

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
KD8KCV DAVE PECK  
GAYLORD MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
K8SKY SKYE WITTIG  
KALEVA MI

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Here we are in a new month and a new year. So far I am doing ok, I had to write a check the other day and did write 2019!

In my neighborhood the in and out winter weather continues, a low of 7 degrees a couple of days ago and 43 above for a high today. There sure is a big difference in what winter is like in different parts of the state. My friend Bob, W8LHP in the very corner of SW Berrien County has green grass and Gary W8CJ at Lake Gogebic has 14 inches of snow! We have had so little snow here I wonder if we are close to drought conditions?

The HF bands continue to be full of surprises, good one day and not so good the next. Even some of the higher bands 15 and 20 meters even open up once and awhile. For consistent in state communication 160 seems to be the band to use, it has been very good most nights with very little noise.

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

## NET STATS

NOVEMBER 2017 CHECKINGS 1243 TRAFFIC 37

NOVEMBER 2018 CHECKINS 104 TRAFFIC 31

HIGH CHECKINS KC8ZMN 42 N8BNC 41 N8NJA 41 NS8S 40 WA8DHB 39

SUNDAY NOON NET KD8KCV 18

HIGH TRAFFIC KC8ZMN 2

# January 2019

## BIRTHDAY 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 &amp; XYL</i>	21	22 <i>NK8V &amp; LYN</i>	23 <i>W8OWN GEORGE</i>	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 <i>CINDI N8JSI DAUGHTER OF N8BNC</i>	31		

## EXAMS

**01/09/2019 | Livonia MI 48154-3045** Sponsor: Livonia ARC Location: Livonia Civic Center Library Time: 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)

**01/12/2019 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516** Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc. Location: American Red Cross Building Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**01/12/2019 | Lansing MI 48911-5322** Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**01/12/2019 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014** Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC Location: St Clair County Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**01/12/2019 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999** Sponsor: Motor City Radio Club Location: First United Methodist Church Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**01/26/2019 | Allegan MI 49010-1524** Sponsor: Allegan County ARC Location: Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**01/26/2019 | Coldwater MI 49036-2062** Sponsor: Branch County ARC, Inc. Location: H&C Burnside Senior Center Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**01/27/2019 | Madison Heights MI 48071-1862** Sponsor: Hazel Park Amt Radio Club Location: UCFW Hall 2017 HPARC Swap Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**02/02/2019 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217** Sponsor: SAROF Location: Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

**02/05/2019 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085** Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC Location: Oak Park Community Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

**02/07/2019 | Lansing MI 48911-5322** Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

**02/09/2019 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516** Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc. Location: American Red Cross Building Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**02/09/2019 | Charlotte MI 48813-9999** Sponsor: Eaton County Arc Location: Charlotte Church of Christ Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

**02/09/2019 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014** Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC Location: St Clair County Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**02/09/2019 | Traverse City MI 49684-3260 Sponsor: Cherryland ARC Location: St Francis High school Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**

## HAMFEST

**01/27/2019 | Hazel Park ARC's 53rd Annual Swap and Shop Location: Madison Heights, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://hparc.org>**

**02/02/2019 | Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association Location: Negaunee, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association <https://www.qsl.net/k8lod/>**

**02/09/2019 | 46th Annual Swap & Shop Location: Traverse City , MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Cherryland Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://cherrylandarc.com/>  
**NEW LOCATION : St Francis High school****

**02/17/2019 | Livonia ARC's 49th Annual Swap & Shop Location: Livonia, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Livonia Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://www.livoniaarc.com/index.php?page=swapshop>**

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**THINK ABOUT THESE FOR A WHILE.....FROM DAVE NS8S**

**Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.**

**The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".**

**Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, and scissors is just as hard as trying to win.**

**100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.**

**Your future self is watching you right now through memories.**

UP NET MEMBER PROFILE

PETER MADSEN, K2PM  
RAPID RIVER, MICHIGAN

PETE WAS BORN IN ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY IN 1946 AND GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL THERE. HIS INTEREST IN AMATEUR RADIO STEMMED FROM WATCHING HIS FATHER REPLACE VACCUM TUBES IN RADIOS AND HIS UNCLE, W2NLX. PETE LOVED TO EXPERIMENT WITH TUBES IN AUDIO AND RADIO EQUIPMENT.

