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FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA

Here we are in the month of July, the heart of the Summer. Lots goes on in next couple of months. A Lot has gone on in my life in the last couple of weeks. The greatest event was the arrival of my second Grandson. At about 3:00 a.m. July 1st Eli William Kelso made his presents know to the world. Eight pounds 2 ounces 21 inches long, and he was in a hurry, Amber was only in the hospital 26 minutes before he was born. Maybe this boy is on a mission, we will see.

I have had a little time to play around on the radio. There have been some good Six Meter openings in the last couple of weeks. I managed to work California, Oregon, and Nevada one Thursday night. All three were new states for me on Six. If you have never tried Six and have a radio for it, put up a dipole and have some fun.

The next big event in Amateur Radio comes up the first Saturday in August. It's the U. P. Hamfest in Escanaba. Start time is 9:00 a.m. For more details visit www.dcars.org The Upper Peninsula Net will be having a meeting at !0:00 a.m. I hope to see a lot of the people from the U. P. there and even some of us trolls who are making the trip to God's Country.

I know that getting on the nets has been a challenge sometimes with all the QRN, but hang in there, it will get better. The net controls try there hardest to hear everyone and sure do appreciate the help with relays when needed.

For those that can make it see you in Escanaba.

UPPER PENINSULA NET WEBSITE [www. michupnet.com](http://www.michupnet.com)

EXAMS AND HAMFEST

12-Jul-2008 **Sponsor:** LANSING VE TEAM **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS 1800 E GRAND RIVER AVE KROPSCHOT ROOM LANSING, MI 48912

12-Jul-2008 **Sponsor:** MOTOR CITY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DON F NOVAK (734)281-7030 **Email:** K8THU@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** GLENWOOD METHODIST CHURCH 2130 FORD AVENUE (NORTHLINE) WYANDOTTE, MI 48192

12-Jul-2008 **Sponsor:** THE GREATER FLINT VE TEAM **Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JEFFREY R PENDER (810)614-6199 **Email:** K8KZB@K8KZB.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** BAKER COLLEGE OF FLINT-TECH CENTER G-1050 W BRISTOL ROAD ROOM S-120 REGISTRATION AT 12:30 PM FLINT, MI 48507

12-Jul-2008 **Sponsor:** ARROW COMMUNICATIONS ASSOC. **Time:** 9:00AM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** ROGER F PLACE (734)663-4625 **Email:** MERROGPLACE@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS BUILDING 4624 PACKARD ST ANN ARBOR, MI 48108

12-Jul-2008 **Sponsor:** DCARS **Time:** 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** HOWARD E ST JOHN (906)789-1543 **Email:** HSJ99@CHARTER.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** GLADSTONE CITY HALL 1100 DELTA AVENUE GLADSTONE, MI 49837

12-Jul-2008 **Sponsor:** EASTERN MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** ROBERT G HERBERT (810)982-1561 **Email:** K8WMW@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** ST CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 210 MCMORRAN BLVD PORT HURON, MI 48060

12-Jul-2008 **Sponsor:** HARC/CCRAA **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** GLENN P EKDAHL (906)482-7743 **Email:** WA8QNF@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** DOUGLASS HOUGHTON HALL-RM G32 MICHIGAN TECH UNIVERSITY US HWY 41-PARK IN LOT #14 ENTER DOOR #9 HOUGHTON, MI 49931

19-Jul-2008 **Sponsor:** GENESEE COUNTY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** VERLE D WINNINGHAM (810)629-2633 **Email:** K8VW@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2100 W THOMPSON RD SOUTHERN LAKES BRANCH CAMPUS FENTON/FLINT, MI 48430

19-Jul-2008 **Sponsor:** KALAMAZOO ARC **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOHN D TUCKER (269)324-9085 **Email:** WB8ZVV@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT 1500 LAMONT AVE (OFF LAKE ST) BASEMENT MEETING ROOM KALAMAZOO, MI 49001

