

University of Michigan Amateur Radio Club

W8UM / W8AXZ

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Notable Individuals with Links to the University of Michigan

John Kraus (W8JK), W8AXZ Club Treasurer

Hiram Percy Maxim (W1AW), Created the ARRL following the Great Floods of 1913

John Reinartz (1QP), aided in the development of the Greenland Expedition receiving equipment

Anthony "Tony" England (W0ORE), 1st astronaut to use SSTV from space

Irvin Hoff, (K8DKC) designed the FSK Demodulator

Vic Poor (W5SMM), co-developer of the Intel 8008 & AMTOR, PACTOR, WINLINK

Richard Davidson (K9RD) Herb Brier Award 2005

Dudley Nichols (8IM), Great Floods of 1913 (Academy Award Winner; 1936)

Jack Burchfield, (K4JU), Co-Founder of TenTec Corp.

Albert Kahn (K4FW), Co-Founder of TenTec & Electro Voice

E. King Stodola (W2AXO) Pioneer in Earth-Moon-Earth Signals

Wes Schum, (W9DYV), Central Electronics

Jonathan Schmidt (W8BZB) co-developer of the Intel 8008

Joseph Hertzberg (8CYI) RCA Corporation

Mark Harrington, Founder, American Meteorological Journal (1884)
Chief, U.S. Weather Bureau (1891)

Cleveland Abbe, inaugurated a system of telegraphic weather reporting (1869)

1st Director of the National Weather Service

"America's First Weatherman"

Established the four U.S. Time Zones

Amos E. Dolbear: (undergraduate and honorary doctorate degrees)

1876 patent for the "magneto-electric telephone"

1879 patent for the "static telephone"

1885 patent for a "wireless telegraphy system"

Samuel F. B. Morse, awarded 1st Place for his telephone (1876 Philadelphia Exposition) by UM Professor James C. Watson & later aided by UM President Tappan in obtaining his Telegraph Patent (1868 My Dear Julie letter)

Alexander G. Bell, awarded 1st Place for his telephone (1876 Philadelphia Exposition) by UM Professor James C. Watson

University of Michigan Telegraphy "Silent" Movie Links.

1926 Greenland Expedition

https://bentley.mivideo.it.umich.edu/media/1_97jnbxsd

1957 W8WHZ Radio Class

Google: [1957 University High Radio Class](#) to view

University of Michigan Station Trustee's & Associated Callsigns

1860	The Detroit Observatory (Franz Brunnow & Cleveland Abbe)	8XA	Experimental License (1913)
1898	The Department of Physics (R. D. Parker, Augustus Trowbridge & Karl Guethe)	WU9	Signal Corps
1913	Felix J. Watts (8XA)	8AXZ & NU8AXZ	Signal Corps
1919	Porter H. Evans (8AXZ)	8BEK & NU8BEK	R. O. T. C.
1935	Merton G. Wellington (W8AXZ)	1XL	1 st Greenland Expedition (1926)
1939	Major Robert N. Kunz (W8AXZ)	NX1XL	2 nd Greenland Expedition
1947	Jack Kline (W8AXZ)	W8AXZ	University of Michigan
1947	Major Vollrath, Dept of Military Science & Tactics (WU9 / W8AXZ)	W8AXH	(possible mis-type in the Michigan Daily)
1946	University of Michigan Radio Club (W8ZUP)	W7KZD	Camp Davis Station, Wyoming
1946	West Quad Radio Club (W8ZSQ)	W8ZUP	University Radio Club
1955	South Quad Radio Club (W8PGW)	W8ZSQ	West Quad Dormitory Club
1957	University High School (W8EHZ)	ZS4BL	Lamont-Hussey Observatory, South Africa
1957	East Quad Radio Club (K8GRE)	K8GRE	East Quad Dormitory Club
1962	University of Michigan (K8TIG)	W8PGW	South Quad Dormitory Club
1974	Richard K. Brown (W8AXZ)	K8TIG	Electrical Engineering Department
1975	Engineering Department (W8LVN)	W8LVN	Engineering Department
1977	James Phillips (W8UM)	W8EHZ	University High School
1978	John Ackerman (W8UM)	W8UM	University of Michigan ARC
1985	Mark Travaglini (W8UM)	W8AXZ	re-assigned; University of Michigan ARC
2019	Michael Fluegemann (W8AXZ)		

