

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
KC8ZMN CHRIS HANSEN
UNIONVILLE MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
WW8A WAYNE WEST
MINNEAPOLIS MN

JANUARY 2017

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Welcome to the month of January, new year, time for resolutions, and new expenses. Increase in gas tax, medicare, and license plates, and on and on. I sound like a complaining senior citizens. Oh, that's right I am one! All that aside, Happy New Year everyone.

Winter has arrived and my only complaint is when it is not winter, I do not like rain in the winter time, makes too much of an icy mess! So be careful out there, use lots of salt, and I don't mean on your french fries. That reminds me I should hunt up my ice cleats to slip on my boots. I heard a good one this morning on 75 meters. I was talking with the group on 3.906 and the discussion turned to cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Mike, KE8IL participates in both, plus plays hockey on a league in Ishpeming, not bad for a 66 year old! He said he keep his snowshoes in the back of his truck with a pair of boots in the bindings ready to just slip on. Now that's a real prepared Yooper! He also said it is getting harder to bend over and lace up his hockey skates. That's one thing in life I wish I would have kept doing, ice skating. I used to live on the ice when I was a kid, fell thru twice. I do miss skating, not falling thru.

The propagation has been good for us at 5 p.m., but not after that. 75 meters gets so long at night now you cannot hardly talk to anyone in Michigan after 6 p.m. 160 meters has been a good band so far, good local conditions in the early night and DX the later it gets and better DX early in the early morning. As for the lower bands, it's kind of day to day sometimes 20 and 17 will get you some DX and sometimes not. So enjoy what you can.

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

NET STATS

NOVEMBER 2015 CHECKINS 917 TRAFFIC 40
NOVEMBER 2016 CHECKINS 1040 TRAFFIC 35
HIGH CHECKINS KC8ZMN 38 & 36 W8WR & N8BNC 35 K8SKY 34
HIGH TRAFFIC W8WR 2

JANUARY 2017

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <i>KATHY XYL OF K8SKY</i>	4	5	6	7
8 <i>N8DP DAVE</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 <i>N9QPJ ANDY</i>	20 <i>N8HLH & XYL</i>	21
22 <i>NK8V & LYN</i>	23 <i>W8OWN GEORGE K8NYT STAN</i>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>CINDI N&JSI DAUGHTER OF N8BNC</i>	31	<i>FEB 3 KD8CPG FILL WD7G TONY</i>	<i>FEB 6 JORDAN GRAND- SON OF WA8DHB</i>	<i>FEB 8 WB8VOF DOUG & MARYANN KC8WKN</i>	<i>FEB 9 WB8VOF</i>

EXAMS

- **01/07/2017 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 01/09/2017 | Adrian MI 49221-8709 Sponsor:** Adrian ARC **Location:** Building at Lenawee County Airport
Time: 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 01/14/2017 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc.
Location: American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 01/14/2017 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 01/14/2017 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club
Location: Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 01/18/2017 | Livonia MI 48154-3045 Sponsor:** Livonia ARC **Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library
Time: 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 01/21/2017 | Coldwater MI 49036-2062 Sponsor:** Branch County ARC, Inc. **Location:** H&C Burnside Senior Center **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 01/21/2017 | Flint MI 48507 Sponsor:** The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams **Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **01/21/2017 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch
Time: 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 01/28/2017 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 Sponsor:** Allegan County ARC **Location:** Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 01/29/2017 | Madison Heights MI 48071-1862 Sponsor:** hazel Park amt radio Club
Location: UCFW Hall 2017 HPARC Swap **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/02/2017 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/04/2017 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

02/07/2017 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC **Location:** Oak Park Community Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

02/11/2017 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

02/11/2017 | Traverse City MI 49684 Sponsor: Cherryland ARC **Location:** Immaculate Conception School – Gym **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

HAMFEST

- **01/29/2017 | HPARC Swap**
Location: Madison Heights, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club **Website:** <http://hparc.org>
 - 02/04/2017 | Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association Shop and Swap**
Location: Negaunee, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** HARA
Website: <http://www.qsl.net/k8lod/index.html>
 - 02/11/2017 | Swap N Shop** **Location:** Traverse City, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Cherryland Amateur Radio Club
 - **2/19/2017 | 46th Annual Livonia ARC Swap & Shop** **Location:** Livonia, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Livonia Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.livoniaarc.com/index.php?page=swapshop>
 - 03/11/2017 | Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club Hamfest**
Location: Lowell, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club
Website: <http://k8lhs.club>
 - 03/18/2017 | Michigan Crossroads Hamfest and Radio Swap**
Location: Kalamazoo Township, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.w8df.com/index.php?content=hamfest>
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A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

At the beginning of a children's sermon, one girl came up to the altar wearing a beautiful dress. As the children were sitting down around the pastor, he leaned over and said to the girl, "That is a very pretty dress. Is it your Easter dress?" The

girl replied almost directly into the pastor's clip-on mike, "Yes, and my Mom says it's a bitch to iron."

**HRD SOFTWARE, LLC ANNOUNCES
DEPARTURE OF CO-FOUNDER, RICK RUHL, W4PC
TO PURSUE OTHER INTERESTS**

Tampa, FL; Dallas, TX; St. Paul, MN — December 31, 2016

HRD Software, LLC., producer of Ham Radio Deluxe, the world's leading software application suite for ham radio operators, announces the departure of co-founder, Rick Ruhl (W4PC) to pursue other interests. This change becomes effective as of December 31, 2016.

“After twenty years, I’m retiring from the ham radio market,” stated Ruhl.

