

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



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Glad to be here to welcome the New Year and January. I had a feeling we would survive beyond Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. Now all we have to do is survive the politicians in Washington. In a lot of countries of the world if this mess was going on there would be rioting in the streets. Are we that much more civilized or just don't care what they do to us?

Besides the "fiscal cliff" what will the New Year bring? A raise in postage rates on January 27, going to 46 cents. That's about a 2.25 percent increase. You can't make that much money on your savings account so go buy a bunch of stamps to carry you thru a year and you will have made money. I bought enough to mail the newsletter for the next 12 months. Some of you will enjoy an increase in your S.S. in the New Year, and you will also get an increase in your Medicare cost. See how that one works out to the plus or minus for you. Maybe the New Year will bring us better propagation on the higher bands. I would like to see some good six meter conditions.

Here is a great webstie to look at, [www.rigreference.com](http://www.rigreference.com) There are about 85 different manufactures of radios on this site with many of the models from each. What surprised me was the manufactures from different countries that we never hear about. Many radios made that don't get exported to the USA

Enjoy the New Year, make those resolutions and stick to them!!!

## NET STATS

2011 NOV CHECKINS 1185    TRAFFIC 55

2012 NOV CHECKINS 1359    TRAFFIC 58

NOV HIGH CHECKINS N8BNC 47

NOV HIGH TRAFFIC K8DSS 11

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

# January 2013

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>N8DP DAVE</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> <i>K8GOU &amp; FLORENCE</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <i>MARIE XYL OF W8ERB</i>
<i>20</i> <i>N8HLH &amp; XYL</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> <i>NK8V &amp; LYNN</i>	<i>23</i> <i>W8OWN GEORGE N8NYT STAN</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> <i>N8JSI CINDI DAUGHTER OF N8BNC</i>	<i>31</i>		

- **EXAMS**

- 01/05/2013 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** SAROF  
**Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance)  
**Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 01/12/2013 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 **Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club  
**Location:** Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

01/12 *Gladstone:* Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Dave Palmgren - N8DP, n8dp@dcars.org, (906) 428-2271  
VEC: ARRL/VEC Location: Gladstone City Hall Main Meeting Room 1100 Delta Ave. Gladstone, MI 49837

- 01/17/2013 | Garden City MI 48135-2818 **Sponsor:** Garden City ARC  
**Location:** Garden City Presbyterian Church **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 01/19/2013 | Flint MI 48507 **Sponsor:** The KD8NLP & W8ACW VE Teams  
**Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

01/19/2013 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 **Sponsor:** ICARPSC  
**Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)

01/26 *Hancock:* 9:00am eastern time, ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 400 INGOT STREET, HANCOCK,MI Ingot street is located across from the Quincy hill lookout, just north of Hancock... Contact: Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF at (906) 482-7743 if you have questions

01/26/2013 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 **Sponsor:** Allegan County ARC  
**Location:** Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 02/02/2013 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** SAROF  
**Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance)  
**Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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## HAMFEST

- **01/20/2013 | Hazel Park ARC's 47th Annual Hamfest**

**Location:** Hazel Park, MI

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.hparc.org>

**02/02/2013 | HARA Swap and Shop**

**Location:** Negaunee, MI

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association

### **UPN NET MEMBER PROFILE BY AL, K8BLL**

DAVID PAQUETTE, W8DW  
SAGINAW, MICHIGAN


APPARENTLY, DAVE IS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF SAGINAW. HE WAS BORN THERE IN 1948 AND GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL THERE AS WELL AS ATTENDING THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN SAGINAW. HE IS RETIRED AFTER FORTY-ONE YEARS EMPLOYMENT AT EATON CORPORATION AS A METALLURGICAL TECHNICIAN.

DAVE GOT INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO WHILE IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS FIRST LICENSED IN 1963 AT THE AGE OF 14. HE NOW HOLDS AN EXTRA CLASS LICENSE AND HIS PREVIOUS CALL WAS WB8LZA WHICH IS NOW HELD BY HIS WIFE, MARY.

HIS PRIMARY AMATEUR RADIO INTEREST IS WORKING CONTESTS, MOSTLY ON CW. IN ADDITION, DAVE ENJOYS SAILING AND GOLF.

