

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
KC8NVI CLIFF ROSENBOHM
HARBOR SPRINGS MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
NS8V PAUL SORENSEN
MENOMINEE MI

FEBRUARY 2011

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Here we are in February, month of the ground hog, and his promise of an early spring or the cold February weather we usually get. I have always looked at it this way, in Michigan we are lucky if we get only six more weeks of Winter.

As you will notice this month we have a little bit of U. P. Net History. Part of that is a bio written about Aileen by Sandy, WD8IXZ, when Aileen received the Michigan Amateur Radio Lady of the Year Award. None of you will be surprised when you read about what all Aileen was involved in related to Ham Radio. She is get that kind of lady, always ready to help. From other information Aileen has given me there used to be a fair amount of YL activity on the air. Does the UPYLS and TASYLS still exist? Are there any dedicated YL Nets on the air? I know there are more YL's with license than I have ever heard on the air. So what has happened, have we grumpy old men scared them off, do we not talk about the right subjects? I would really like to know. I do appreciate it when Annette, or Hope, or Jean and of course Aileen joins the net, but I would also like to hear from Linda, Mary Ann, Cindy, Myriam, or any other YL's out there. So, on a net sometime in February I will take a survey of how many of us guys have a licensed ham as a friend, spouse or relative who happens to be of the female variety. Then it's up to you to get them to join us some day for a few words, and don't forget even those unlicensed YL's can say Hi to us as long as you are there to push the buttons.

NET STATS

2010 DECEMBER CHECKINS 1505 TRAFFIC 53
2009 DECEMBER CHECKINS 1609 TRAFFIC 52
DECEMBER HIGH CHECKINS AA8SN 53 N8NJA 53
HIGH TRAFFIC N8NJA 3

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February 2011

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <i>AC8AR JEAN KD8CPG BILL</i>	4 <i>N8KJC JOE</i>	5
6 <i>N8GWN JIM JORDAN GRAND- SON OF WA8DHB</i>	7	8 <i>WB8VOF & MARY ANN KC8WKN</i>	9 <i>WB8VOF DOUG</i>	10	11 <i>MELVIN OM OF WA8DHB</i>	12
13	14 <i>W8SKS STAN KC8JLC ART</i>	15 <i>WB8ZNR STEVE</i>	16 <i>W8YV RICH</i>	17	18	19
20	21	22 <i>KC8UPW & JACKIE</i>	23	24	25	26
27	28					

EXAMS

**02/01/2011 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC
Location: Oak Park Community Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins**

**02/03/2011 | Ingham MI 49848-9999 Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Ingham
County Sheriff's Dept Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)**

**02/05/2011 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor: Mt Clemens SAROF Location:
Salvation Army Corps-Corner South Gratiot
Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)**

**02/05/2011 | Muskegon MI 49440-1233 Sponsor: Muskegon Area AR Council Location:
American Red Cross Bldg Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)**

**02/11/2011 | Grand Rapids MI 49503-1304 Sponsor: Grand Rapids ARA Location: Red Cross
Building Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)**

**02/12/2011 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC Location: St Clair
County Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)**

**02/12/2011 | Flint MI 48507 Sponsor: The KD8NLP V.E. Team
Location: Baker College of Flint-Tech Center Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)**

**02/12/2011 | Charlotte MI 48813-1031 Sponsor: Eaton County ARC
Location: Eaton Cty Sheriff's Dept-EOC Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)**

- **02/12/2011 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc. Location:
American Red Cross Building
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)**

**02/12/2011 | Traverse City MI 49684 Sponsor: Cherryland ARC
Location: Immaculate Conception School – Gym Time: 10:00 AM (No walk-ins) [Learn More](#)**

**02/19/2011 | Fenton/Flint MI 48430-9798 Sponsor: Genesee County Radio Club Location:
Mott Community College Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)**

**02/19/2011 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor: ICARPSC
Location: Ionia Central Dispatch Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)**

**02/26/2011 | South Lyon MI 48178 Sponsor: South Lyon Area ARC
Location: Witch's Hat Depot Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)**

03/05/2011 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor: Mt Clemens SAROF Location:
Salvation Army Corps-Corner South Gratiot
Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) [Learn More](#)

HAMFEST

02/25/11 HARA Negaunee Township Hall midway between Negaunee and Marquette on highway M-35 From intersection of highways U.S. 41 and M-35, go South on M-35 approximately one mile and you'll be there. Talk-in 147.27 100HZ PL Info jsveiht@mqtpublicservicegarage.com

- **02/12/2011 | Cherryland ARC Swap-n-Shop Location: Traverse City, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Cherryland Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://cherrylandarc.com> [Learn More](#)**

02/20/2011 | Livonia Amateur Radio Club Swap-N-Shop Location: Livonia, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Livonia Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://www.livoniaarc.com/Swap.htm> [Learn More](#)

03/19/2011 | Crossroads Hamfest Location: Marshall , MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society Website: <http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html> [Learn More](#)

From Jim, WB8IEH

Ole and Lars were on their very first train ride. They had brought along bananas for lunch. Just as they began to peel them, the train entered a long, dark tunnel "Have you eaten your banana yet," Ole asked excitedly? "No," replied Lars.. "Vell, don't touch it den," Ole exclaimed. "I yust took vun bite and vent blind!"

U. P NET HISTORY

FOUNDER OF THE MICHIGAN UPPER PENINSULA NET



BILL ETELAMAKI W8ZUL

1912 - 1980

PICTURE FROM THE U.P. HAM NET DIRECTORY 1980

U. P. NET HISTORY

From "Air Scoop" DCARS Newsletter July 1983.....

