



The Wireless

January 2024

The Garden City

Amateur Radio Club

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 16, 2023, 7:00pm
 Garden City Presbyterian Church
 1841 Middlebelt Rd.
 Garden City, MI 48135

GCARC Christmas Dinner

In lieu of a December meeting, our club met at DeLuca's Restaurant in Westland for a holiday fellowship celebration. There were about a dozen members, plus a few xyl's and other guests. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Getting Ready for 2024

It's another year, and believe it or not, we only have 5 meetings between now and Dayton and 6 before Field Day. Now is the time to start thinking about how you can be involved in these two fun-filled events. Look for more information later in this newsletter.

Speaking of Getting Involved

With a new year, we have several openings for various committees, and some chairs as well. Please talk to Scott, WT8S, or any of the club officers about how you want to be involved this year.

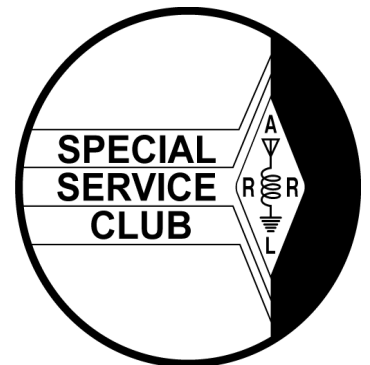
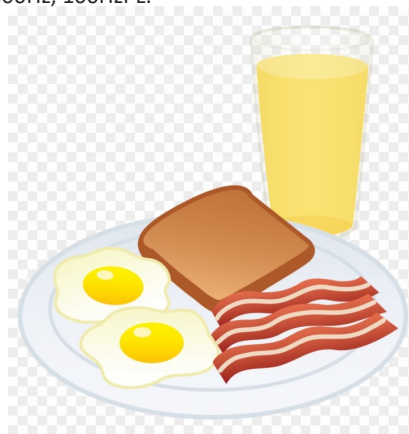
A reminder from our Treasurer:

I am still accepting 2024 dues. The current fee is \$17.00. Please bring exact change if possible if payment is by cash. Checks to GCARC also will be accepted. Dues can be paid in person during meetings or by mail to our P.O. Box listed above. Please mention our club to prospective new members who may be interested in joining.

73. Richard, AC8FJ
 GCARC Treasurer

Join Us For Breakfast

Don't forget that we meet every Saturday morning at 9:00 for breakfast at Big Boys, at the corner of Ford Rd. and Harrison. All are welcome to come and join in the food, fellowship, and conversation. Sometimes, we even get around to discussing radio related stuff. If you can't make it in person, join us on the air at 146.86MHz -600Hz, 100HzPL.



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Dayton Bus Trip – 2024

The ARROW Communications Association is proud to sponsor a motor coach trip to the [Hamvention](#) in Dayton, Ohio. Started in 2002, this annual club activity has grown in size and reputation with Hams across Michigan. We have been host to over 700 Hams for this event.



Please join us! Tickets are \$70 per person.

Please note that this does not include the Hamvention ticket.

Register by March 10th 2024

ARROW reserves the right to cancel the bus if not enough people sign up by March 10. If bus is cancelled ARROW will issue refunds.

The bus departs from Ann Arbor (Pioneer High School, 601 W Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI) on Saturday, May 18th at 4:30 am, arriving in Dayton around 8:30 am. On board, you can stretch out, relax, chat with other Hams and enjoy a continental breakfast with coffee as the coach takes you directly to the door of the country's largest amateur radio event!

We arrive at Dayton early enough so that you can enjoy a full day!

- Visit exhibits
- See what's new from major manufacturers
- Attend seminars
- Take license tests
- Shop one of the largest outdoor swap meets in the United States

When [Hamvention](#) closes at 5:00 p.m., return to the entrance with your purchases and our bus will pick you up for the ride back home. No standing in lines waiting for a shuttle bus or fighting traffic!

Got Stuff to sell? We can help!!!

Got stuff you want to get rid of? We will have an attended booth space in the flea market. If you buy a bus ticket, you can sell your stuff at our booth.

This is no ordinary bus trip—it's an ADVENTURE!

The Livonia Amateur Radio Club



Swap-n-Shop



ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest

SATURDAY

February 17, 2024

Sale hours: 8:00am-12:00pm

BUY | SELL | TRADE

- Amateur Radio Gear
 - Computers
 - Electronics
 - Antennas
 - Test Equipment
- Ham shack accessories and more!

