

The Open Feedline



MARA Repeater

145.230 Mz PL 94.8

WiresX

W8USA

Node 30382

Room 40382

Analog/Fusion

MARA

UHF Repeater

444.450/449.450

**Analog/ Fusion -
PL 94.8**

**Daily Grouptalk
at 11 am!**

**2 Meter Net
Thursday Nights
7:30PM
W8USA**

**145.230 Repeater
(Analog)**

**6 METER AM NET
FOLLOWS ON 50.4
AND ALSO SUNDAY
MORNINGS AT 8
AM**



Gale- N8GS, our 2021 Field Day Chairman/ Organizer working hard at the Digital station.

Digital is one of the modes we now have been using for several years of which we have always had very good success.

Check out our Field Day statistics on page 2. 2021 has been one of our better years for accumulating points in the annual contest.

Thanks to Larry, KC8KVR we again were again able to use the Madison Square Sportsman Club for our field day activities.

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2021 Field Day—Continued

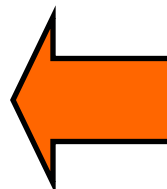
The Annual Field Day was again a success! Operating as 2A, Final scores were as follows:

- Total CW Contacts: 175 (Total CW Points: 350)
- Total Digital Contacts: 211 (Total Digital Points: 422)
- Total Phone Contacts: 104 (Total Phone Points: 104)
- Total Accumulated Points: 876
- Claimed Score (QSO Points x Power Multiplier: 1,752)

Band/Mode Field Day 2021 Breakdown				
Band	CW QSOs	Digital QSOs	Phone QSOs	Power Levels
160				
80		21		100
40	108	128	104	100
20	40	19		100
15		39		100
10	27	4		100
6				
2				
222				
432				
Satellite				
GOTA				
Totals	175	211	104	



Dan, N8NIJ, MARA Vice President coordinating with members during Field Day 2021 Setup activities.

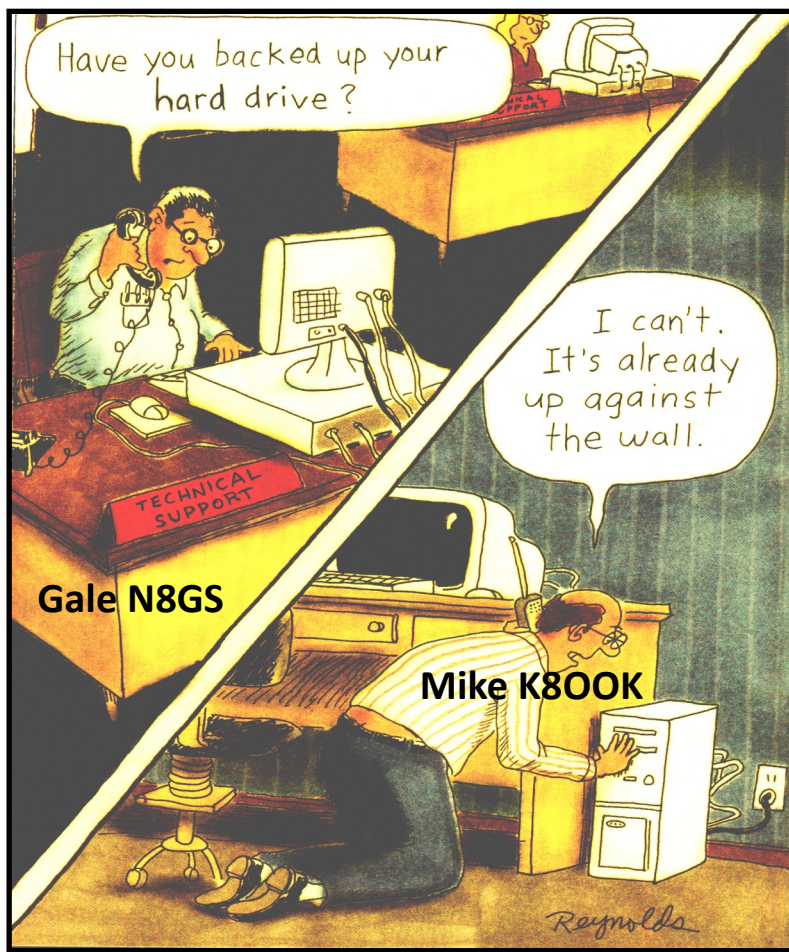


Larry, KC8KVR (Foreground and Mike K8OOK (Background) diligently working and logging QSOs for Field Day 2021.

More Field Day 2021



Jerry, W8MSK working CW with Logging help from Mike K800K. (Gale, How is that Tech Support working out?)



Gale N8GS

Mike K800K

MARA REPEATER NEWS

The M.A.R.A. Repeater is connected to the West Michigan Connect Repeater System. While the repeater continues to be available in the FM Analog mode when there is not a C4FM conversation in play.

Since 2016, the MARA net's time was shifted to a starting time of 7:30 pm every Thursday evening on the MARA repeater.

Every third Thursday of the month, the Net will operate Simplex on the output Frequency of 145.230 Mhz. No PL tone is needed. This is being done to test the emergency preparedness in the advent of a power failure and the emergency battery source runs out of energy.

The MARA Net Director is Joe Januszka, W8JPI. Joe is currently recruiting Net Control Operators. Contact Joe as Net Director on W8USA.ORG.

