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HAM OF THE YEAR
N8GWN JIM ROBB
BROWNSTOWN MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
K8HRO RANDY BELL
AURA MI

JANUARY 2009

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As for myself, it was great, except I have acquired the worst cold I think I have ever had. It hit me the Monday before Christmas and will just not leave. Because of this I am sorry to say I did not put a lot of effort into this months newsletter. I hope you enjoy what is here.

On a better note Santa was good to me this year. He even left me a few ham radio items, one of them I will share with others. It is a book called "Lost User Manuals". It has operating instructions for about 80 different radios and even a few scanners. They are not real old radios, I would say 1970's and up. The manufactures represented are Alinco, Icom, Kenwood, and Yaesu. The scanners are Uniden and Realistic. If anyone would like to know about a specific radio catch me on the net or drop me an email to wkelseo6092@esagelink.com and I will check it out and see if it is in the book.

As we look forward into the New Year I am sure we all have a lot of different thoughts on what it will bring. With the economic problems and getting a new president there is a lot of uncertainty ahead. Even though I did not vote for him, I wish our new president good luck. If he can pull the country out of the mess with are in he will go down in history as one good president.

I think having a bad cold effects ones ability to type, because I have had a lot of problems typing this page, so I am going to give up now. Happy New Year to All.

NET STATS FOR NOVEMBER
CHECKINS 1335 TRAFFIC 35 32.6 HOURS IN 35 SESSIONS

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY 2009

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11	12 <i>KB8ZL TOM</i>	13	14	15	16	17 <i>W9JSK JAN</i>
18	19 <i>MARIE XYL OF W8ERB</i>	20	21	22 <i>NK8V & LYNN</i>	23 <i>W8OWN GEORGE</i>	24
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EXAMS

03-Jan-2009 **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

03-Jan-2009 **Sponsor:** MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** WILLIAM C HEAVER (586)469-6712 **Email:** 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

06-Jan-2009 **Sponsor:** INGHAM COUNTY VE GROUP **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** LANSING POLICE DEPT. 3400 S CEDAR ST SMALL CONFERENCE RM DOWNSTAIRS LANSING, MI 48910

09-Jan-2009 **Sponsor:** GRAND RAPIDS ARA **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** RICHARD H DOUGLAS (616)531-6218 **Email:** KC8NKA@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** RED CROSS BLDG 1050 FULLER AVE NE INSTRUCTION ROOM L-4 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

10-Jan-2009 **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

10-Jan-2009 **Sponsor:** DELTA COUNTY ARS **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** HOWARD E ST JOHN (906)428-9476 **Email:** HSJ99@CHARTER.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** GLADSTONE SCHOOL LIBRARY 300 SO 10TH STREET GLADSTONE, MI 49837

11-Jan-2009 **Sponsor:** NQ8A TESTING GROUP **Time:** 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** LARRY A SCHRADER (269)429-7574 **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** CHURCH OF CHRIST 3550 NILES RD REAR OF PARKING LOT FELLOWSHIP HALL SAINT JOSEPH, MI 49085

17-Jan-2009 **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

17-Jan-2009 **Sponsor:** NORTH OTTAWA ARC **Time:** 8:30AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOHN T FISCHER (616)402-0665 **Email:** KC8UNY@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SPRING LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY 123 E EXCHANGE ST SPRING LAKE, MI 49456

19-Jan-2009 **Sponsor:** USECA ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOSEPH P KENNEDY (586)977-7222 **Email:** N8OZ@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [W5YI VEC](#) **Location:** [HTTP://USECAARC.COM/TEST/](http://USECAARC.COM/TEST/) FOR IMPORTANT DETAILS MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

24-Jan-2009 **Sponsor:** ALLEGAN COUNTY ARC **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** PETER J BLOWERS (269)370-2018 **Email:** W8BUX@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** ALLEGAN GENERAL HOSPITAL - CAFETERIA 555 LINN STREET M-40S, JUST S OF M-89/M40 INT ALLEGAN, MI 49010

03-Feb-2009 **Sponsor:** INGHAM COUNTY VE GROUP **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** LANSING POLICE DEPT. 3400 S CEDAR ST SMALL CONFERENCE RM DOWNSTAIRS LANSING, MI 48910

HAMFEST

18 Jan 2009 + 43rd Annual Hamfest

Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.hparc.org>

Talk-In: 146.640 (PL 100)

