



The Wireless

September 2026

The Garden City

Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 482 • Garden City, MI 48135-9998

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

7:00pm

Garden City Presbyterian Church

1841 Middlebelt (just south of Ford)

Garden City, MI 48135

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Be sure to join us this Tuesday, Sept. 15, for a special presentation:

"SOTA, Summits On The Air: European Activations," presented by Sevim, WB8BHN,

Immediately following the business portion of our monthly meeting.

FREE LIVE ONLINE CLASS TO GET YOUR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE

LEARN • CONNECT • GET ON THE AIR!

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CLASS DATES:
 **OCTOBER 4TH TO NOVEMBER 22ND**

YOU'LL LEARN:
 ✓ Radio Basics
 ✓ Operating Practices
 ✓ Tools & Equipment
 ✓ How to Communicate
 ✓ And Much More!

FREE CLASSES HELD VIA ZOOM

EARN YOUR TECHNICIAN AND/OR GENERAL CLASS LICENSE!

SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP!
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JOIN US AND TAKE THE FIRST STEP!
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Reflections from Summer Camp

-Richard Zarczynski, AC8FJ

What an extortionary camp session this turned out to be.

In an earlier article I made you aware of the Trail-To-Eagle summer camp Scott Dykes, W8TS and myself volunteer to.

To recap, it is an opportunity for Scouts of First-Class rank and at least 13 years old to earn additional unique merit badges not necessarily made available within their local troop geographical area, before they turn 18 years of age.

Once one turns 18, are considered an adult and not able to earn Scouts highest honor, the Eagle Scout.

It is held at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch in Metamora, MI a nationally accredited camp and run by an amazing volunteer staff, who continue to set the bar high every year.

Scott is a registered merit badge counselor for several of the merit badges offered. Search and Rescue, Plumbing, Public Speaking, Weather and Communications. He also served as a Scoutmasters to Red, one of the 8 troop color units. He was also the Rangemaster overseeing the scouts being properly instructed in handling and shooting rifle and shotgun. I was registered to teach the Radio merit badge. In addition, our Garden City Amateur Radio club (GCARC), sponsored a special event station during that week. We monitor specific frequencies on 2, 20, 40 and 80 meters. This year's event was listed in the July issue of QST magazine as we were using the Boy Scouts of America call K2BSA/8. We're also listed on the ARRL website. One of the requirements of this merit badge is for the scoutmaster in having a QSO with some operator on the air. Among other radio theories, Scouts learned about propagation and how signals travel all over the world.

Well, the propagation gods were at their best. This year, rather than most other years, was very favorable for my Alpha omni-directional antenna. First was the Canada Day contest on July 1st. Starting in evening where the western part of Canada time zone starts earlier, it was mostly not successful. Canadian operators indicated that they could here operators like myself, but we were all stuck in the noise level. It didn't matter what adjustments we made to the radio results were the same. They apologized for not being able to pull us out. We could hear contacts being made with other Canadian operators closer within their continent. Quite disappointing until the next day. I had easily made contacts with many operators in 8 of the 10 provinces and three territories. Quite satisfying as I was on a roll. I was able supply them with my call and the K2BSA/8 call. It was much appreciated. Last year's attempt only netted me 3 provinces.

The rest of the week was just as successful. I was able to make contacts to all corners of the U.S. Normally, it is difficult just to get over the mountains of Colorado. The most surprising contacts occurred from Bulgaria and different parts of Italy. This was during the daytime as well as evening for the rest of the week. It was then the sad time to shut down the station and pack everything up. There's always next year.

73

Rich, AC8FJ



Julie Galdes, TTE Staff & New Eagle Scout



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Did you know that the ARRL is holding a Year-Long Worked All States (WAS-250) operating event to recognize the 250th Anniversary (Semi-quincentennial) of the US Constitution?

(<https://www.arrl.org/america250-was>).

Have you been working ARRL America250 stations? Are you chasing WAS or Triple Play? Have you noticed how some states have a near continuous on-the-air presence during their week, while other states are noticeably absent?

Last February, twenty four Michigan Section ARRL operators were on-the-air as W1AW/8. As a group, we put in a total of 380 operating hours, generating 8,390 QSO's across all bands (160m-6m) and modes (CW, digital, SSB). From our statistics, our first week activation was a complete success.

Now its time to start recruiting for our second state activation. For seven days, (October 28th at 00:00 UTC to November 3rd at 23:59 UTC,) ARRL Michigan Section operators will be back, putting W1AW/8 on the air!

The goal of this operation is to activate as many bands (excluding 60 Meters) as possible on the three modes of CW, Phone and Digital, plus satellite. Interested in being a W1AW/8 operator? The requirements are straightforward:

- The operator must be an ARRL Michigan Section member.
- The operator's transmitter and antenna must physically reside within the state of Michigan.

Notice to travelers: If you can control a Michigan based transmitter/antenna per FCC regulations, you're welcome to participate as well. In other words, as W1AW/8 you can send Hellschreiber from your chaise lounge :-)

- The operator is expected to observe all FCC regulations, including only operating on frequencies/modes allocated to their license class and at permitted power levels.

- All logging must be submitted in ADIF format.

- ♦ Get on the air, make contacts, and have fun!
- ♦ Notice that there's no requirement for station hardware or experience. So yes, while we want all the mega-transmitter/multi-antenna/multi-thousand hour experienced operators we can get, we also encourage relatively new operators with 100 watts and a wire to apply. Our February group included a 9 year old Technician and a 15 year old Amateur Extra! We can shepherd/shelter you with appropriate band and time slot suggestions to keep you from getting into the pileup deep end. In return, you get to gently develop your pileup handling skills.

Still interested? If so, please e-mail me (fschebor@arrl.net) with your:

- Name and call as it appears on your FCC license.
- Your class of FCC license.
- Your QTH address and maidenhead grid ID.
- Your phone number (would only be used in an emergency).
- Your e-mail address (if different from the address you're responding from.)
- A couple of sentences that describe your capabilities and experience - saves me from reading all the QRZ bios :-)

Lastly, during our first week, the W1AW/8 operators had a blast! Please consider joining us!

73,

Fred Schebor

K8NGW

Michigan ARRL America250 Coordinator

fschebor@arrl.net

Thanks to Rich. W8DOW for sharing this letter -ed.

and also courtesy of Rich:

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Who Can Apply:

- Anyone who is over the age of 18 and resides in Wayne County
- No prior criminal history (background check is required)
- No prior CERT experience is needed

What will I learn:

- Many aspects of emergency and disaster response
- Light search and rescue
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- Team building skills
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- Disaster psychology and disaster preparedness

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- Volunteer with Westland Fire, Police, and Emergency Services
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Website: www.cityofwestland.com :
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Westland Community Emergency Response Team (Cert)

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Westland CERT
Community Emergency Response Team

Interested in helping your community during an emergency?
Leave your details below and a member will reach out to you

Full Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- ☐ Basic First Aid and Triage
- ☐ Search and Rescue and Operations
- ☐ Disaster Preparedness
- ☐ Radio Communications
- ☐ Community Event Volunteering

Best Time to Reach You:

- ☐ Morning 9 am - 11 am
- ☐ Afternoon 12pm - 2pm
- ☐ Evening 4pm - 6pm

Thank you for your interest in the Westland CERT Team!