MONAGHAN BANQUET CENTER
19801 FARMINGTON ROAD
(north of 7 Mile)
LIVONIA, MI

- Door Prizes from ARRL and

Q ALPHA ANTENNA®

ADMISSION: STILL ONLY \$5!

(cash @ door)

Admission ticket pre-sales are available only to vendors/sellers with advance table purchase, visit website for reservation info. Same-day tables subject to availability

Talk-in: K8UNS LARC Repeater
145.350 PL100Hz

ADVANCE TABLE SALES, INFORMATION:

<https://livoniaarc.com/larc-annual-swap-and-shop/>

email: swap@livoniaarc.com

voice: (734) 648-6453



FARL Repeater

For those of you wondering what became of the KSUTT (145.350) repeater, owned by the Ford Amateur Radio League (FARL), here is the latest.

The repeater was atop The Henry hotel located at the NW corner of Michigan Avenue and Southfield Freeway. When the hotel went into receivership, the hotel was closed and the power turned off, thereby shutting down the repeater. This past week, several members of FARL gained access to the building and climbed the 14 stories to the equipment. The equipment was intact, unlike what happened inside the hotel. The team was able to bring out most of the equipment, and are now looking for a new location to erect the repeater.

We Get Mail...

OK, maybe not as often as I'd like, but sometimes we do hear from you.

Dear Don and all members of GCARC, I want to wish all of you MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR from our club up here in Northern Michigan, (the) Greater Roscommon Community Amateur Radio Club (GRCARC) here in Houghton Lake.....we have nets on the KE8VEY Echolink & Allstar on Tuesdays at 8pm and its the KE8VEY Friendship Net, and Thursdays at 8pm, too it would be nice to hear from you all sometime. 73 and God bless you all,
Pat Talbert, N8ZZF

Good to hear from you, Pat. Don't be surprised if some of us do log in to KE8VEY's net.

We'd love to hear from you as well. Please send comments, feedback, or even a greeting to gcarc.wireless@gmail.com



Hamvention will be held May 17, 18 and 19, 2024 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center. For more information, please select the tabs below or use the navigation menu above to visit pages of interest. If you have a specific question that isn't answered on the site, please [contact us](#).

The entire staff of Hamvention volunteers is working hard behind the scenes to make our fourth year at Hamvention's new home at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Exposition Center even better. Details will be posted when they become available, so check back often. In the meantime, Where it all started... Since 1952 Hamvention® has been sponsored by Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA). For many years it has been the world's largest amateur radio gathering, attracting hams from throughout the globe. About 1950, John Willig, W8ACE, had asked the Dayton Amateur Radio Association to sponsor a HAM Convention but was turned down. John wanted to have a quality affair. Speakers and prizes would be a drawing point. John finally found a champion in Frank Schwab, W8YCP (W8OK), the newly elected president of the club. A meeting was held and the DARA Board allocated \$100 to get started. The first organizational meeting was held in January 1952. The Southwestern Ohio Ham-vention was born. The first committee consisted of: John Willig, W8ACE, General Chairman Al Dinsmore, W8AUN, Arrangements Bob Siff, W8QDI (K4AMG), Prizes and Exhibits Frank Schwab, W8YCP (W8OK), Publicity Bob Montgomery, W8CUJ, Finance Clem Wolford, W8ENH, Program Ellie Haburton, W8GJP (W4ZVW), Women's Committee. The next year the name became "Dayton Hamvention®" and was registered as a trademark. April was determined to be the best time but the Biltmore Hotel, in downtown Dayton was booked. March 22 was the chosen date, causing a short lead time. How far did \$100 go? Not far! A 12" TV was raffled off to help raise funds. The FCC agreed to give license exams and Phil Rand, W1BDM, a pioneer in TVI elimination was on the program. First prize, a Collins 75A2, was purchased locally. Hoping for 300 visitors, the committee was amazed that over 600 showed up! There were 7 exhibitors and 6 forums. The ladies program was successful with a luncheon at the Biltmore and a trip to a local TV station. In 1955 the Awards Program began with the "Amateur of the Year." The Flea Market has grown from 200 to more than 2000 spaces. In 1964 the Hamvention® moved to Hara Arena. Shuttle buses and handicapped parking were added in 1969. In 1973 it became a 2 day event with Sundays added in 1974. The program has grown to a "Souvenir Program" and in 1976 the dimensions changed from 6"x 9" to the current 8-1/2"x11". The growth of the Dayton Hamvention® can be attributed to caring, energetic people who enjoy being on a winning team. enjoy this photo tour of Hamvention's new home:

Field Day is June 22-23, 2024



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