

The Wireless

January 2025

The Garden City
Amateur Radio Club

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Next Meeting:
Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 6:00pm
Garden City Presbyterian Church
1841 Middlebelt Road
Garden City, MI 48135

Free - Extra License Class Course Being Offered

A free, weekly, live, Amateur Radio Extra Class Licensing course on Zoom will begin on **Thursday, January 16, 2025**, and run through Thursday, March 27.

There will be 11 three-hour sessions starting at 6:30 PM Eastern Time. They will be recorded. Those who attend should hold (or be studying for) the General Class Amateur Radio License.

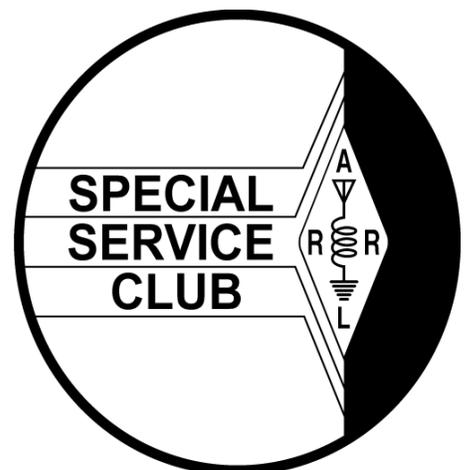
Those wishing to sign up should email roland.anders@comcast.net.

Be sure to visit and use our repeater:

KK8GC
146.860 MHz
-600Hz offset (input on 146.260)
100 Hz PL tone

And be sure to join us for our Sunday Night Social Net,
at 9:00pm on the KK8GC repeater.

Also, please join us for breakfast,
every Saturday morning at 9:00 am at Big Boys,
on Ford Road at Harrison in Garden City.
Everyone is welcome.





Noel, F4JJD, has written a very useful booklet covering a lot of ham radio basics. It's too large to include here, so we're working on making it downloadable for those that want it, but in the mean time if you'd like a copy please e-mail Mat, N8TW or Don, KC8VCX

Message Handling: A Rewarding Endeavor

Roy Watts, W8ROY

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Message handling remains a vital and common activity within the amateur radio community, and it's something I've had the pleasure of being involved with for over 13 years. Each evening at 10:15 PM, we hold a daily net on the frequency of 146.760, where radio operators gather to share information and assist one another in this important practice.

I'm proud to serve as the net control every Monday evening, guiding participants through our routine and ensuring smooth communications. If you're interested in learning the ropes, I strongly encourage you to listen in on our nets. It's a fantastic opportunity to discover how message handling works and to engage with fellow amateurs.

Participating in message handling can be incredibly rewarding. Not only do you get to pass important traffic, but you also build valuable skills and connections within the radio community. For those eager to delve deeper into the art and science of message handling, extensive resources are available on the ARRL website. Additionally, we have launched a new website rich with information: <https://sites.google.com/view/semtn>

Whether you're a seasoned operator or just starting, I invite you to join us. Message handling is not only about the protocols and procedures; it's about community, support, and the joy of connecting with others. If you have questions or wish to learn more, please reach out!



There's nothing more permanent



than a temporary solution that works.

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Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT

As of February 17, 2015, the FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS).

The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one. Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License Manager. I’ve created a set of instructions on how you can request an “official” printed copy of your license*

Click here to download the instructions:

https://arri-ohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/print_your_license.pdf

(Thanks to Rich, AC8FJ, for providing this information - ed)

Drake Stone, KF8CUU, is presented with his first hand-held radio by his Scoutmaster, Scott Deykes, WT8S. The radios were donated to the GCARC by Jack, WA8BKU, to be presented to the first two scouts in Garden City to earn their amateur license. According to our club by-laws, Drake is also eligible for dues-free Youth membership in the GCARC until he turns 18.

Congratulations, Drake!



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LARC Annual Swap and Shop



Due to consecutive years of vendor table sell-outs, we are happy to announce a new, larger venue for our swap & shop!!

When:

- Saturday, February 22nd, 2025
- 8:00AM to 12:00PM

Where:

- Ward Church Northville, MI
- 40000 Six Mile Rd, Northville Charter Township, MI 48168
- Northwest Corner of 6 Mile & Haggerty Rd. Approximately half a mile west of I-275.

Cost:

- \$5 at the door. **Cash Only**
- General public entry tickets cannot be purchased in advance

Donuts and Coffee will be available for cash purchase.

Please contact swap@livoniaarc.com for any inquiries or questions.