Chief Radio Operators / Club Presidents

1860	The Detroit Observatory	Professors Franz Brunnow & Cleveland Abbe			
1898	Department of Physics	Professors R. D. Parker, Augustus Trowbridge & Karl Guethe			
1913	8XA	B. N. Burglund	1914	8XA	D. A. Nichols 8IM
1915	8XA	D. A. Nichols 8IM	1916	8XA	UNKNOWN
1917	WWI	War imposed inactive	1918	WWI	War imposed inactive
1919	W8AXZ	UNKNOWN	1920	W8AXZ	Franklin Johnston
1921	W8AXZ	Franklin Johnston	1922	W8AXZ	Franklin Johnston
1923	W8AXZ	UNKNOWN	1924	W8AXZ	UNKNOWN
1925	W8AXZ	Franklin Johnson	1926	W8AXZ	Robert Swain
1927	W8AXZ	UNKNOWN	1928	W8AXZ	Ellis B. Merry, W8KI
1929	W8AXZ	Walter Nelson	1930	W8AXZ	Fred C. Everett W8AEZ
1931	W8AXZ	Fred Albertson W8DOE	1932	W8AXZ	C. W. Adams W8AOS
1933	W8AXZ	Elton Wenzel W8BJP	1934	W8AXZ	Benjamin (Ben) Bailey
1935	W8AXZ	Benjamin (Ben) Bailey	1936	W8AXZ	Robert Austin W8DVB
1937	W8AXZ	Albert Stroherer	1938	W8AXZ	Kenneth Levin W8OMI
1939	W8AXZ	Roden Rogers W8EPC	1940	W8AXZ	R.K. Brown W8GSZ
1941	World War II	Club Inactive	1942	World War II	Club Inactive
1943	World War II	Club Inactive	1944	World War II	Club Inactive
1945	World War II	Club Inactive	1946	W8ZUP	Frank Abrams KL7BV
1946	W8ZSQ	Ward Cornelius	1947	W8ZUP	Donald Perkins W8WZA
1947	W8ZSQ	Bruce Weinert	1948	W8ZUP	Fred Dupslaff W8DCN
1948	W8ZSQ	Corky Eberwein	1949	W8ZSQ	Bruce Weinert
1950	W8ZSQ	Keith Heiss	1951	W8ZSQ	Robert Wimmer
1952	W8ZSQ	Leonard Holder	1953	Korean War	Club Inactive
1954	W8PGW	Marshall Batt W8FBV	1955	W8ZSQ	George Jones
1955	W8PGW	Barry MacRae	1956	W8PGW	Bruce Bevelheimer
1957	K8GRE	UNKNOWN	1958	K8GRE	UNKNOWN
1959	K8GRE	UNKNOWN	1960	Inactive	UNKNOWN
1961	Inactive	UNKNOWN	1962	Inactive	UNKNOWN
1964	K8TIG	Thomas Russell W8FAW	1965	K8TIG	William (Bill) Myers
1966	W8UM	Thomas Russell W8FAW	1967	W8UM	Steve Culp K8QKY
1968	W8UM	Gary Chatters WA9ZZZ	1969	W8UM	UNKNOWN
1970	W8UM	UNKNOWN	1970	W8PGW	James Henderson
1971	W8UM	Patrick Barkey N9RV	1972	W8UM	James Kraemer WB8OSN
1973	W8UM	Lawrence Koziel K8MU	1974	W8UM	John Tedescu WB8EIC
1975	W8UM	Patrick Barkey WA8YVR / N9RV	1976	W8UM	UNKNOWN
1977	W8UM	David Turner	1978	W8UM	Frederick Bartolomei (aka Fred Bart)
1979	W8UM	John Ackerman N8UR	1980	W8UM	John Ackerman N8UR
1981	W8UM	Mark Travaglini WD8DPA	1982	W8UM	Mark Travaglini WD8DPA
1983	W8UM	Gordon Good KC8ES	1984	W8UM	Al Plant KM8I
1985	W8UM	Steve Sponseller N8DKJ	1986	W8UM	Steve Sponseller N8DKJ

1987	W8UM	E. Joe Tillo II WD8DDX	1988	W8UM	UNKNOWN
1989	W8UM	UNKNOWN	1990	W8UM	UNKNOWN
1991	W8UM	UNKNOWN	1992	W8UM	UNKNOWN
1993	W8UM	Greg DeMaggio	1994	W8UM	Greg DeMaggio
1995	W8UM	Adam Thodey	1996	W8UM	UNKNOWN
1997	W8UM	UNKNOWN	1998	W8UM	UNKNOWN
1999	W8UM	UNKNOWN	2000	W8UM	UNKNOWN
2001	W8UM	UNKNOWN	2002	W8UM	Chris Gailbraith W1XG
2003	W8UM	Richard French KD8APA	2004	W8UM	Jonathan Suen KG6K
2005	W8UM	Lora Schulwitz KC8UDG	2006	W8UM	Rex Brown KC8ZSA
2007	W8UM	Rex Brown KC8ZSA	2008	W8UM	Rex Brown KC8ZSA
2009	W8UM	Jonathan White	2010	W8UM	Justin Paupore KD8PHY
2011	W8UM	Justin Paupore KD8PHY	2012	W8UM	Chunpeng Wang BG6CCQ / KD8MLS

**** 2013: Centennial Anniversary of “Wireless” Telegraphy ****

2013	W8UM	Jameson Eisele KD8PIJ	2014	W8UM	Jameson Eisele KD8PIJ
2015	W8UM	Justin Paupore AC8PK	2016	W8UM	Stuart Carlson W8SRC
2017	W8UM	Kit Ng N9KIT	2018	W8UM	Kit Ng N9KIT & Rachel Norris KD0QYA
2019	W8UM	Kit Ng N9KIT	2020	W8UM	Michael Fluegemann KE8AQW
2021	W8UM	Kimberly Zwolshen, KE8QKU	2022		