things look promising. We sold roughly 90% of our 240 total tables and had roughly 350-400 attendees this year. That's more tables sold than last year but a little less attendees through the door. We had several great presentations that were well received as well as a host of great door prizes given out.

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=GbfKdh0eXuY>



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>