



# The County Static

## Genesee County Radio Club. W8ACW

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Web Site at: <http://w8acw.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/423853624347124/>

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### Latest News

Next meeting via Zoom  
January 19.

Lets welcome our new  
officers for 2021



## Presidents Report

Greetings everyone,

I hope everyone had a GREAT Christmas and off to a good New Year. I am looking forward to serving as your club President for 2021. Hope you all bear with me as this is going to be another challenging year. I will be having a total knee replacement on 1/18/21, so I will not be able to attend or first zoom meeting of the new year. Hoping for better days ahead. I might retire, not sure yet. See how things go.

Having an optimistic outlook on the year. I'm excited about Field Day 2021. We need volunteers for many of our committees and Field day operations. Anyone that can help the club in any capacity would be greatly appreciated. From club meeting presentations, to helping with other functions. If you have an interest in a particular area, please share it.

A big welcome to our new hams that have joined in on the net and on Facebook. Please feel free to reach out for help if needed. We are all mentors (Elmer's), this is the way of the Amateur Radio hobby. I'd like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year!!

73's

Jeff Parker KE8ICG

President GCRC

**New Board Of Directors for the New Year**  
Lets give a warm welcome to our new board.

**President Jeff Parker, KE8ICG [president@w8acw.org](mailto:president@w8acw.org)**  
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Lets all help them in their new positions to continue the growth of our club and the exciting world of amateur radio.

**NOTE:** Due to the transition of the new BOD and the problems scheduling meetings caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no Treasurer or Secretary report this month. [Ed]

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Lets wish Jeff Pender, Amy Pender, and Chuck Dafoe a safe and relaxing “retirement” and thank them for the many, many years of hard work and dedication to keep our club going and growing.



19 January Meeting VIA Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92152341481?pwd=ajlQNUZyZjJOam1mRmRZWEIrRGRjZz09>

Meeting ID: 921 5234 1481

Passcode: Transmit21

One tap mobile

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 921 5234 1481

Passcode: 8386617861

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/akFWS4FK9>



## **Notice: Net Reports 2021**

Starting in the new calendar year, we will doing our net reports differently than we are used to. I have put together an editable PDF file that will be available to the net control station operator. After you close down the net, fill out the form. When you are finished, click the X in the top right corner. A dialog box will open asking you if your want to save the file. Click save as, then enter your call-sign. The file will be saved as yourcallsign.pdf. I.E. If I'm doing it, the file will be saved as kd8zxu.pdf. Then email the saved file to [editor@w8acw.org](mailto:editor@w8acw.org)

## **Notice: New Net Control Sign Up Procedures**

Starting in the new calendar year, we will have a new procedure to sign up as a Net Control Operator.

1. Pick the date or dates when you would like to be the Net Control Station.
2. Email the dates to me at [editor@w8acw.org](mailto:editor@w8acw.org)
3. I will input your call-sign for the dates you choose in the Net Control Roster.
4. The monthly calendar will have your call-sign for the dates you choose. The full monthly roster will be published periodically in the Static.

## **Message from the V.E. Team**

VE Sessions are on hold until we are able to safely hold them in the EAA Building again without requiring the Volunteer Examiners to have to clean, disinfect, etc. Please understand that our VE Team is comprised of unpaid volunteers who already take a lot of time out of there day for each session. To put more on them would be unfair to them and their families. I have spoken with The ARRL about remote VE Testing and there are just too many requirements and no standard practices to follow for us to be able to do that right now.

## **Other Genesee County Nets**

Monday Night 8 PM

GC-ARPSA ATV-Digital Net 147.260Mhz +100 hz PL tone <http://www.gc-arpsc.org/>

Wednesday Night 8 PM

GC-ARPSA Traffic and Training Net 147.260Mhz +100 hz PL tone <http://www.gc-arpsc.org/>

## **Lapeer County Nets**

LCARA Tuesday Night 2 Meter Net 146.620 -100 Hz PL Tone <http://w8lap.com/nets/>

8 PM except on second Tuesday due to LCARA meeting.

LCARA 440 D-Star Net 8 PM Wednesday Night

W8LAP /B – 442.750 MHz +5.00 MHz offset, module B <http://w8lap.com/nets/>

## **Livingston County Net**

W8LRK Thursday Night Net 8PM

146.680-162.2Hz PL tone

## **Club and Local Nets**

Phone Nets:

Thursday Night Net:

The Net begins each Thursday night at 7:00 PM local time and is a directed Net ran by one of our members. We talk about the club and everything else related to ham radio so be sure to check us out on the 2 meter repeater:

147.340Mhz+ (100hz pl tone)

or the 70cm repeater:

444.200Mhz+ (107.2hz pl tone)

Both repeaters are linked for this Net. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in.

