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## Newsletter of the Holland Amateur Radio Club July, 2010



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### General Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month  
7:00 pm  
Holland Fire Station  
279 Kollen Park Drive  
Holland, Michigan 49423

### Programs

August 10, 2010	Field Trip – Rockets
September 14, 2010	Baluns, chokes and transmission lines
October 12, 2010	Preparing to host out Great Lakeshore SuperSwap
November 9, 2010	Banquet (Beechwood Inn)
December 14, 2010	Elections

### Megan's Message and Musings

Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer, Hot fun in the Summertime, Heatwave, Wipe out, Margaritaville, Born to be Wild, Kokomo....

Just the mention of these songs brings memories of fun we have during these long hot days no matter where we may be. Whether having one of those increasingly popular "Staycation" summers, or hitting the road for family reunions, camping, fishing, boating, and exploring this great land, we all seem to have more to do on our lists than we have time on our wrists.

Last month we had an excellent presentation by Doug Papay, KD8CAO, who was able to "touch the sky" during his satellite presentation that included a contact with the International Space Station!

As we start to wind down the year we seem to wind up with even more activities. As the fall months approach we have activities on the horizon such as the August Field Trip to the Park Township Airport, a special guest speaker in September, our Great Lakeshore Hamfest in October, the annual Banquet in November and finally, Elections in December. There will also be a slew of other activities for everyone to participate in, such as licensing classes and Fox Hunting to mention a few, leaving us time for just one blink before we are shoveling that white stuff again.

**Local Repeaters****Holland ARC****HARC****147.060 MHz K8DAA**

+0.6 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

HARC Net every Monday 7:30 pm

OCEC Net 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7:00 pm**443.825 MHz K8DAA**

+5.0MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

IRLP Node 4373

**146.500 MHz K8DAA**

+1.0 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

**North Ottawa ARC****NOARC****145.490 MHz W8CSO**

-0.6 MHz offset

Grand Haven 94.8Hz PL

Grand Rapids 91.5Hz PL

Net every Tuesday 7:00pm

**Allegan County ARC****ACARC****147.240 MHz AC8RC**

+0.6 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

**Independent Repeater****Association****IRA****147.160 MHz W8HVG**

+0.6 MHz offset

Grand Rapids 94.8Hz PL

Holland 118.8 Hz PL

Michigan Traffic Net 9:00pm

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday

&amp; Sunday

**Local Simplex****National****146.520 MHz****OCEC****147.520 MHz****HARC****146.430 MHz**

So with that in mind, take advantage of every opportunity to get on the air. When you travel, take your radio, turn it on, and check out what is going on all over this great country. If you are staying close to home, check out what is going on all over this great county! You have a license and radio equipment, so just use it!

As Mungo Jerry wrote in his song "In the Summertime:

"In the summertime when the weather is high  
You can chase right up and touch the sky  
When the weather's right  
You got women, you got women on your mind  
Have a drink, have a drive  
Go out and see what you can find."

73,  
WO0MEG

**Three Classes Offered**

This fall the Holland Amateur Radio Club is expanding opportunities to HAMS and the general public. We are offering two licensing classes, Amateur Extra Class level and Technician Class. We will also be offering a CW (Morse Code) class.

**Amateur Extra Class** is a good opportunity for all General license holders to upgrade to the highest level license available. It may take a little work, but the ultimate outcome is a super feeling of accomplishment and you also gain additional band privileges. Extra Class License classes start September 13, 7:00 pm, run for ten weeks, and will be lead by Tom, K8TB.

**Technician Class** is the entry level to Amateur Radio. Pass the word to friends and relatives that they too can get a HAM RADIO LICENSE without a lot of effort. Technician Class License classes begin on September 15, run for 10 weeks, and will be lead by Jim, N8QMD.

**CW (Morse Code, or Code)** No longer a requirement for any of our license classes, this operating mode is not dead, and has a very loyal following of amateurs who continue to practice the art. Classes lead by Mike Cole, WD8NHA, will begin September 14 and run about 6 to 8 weeks, depending on progress. There is no set schedule, there is no time limit, and there is no Final Exam. Each class participant will be able to make their first CW contact with Mike's assistance.

Class fees are \$20 for Technician class and \$20 for Extra class. Books are available for an additional fee of \$20 for each book.

CW class is free!

