

# Rail Radio Frequencies

While in Durand, there are six radio frequencies of interest to rail fans:

AAR	Freq	Description
28	160.530Mhz	GTW Dispatcher
32	160.590Mhz	GTW Road
49	160.845Mhz	GTW Yard (Yardmaster in Flint)
31	160.575Mhz	TSBY Road
78	161.280Mhz	CM Road
80	161.310Mhz	CM Durand Yard

Please abide by all federal and state laws regarding the use of radio scanners. This includes Michigan law MCL 750.508 section 508 prohibiting the use of a radio scanner while operating a motor vehicle unless the operator is a licensed HAM operator or a public officer.

## THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT)

Act 328 of 1931

**750.508 Equipping vehicle with radio able to receive signals on frequencies assigned for police purposes; permit required; exceptions; misdemeanor; penalty; radar detectors not restricted. [M.S.A. 28.776]**

Sec. 508. (1) Any person who shall equip a vehicle with a radio receiving set that will receive signals sent on frequencies assigned by the federal communications commission of the United States of America for police purposes, or use the same in this state unless such vehicle is used or owned by a peace officer, or a bona fide amateur radio operator holding a technician class, general, advanced, or extra class amateur license issued by the federal communications commission, without first securing a permit so to do from the director of the department of state police upon application as he or she may prescribe, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 1 year, or by a fine of not more than \$500.00, or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

(2) This section shall not be construed as restricting the use of radar detectors.

**History:** 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931 ;—Am. 1939, Act 295, Eff. Sept. 29, 1939 ;—CL 1948, 750.508 ;—Am. 1957, Act 242, Eff. Sept. 27, 1957 ;—Am. 1990, Act 77, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1990.

**Constitutionality:** This section, which prohibits equipping or using a vehicle with a radio receiving set capable of receiving frequencies assigned for police purposes, was enacted to facilitate law enforcement activity. This section's restriction of persons permitted to monitor those frequencies involves classifications which are rationally related to the statute's objective, consistent with equal protection and due process guarantees. *People v. Gilbert*, 414 Mich. 191, 324 N.W.2d 834 (1982).

**Former Law:** See section 5 of Act 152 of 1929, being CL 1929, § 578.

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# DURAND

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Durand had been the second busiest Michigan rail station during the railroad peak of the 1900s. This depot served as the cross-roads of Michigan. The city grew up around the busy rail center, served by the single station and several railroads. The beautiful Chateau Romanesque station still stands and has been undergoing restoration for the past several years. The exterior has been restored to the original beauty. The station now houses archives, libraries, a museum, a model railroad club, and the Durand Amtrak station.



*Northwest exposure, Winter 2000*



*A Grand Trunk engine leads this intermodal eastbound on the Flint subdivision, March 2000.*

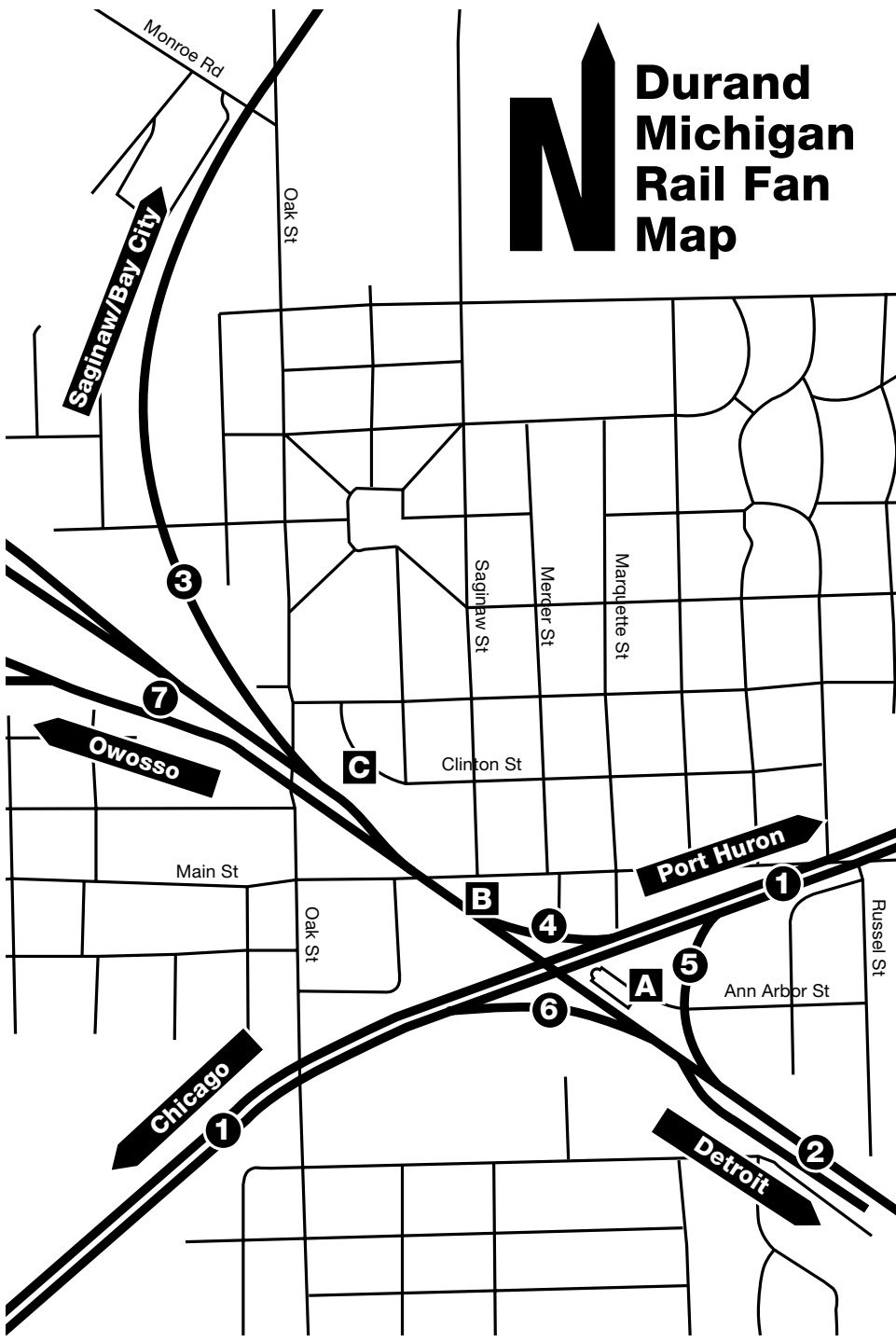
The best location to watch trains in Durand is the station platform. Though some of the railroads and track no longer exists, the station still sits proudly at the diamond offering an unparalleled view. Today, the Grand Trunk/Canadian National have two subdivisions meeting at the diamond (the Holly and the Flint Subs). At the north end of the city the Central Michigan operates an interchange yard and has two lines – one to Bay City and another to Owosso. The Tuscola & Saginaw Bay Railway Company, Inc. (TSBY) operates through Durand on Grand Trunk's Holly sub connecting their track at the north end (to Cadillac) and south end (to Ann Arbor) of Durand. Normally the Durand Union Station and museum are open Tuesday through Saturday from 1:00pm to 5:00pm with restrooms and limited snack service. Rail fans have been known to park in the station's lot and watch trains from the platform all night.

