

# S.M.A.R.T.

(Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team)

The SMART club is based in the Kalamazoo area and was founded in 1958. We have just celebrated 58 years of activities and support of local hams through the club and its members. The club owns and supports three repeaters: a 2m repeater at 147.04, a 70cm repeater at 444.875, and a 6m repeater at 51.720. We also have two remote sites, one in Paw Paw and the other in Richland.

Two new internet connected controllers have been installed on both the 2 Meter and 440 repeaters with both controllers connected to the AllStar link network. The tower, antennas and equipment are located at a site off West Main St. on the west side of Kalamazoo County which gives a large foot print of coverage.

The club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at each month at a local restaurant for a social breakfast followed by a business meeting. The gathering typically goes from 8:00 a.m to 10:00 a.m. Our annual meeting for the election of club officers occurs at the February meeting. This corresponds to our membership year which is February – February. The SMART club also organizes an annual summer picnic/potluck at a local park and sponsors an annual bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention.

Our club cooperates and partners with the other Kalamazoo club, the KARC. Jointly we support activities such as the Kalamazoo Hamfest, local ARRL Field Day activities as well as local public service events.

What's ahead for the SMART club in 2016?

We are working hard at lining up a speaker or topic for a presentation at each monthly meeting.

We are looking forward to the Dayton trip.

We're planning a "fox hunt" or two for this season along with some instruction time for those new to the sport.

We have always had a great time on our annual Dayton Bus trip. We have reserved a 56 passenger bus for this year and expect that it will be filled. Get your reservations in early so that you will have a guaranteed spot. See the Dayton page on our website for all information.

A membership form for SMART is included below. We hope you are interested in joining the club and would love to have you join us in our 2016 activities. Please complete this form, or a copy of it, and send it, along with your membership fee to Jack Koole, 3780 West Wembley Ln, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

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## SMART Membership Application

		<u>Type of Membership</u>
Name _____	Date _____	___ Regular \$20.00
Call _____	Class _____	___ Family \$20.00
		___ Retired \$10.00
Address _____		___ Disabled \$10.00
City, State, Zip _____		___ Student \$10.00
Home phone _____	E-mail _____	
Other amateurs in your household		
Name _____	Call _____	Class _____
		___ New ___ Renewal.