PETE WAS ACTIVE ON ARMY MARS STATIONS DURING MILITARY SERVICE IN EUROPE AND VIETNAM. HE WAS ABLE TO WORK HIS MOTHER, WA2GWA, FROM GERMANY AND VIETNAM AND A EUROPEAN GROUP OF HAMS FROM VIETNAM ON 80 METERS.

PETE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, HI TRAN CORP. AND THE BETHLEHEM STEEL MOTOROLA SERVICE SHOP. HIS OTHER INTEREST IS EXTRACTING HORSEPOWER FROM DRAG RACING AND DIRT TRACK RACING ENGINES.

PETE AND HIS WIFE, ELAINE, HAVE THREE SONS, JAMES (WA3JMW), DANIEL (KB3GHT) AND MICHAEL WHO IS AN OUTDOORSMAN.



PETE WAITING FOR HIS TURN ON THE U.P. NET



It is with much sadness that I report the passing of long time U.P. Net member Jim DeLongchamp formerly of Ishpeming. Jim and Agnes moved to Pennsylvania several years ago to be closer to his family. Jim was a very loyal net member before he moved, hardly ever missing a net. He was U.P. Net Ham of the Year in 2004 and was a great contributor to the U.P. Net newsletter with some jokes and funny stories.

## Countdown to Third Annual AM Rally Has Begun

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The third annual **AM Rally** is on the near horizon — just about 6 weeks away — getting under way at 0000 UTC on February 2 and continuing until 0700 UTC on February 4. The event aims to encourage the use of AM on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, and 6 meters while highlighting the various types of AM equipment in use today. The event is open to any and all radio amateurs running AM using any type of radio equipment — modern, vintage, tube, solid-state, software-defined, military, boat anchor, broadcast, homebrew, or commercial.

“We’re very excited about the upcoming AM Rally in February, given its growth over the past 2 years and the positive comments we’ve received,” said Clark Burgard, N1BCG, who is spearheading the event with Steve Cloutier, WA1QIX, and Brian Kress, KB3WFV. “In particular, it’s great to hear how so many ops are giving this classic mode a try, many for the first time, and of the help offered to them by those who have mastered the technology.”

For many, if not most, radio amateurs getting on AM is as simple as pressing the AM mode button on the front panel. Numerous transceivers in use today offer AM capability. A lot of hams enjoy restoring and using vintage Amateur Radio equipment, which typically means a separate transmitter and receiver. Until SSB subsumed it on the ham bands, AM was the primary HF voice mode. The change to SSB did not happen without some pushback, however.

Today, a group of dedicated radio amateurs keeps the flame alive, getting on AM frequently, and for many of them, AM is their primary operating mode. The AM Rally gives the uninitiated a chance to dip a toe into the pool, so to speak. The **event website** has complete AM Rally details, contact information, award categories, logging, and tips on how to get the most out of your station equipment in AM mode. **Contact** Burgard for more information.

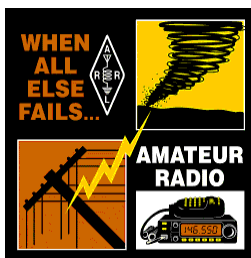
The event is sponsored by Radio Engineering Associates (**REA**), in cooperation with ARRL, which supports all modes of Amateur Radio operation. W1AW will play a leading role in the event, as it has for the past two years.

Certificates will be awarded to stations scoring the highest number of points in each of the five power classes, regardless of rig category, both for most contacts and most states/provinces.

“All it takes is a turn, push, or click to participate!” Burgard said. There’s also plenty of time to dig out and dust off that old AM-capable tube gear sitting in your attic or basement.



HI, MY NAME IS SNICKERS AND I AM NOW LIVING AT THE HOME OF  
WB8VOF, DOUG AND KC8WKN, MARY ANN. MY DADDY DOUG SAYS  
I AM THE SMARTEST AND CUTEST DOG THERE EVER HAS BEEN.  
I AGREE WITH HIM!!



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