

The Open Feedline

Welcome to the Pre-Field Day 2022 edition of "The Open Feedline" This is Issue will focus on the preparations for Field Day. If you wish to bring a rig or antenna, or any other items, please contact Larry, KC8KVR. Currently we are set with one station for 80/40 and another for FT-8 operations. We always need more electric extension cords and several Multi-outlet boxes. Another big item is para-chord for the antennas. Currently we will have one dipole and an End-Fed long wire. For current information contact Larry at marafd@w8usa.org

The ham swaps are now underway. The latest being the Independent Repeater Association located in Hudsonville, MI. While the turnout wasn't as spectacular as it was last year, a good turnout was enjoyed by all. Pictures can be found on page 4 or this newsletter.

The Spring Fundraiser this year was held at Larry, KC8KVR's QTH. We had some poor weather, but managed to raise \$ 677.80 for the club. This should allow us to continue operations for the next year and beyond with our insurance, electricity and repeater maintenance. Additionally, a local (not active) amateur, K5XF, Bob Silkensen, donated a like new SGC-2020 Transceiver and Power Supply he uncovered during his preparations to move to Minnesota. Thanks Bob...We were able to go on-line with it and sold it for \$400.

Speaking of support, please tell your friends about M.A.R.A. If each member can bring one new member in, we could expand the club. It really would be nice to have some new fresh operators for our annual field Day which again held this year at the Madison Square Sportsman's Club, located at 5321 7 Mile Rd NE, Belmont, MI 49306 (June 25 -26) More on Field Day inside this newsletter.

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



Current Active MARA Membership

If you do not see your name on this list we encourage you to get out your checkbooks and go to www.w8usa.org. On the home page there is a link to the membership form. Please fill this form out and send it to W8MSK, MARA Treasurer. Full instructions are on the form. We don't want to loose any members!

Current Club Roster

Paid members as of June 1, 2022

| Name | Call Sign | License Class | PAID | WHEN |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------|
| Erwin Beemer | K8EB | Amateur Extra | 2022 | 3/24/22 |
| Roger Day | W8DAY | Amateur Extra | 2022 | 3/13/22 |
| Larry Dells | KC8KVR | Amateur Extra | 2022 | 1/22/22 |
| Peg Dells | | | 2022 | 1/22/22 |
| Bill Dells | KG8PI | Amateur Extra | 2022 | 2/14/22 |
| Sue Dells | KB8WJW | Technician | 2022 | 2/14/22 |
| Roman Downer | N4SC | Amateur Extra | 2022-2023 | 7/11/21 |
| Michael Eilers | K8OOK | Amateur Extra | 2022 | 8/13/21 |
| Nancy Eilers | N8IPG | General | 2022 | 8/13/21 |
| Corey Grahn | KD8SZZ | Amateur Extra | 2022 | 1/22/22 |
| Erik Kliphuis | KE8TXK | Technician | 2022 | New |
| Thomas Lane | | | 2022 | 8/13/31 |
| Paul C Hummel | K9BOJ | Advanced | 2021-2022 | 7/13/21 |
| Dan Markowski | N8NIJ | General | 2022-2023 | 12/21/22 |
| Gale Scholten (thru 2026) | N8GS | Amateur Extra | 2022-2026 | 1/22/22 |
| Jerome Wittkoski | W8MSK | Amateur Extra | 2022 | 12/21/22 |
| Steve Biziorec | K8VOL | Amateur Extra | 2022 | 3/10/22 |
| Sandy Biziorec | K8VOJ | General | 2022 | 3/22/22 |
| Mike Hood | KD8JB | Amateur Extra | 2022 | 4/15/22 |
| Dave Snow | KD6RGX | General | 2022 | 6/1/22 |
| Monte MacFarlane | KE8IZW | General | 2022 | 6/1/22 |
| Life Members | | | | |
| Name | Call Sign | License Class | | |
| Samuel T Nabkey | K8SN | Amateur Extra | 2022 | LIFE |
| Dan Thompson | N8WKM | Technician | 2022 | LIFE |
| Evelyn Thompson | KB8ILI | Technician | 2022 | LIFE |

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.

