

# The County Static

## Genesee County Radio Club. W8ACW

Genesee County Michigan. Since 1933.

Public Service Communication. An ARRL Special Service Club

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

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

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**Latest News**  
Next meeting via Zoom  
March 16.

## Presidents Report

Greeting's everyone. I hope you're all doing well. It's so nice to finally see some warmer days and sunshine. Makes me want to get out and do portable radio. I have a couple trips planned for the summer and am including radio time for POTA activations. As most of you have already heard Field Day 2021 has exempted the rulings for home participation again this year, with a limit of 150 watts. I would like to ask the membership to think about operating portable if you are comfortable with it. We will be socially distanced and outdoors. I know its 3 months away. But if we are going to do this we need to start planning now. Locations, equipment, etc.... Please bring any ideas or thoughts to the March club meeting as it will be a topic of discussion. That's all I have for now. Take care and look forward to seeing you all on March 16th club zoom meeting.

73's

Jeff Parker KE8ICG

President GCRC-W8ACW

## 16 March 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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Dial by your location

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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>



## Treasurer's Report March 2021

### Message From The Treasurer:

So sorry, it's taken since early December 2020, when we started the transition from Amy Pender-WA8MY, past treasurer, to me. What a trip it's been, fortunately you learn to have patience, especially during a pandemic and banks are closed and all the other things that went on in the last year. Just for some history, the club founded in 1933 had a 4-digit account number with Citizens Bank, which was unheard of, but then Citizens was taken over by First Merit, and then more recently Huntington. As you might remember, Amy reported monies in three different accounts, when she submitted her treasurers reports.

It seems when the bank transitions happen, the 2 newer accounts, a savings and checking were not set up as business accounts. That raised a red flag with the bank, now remember, back in the day, there was not all the involvement with the state, IRS and others like there is now, due to fraud, internet and whatever else you can think about. Think about it the bank transitions were done automatically without any input from the customer, so this was all new to us.

And then just when we thought we were all set to do the swap to me, Rachel, the bank manager at Huntington, Grand Blanc, catches a typo on the IRS letter, where I changed to club address to my place, another thing that we had to do, they spelled Flint with an o on the end, so it said Flinto, so while we were there we closed the two personal accounts and moved that money to the main business checking account, what fun. Jeff Parker also became the second signer on the account, if needed, also required.

So the club has one account now, and there's \$8344.25 in it! There's a few bucks in petty cash leftover from previous 50/50 drawings which I haven't counted, but it's minimal.

I've also worked on some ideas on how to do dues payment via the internet, especially, since I've only received 22 members dues for this year via snail mail. I hope to have a proposal to the Board in the near future, as we may have to incur some cost to make it work.

In the meantime, working with Don Davidson-WB8HOE on the refresh of the webpage at w8acw.org. Check it out, and any help is welcome.

Be safe, 73's, Bobbie ...-.-

Roberta(Bobbie) Vasilow - W8GSX

### New Club QSL Cards

The Board of Directors and the membership of the Genesee County Radio Club, W8ACW, would like to announce a new "Member" QSL Card template available through our vendor, KB3IFH

KB3IFH QSL Cards

**ASK for the W8ACW Member Card to use as the front of the QSL and choose your own back design from his web-site.**

[www.kb3ifh.homestead.com](http://www.kb3ifh.homestead.com)

410-440-0282

Skype: kb3ifh

Coffee Mugs, Signs, License Plate frames with your call sign. They also have our W8ACW logo on file.

<http://www.themainstore.com/index.html>

Order directly from them for prompt, fast, and friendly service

NOTE: The Companies listed above have our club logo on file. These are commercial businesses and are not affiliated in any way with W8ACW. Any problems or disputes must be settled by you and not by W8ACW.

## **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting February 9, 2021**

The meeting was held virtually due to state regulations regarding precautions necessary during the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Jeff Parker called the meeting to order at 1830 noting the unusual day due to a communications glitch.

Those present:

Jeff Parker, President, KE8ICG

Don Davidson, Secretary, WB8HOE

Roberta Vaslow, Treasurer, W8RSX

Robert Dunn, Member-at-large, KE8OOK

Roberta brought the board up-to-date on all financial matters including the ongoing transfer from the former Treasurer and bank regulations regarding signatories. All former accounts of the Club will be closed with balances transferred into one account for future club use.

Roberta reported that at this time only 20 members of the club have paid their 2021 dues, however further investigation may find that others paid in advance.

The Club is paid-up on rent for Club meetings with EAA.

There is maintenance pending on Club repeaters and a desire to move the machines into further, and more modern, applications. The updating has been needed for sometime.

A timeline for Field Day planning was presented. Field Day is scheduled for the last weekend in June unless COVID forces further cancellations. Bob is investigating the N3FJP logging system for our Field Day and complimented our former President Jeff for his ability to take information from all the operations for submission to ARRL.

It was noted with sadness that the annual Dayton Hamvention, now held in Xenia, Ohio has been cancelled for 2021.

Nothing further for board action, the meeting was adjourned at 1910.

