

Kalamazoo
Amateur

W8VY

Radio
Club

March 2025 Newsletter

K.A.R.C. Monthly Meeting

Topic: Movie Night, bring a friend or spouse! We'll have popcorn and drinks while we watch a documentary on Amelia Earhart.

Thursday March 20th 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=AWitKTb8PuMR5G01whMh6A56Lq5I6R.1>

News and Announcements

Club Kit Build

We'll be offering a kit building opportunity next month from 12-3pm on Saturday April 26th. We'll be making a Portable DC Power Supply that uses common tool batteries. Based off the article found here: https://w8bh.net/PTB_PowerSupply.pdf

If you're interested and would like to sign up, please email me at secretary@w8vy.org or sign up at this months meeting.

Michigan QSO Party

Come join us at the club shack for the Michigan QSO party on April 19th. We'll be meeting at the Red Cross station at Noon and take shifts working in pairs to operate the QSO party for as long as folks would like to stay.

If you're interested and would like to operate a shift, please email me at secretary@w8vy.org or sign up at this months meeting.

First Aid Training

We are working with the Red Cross to offer a First Aid Training class open to club members. Currently we are gauging interest for the activity to help plan options for class types, dates, times etc. So if you're interested and would like to sign up for First Aid Training provided by the Red Cross, please email me at secretary@w8vy.org or sign up at this months meeting.



Upcoming Hamfests

AC8RC Allegan Mini-Swap

Saturday, April 12, 2025

8:00am till 12:00pm

Talk-In: 147.240 94.8

Salem Township Hall
3003 142nd Ave.
Burnips, MI 49314

Centreville Michigan Hamfest

Saturday, April 19, 2025

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

VE Testing Opportunities

By John Tucker WB8ZVV

For those thinking of upgrading (or getting their first license), the next opportunity is March 22.

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

Member News

Birthdays

The following club members celebrate a birthday in March. 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 Events

March

20th 7–8pm March Club Meeting

April

14th 6:30–7:30pm Board Meeting

17th 7–8pm February Club Meeting

19th 1pm–?? Michigan QSO Party

26th 1–3pm Club Kit build

May

12th 6:30–7:30pm Board Meeting

15th 7–8pm March Club Meeting

16–18th Hamvention

June

9th 6:30–7:30pm Board Meeting

19th 7–8pm March Club Meeting

28–29th Field Day @ Red Cross

2025 LoSTeam Schedule

4-16 Upjohn Park, Lake Street

4-23 Texas township offices, 8 th st. and U Ave.

4-30 Pavillion township offices, 29 th st. and Q Ave

5-21 Cooper township offices parking lot, D Ave

5-28 Galesburg city offices park E. Michigan

6-18 Prairie Ronde Township offices, South 6 th and W.
W Ave.

6-25 Oshtemo Townsihp offices, W. Maim St.

7-16 Brady Township offices, 13123 S. 24 th Vicksburg

7-23 Richland Ball Fields, 32 nd street

7-30 Merrill Park, Lake St. at River St.

8-20 Agusta Park and Ride, M-96 and G Ave

8-27 Portage City Hall Park, Shaver Rd.



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| K8KZO 2m | 147.040 | +0.6 | FM | 94.8 |
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| 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 | | | | |
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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>