26-Jul-2008 **Sponsor:** SOUTH LYON AREA ARC **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** CHRISTIAN D ANDERSON (248)437-3088 **Email:** K8VJ@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** WITCH'S HAT DEPOT SOUTH LYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MCHATTIE PARK 200 DOROTHY STREET SOUTH LYON, MI 48178

02-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** TOP OF MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** CHAD W JOHNSTON (989)705-9322 **Email:** CHAD@NUWAYSUPPLY.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: OTSEGO COUNTY PUB LIBRARY 700 SOUTH OTSEGO AVE OLD 27 SOUTH MEETING ROOM GAYLORD, MI 49735

02-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** IOSCO CTY AM RAD ENTHUSIASTS **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DAVID N HUFF (989)736-6841 **Email:** W8HUF@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP HALL M-65 WWW.ALCONARADIO.ORG/TEST/ASPX HALE, MI 48739

05-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** HAZEL PARK ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DEE D FLINT (248)981-8145 **Email:** N8UZE@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER 14300 OAK PARK BLVD PRE-REGISTRATION URGED CHECKIN @ 7 - TEST 7:30 PM OAK PARK, MI 48237

HAMFEST

2 Aug 2008 + UP Hamfest 2008 Delta County Amateur Radio Society <http://www.dcars.org>
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9 Aug 2008 + ICARE Swap Iosco County Amateur Radio Enthusiasts <http://W8ICC.com>
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A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

With even greater emphasis he said, 'And if I had All the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he Said, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.' Sermon complete, he sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced With a smile, nearly laughing, 'For our closing song, Let us sing Hymn #365, 'Shall We Gather at the River..'

+++ What is Amateur Radio? +++ From Weaver's Words

At the risk of boring you to tears, let's start at the very beginning (this ought to make a good song title).

Ama-ture -- from the Latin, amo. Loosely means love. An amateur does something for the love of doing it. An amateur may be paid well, poorly or not at all. The key is that the task is done for the love of doing it.

Ra-dio -- from radiate. In Amateur Radio, this refers to radiating an electronic signal from what has become known as a station. There is commercial radio, military radio, government radio, public radio and, best of all, Amateur Radio -- i.e. radio for the love of doing it.

Let's clear up a great misimpression. This is that all workers are either "professional" or "non-professional," and that Amateur Radio operators are non-professional. This misconception resulted from the corruption of the English language largely during the last half or so of the 20th century. The confusion and corruption has not cleared since the enlightened days of the early 21st century.

It has been said that the French don't care what they say so long as it sounds good (the French language is beautiful). It can also be said that we Americans don't care what we say so long as we know what we (the speaker) intends to say. Neither position helps ensure accuracy of communication.

In times past, calling a person a "professional" had nothing or at most, little to do with money. For example, even though we call paid baseball, football and other athletes "professional," none of them are "professional" in the true sense of the word. They are paid, skilled commercial athletes.

Although we now call highly skilled craftsmen professional, this use of the word also differs from its true meaning. Craftsmen can be referred to as Master, Journeyman or Apprentice plumbers, carpenters, etc. Each term is a legitimate and appropriately complimentary title.

Back in my rural, northwestern Indiana community, we didn't have Master or Journeymen craftsman. In our simplicity, we referred to appropriately-skilled people as being highly skilled, did good work or hire-"him"-if you needed something thrown together. The worker's skill level was well know, appreciated and rewarded. But, he was not a professional.

One could also add the term "artisan" to our list of categories. Artisans include good sculptors, real life or abstract art painters and musicians. They aren't professional. You know the people to whom I refer. The term "Professional" was limited to people who obtained special education that permitted them to perform at a different plane from those in the trades or crafts. Professionals included teachers, physicians, dentists, scientists, attorneys, ministers. This does not at all mean that highly skilled or trained non-professionals are slouches. They deserve great respect also. Where does this take me? Right back to Amateur Radio (hams).