Don Davidson, WB8HOE, Secretary

## **Minutes of the Board of Club Meeting February 16, 2021**

The meeting was held virtually due to state regulations regarding precautions necessary during the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Jeff Parker called the meeting to order at 1833 with the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked those attending.

Those present:

Jeff Parker, President, KE8ICG

Don Davidson, Secretary, WB8HOE

Roberta Vaslow, Treasurer, W8RSX

Robert Dunn, Member-at-large, KE8OOK

David Ganage, N8MME

Al, KD8DEU

Chuck Dafoe

Doug, N8NVX

Don Whiteside, WA8QMV

A question was raised about the status of the Club website ([www.w8acw.org](http://www.w8acw.org)) which has not been recently updated and includes incorrect information. A discussion followed concerning the need and efficiency of the website under webmaster Jeff Pender. The site included important information regarding upcoming club events and the roster for net control operations. There was also a need to complete the addition of a PayPal application so that members could pay their dues online.

Don Davidson, WB8HOE volunteered (his wife unknowing) to assist. Don has WordPress and php ability. Doug noted that there is a potential pirate radio station operating in Mid-Michigan on 96.7khz. The station's purpose or transmitter location are unknown, but current indications are that it could be transmitting from an aircraft or some other airborne or space-borne utility. The station transmits garbled information with little obvious understood content.

The President noted the need to get back with in-persons license examinations as soon as reasonably possible under current COVID restrictions.

A pleasant conversation ensued with all members enjoying the time together.

The meeting adjourned at 1928.

Don Davidson, WB8HOE, Secretary

## February Net Report 2021

Traffic: No messages passed during nets this month  
QNI: Total of 11 QNI's from 9 stations  
Net Control Stations Were: KE800K, KE800K, W8AJM  
Our Monthly Report is as follows:  
Net Name: Genesee County Radio Club Thursday Night Net  
Net Manager: Jeff K8KZB  
Check-Ins (QNI): 15  
Traffic (QTC): 0  
Net Time (QTR): Hours 1.51  
Sessions: 3  
Man Hours (QNI \* QTR): Man Hours 22.75

|        |      |   |        |       |   |
|--------|------|---|--------|-------|---|
| KD8ZXV | Jim  | 3 | KD8ZXU | Mitch | 1 |
| KD8DEU | Al   | 2 | KE8QQU | Chuck | 1 |
| KE800K | Bob  | 2 | KZ8TDP | Terry | 1 |
| KF5INT | Mike | 2 | N8RHK  | David | 1 |
| N8MME  | Dave | 2 | N8WGT  | David | 1 |
| W8KPU  | Rob  | 2 | W8AJM  | Al    | 1 |
| WA8QMV | Don  | 2 | WA8XYM | John  | 1 |
| K8LJG  | John | 1 |        |       |   |

\* Net controllers please be sure to include yourself first in the online log, then enter the Start/End times, # of traffic and # of QNI's in the comments section next to your name in the online log.

If you have any corrections that need to be made, please contact Mitch ([editor@w8acw.org](mailto:editor@w8acw.org)) for updates.

### Other Genesee County Nets

Monday Night 8 PM  
GC-ARPSC ATV-Digital Net 147.260Mhz +100 hz PL tone <http://www.gc-arpesc.org/>  
Wednesday Night 8 PM  
GC-ARPSC Traffic and Training Net 147.260Mhz +100 hz PL tone  
<http://www.gc-arpesc.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/>

# March 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  |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--|-----------|----------|--------|---|
| 28                                    | 1      | 2 W8ACW<br>BOD meeting                     | 3         | 4 TNN    | 5      | 6 Siren<br>Testing Starts<br>ARRL<br>Contest<br>Details below |
| 7 ARRL<br>Contest<br>Details below    | 8      | 9  | 10        | 11 TNN   | 12     | 13  |
| 14 Daylight<br>savings time<br>starts | 15     | 16 W8ACW<br>Monthly<br>meeting via<br>Zoom | 17        | 18 TNN   | 19     | 20  |
| 21                                    | 22     | 23   | 24        | 25 TNN   | 26     | 27  |
| 28                                    | 29     | 30   | 31        | 1 TNN    | 2      | 3   |
| 4                                     | 5      | 6 W8ACW<br>BOD meeting                     | 7         | 8 TNN    | 9      | 10  |

6 March Genesee County Siren Testing Starts. <http://www.mscginc.org/>

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

# April 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        |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------------|
| 28                            | 29     | 30                                | 31        | 1 TNN    | 2      | 3 Siren Testing |
| 4                             | 5      | 6 W8ACW BOD meeting               | 7         | 8 TNN    | 9      | 10              |
| 11                            | 12     | 13                                | 14        | 15 TNN   | 16     | 17              |
| 18 ARRL Contest Details below | 19     | 20 W8ACW Monthly meeting via Zoom | 21        | 22 TNN   | 23     | 24              |
| 25                            | 26     | 27                                | 28        | 29 TNN   | 30     | 1               |
| 2                             | 3      | 4                                 | 5         | 6 TNN    | 7      | 8               |

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

3 April Genesee County Siren Testing <http://www.mscginc.org/>  
 18 April ARRL Rookie Roundup-Phone <http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup>



## Announcements/Information

**Michigan Section of ARRL** <http://www.mi-arrrl.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. 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@arrrl.net](mailto:wa8my@arrrl.net)



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.

