



# 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/>

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We may be having an in person meeting in August. Details are being worked out.

Also in August, the Crim race, 28 August, and the Linden First Try Triathlon 21 August, are looking for radio operators.

For more info on the Crim contact Genesee County ARRL Emergency Coordinator Greg Zaleski N8FVZ [gzaleskid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gzaleskid@sbcglobal.net) See bottom of July calendar page 5 for upcoming meeting.

For more info on the Linden First Try Triathlon, contact Tim Crane WM8A [timwm8a@gmail.com](mailto:timwm8a@gmail.com)

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**Latest News**  
No meeting in July.

**New Members!**

Josef Wiehr K8JCW  
Extend a hardy welcome to our new member!

## Treasurer's Report November 2020

Welcome new member JOSEF - K8JCW.

We now have 36 active members, that includes 30 paid and 6 life members. Have you paid your 2021 dues? You can now use PAYPAL to pay your dues, check it out on the website!

The current balance in the treasury is \$7997.23.

Expenses \$200 for club insurance, \$320 for club banner and portable toilet for Field Day.

Be safe, 73's, Bobbie

Roberta(Bobbie) Vasilow - W8GSX

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SSTV pictures I received from the ISS in June. Lots of static and a few signal dropouts, but not bad.

Mitch Grant KD8ZXU



### 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.

## Field Day 26 June, 2021.

Robert “Bob” Dunn KE8OOK with grandson Oscar demonstrating amateur radio to Boy Scout Troop 42 from Flushing Michigan. Michael Miller Scout Leader.



John Davison WA8YXM, waiting for that rare DX.



Relaxing with some dinner at the “shack” of Jeff Parker, KE8ICG, just before the storms rolled through. Then we had to shut down and pack up.



Sorry I missed Al Van Brocklin and Tim Crane.  
Mitch Grant KD8ZXU

## 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)

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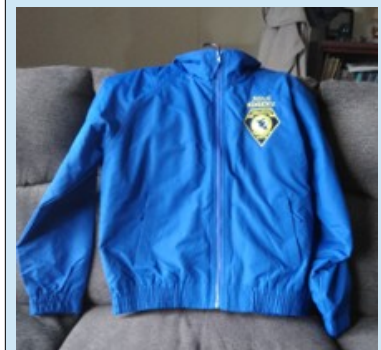
### \*\*\*Linden First Try Triathlon\*\*\*

The 10th Linden First Try Triathlon is on for Saturday 8/21/21! This is an entry level triathlon encompassing a 300 yard swim, 11 mile bike and 2 mile run. Ask any operator that has worked this event over the years and they will tell you it's a favorite. The atmosphere is extremely supportive, encouraging and fun! Amateur radio has proven invaluable for a course this extensive & involved. If you have ever wanted to get involved in public service at a smaller event, this is the event for you! Contact me here or email me [timwm8a@gmail.com](mailto:timwm8a@gmail.com)  
Tim Crane WM8A

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.

# July 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	1 TNN	2	3 Siren Test
4 Independence Day	5	6 W8ACW BOD Meeting	7	8 TNN	9	10 HF World Championship See Below
11 HF World Championship See Below	12	13	14	15 TNN	16	17
18	19	20 W8ACW Monthly Meeting	21	22 TNN	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 TNN	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

10-11 ARRL IARU HF World Championship <http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-world-championship>

21 July GMARC July Trunk Swap <http://www.gmarc.org/wp/>

### Meeting about the Hap Crim Race

28 July In person meeting for the Crim Race at GCARPSC downtown Flint EOC 7pm 7-28-21.

Contact Greg Zaleski N8FVZ [gzaleskid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gzaleskid@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

# August 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Siren Test
8 ARRL Contest Details below	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Linden First Try Triathlon ARRL Contest Details below
22 ARRL Contest Details below	23	24	25	26	27	28 CRIM RACE
29	30	31	1	2	3	4 Siren Test
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

7-8 August ARRL 222 Mhz and Up Distance Contest <http://www.arrl.org/222-mhz-and-up-distance-contest>

21-22 August ARRL 10 Ghz & Up-Round 1 <http://www.arrl.org/10-ghz-up>

22 August ARRL Rookie Roundup-RTTY <http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup>

**\*\*\*\*Volunteers needed for the following events!\*\*\*\***

21 August Linden First Try triathlon <https://www.trisignup.com/Race/MI/Linden/FirstTryTri>

Contact Tim Crane WM8A [timwm8a@gmail.com](mailto:timwm8a@gmail.com)

28 August HAP Crim Festival Of Races <https://crim.org/races/hap-crim-festival-of-races/>

Contact Greg Zaleski N8FVZ [gzaleskid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gzaleskid@sbcglobal.net)



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.