DAVE'S HAM GEAR INCLUDES THREE TRANSCEIVERS, A KENWOOD TS-2000, A KENWOOD TS-830S AND AN ELECRAFT K3. THESE FEED A CHOICE OF AN 80 METER WINDOM ANTENNA, A 40 OR 80 METER DIPOLE OR HUSTLER 6BTV VERTICAL.

SOME GOOD ONES FROM JIM, WB8IEH.....



**Marriage** is like a deck of cards. In the beginning all you need is two HEARTS and a DIAMOND. By the end, you wish you had a CLUB and a SPADE.

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**AUNTY ACID'S TEXT CODE FOR SENIORS**

- ATD - At The Doctors
- BFF - Best Friend Fell
- BTW - Bring The Wheelchair
- BYOT - Bring Your Own Teeth
- FWIW - Forgot Where I Was
- GHA - Got Heartburn Again
- IMHO - Is My Hearing-aid On
- LMDO - Laughing My Dentures Out
- TTYL - Talk To You Louder

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# Summary of Life

## **GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:**

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.

## **GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:**

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge..mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy.

## **GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD**

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

## **FROM NEWSLINE.....**

### **RADIO FROM SPACE: NORTH KOREA SATELLITE ATTAINS ORBIT BUT NOBODY HAS HEARD IT TRANSMIT**

North Korea appears to have successfully launched a satellite into space through the use of its Unha 3 satellite launcher, but may have lost control over the bird soon after it attained orbit.

As reported by several news outlets, according to U.S. officials, the satellite which was launched by North Korea on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> is now believed to be tumbling out of control in an uncontrolled orbit and nobody is quite sure what the spacecraft's purpose or capabilities are.

North Korea lofted the spacecraft on the long-range rocket from its Sohae Satellite Launch Station on the nation's northwest coast. The launch was detected by United States missile warning systems. NORAD, the North American Aerospace Defense Command said the Unha-3 rocket's first stage fell into the Yellow Sea, while the second stage fell into the Philippine Sea. It went on to state that the missile deployed an object that appeared to achieve orbit.

According to the ITU the North Koreans have so far not specified the type or format of the data or video transmissions it plans to make through the satellite although it expects the transmissions to continue for up to 2 years. Currently the only claim from North Korea is that the bird is transmitting music on either 470 or 479 MHz but so far no monitoring stations have reported hearing this new bird or its sound. Similar claims were made in 1998 for another North Korean orbital launch attempt that is believed to have failed. (Space.com and various news sources)

### **\*\*RADIO LAW: FOLLOW-UP – US SAYS NO TO DUBAI INTERNET TREATY**

A follow-up to last week's story regarding that confrontational meeting in Dubai to discuss the future of the Internet. As the gathering drew to a close the United States joined 20 other countries in refusing to sign a treaty that they say will harm Internet freedom.

The final proposal was forged at an international communications conference that ended Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. A major problem of the treaty produced by the 193 nation International Telecommunications Union was its endorsement of greater control over the Internet by governments.

United States Ambassador Terry Kramer said that rejecting the treaty was an obvious direction for the U.S. delegation to take. He told the media that there were too many concerns that were problematic for the nation.

AS reported last week, one issue troubling the United States is language extending the treaty to Internet Service Providers and private network operators, as well as governments. The United States believes this would invite greater government control of the Internet. The same is true of provisions in the treaty to fight cybercrime. According to the U.S. delegation the broad powers designed to increase network security could too easily be abused by governments.

The chair of the World Conference on International Communications is Mohamed Nasser Al-Ghanim. He disagreed with the dissenting countries noting that their concerns are addressed

in the text. Al-Ghanim said that special provisions were written into the treaty to say that content is excluded and that the Internet will continue to express freedom of thought as it has.

If the Dubai conference showed anything, it's that a major schism exists between the developed nations and much of the ITU over Internet issues. Some believe this could result in a second, more strictly regulated Internet emerging, although experts acknowledge that would be difficult to actually create.

The final version of the treaty goes into effect in 2015, but without the signatures of many of the Internet super powers, its effect is likely to be minimal at best. (Various Internet news sources)

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## **Gentle Thoughts for Today -**

**Birds of a feather flock together . . . and then crap on your car.**

**A penny saved is a government oversight.**

**The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.**

**The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.**

**When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra**



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