

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS

## SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
N8NJA BILL KELSO  
MARION MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
W8CGP CHARLIE PROKOS  
LIVONIA MI

APRIL 2008

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA

Is everyone ready to welcome April Showers? That's rain showers we want to welcome, not snow shower!. We will see what Mother Nature has in store for us this month. I hope it's warm breeze, some sunshine and moderate temperatures. April should also bring back some of our "snowbirds" to the net. It will be nice to here them again.

As started to type this page I realized this is the last time my name will appear as Ham of the Year. I was greatly surprised when I was chosen, and it is still the best honor I think that I will every have in Ham Radio. My only regret is that my work schedule did not allow me to participate in the net more during the week.

Here is something new for Field Day this year. This year, for the first time, the ARRL has put together a Station Locator to help amateurs or those interested in Amateur Radio find a Field Day site near them. According to ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, many amateurs have been asking for something like this for many years.

If your group would like to be a part of the Station Locator Service, it's easy to get started. Just go to the Field Day Station Locator Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php>> and follow the instructions.

Don't forget the Cadillac Swap on May 3<sup>rd</sup> We will be having a Upper Peninsula Net meeting at 10:00 a.m. I hope a all of you can make it, see you in Cadillac.

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

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 MARSHA XYL OF W8NSH PATI DAUGHTER OF WA8DHB	2	3	4	5
6	7 LAURIE DAUGHTER OF KN8N	8	9 LORRAINE XYL OF W8UJH	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 WD8PRW DON	18	19
20	21	22 K8ZJU BEVERLEY	23 GAIL XYL OF KD9TZ	24 WB8IEH, JIM & AGNES	25	26
27	28 WA8DHB AILEEN WA8THK PERRY	29	30			

## EXAMS

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

05-Apr-2008 **Sponsor:** MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** WILLIAM C HEAVER (586)469-6712 **Email:** [K8EDS@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8EDS@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SALVATION ARMY CORPS 55 CHURCH ST CORNER SOUTH GRATIOT MAY ALSO CALL: 313-526-5261 MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

08-Apr-2008 **Sponsor:** LIVINGSTON ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** GEORGE BRUCE VAN DAM (313)999-5547 **Email:** [BVANDAM@COMCAST.NET](mailto:BVANDAM@COMCAST.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** LIVINGSTON COUNTY EOC 300 S HIGHLANDER WAY HOWELL, MI 48843

12-Apr-2008 **Sponsor:** DELTA COUNTY ARS **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** HOWARD E ST JOHN (906)428-9476 **Email:** [HSJ99@CHARTER.NET](mailto:HSJ99@CHARTER.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** GLADSTONE SCHOOL LIBRARY 300 SO 10TH STREET GLADSTONE, MI 49837

12-Apr-2008 **Sponsor:** MIDLAND ARC **Time:** 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** GLENN U BOGGS (989)835-9112 **Email:** [GUBEBOGGS@AOL.COM](mailto:GUBEBOGGS@AOL.COM) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SALVATION ARMY 330 S WALDO AVE MIDLAND, MI 48642

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

12-Apr-2008 **Sponsor:** ARROW COMMUNICATIONS ASSOC INC **Time:** (No walk-ins) **Contact:** CLAYBOURNE MITCHELL (734)662-6663 **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** U OF M NORTH CAMPUS-ROOM 2211 GG BROWN ENGINEERING BLDG CANDIDATES MUST PRE-REGISTER OR CALL ROGER @ 734-663-4625 ANN ARBOR, MI 48106

12-Apr-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](mailto: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

14-Apr-2008 **Sponsor:** GARDEN CITY ARC **Time:** 6:30PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** FRED COMPS (734)261-6441 **Email:** [K8KUZ@AOL.COM](mailto:K8KUZ@AOL.COM) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER 31735 MAPLEWOOD ST ROOM #3 GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

19-Apr-2008 **Sponsor:** CASCADES ARS **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** RICHARD H MC GUIRE (517)782-1430 **Email:** [DICKKI8C@JUNO.COM](mailto:DICKKI8C@JUNO.COM) **VEC:** [W5YI VEC](#) **Location:** JACKSON DISTRICT LIBRARY 244 WEST MICHIGAN DOWNSTAIRS AUDITORIUM JACKSON, MI 49204