CW Nets:

QMN Early Net:

This Net begins each night on 3563khz at 6:30 PM local time.

This is a directed Net and all are welcome to check in. For more information go to:

<http://michigannet.org/>

QMN Late Net:

This Net begins each night on 3563khz at 10 PM local time.

This is a directed Net and all are welcome to check in. For more information go to:

<http://michigannet.org/>

Ham Radio in Michigan

<http://www.mi-arrrl.org/>

## Announcements/Information

**Michigan Section of ARRL** <http://www.mi-arrl.org/>

Michigan ARRL Representatives

Dale Williams WA8EFK, Great Lakes Division Director

Thomas Delaney W8WTD, Great Lakes Division Vice Director

Jim Kvochick K8JK, Michigan Section Manager

### Club Night Location and Time

In person club meeting on hold.

### Lunch Bunch.

No lunch bunch until further notice.

### Thursday Night Net Control Operator Openings

**Attention club members!** Volunteer to be a Net Control Station operator for our clubs Thursday Night Net.

Put your license to good use and fun by volunteering to be the NCS.

It's easy, fun, and an excellent learning opportunity. If you want, one of our club members can come to your QTH and assist you your first time or two. Being a licensed ham radio operator is not just about transceivers, antennas and fancy electronic equipment, its all about club members helping club members, other Ham's, and the community.

### Licensing Classes: Get On The Air (GOTA)

Due to the continued pandemic concerns, I have not scheduled any in-person classes for the fall. Now that other VE teams are offering online exam sessions, which a few of our club members have taken advantage of, I am considering running Zoom classes. Please let me know if you're interested in taking an online class with me. Interested students should send an email to me: [wa8my@arrl.net](mailto:wa8my@arrl.net)

### Dayton Hamvention for 2021 Canceled.

<https://hamvention.org/>



Like these cool looking dust covers, hats and jackets?

Let everyone know your a member of the W8ACW radio club.

Contact Jeff, K8KZB, at [Jse-repair.com](http://Jse-repair.com) or email [jeff@jse-repair.com](mailto:jeff@jse-repair.com) for price and options.



Club ID Badges now available.



Jeff also does radio repair.

## Here is the latest in Buy/Sell

If you would like to sell or buy amateur radio goodies,  
please email details to [editor@w8acw.org](mailto:editor@w8acw.org)

Please include your name, call-sign, a brief description of what you want to sell or buy, price, and contact information.

Post Date	Category	Caption	Comment	Posted by

AM Rally <http://www.amrally.com/>



Operating Event on the HF+6M Amateur Bands

0000Z Saturday February 6 - 0700Z Monday February 8

( 7:00pm EST Friday February 5 - 2:00am EST Monday February 8 )

( 4:00pm PST Friday February 5 - 11:00pm PST Sunday February 7 )

# January 2021

**NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 virus, please check ahead of time to be sure the event is not canceled.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31 TNN	1 ARRL Contest	2
3	4 ARRL Kids Day & RTTY Round-up	5 W8ACW BOD Meeting ARRL RTTY Round-up	6	7 TNN	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 TNN	15	16
17	18 ARRL January VHF	19 W8ACW Monthly Meeting ARRL January VHF	20 ARRL January VHF	21 TNN	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 TNN	29	30
31	1	2	3	4 TNN	5	6

1 January ARRL Straight Key Night <http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night>

4 January ARRL Kids Day <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>

4-5 January ARRL RTTY Roundup <http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup>

18-20 January ARRL January VHF <http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf>

TNN Please join us on our Thursday Night Net at 7 PM local time on either of our repeaters.