**SKYWARN Nets**

**Ottawa County – South**  
**147.060 MHz K8DAA**  
 +0.6 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

**Ottawa County – North**  
**145.490 MHz W8CSO**  
 -0.6 MHz offset  
 Grand Haven 94.8Hz PL  
 Grand Rapids 91.5Hz PL

**Note: Ottawa County north and south repeaters are linked for SKYWARN nets**

**Allegan County**  
**147.240 MHz AC8RC**  
 +0.6 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

**Kent County**  
**147.260 MHz W8DC**  
 +0.6 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

**Muskegon County**  
**146.820 MHz**  
 -0.6 MHz offset 94.8Hz PL

**Michigan Hamfests**

Details available from  
[www.arrl.org/hamfests.html](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html)

- Aug 7 Escanaba**
- Aug 8 Port Huron**
- Aug 15 Lapeer**
- Aug 21 Owosso**
  
- Sep 11 Grand Rapids**
- Sep 19 Adrian**
  
- Oct 16 Holland**
- Oct 17 Kalamazoo**

All classes meet at our Ken Groom Technical and Training Center located at 280 East 8<sup>th</sup> St in Holland, Michigan.

Extra and Technician classes will start promptly at 7:30 pm, while the CW class starts at 6:30 pm, but these times may be adjusted to suit the instructor and students.

To register for any or all classes please contact Ed, KF8EV at (616) 772-4811 or by email, [kf8ev@arrl.net](mailto:kf8ev@arrl.net).

**Meet, Greet and Eat**

Times and places to meet fellow amateurs

**“Open Mike” Night**, every Tuesday night at 7:00pm  
 At our Ken Groom ZR5AAD Memorial Technical and Training Center, 280 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Holland, Michigan. Come to operate or just enjoy coffee and conversation, members and guests are welcome.

**Board Meeting**, 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm  
 Various locations announced via our K8DAA Yahoo Group email reflector. All members are welcome.

- **General Membership Meeting**, 7:00pm, Holland Fire Station Conference Room, 279 Kollen Park Drive in Holland, Michigan. See our Calendar for summer dates. Guests are welcome.

**Donuts @ Donutville** every Wednesday at 2:30pm, 676 Michigan Avenue in Holland. Stop by for coffee and conversation.

**“HAM is for Breakfast”** last Saturday of each month at 9:00am.

We meet and eat at the Southside Inn, 192 West 35th Street in Holland, just east of Washington Avenue. We have tables in the back room. Members, spouses, friends, family, and anyone else interested in amateur radio are welcome.

## Public Service Opportunities

Please contact each event's coordinator for more information.

### Coast Guard Festival Parade

July 31 through August 8, 2010  
Kick off is July 31. The North Ottawa Amateur  
Radio Club (NOARC) is looking for help

### Parade of Lights

Tuesday, November 30, 2010  
Ivan DeWitt, K8EMU  
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If you can help, please contact:

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## Nets of Interest

Compiled by Tom Wilson, KD8DEG

### Sunday

8:30 AM	50.400	AM	Grand Rapids
8:00 PM	145.270	FM	Lowell Club
8:00 PM	50.400	AM	Kalamazoo, Gary K8BKB
8:00 PM	147.240	FM	Allegan, Jim AC8AG
9:00 PM	50.150	USB	Zeeland, Charlie N8QEM
9:30 PM	144.155	USB	Holland, Bill K8NFT

### Monday

7:30 PM	147.060+	FM	HARC 2m Net. Ed, KF8EV, Net Manager
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### Tuesday

7:00 PM	144.222	USB	Kalamazoo, K8BKB Gary
9:30 PM	50.300	USB	Kalamazoo, K8BKB Gary
9:00 PM	145.270	FM	MDXA, Dave KC8PCL
9:30 PM	50.400	AM	Kalamazoo, K8BKB Gary

### Wednesday

8:00 PM	28.380	USB	Allegan
9:00 PM	50.140	USB	Cedar Springs, AC8AH Jerry

### Thursday

6:30 PM	147.520	FM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month, OCEC Simplex Net
7:00 PM	147.060+	FM	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday each month, OCEC Repeater Net
7:00 PM	147.160+	FM	Michigan youth, 22 and younger
8:00 PM	146.800+	FM	MAARC weekly Net

### Daily

7:00 PM	50.200	USB	Cadillac, round tables
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If you know of any other nets, please let me know and I'll add them to the list.  
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