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, W8JPJ. Joe is currently recruiting Net Control Operators.

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:

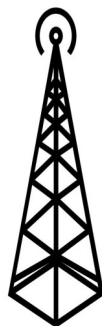
In the website you will find the latest MARA 2 meter Net operation script, which is a PDF file. We also have a simple Net Log to help you keep track of who checked in. (Print 2 of them-if you run out, you'll have one handy). Please contact Joe to schedule yourself as Net Control. Hopefully we can offer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

future. For now, contact Joe, W8JPJ.

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.



W8USA

145.230— 94.8 pl Fusion

444.450- 94.8 pl Fusion

2022 Board and Current Officers.

No Changes from 2020

President Gale Scholten N8GS
Vice President Paul Hummel K9BOJ
Secretary Mike Eilers K8OOK
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Net Director Joe Januszka W8JPJ
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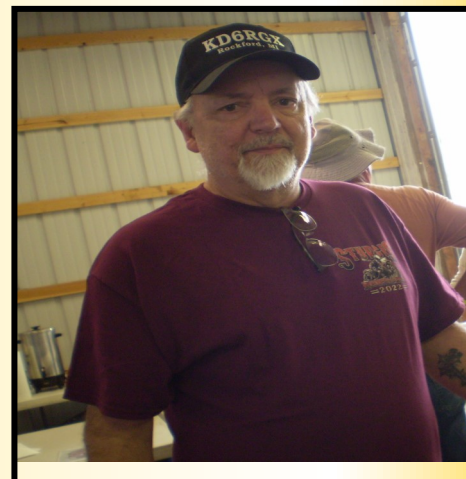
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by selecting Menu Interact,
Contact W8USA

Hudsonville Swap!



Dave KD6RGX



Jim N6PLL



Larry KC8KVR and Erik KE8TXK



Didn't get all the names, but as you can see the crowds were good!



Field Day

We are going to need a long list of volunteers for both the set-up and tear down for the 2022 Field Day Operations.

We also need a list of operators email to Larry.

Our Field day Chairman is Larry, KC8KVR. Please email Larry with your availability for both operating, set-up/tear down, and equipment to Field Day. Larry needs a long list of workers and equipment. You can email Larry at marafD@w8usa.org

Also email your Pot Luck items you are bringing to Webmaster@W8USA.ORG

Field Day 2022 Master List

Radios:

- We need 3 Stations
- - With connecting cables for log data and power)
- - Preferable with internal antenna tuners

Power:

- Will need 3 Power Supplies
- - (Preferably with Anderson & Post Connectors)
- - Extension cords
- - Surge suppressor multi outlets

Antennas:

- Multiband Dipole, Windom, or Longwire
- Portable antennas
- Antenna support line (Lots of it- Need over 500')

Computers:

- Laptop computers
- Network capable
- Associated power supplies

Misc:

- Personal snacks, Beverages
- (Club water is available)
- Connectors (Audio, Data, and RF)

Make sure you Mic/ Headphones and Keys have the correct connectors. Keys and Paddle connectors are usually 1/4" or 1/8"; Paddles normally 1/8" Stereo.



FIELD
DAY 2022

M.A.R.A. Membership

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

Lookey who has their Antenna Up!



KE8TXK—All by Himself! Good signal into the repeater!



MARA Information

- ♦ **Make out Dues Check to M.A.R.A.** Mail to 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)
- ♦ 440 Net Every Week-day M-F @ 11am on 444.450+ C4FM
- ♦ Thursdays, after 2 Meter Net, 6 Meters AM 50.4 Mhz
- ♦ Sunday mornings & Holidays 8AM on 50.4 AM—All are Welcome!
- ♦ Breakfast every Saturday morning at New Beginnings Restaurant on Northland Drive. We order at 8am. We will follow the New Beginnings Covid-19 rules and weather restrictions