



The Wireless

August 2024

The Garden City
Amateur Radio Club

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 17, 2024,
7:00pm
Garden City Presbyterian Church
1841 Middlebelt Rd.
Garden City, MI 48135

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a good summer, and you're ready for some fall radio events. The days are getting shorter, and most of are spending less time outdoors, which can mean more time at our radios. What are your plans for fall radio? Send me ideas at gcarc.wireless@gmail.com, and I'll share them with the group.

At our September meeting, your exec. Committee will offer the following motion:

In accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Club Constitution:

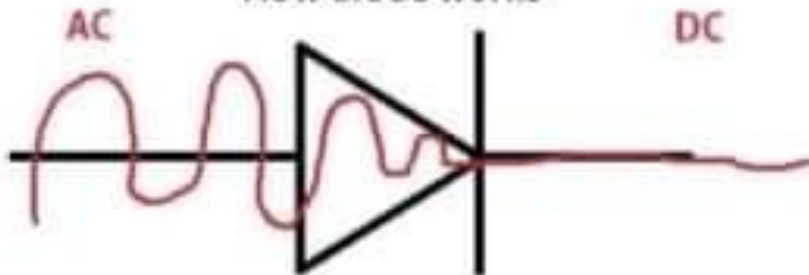
Dues shall be set at \$20.00 per member, including new, renewed and reinstated memberships for the 2025 calendar year, with full membership privileges to expire 12/31/2025.

All dues collected beginning September 17, 2024 shall be applied to the 2025 calendar year, beginning on the date received.

No additional fees will be assessed for new members. Club name tags will not be automatically issued.

Please be prepared with your comments and questions.

How diode works





Discord

If you thought the GCARC 2 meter repeater (146.860 with -100 hz PL tone) was the only way members had to communicate amongst ourselves, you'd be wrong. Discord, is an excellent and most importantly, free online multimedia messaging tool. It can be freely downloaded as a desktop app on your Windows, Linux or macOS computer. Or utilized as a mobile app for Android and iOS devices.

We can thank Ray Crane KC8RC for introducing this platform to the club during last month's meeting which now has come to fruition. At a moment's notice, no matter where you are or what you are doing, your thoughts on any subject matter can be keyed in for us all to read and respond to interactively. In Ray's words, "It will be another great resource for building and maintaining a sense of community and camaraderie here at GCARC".

He has volunteered to maintain our own Discord "Server" (more of a tenant or management domain than a server, as such, but that's the term they use for it) so we can manage who has access, what channels are created, and as necessary perform moderation activities.

More general information on the what and the why of Discord is available from these links:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discord>

https://www.reddit.com/r/RedditForGrownups/comments/t417q1/can_someone_please_explain_discord_to_me_like_im/

If you'd like more information about Discord, email Ray at kc8rc@fastmail.com. Looking to see you there too.

-Rich, AC8FJ

MI ARRL Section Hamfest, Meeting and Event Calendar

Sep 14, 2024	GMARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Twp, MI
Sep 15, 2024	Adrian Swap & Shop, Adrian, MI
Oct 5, 2024	Kalamazoo Hamfest, Kalamazoo, MI
Oct 6, 2024	USECA Hamfest, St Clair Shores, MI
Oct 8-13, 2024	USA ARRL Radio Orienteering Nat'l / IARU Reg. 2 Championship, Chelsea, MI
Oct 12, 2024	Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest, Muskegon, MI
Dec 1, 2024	L'Anse Creuse Hamfest, Troy, MI

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.

Dang! Running too much power again.

2024 Garden City Presbyterian Church Annual Car Show

-by Rich, AC8FJ

It was a sensational day for the car show on Saturday, August 24th with quite a variety of vintage and newly modified automobiles displayed on the grounds. Garden City Amateur Radio Club was prominent handling safe driving and parking during the daylong event. Under the direction of club president Scott Deykes WT8S, Scout Troop 1841 were on hand to cook and serve breakfast and lunch to all patrons. A total of \$2,004.00 was raised for Focus: HOPE, a non-profit organization that fights racism, poverty and injustice in the metropolitan community. Lots of friendly smiles, laughs and conversations were abound in the crowd.