**INTERNET**

If you have an internet capable hand held device, check out the **Michigan Train Watcher** channel at [www.AvantGo.com](http://www.AvantGo.com).

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## Durand Map & Information

Durand is served by four railroads: Canadian National/Grand Trunk Western, Central Michigan, Tuscola & Saginaw Bay, and Amtrak (over CN/GTW track). TSBY operates through Durand on the Holly sub with their own trackage on either side of town. Amtrak currently runs train through Durand over the Flint Sub (service has been scheduled for discontinuation by October 2000).

- 1** CN/GTW Flint Subdivision  
*The Flint subdivision acts as CN's main route from locations in Canada through to Chicago. (Controlled by TD3)*
  - 2** CN/GTW Holly Subdivision  
*The last scheduled revenue steam power train in the US ran on the Holly subdivision. Today it connects Durand to Detroit. TSBY also uses a portion of this line to connect to their Ann Arbor district. (Controlled by TD2)*
  - 3** CM Saginaw Subdivision
  - 4** Port Huron Wye
  - 5** High Wye
  - 6** Chicago Wye
  - 7** CM Durand Interchange Yard/CM Owosso Subdivision/TSBY Cadillac District
- A** Durand Union Station  
*(517) 288-3561, Tuesday through Saturday, 1:00pm to 5:00pm*
- B** Sandula Clock Tower & Centennial Sculpture
- C** Iron Horse Park Rail Road Museum  
*This park is home to GTW 5632 (4-6-2 steam locomotive), GTW 8812 (heavy weight baggage car), a yard tower, and covered picnic area.*

## Internet Resources

Here are a few links of interest for Michigan and Durand Rail Fans:

RRMichigan Mailing List	<a href="http://www.onelist.com/community/RRMichigan">http://www.onelist.com/community/RRMichigan</a>
The Durand Union Station	<a href="http://www.durandstation.org/">http://www.durandstation.org/</a>
Durand Railroad Days	<a href="http://www.shianet.org/~durandcc/rrdays.html">http://www.shianet.org/~durandcc/rrdays.html</a>
Amtrak	<a href="http://www.amtrak.com/">http://www.amtrak.com/</a>
Canadian National	<a href="http://www.cn.ca/">http://www.cn.ca/</a>
TSBY	<a href="http://www.tsbrailway.com/">http://www.tsbrailway.com/</a>
Operation Lifesaver	<a href="http://www.oli.org/oli/">http://www.oli.org/oli/</a>
Durand Railfanning	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Gym/5065">http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Gym/5065</a>
eXtreme Railfanning	<a href="http://members.aol.com/jsundin357/x/extreme.html">http://members.aol.com/jsundin357/x/extreme.html</a>
Michigan Railroads	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Flats/2877">http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Flats/2877</a>
GTW (Daniel Ward)	<a href="http://gtw.railfan.net/">http://gtw.railfan.net/</a>
GTW Historical Society	<a href="http://www.rhhistorical.com/gtwhs/index.html">http://www.rhhistorical.com/gtwhs/index.html</a>
Bluewater Michigan Chapter	<a href="http://www.concentric.net/~Bmcrhs/">http://www.concentric.net/~Bmcrhs/</a>
CN Lines SIG	<a href="http://129.93.226.138/rr/cnr/cnlines.htm">http://129.93.226.138/rr/cnr/cnlines.htm</a>

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