In my book, a radio amateur is a person who recognizes the value of the Amateur Service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service. This especially includes providing emergency

communication for no charge to the public or served agencies. As a body, Amateur Radio operators strive to continue and extend their proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art and science. They encourage and improve the Amateur Radio Service through programs that facilitate advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art. Their effort to expand the existing reservoir of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts is a continuation and extension of their unique ability to foster international goodwill.

All this is what makes Amateur Radio operators true professionals. Fabled newscaster and commentator Walter Cronkite, who narrates the CD "Amateur Radio Today," also states that hams are professionals.

This statement is accurate in the true meaning of the word. We are professionals not because we are paid, but because of the education and training we have put ourselves through. Just as physicians, teachers and others I refer to as true professionals, every ham operator who holds an FCC license has what might be called a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts in Amateur Radio.

Many amateurs have Ph.D.s in Amateur Radio not merely because they are licensed, but because they have become self-educated to the degree at which they can out-perform a number of college-educated engineers.

Amateur Radio -- a hobby? Yes, it is this and much more. It is a service; a service to the public, thanks to the discoveries, innovation and disaster relief activities we have performed and continue to perform.

This line of thinking leads me to believe you and I are Professional Amateur Radio Operators in the Amateur Radio Service. We are not merely amateur radio operators. Many Professional Amateur Radio Operators have sub-training in Morse code, Digital Communication, Emergency Communication, Systems Design and Development and other facets of the degree. All of us are Professional, regardless of which, if any, sub-specialties we pursued or continue to pursue.

Don't let anyone try to tell you otherwise. To borrow a phrase, we are the proud, the few, the Professional Amateur Radio Operators.

USI to Host Special Event Stations: The United States Islands (USI) awards program will host a series of special event stations – including their main club station KL7USI -- from all over the US, Alaska and the Yukon celebrating 15 years on HF. Starting summer 2008 throughout 2009, look for USI activities on 14.260 MHz and other bands. USI is the premiere state island collecting program. Check USI website for further details <<http://www.usislands.org>>.

U. P. NET MEMBER'S PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

Profiles of members have proven to be one of the most interesting items in the U.P. NET Newsletter. However, it has been difficult to get members to write and submit their own Profiles. This simple form makes it easy to gather the basic info. While voluntary, Please answer these few questions about yourself and return to: K8BLL AL ROBERTSON, PO O BOX 202, STEVENSVILLE MI 49127

Name and Call _____

Birthplace and Date _____

Education _____

Employers/Type of Work _____

Military Service if any _____

How Did You Get Into Ham Radio _____

Spouse/Family _____

Other Hobbies and Interest _____

Any other interesting infor or experiences _____

Here is info worth the price of your car....WHAT WILL the car thieves THINK OF NEXT? FROM JIM WB8IEH

The car thieves peer through the windshield of your car or truck, write down the VIN # from the label on the dash, go to the local car dealership and request a duplicate key based on the VIN #. I didn't believe This e-mail, so I called Chrysler-Dodge and pretended I had lost my keys They told me to just bring in the VIN #, and they would cut me one on the spot, and I could order the keyless device if I wanted.

The Car Dealer's Parts Department will make a duplicate key from the VIN #, and collect payment from the thief who will return to your car. He doesn't have to break in, do any damage to the vehicle, or draw attention to himself. All he has to do is walk up to your car, insert the key and off he goes to a local Chop Shop with your vehicle. You don't believe it? It IS that easy.

To avoid this from happening to you, simply put some tape (electrical tape, duct tape or medical tape) across the VIN Metal Label located on the dash board. By law, you cannot remove the VIN, but you CAN cover it so it can't be viewed through the windshield by a car thief. I urge you to forward this to your friends before some other car thief steals another car or truck. I slipped a 3 x 5 card over the VIN NUMBER.



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