Co-founder, Michael Carper (WA9PIE) continued, “Ham Radio Deluxe software would have been abandoned in 2011 without Rick’s partnership. Over the past five years, we have introduced many new features and resolved many long-standing defects in the software. Rick’s day-to-day leadership in running the business has contributed to the vitality and functionality of Ham Radio Deluxe.”

Co-founders Carper and Randy Gawtry (K0CBH) expect that there will be a transition period that will begin in early 2017.

“On behalf of the entire company, I would like to thank Rick for his contributions over the past five years and wish him well in his future endeavors,” concluded Gawtry.

HRD Software, LLC expects to release a revised End User License Agreement shortly to modernize and renew our commitment to our customers.

About HRD Software, LLC

Founded in 2012, HRD Software, LLC. produces and sells the Ham Radio Deluxe software suite for the amateur radio industry. Ham Radio Deluxe is the only fully integrated software suite for amateur radio that includes rig control, logging, digital modes, rotator control, and satellite tracking.

As always, Ham Radio Deluxe is free to try before you buy for 30 days.

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LOOKING FOR SOME DX—TRY THESE, YOU WILL FIND MORE OF THIS LISTING AT NG3K.COM

2017 Jan03	2017 Jan21	Laos	XW4XR	LotW	TDDX 20161209	By AA4XR fm Vientiane; 160-10m; CW RTTY JT65; QSL also OK via E21EIC
2017	2017	Micronesia	V63		DXW.Net	By JA3ARJ as V63ARJ,

DXMB=DX News Letter OPDX=Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin 425DX=425 DX News
LNDX=Les Nouvelles DX DXW.Net=DX-World.net TDDX=The Daily DX

Jan04	Jan22				20160912	JH3LSS as V63LSS, JA3AVO JH3PBL W7AYA likewise fm Pohnpei; 160-6m; CW SSB + digital
2017 Jan05	2017 Jan09	South Cook Is	E51AMF	LotW	DXW.Net 20160730	By K7ADD fm Rarotonga I (IOTA OC-013); 80-10m, perhaps 160m; SSB RTTY; 1.5kw; verticals and wires near salt water; QSL also OK via K7ADD direct, Club Log, eQSL
2017 Jan06	2017 Jan13	Palau	T88AQ <small>NEW</small>	LotW	DXNews 20170102	By JH6WDG fm Koror I (IOTA OC-009, PJ77fi); 160-6m; CW SSB + digital; QSL also OK via JH6WDG
2017 Jan06	2017 Jan16	Laos	XW4ZW	LotW	WB6RSE 20161208	By K4ZW fm Vientiane; focus on low bands; QSL also OK via K1SE (see link at call sign for details)
2017 Jan07	2017 Jan30	PE & Marion Is	ZS8Z	ZS1LS	TDDX 20161124	By ZS1BCE; HF; SSB + digital; broadband dipole; operation to continue for 17 months; start date uncertain
2017 Jan08	2017 Jan25	Bonaire	PJ4B	PA8A Direct	PA3GVI 20160930	By PA8A; 40-40m; 100w; end-fed; holiday style operation; include US\$2 (no IRCs) + SAE w/ QSL

AS WE WELCOME IN A NEW PRESIDENT AND NEW CONGRESS, NO
MATTER WHAT YOUR POLITICAL PREFERENCE CONSIDER THESE
GEMS FROM A CROSS SECTION OF CITIZENS OF THE WORLD

We hang petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

~Aesop, Greek slave & fable author

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are
dumber.

~Plato, ancient Greek Philosopher

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where
there is no river.

~Nikita Khrushchev, Russian Soviet politician

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm
beginning to believe it.

~Quoted in 'Clarence Darrow for the Defense' by Irving Stone.

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go
out and buy some more tunnel.

~John Quinton, American actor/writer

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds
from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.

~Oscar Ameringer, "the Mark Twain of American Socialism."

I offered my opponents a deal: "if they stop telling lies about me, I will
stop telling the truth about them".

~Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952..

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.

~ Texas Guinan. 19th century American businessman

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be
left to the politicians.

~Charles de Gaulle, French general & politician

Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to
change the locks.

~Doug Larson (English middle-distance runner who won gold medals at the 1924
Olympic Games in Paris , 1902-1981)

TURN ON YOUR DUAL BAND FM RADIO AND GIVE IT A TRY.....

New Amateur Radio FM Transponder CubeSat Now in Space

From the ARRL News page

The BY70-1 CubeSat launched on December 28 from the Taiyuan Space Launch Center in China, but in a lower orbit than intended. The satellite carries an Amateur Radio FM transponder. BY70-1 was intended to go into a 530-kilometer (approximately 329-mile) circular Sun-synchronous orbit, but it appears the orbit is 524 × 212 kilometers, which will give the spacecraft an orbital lifetime of just a month or two.

Paul Stoetzer, N8HM, reported **working** Wyatt Dirks, AC0RA, through the FM transponder during the 1709 UTC pass on December 28. “Uplink requires precise frequency adjustment, and there’s a delay on the downlink, but the signal is strong,” Stoetzer said.

BY70-1 is a 2U CubeSat project for education and Amateur Radio. It features 3-axis stabilization and deployable solar panels. In addition to the FM transponder, BY70-1 has a camera, and plans call for downloading images and telemetry via a 9600 bps BPSK downlink. The IARU Amateur Satellite Frequency Coordination pages list an uplink of 145.920 MHz, and a downlink of 436.200 MHz.

AMSAT-UK has more information.



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