

**Next Meeting:**  
 Tuesday, May 21, 2023, 7:00pm  
 Garden City Presbyterian Church  
 1841 Middlebelt Rd.  
 Garden City, MI 48135

It is getting really close to the ShowTime!

“The ARRL and 2024 Dayton Hamvention APP is now up and available. Find the current forums and vendors information and plan your visit. Each year you need to create a login to see the current information. If you used the app prior to this year, be sure to back out to the homepage to pick our current event. Download or update from your favorite APP Store.”

Since this is also the ARRL National Convention, visit the many ARRL forums. Additional ARRL staff will be at the show so stop by and talk to them. The Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center has made improvements to the Flea Market area inside the track. The path asphalt pieces were combed and large pieces removed. A top layer of river gravel was then applied and rolled. Additional rolling will occur prior to our event. Hopefully, this makes it easier and safer to traverse the Flea Market.



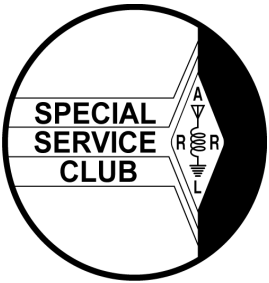
Please join us this year at the flag poles by the dining area on Friday morning at 10am for an opening program. We will be joined with local officials and dignitaries as we open the event.

Please be aware that you may have received an email pretending to be from Hamvention and providing attendee lists. This email is NOT from Hamvention and if you look closely at the content it says “Hamletian.” They try this scam each year. Hamvention does not provide nor sell attendee lists. We value our vendors and attendees and will never release this information.

If you received this email from them, simply delete it and do not respond to them.

On behalf of all our many volunteers, the Dayton Amateur Radio Association Board of Directors and my Assistant General Chair, Brian Markland, N8UDQ, thank you for being part of Hamvention history.

Jim Storms, AB8YK Hamvention General Chair 2024





# The Mailbag:

*It's not that often, but we sometimes do get mail. We recently received this letter:*

I'm just getting in touch to thank the members of the GCARC... your amateur radio resources have come in handy. I'm the activities director for our community center here in Illinois, and next weekend we have a licensed amateur radio operator coming in to give a presentation to our members! He'll be teaching a class on how to get a Technician class license! We held this class last year and the turn out was amazing! I was surprised at how many younger kids showed up! I've been putting together a reference guide for our members... you listed some wonderful websites include, so I wanted to let you know how much you've helped us! We really appreciate it! I also wanted to pass along this reading on Ham Radio for Beginners: [www.aaastateofplay.com/all-about-ham-radio-for-beginners/](http://www.aaastateofplay.com/all-about-ham-radio-for-beginners/)

Not only is there some great information on the history and evolution of amateur radio, but there are some excellent glossary of terms, study guides and even online quizzes for obtaining your radio license! My student volunteer Conner found it and thought it would make a really fun addition! Will you include it on your page for us? [garc.club/resourses%2Fclubs](http://garc.club/resourses%2Fclubs)

Conner is volunteering his time with us for class credit at school, so I'd love to share this with his teacher if you add it. The next round of report cards come out on Friday the 26th and he could really use some help. Can you let me know if you use it?

Thank you again!

Annie Pruitt

Harrison Park Community Center

Harrison Park, IL

*Thanks, Annie, for your support of our club and for Amateur Radio. Please write us back and let us know how Conner's class goes. -ed.*

*Do you have comments, questions or suggestions? How about a resource that you'd like to share?*

*Please write us at [garc.wireless@gmail.com](mailto:garc.wireless@gmail.com)*

*We'd love to hear from you.*



*Martin F. Jue, K5FLU*

Dear Fellow Hams and Friends,

April 25, 2024

Dear Fellow Hams and Friends,

It is with a sad heart as I write this letter.

As many of you have heard by now, MFJ is ceasing its on-site production in Starkville, Mississippi on May 17, 2024. This is also the same for our sister companies' Ameritron, Hygain, Cushcraft, Mirage and Vectronics.

Times have changed since I started this business 52 years ago. Our product line grew and grew and prospered. Covid changed everything in businesses including ours. It was the hardest hit that we have ever had and we never fully recovered.

I turned 80 this year. I had never really considered retirement but life is so short and my time with my family is so precious.

I want to thank all of our employees who have helped build this company with me over the years. We have many employees who have made MFJ their career for 10, 20, 30, 40 and more years.

We are going to continue to sell MFJ products past May 17, 2024. We have a lot of stock on hand. We will continue to offer repair service work for out-of-warranty and in-warranty units for the foreseeable future.

Finally, a special thanks to all of our customers and our dealers who have made MFJ a worldwide name and a profitable business for so many years. You all are so much appreciated.

Sincerely Yours, 73s

Martin F. Jue, K5FLU





# Trunk Sale & Swap Meet



Sponsored by:  
Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Inc

50/50 Raffle  
must be present to win



\$5 Admission

Sunday, May 5, 2024  
9 AM-1:30 PM

**OUTDOOR RAIN OR SHINE**

More Info & Vendor Registration Info:  
<http://swap.lucasares.org>

Vendor Spot \$10.00

419-405-3299 or [swap@lucasares.org](mailto:swap@lucasares.org)

Talk In 146.940/- (pl 103.5)

Toledo Speedway - 5639 Benore Road - Toledo, Ohio 46312

All Proceeds benefit the operations of the Lucas County ARES



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Since 1978  
46<sup>th</sup> Annual

Ham Radio License  
Contact us at the  
information listed  
below.

## Chelsea Amateur Radio "Swap n' Shop"

Talk-in: 145.450 w/100 PL - WD8IEL Chelsea Repeater

Sunday, June 2, 2024

8AM - 12 PM for Public (NEW TIME!!)  
JUST \$5 entry! Under 18 free admission!

Ham radios, vintage audio gear, radios, records, gaming devices, test equipment, parts and lots more!

CHELSEA FAIRGROUNDS  
20501 W Old US Hwy 12, Chelsea, MI 48118  
Plenty of parking with easy access from I-94 and Handicap Accessible

For table and trunk space reservations or information about the Chelsea Amateur Radio Club, please contact:

Michelle Dye, KD8GWX, Secretary, Swap Chair  
(734) 717-5660 or email: [wd8iel@gmail.com](mailto:wd8iel@gmail.com)

**Prices**

Entrance Fee: \$5 per person at the gate; under 18 free  
Vendor Table Space Inside: \$20 (includes one table)  
Vendor Trunk Sales Outside: \$10 per trunk space

All Inside and Outside spaces and Extra Tables are first come first served so make your reservations early!

PLEASE NOTE: Any reservations not claimed by 8:00 am on Sunday will be offered to other vendors.

Vendors: Please make checks payable to "Chelsea Amateur Radio Club"

Mail to:  
c/o Michelle Dye, KD8GWX, Swap Chair  
PO Box 664  
Manchester, MI 48158



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