2 Meter 147.340+ 100hz pl tone

70 cm 444.200+ 107.2hz pl tone

February 2021

**NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 virus, please check ahead of time to be sure the event is not canceled.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 W8ACW BOD Meeting	3	4 TNN	5	6 AM Rally Starts
7 AM Rally	8 ARRL Contest AM Rally Ends	9 ARRL Contest	10 ARRL Contest	11 TNN ARRL Contest	12 ARRL Contest	13 Orlando HamCation
14 Orlando HamCation	15	16 W8ACW Monthly Meeting	17	18 TNN	19	20 ARRL Contest
21 ARRL Contest	22	23	24	25 TNN	26	27
28	1	2	3	4 TNN	5	6 ARRL Contest
7 ARRL Contest	8	9	10	11 TNN	12	13

6-8 February AM Rally <http://www.amrally.com/> Details on page six.

8-12 February School Club Roundup <http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

13-14 February Orlando HamCation Special Edition (online) <https://www.hamcation.com/>

20-21 February International DX-CW <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

6-7 March International DX-Phone <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

13-14 March QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo (online) <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/>

TNN Please join us on our Thursday Night Net at 7 PM local time on either of our repeaters.

2 Meter 147.340+ 100hz pl tone or 70 cm 444.200+ 107.2hz pl tone



## W8ACW Net Control Roster 2021

### Thursday Night Net Dates

Date	Volunteer NCS	Date	Volunteer NCS	Date	Volunteer NCS	Date	Volunteer NCS
January 7	KE8OOK	April 8		July 8		October 7	
January 14		April 15	KE8OOK	July 15		October 14	
January 21	KE8OOK	April 22		July 22		October 21	
January 28		April 29	KE8OOK	July 29		October 28	
February 4	KE8OOK	May 6		August 5		November 4	
February 11		May 13		August 12		November 11	
February 18	KE8OOK	May 20		August 19		November 18	
February 25		May 27		August 26		November 25	
March 4	KE8OOK	June 3		September 2		December 2	
March 11		June 10		September 9		December 9	
March 18	KE8OOK	June 17		September 16		December 16	
March 25		June 24		September 23		December 23	
April 1	KE8OOK	July 1		September 30		December 30	

To volunteer to be a Net Control Operator for the W8ACW Thursday Night Net, choose one or more of the above dates you would like to volunteer for and send the dates to Mitchell Grant, KD8ZXU, at [editor@w8acw.org](mailto:editor@w8acw.org). I will input your call-sign on the the dates you choose on this master list. I will put the list on-line and also put the dates in the monthly calendar that is published in the Static. Please email me any questions or concerns. [Ed]



GCRC membership meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM (with the exception of July & December which are informal gatherings at local restaurants, the location is determined a few months in advance).  
We meet in the EAA77 Building at Dalton Airport, 3400 Ann Drive, Flushing MI 48433

Please send all Membership applications and Dues to:

GCRC Membership c/o **R. A. Vasilow, 6186 Torrey Rd, Flint, MI 48507**

ALL CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS shall be made payable to "Genesee County Radio Club, Inc."

--All GCRC Board meetings are open to the GCRC membership, held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues each month at 6:30 pm

(Board Meeting Location: Tim Horton's 4025 E Court St, Burton, MI 48509-1715

## GCRC Membership Application / Renewal

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CALL: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE CLASS:(circle) N T T+ G A E

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I belong to (circle): ARRL RACES ARES MARS NTS Other clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

Bands used (circle):160m 75/80m 40m 30m 20m 17m 15m 10m 2m 70cm

Modes used (circle): SSB FM CW Packet RTTY SSTV ATV Amtor/Pactor

Mobile equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

Fixed station: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the appropriate category/categories: (Renewal Due By January 1<sup>st</sup>)**

\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER \$15 (prorated after March 1) \*please attach license copy

\_\_\_\_ REGULAR MEMBER \$15

\_\_\_\_ STUDENT MEMBER \$7.50

\_\_\_\_ LIFE MEMBER (no dues, but yearly application required)

\_\_\_\_ ASSOCIATE MEMBER \$5.00 (unlicensed only)

\_\_\_\_ FAMILY MEMBER \$3.00 (must be licensed and reside at same address)

\_\_\_\_ Name, Call, License, etc.