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Hazel Park, MI

Hazel Park High School

23400 Huges

7 Feb 2009 + HARA Swap and Shop

Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association

<http://www.qsl.net/k8lod/>

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Negaunee, MI

Negaunee Township Hall

42 Hwy, M-35

14 Feb 2009 + 36th Annual Swap & Shop

Cherryland Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.carc.tc>

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Traverse City, MI

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**THEY COULD WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT, WALL STREET, OR THE BANKING
INDUSTRY**

FROM RICH KD8EYD

Number One Idiot of 2008

I am a medical student currently doing a rotation in toxicology at the poison control center. Today, this woman called in very upset because she caught her little daughter eating ants. I quickly reassured her that the ants are not harmful and there would be no need to bring her daughter into the hospital. She calmed down and at the end of the conversation happened to mention that she gave her daughter some ant poison to eat in order to kill the ants. I told her that she better bring her daughter in to the emergency room right away.

Here's your sign, lady. Wear it with pride.

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**Number Two Idiot of 2008**

Early this year, some Boeing employees on the airfield decided to steal a life raft from one of the 747s. They were successful in getting it out of the plane and home. Shortly after they took it for a float on the river, they noticed a Coast Guard helicopter coming toward them. It turned out that the chopper was homing in on the emergency locater beacon that activated when the raft was inflated.

They are no longer employed at Boeing.

Here's your sign,guys. Don't get it wet; the paint might run.

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Number Three Idiot of 2008

A man, wanting to rob a downtown Bank of America, walked into the Branch and wrote this, "Put all your money in this bag." While standing in line, waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the teller's window. So he left the Bank of America and crossed the street to the Wells Fargo Bank. After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his

note to the Wells Fargo teller. She read it and, surmising from his spelling errors that he wasn't the brightest light in the

harbor, told him that she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of America deposit slip and that he would either have to fill out a Wells Fargo deposit slip or go back to Bank of America.

Looking somewhat defeated , the man said, "OK" and left. He was arrested a few minutes later, as he was waiting in line back at Bank of America.

Don't bother with this guy's sign. He probably couldn't read it anyway.

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#### **Number Four Idiot of 2008**

A motorist was unknowingly caught in an automated speed trap that; measured his speed using radar and photographed his car. He later received in the mail a ticket for \$40 and a photo of his car. Instead of payment, he sent the police department a photograph of \$40. Several days later, he received a letter from the police that contained another picture, this time of handcuffs.. He immediately mailed in his \$40.

Wise guy.....

But you still get a sign

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Number Five Idiot of 2008

A guy walked into a little corner store with a shotgun and demanded all of the cash from the cash drawer. After the cashier put the cash in a bag, the robber saw a bottle of Scotch that he wanted behind the counter on the shelf. He told the cashier to put it in the bag as well, but the cashier refused and said, "Because I don't believe you are over 21." The robber said he was, but the clerk still refused to give it to him because she didn't believe him. At this point, the robber took his driver's license out of his wallet and gave it to the clerk.

The clerk looked it over and agreed that the man was in fact over 21 and she put the Scotch in the bag. The robber then ran from the store with his loot. The cashier promptly called the police and gave the name and address of the robber that he got off the license.

They arrested the robber two hours later.

This guy definitely needs a sign.

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### **Idiot Number Six of 2008**

A pair of Michigan robbers entered a record shop nervously waving revolvers.

The first one shouted, "Nobody move!" When his partner moved, the startled first bandit shot him.

This guy doesn't even deserve a sign.

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Idiot Number Seven of 2008

Arkansas: Seems this 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 knocking him unconscious. It seems the liquor store window was made of Plexi-Glass.

The whole event was caught on videotape.

Yep, here's your sign.

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### **Idiot Number Eight of 2008**

We live in a semi-rural area, (Weyauwega , Wisconsin), and we recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road. The reason: "Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! - I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore."

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STAY ALERT! They walk among us, they REPRODUCE !

Urine Test

This was written by a construction worker in Fort McMurray
...he sure makes a lot of sense to me!

Read on...

I work, they pay me. I pay my taxes and the government distributes my taxes as it sees fit. In order to earn that pay check, I work on a rig site for a Fort Mac construction project. I am required to pass a random urine test, with which I have no problem.

What I do have a problem with is the distribution of my taxes to people who don't have to pass a urine test. Shouldn't one have to pass a urine test to get a welfare check because I have to pass one to earn it for them?

Please understand - I have no problem with helping people get back on their feet. I do on the other hand have a problem with helping someone sit on their ass drinking beer and smoking dope.

Could you imagine how much money would be saved if people had to pass a urine test to get a public assistance check?



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