Thanks to Don for this reminder.

This is from the March 2021 QST Happenings Column.

### **FCC to Require Email Address with Applications and on File**



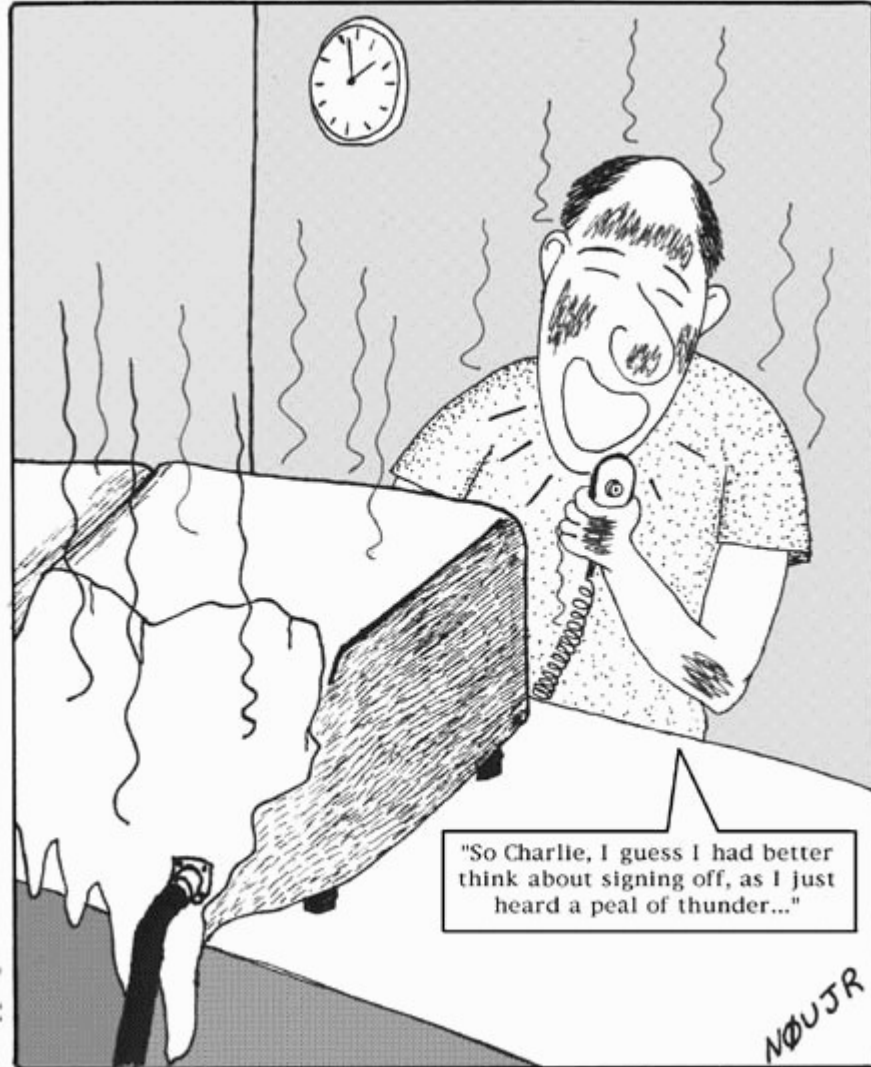
By June 29, 2021, amateur radio licensees and candidates must provide the FCC with an email address on all applications. If no email address is included, the FCC may dismiss the application as “defective.” On September 16, the FCC adopted a *Report and Order (R&O)* on “Completing the Transition to Electronic Filing, Licenses and Authorizations, and Correspondence in the Wireless Radio Services.” While many, if not most, amateurs have already provided an email to the FCC, this will now become a requirement.

Under Section 97.21 of the new rules, as amended, the holder of a valid amateur radio station license “must apply to the FCC for a modification of the license grant as necessary to show the correct mailing and email address, licensee name, club name, license trustee name, or license custodian name.” For a club or military recreation station license, the application must be presented in document form to a club station call sign administrator who must submit the information to the FCC in an electronic batch file.

Under new Section 97.23, as amended, each license must show the grantee’s correct name, mailing address, and email address. “The email address must be an address where the grantee can receive electronic correspondence,” the revised rule will state. “Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct email address.”

Licensees can log into the ULS License Manager System with their FRN and password to update their FCC license record, including adding an email address. For questions or password issues, call the CORES/FRN Help Line, (877) 480-3201.

Are you ready for stormy weather? Virtual Skywarn Spotter Training starting soon!  
[https://www.weather.gov/dtx/spotter2?fbclid=IwAR2ICmFAH\\_6X3HUFHrTVD-qxslwLt66BsTe7ssQyaNOYo73lZiil5tr3UM](https://www.weather.gov/dtx/spotter2?fbclid=IwAR2ICmFAH_6X3HUFHrTVD-qxslwLt66BsTe7ssQyaNOYo73lZiil5tr3UM)





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.