MARA has tried many ways to keep the Net interesting, and fun to participate in, but they've found that the best way is to have different folks be Net Control. To help make it easier for you to be Net control, we've included just about everything you'll need on the club website at:

<http://w8usa.org/interact/2-meter-net/>

In the website you will find the latest MARA 2

meter Net operation script, which is a PDF file. We also have a simple Net Log to help you keep track of who checked in. (Print 2 of them-if you run out, you'll have one handy). Please contact Joe to schedule yourself as Net Control. Hopefully we can offer Internet sign-ups on the website in the future. For now, contact Joe, W8JPI.

Immediately following the net is an Informal 6 Meter AM net on 50.4 Mhz. Please check your mode to be sure you are on AM before checking in. The 6 Meter net also meets on Sunday Mornings at 8 am, and many Holidays at 8 am as well.

And try to join us on our new 440 Mhz Repeater on 444.450 Mhz, Analog or Digital. This repeater is located on the NE side of Grand Rapids near 5 mile Road and Plainfield. You will find several club members on at 11 am daily when we host an informal "get together" on this repeater.

Several members do monitor the 440 machine and you can find us by giving a call on both Digital (Fusion) and analog modes. We are looking forward to hearing you on either repeater.

In case you are slightly confused as to the Call of our Net Director, Joe recently changed his call from KE8JUF to W8JPI. Hopefully that unconfuses you!

MARA Net Director for 2021 is Joe Januszka, W8JPI. You can usually find Joe on the MARA Repeater: 145.230 Mhz, -600 PL 94.8

2021 Board and Current Officers.

No Changes from 2020

President Corey Grahn KD8SZZ

Vice President Dan Markowski N8NIJ

Secretary Mike Eilers K8OOK

Treasurer Jerry Wittkoski W8MSK

Net Director **Joe Januszka** W8JPI

Awards Manager Committee: (Larry KC8KVR and Paul, K9BOJ)

Club Trustee Gale Scholten N8GS

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Hamfests

Looks like the Hamfest of old are creeping back into existence. We started this year with the independent Repeater Association Fest at Hudsonville, which was met with an enthusiastic crowd. So many trunk sales this year... Normally there are only 1 to two rows. This year there were almost 5 full rows of trunk sales and all of the tables were taken. Hope the rest of these are as well attended!

St. Joseph County Michigan Amateur Radio Club

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

07/25/2021

Start Date: 07/25/2021

End Date: 07/25/2021

Location: Nottawa Township Library

685 East Main St. OUTDOOR EVENT: PLEASE CALL/EMAIL TO CONFIRM LIMITED VENDOR SPACE.

Centreville, MI 49032

Sponsor: St Joseph County Michigan Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.310 - 123 PL

Public Contact: John Felcyn , KC8AAF

65793 Burr Oak Rd. Burr Oak, MI 49030

Phone: 269-353-7673

Email: fuseboxr@hotmail.com

GRAHamfest 2021

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/11/2021

Start Date: 09/11/2021

End Date: 09/11/2021

Location: The Home School Building

5625 Burlingame, SW

Wyoming, MI 49509

Website: <http://www.w8dc.org>

Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.26+ 94.8 Hz PL

Public Contact: Stephen Provost , AC8QE

PO Box 3282 Grand Rapids, MI 49501

Phone: 616-648-5983

Cadillac Hamfest

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/18/2021

Start Date: 09/18/2021

Location: Cadillac Junior High School

500 Chestnut Street

Cadillac, MI 49601

Website: <http://www.wexaukeearc.org>

Hamfests

Looks like we have a conflict on the Cadillac and the Central Michigan Ham-fests (Okemos). Both on Saturday, Sept 18. Hopefully both will be well attended swaps after last years "dry Spell". So I guess its how far you are willing to go!

Lastly, for all of those who have done tech support in the past (or Present)

Here is a reminder on asking the right question.

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

09/18/2021

Start Date: 09/18/2021

Location: Okemos Convention Center

2187 University Park Dr.

Okemos , Mich 48864, MI

Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

Talk-In: 145.390 100 mgh -600

Email: Kd8yde@inbox.com

10/16/2021 - Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest

Location: Muskegon, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc.

Website: <http://mcecs.net/Hamfest.htm>

10/17/2021 - Kalamazoo Hamfest & Amateur Radio Swap and Shop

Location: Kalamazoo, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club and Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team

Website: <http://KalamazooHamFest.com>



M.A.R.A. Membership Information

MARA Meeting— 2nd Wednesday of each Month 7:30 PM at the Plainfield Township Fire Department Training Center—5 Mile and Plainfield Avenue (As Covid Rules Allow)

Depending current Pandemic Rules—Meeting are either on the 145.230 Repeater—**ANALOG**
(Zoom video by invitation, please mail:KD8SZZ@ARRL.NET for zoom link)

Annual dues to MARA are \$20.
Family memberships are an additional \$5.
Persons aged 70 and over - \$20.00.
Membership is free to students under 21.
Memberships **expire** on December 31st, and club dues are due on January 1st.

During this pandemic we have had to suspend our fund raising events. Maintaining 2 repeaters and club associated expenses are putting a serious drain on our Treasury. Please consider renewing for two years and/or making a donation to the Club Treasury!

MARA Information

- ◆ Send Dues Check to M.A.R.A., Jerry Wittkowski W8MSK, MARA Treasurer, 1025 Kendalwood NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505-3231
- ◆ Net: 2 Meter - Thursdays at 7:30 PM On W8USA Repeater. (Analog)
- ◆ Thursdays, after 2 Meter Net, 6 Meters AM 50.4 Mhz
- ◆ Sunday mornings & Holidays 8AM on 50.4 AM—All are Welcome!
- ◆ Currently Breakfasts are on-going at the New Beginnings Restaurant on Northland Drive. We will follow the New Beginnings Covid-19 rules and weather restrictions