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

21-Apr-2008 **Sponsor:** USECA ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOSEPH P KENNEDY (586)977-7222 **Email:** [N8OZ@ARRL.NET](mailto:N8OZ@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [W5YI VEC](#) **Location:** MOUNT CLEMENS ELKS CLUB 179 S MAIN ST S OF CHURCH ST; PRE-REG URGED \$14.00 FEE - EXACT CASH ONLY! MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

24-Apr-2008 **Sponsor:** SOUTHERN MICHIGAN ARS **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** GARY P HURT (269)762-0048 **Email:** [GAROLD1@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:GAROLD1@HOTMAIL.COM) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** MAPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 342 CAPITAL AVE NE BATTLE CREEK, MI 49015

24-Apr-2008 **Sponsor:** CORUNNA VE TEAM **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** THOMAS E CARPENTER (517)579-0599 **Email:** [K18AS@CHARTER.NET](mailto:K18AS@CHARTER.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS 712 CORUNNA AVE REGISTER AT 6:30 PM CORUNNA, MI 48817

26-Apr-2008 **Sponsor:** LIVONIA ARC **Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** BRUNO V WALCZAK (734)464-8928 **Email:** [WA8DHP@ARRL.NET](mailto:WA8DHP@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT 15050 FARMINGTON RD LIVONIA, MI 48154

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

03-May-2008 **Sponsor:** MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** WILLIAM C HEAVER (586)469-6712 **Email:** [K8EDS@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8EDS@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SALVATION ARMY CORPS 55 CHURCH ST CORNER SOUTH GRATIOT MAY ALSO CALL: 313-526-5261 MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

03-May-2008 **Sponsor:** WEXAUKEE ARC/CADILLAC HAMFEST **Time:** 10:30AM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** ALAN E VAN ANTWERP (231)829-3433 **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** CADILLAC JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 500 CHESTNUT STREET PLEASE PRE-REGISTER SPACE LIMITED CADILLAC, MI 49601

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

## HAMFEST

5 Apr 2008 + ARGYL Hamfest Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell <http://www.argyl.org>  
**Talk-In:** 146.620 (PL 94.8) & 145.270 (PL 94.8) **Contact:** Al Eckman, WW8WW 725 Bowes Road, Apt. K6 Lowell, MI 49331 Phone: 616-897-7659 Email: [A Eckman@lowell.k12.mi.us](mailto:A Eckman@lowell.k12.mi.us) Lowell, MI Lowell High School 11700 Vergennes Street

12 Apr 2008 + GMARC Trunk Swap General Motors Amateur Radio Club <http://www.gmarc.org>  
**Talk-In:** 443.075+ (PL 123) & 145.210- (PL 123) **Contact:** Kurt Broman, WU8V 6733 Mayfair Road Shelby Township, MI 48317 Phone: 586-747-7535 Email: [WU8V@arrl.net](mailto:WU8V@arrl.net) Utica, MI Trinity Lutheran Church 45160 Van Dyke Avenue

19 Apr 2008 + Milford Swap and Shop Milford Amateur Radio Club <http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk>  
**Talk-In:** 145.49 (PL 67); 146.52 backup **Contact:** Rose Moore, KC8NQJ 1383 Sylvan Drive Hartland, MI 48353 Phone: 810-632-5174 Highland, MI Milford High School 2380 Milford Road

3 May 2008 + Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club <http://www.wexaukeearc.org> **Talk-In:** 146.98 (no PL) **Contact:** Alton McConnell, NU8L PO Box 163 Cadillac, MI 49601 Phone: 231-862-3774 Email: [nu8l@yahoo.com](mailto:nu8l@yahoo.com) Cadillac, MI Cadillac Junior High School 500 Chestnut Street

## Darwin Awards :

2. The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat-cutting machine and, after a little shopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and he also lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.

3. A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.

4. After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.

5. An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.

6. A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer... \$15. [If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?]

7 Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape.

8. As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

9. The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan, at 5 A.M., flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast. The man, frustrated, walked away. [\*A 5-STAR STUPIDITY AWARD WINNER]

10. When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline and plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

Here is the glorious winner:

1. When his 38-caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California, would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

In the interest of bettering mankind, please share these with your friends and family... unless of course one of these individuals by chance is a distant relative or long-lost friend. In that case, be glad they are distant and hope they remain lost.

