

CARS - ARES / RACES Weather Siren monitoring program

We have been asked to provide a service to the residents of Jackson County by monitoring the weather alert sirens in Jackson County. These sirens have a normal testing cycle of the first Saturday of every month at noon.

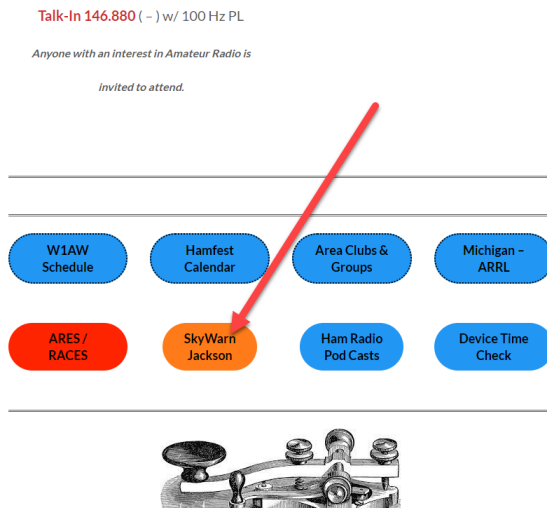
What we do:

We monitor each siren on a regular basis for proper activation (sound and rotation) and report this information to Jackson County central dispatch.

The testing day there will be a Siren net started before noon for all participants. Just listen for the net control operator to start the net and check in with your name, call sign and location (Siren ID). After the test completes net control will run the roster of check ins and you will be asked to report on the condition of the siren you monitored. That's all there is to it, a few minutes of your time, once a month.

How to find location:

Go the club's web page and scroll down until you see the buttons then click on the SkyWarn button.



This will take you to the SkyWarn info page. Scroll down that page until you find the "Weather Sirens – Testing" link. Click on this link.

Skywarn nets will be brought up in one of two modes, standby or directed. This decision is up to the person in charge of net control, or by direct order of the NWS, or OEM/EMD.

In standby, trained spotters are encouraged to watch, listen and report. Most likely, NWS has issued a watch for a county and there is a potential for severe weather. While in standby, you are welcome to use the repeater, **ask** that you keep your conversations short, and leave long pauses between key-ups, in the event someone should need to make a report.

In a directed net, it is most likely NWS has issued a warning for our county. The net control station will be responsible for collecting reports from spotters and relaying critical weather information to the NWS. During the directed net, only weather related traffic will be allowed on the repeater.

Weather Warning Sirens - Testing

Link to map showing the locations of the Weather sirens in Jackson County

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1BIUd_iAYJKLnY_rNYr1vtrR72TumQl&usp=sharing

Jackson County
Spotters Guide

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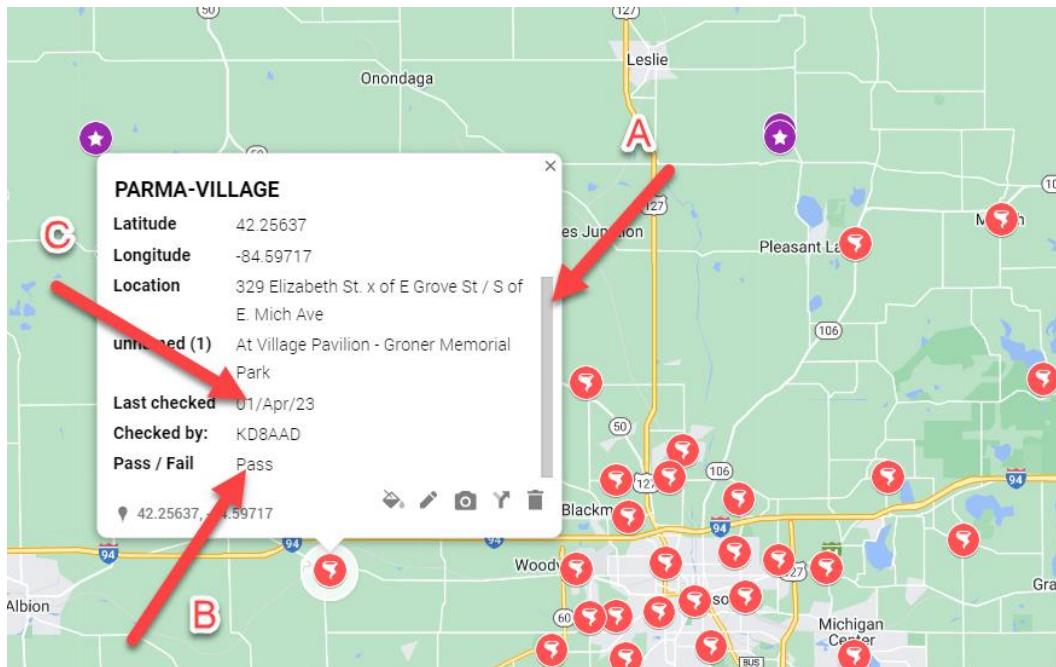
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This will take you to the siren location map. Enlarge this map and find a siren location to monitor for the month. When you click on a location it will display an information box.



A = Slider / B = Did the siren pass or fail at last check / C = When was it last checked and by whom.

When choosing a location for the monthly test please use this criterion:

- Has this location been checked before; any unchecked locations are always first.
- Did it pass or fail at last check, rechecks on fail sirens are first in the queue
- When was it last checked? Always choose the oldest date first.

What to tell net control when choosing a location:

- Your name, call and the siren ID (located at the top of the siren info box ex. B-04)