BIO SKETCH OF MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO LADY OF THE YEAR AILEEN WA8DHB

Those in our club who get on the net know this lovely lady very well. She has competently Handled the U. P. NET and others for several years and is well deserving of the honor.

The recipient of the Michigan Amateur Radio Lady of the Year Award this year is Aileen, WA8DHB. Aileen has been a very active member of the amateur radio community since she was first licensed in April of 1962. Her particular area of interest is public service communications and she is highly involved in various aspects of the national traffic system.

Aileen is assistant section manager for Michigan as well as official relay station, net manager of the U. P. Net, member of TASUYLS, UPYL, MACS, and MIIN Michigan Nets. She is net control for the MIIN, is active on the Michigan Amateur Traffic Workshop, and as a general rule, is highly responsible for keeping the U. P. amateur communications running smoothly. She is also very active in emergency communications and is net control for the U. P. ARES Net as well as the prime organizer for net activities during the S.E.T.

Aileen has received two certificates of merit from the ARRL and is past president of D.C.A.R.S. and a member of D.C.R.A. During her rare spare moments, Aileen keeps a constantly updated card file of all the Upper Peninsula hams. This is used to print an annual U. P Ham Directory. Aileen is a busy housewife, (Hubby is Melvin), and she has a son, daughter, two step daughters, stepson, and six grandchildren. Also Aileen and Melvin have one of the truly outstanding vegetable gardens in Delta County. (And she is without a doubt, the best pickle maker in the world.)

It is difficult to imagine amateur radio without Aileen. She is always there for help and support....whether organizing a hamfest, needing information about some obscure FCC bill, or even needing a call looked up so you can QSL your latest contact... or just a darn good friend. We love you Aileen, and we are so very proud of you.

(The Michigan Amateur Radio Lady of the Year Award is presented each year at the ARRL State Convention in Muskegon by the Section Manager.

Congratulations from all the members of Straits Area Amateur Radio Club as well, Aileen

Written by WD8IXZ Sandy

LISTEN AND YOU MAY HEAR.....

On Wednesday, January 19 at 1630 UTC, engineers at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama confirmed that the NanoSail-D nanosatellite ejected from Fast Affordable Scientific and Technology Satellite (FASTSAT). According to NASA, the ejection event occurred spontaneously and when engineers at Marshall identified and analyzed onboard FASTSAT telemetry; the ejection of NanoSail-D also has been confirmed by ground-based satellite tracking assets. NASA is asking radio amateurs to listen on 437.270 MHz for the signal and verify NanoSail-D is operating. Hams should send information to the NanoSail-D dashboard.

NASA said that the NanoSail-D science team is hopeful the nanosatellite is healthy and can complete its solar sail mission. "This is great news for our team," said Dean Alhorn, NanoSail-D principal investigator and aerospace engineer at the Marshall Center. "We're anxious to hear the beacon which tells us that NanoSail-D is healthy and operating as planned. The science team is hopeful to see that NanoSail-D is operational and will be able to unfurl its solar sail." As of Thursday, January 20, the NanoSail-D dashboard is reporting that beacon data has been received, but NASA still wants amateurs to track and report the signals.

On December 6, 2010, NASA triggered the planned ejection of NanoSail-D from FASTSAT. At that time, the team confirmed that the door successfully opened and data indicated a successful ejection. Upon further analysis, however, the team found no evidence of NanoSail-D in low-Earth orbit (LEO), leading them to believe NanoSail-D remained inside FASTSAT. The FASTSAT mission has continued to operate as planned with the five other scientific experiments operating nominally.

"We knew that the door opened and it was possible that NanoSail-D could eject on its own," said FASTSAT Project Manager Mark Boudreaux. What a pleasant surprise [we had Wednesday morning] when our flight operations team confirmed that NanoSail-D is now a free flyer."

If the deployment is successful, NASA said that NanoSail-D will stay in LEO between 70 and 120 days, depending on atmospheric conditions. NanoSail-D is designed to demonstrate deployment of a compact solar sail boom system that could lead to further development of this alternative solar sail propulsion technology and FASTSAT's ability to eject a nanosatellite from a micro-satellite -- while avoiding re-contact with the FASTSAT satellite bus. -- *Thanks to NASA for the information*

UP NET MEMBER PROFILE Edited by Al, K8BLL

BARRY FISHER, N8DAD
PRUDENVILLE, MI

BARRY WAS BORN IN REED CITY MI, IN 1975, BUT ATTENDED ROSCOMMON HIGH SCHOOL, GRADUATING IN 1995. HIS INTEREST IN AMATEUR RADIO WAS ENCOURAGED BY AN "ELMER", WF8R, MARK MARSH, DURING THE EARLY 1990'S. AS A RESULT, BARRY WAS LICENSED IN 2000 AS A TECHNICIAN BUT NOW HOLDS A GENERAL CLASS LICENSE. HIS CURRENT STATION CONSISTS OF A KENWOOD TS-480SAT WITH A COAX FEED TO AN OFF CENTER FED WINDOM ANTENNA. BARRY WORKS ALL BANDS EXCEPT 160 METERS.

BARRY HAS TWIN BOYS, TYLER AND KYLE, TEN YEARS OLD. ALSO, TO QUOTE BARRY, "MY BETTER HALF IS NILA KIETZMAN AS OF OCTOBER, 2009".



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