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FROM WB8IEH

**Ole and Sven are on vacation in Texas and walk by a store window with the sign,  
"Suits \$5.00 each, Shirts \$2.00 each, Trousers \$2.50 a pair."**

**Ole says to his pal, "Sven, look at dat! Ve could buy a whole bunch of dese  
Clothes, take 'em back to Iowa, sell 'em to all DA dumb Yermans up dere,  
And make a fortune!"**

**Ole continues, "Now ven ve go in dere, don't you say a vurd, okay? Yust  
Let me do the talkin"cause if dey hear your accent, they might  
Tink ve're ignorant Norvegians, and dey von't vanna sell dem clothes to  
Us. Now, I'll talk like I'm a Texan, so dey von't know"**

**Ole and Sven go in and Ole says with his best fake Texas accent,  
"Howdy, y'all. Ah'll take 50 of them there suits at five dollahs  
Each, 100 of them there shirts at two dollahs each, and 50 pairs of them  
There trousers at two-fifty each. So, Ah'll just back up mah pickup  
And....."**

**The owner of the shop interrupts, "Ya'll are a coupla Norwegians from Minnesota,  
ain't you?" "Vell yah," sas a surprised Ole "How'd you know dat?"**

**The owner replies, "Cause this here's a dry-cleaners**

## Michigan Amateurs Team Up With State.....From the ARRL Letter

ARRL Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams, WA8EFK, and Michigan SEC John McDonough, WB8RCR, have been working with the Homeland Security Division of the Michigan State Police Emergency Management office to align the capabilities of the Amateur Radio Public Service Corps (ARPSC) more closely with the communications needs of the state's public service agencies.

ARPSC -- Michigan's integrated ARES/RACES program -- also participates in the Michigan State Department Emergency Management Coordinators Quarterly meetings at the State EOC. It is here, Williams said, that discussion of the Public Safety communications grants are discussed and their investment justifications are detailed. "We have been afforded the opportunity to discuss Amateur Radio's involvement with communications interoperability, as well as our ability to fill gaps in disparate networks and outages. As a result of these conferences, I was asked to include a list of ARPSC's needs for the next three years."

To further that end, Williams said that they have been successful in incorporating the ARPSC program into the Michigan State Preparedness Priorities. Michigan intends to develop the ARPSC into a fully integrated communications team operating under common standards and procedures, including maintaining and enhancing the statewide Amateur Radio communications system; establishing suggested standards for Amateur Radio capabilities in local Emergency Operations Centers; and developing a public awareness and education program to bolster the ranks of Amateur Radio participants. The hope, Williams said, is to have all of this implemented by 2010.

Williams said, "Since the early 1980s, Michigan has operated an integrated ARES, RACES and NTS program referred to as the Michigan Amateur Radio Public Service Corps. By combining the forces of these normally separate structures, these valuable resources are pulled together to form an active trained and unified organization. The SEC also holds the positions of Section Traffic Manager and RACES Radio Officer. Membership in ARPSC is open to all amateurs and is structured to allow a beginning ham to progress from an entry-level position to a RACES-qualified operator by meeting specific training milestones."

"There is no doubt that by presenting a unified organization, the Michigan ARPSC has demonstrated the effective use of resources, training and our unique capabilities so that we have become a well respected public service organization in the state," Williams said. -

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FROM WB8IEH

**Only in America .....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.**

UPPER PENINSULA NET MEMBER PROFILE.....JERRY GALLOWAY KD8CYK  
BY AL, K8BLL

Born December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1938 in Grayling Michigan, Jerry attended several Michigan public schools before dropping out his senior year. However, during his tour of duty with the U.S. Navy from 1960 to 1964, he obtained a G.E.D.

Jerry retired from his working career with General Motors at the Fisher One plant in Flint. He and his wife, Barbara (Bobbie) , have two sons, both married with children.

After his retirement Jerry joined is local fire department about 13 years ago, and has also served on his township board for 10 years

His entry into Amateur Radio stems from his duty as a radioman in while in the Navy, and a Christmas gift from one of his sons a couple of years ago of a Knight Kit R-100 receiver. Listening to the ham bands led to Jerry obtaining is Technician license, followed by upgrading to General class and joining the U. P. Net.

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**Only in America .....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.**

**Only in America .....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.**

**Only in America .....do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.**



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