

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
KD8KCV DAVE PECK
GAYLORD MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
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NORWAY MI

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February the month of the groundhog, and he told use early spring. Let see if he comes thru for us. Sorry about being late with the newsletter, but I have not been feeling so good for the past week. Going to the doctor Friday so hope he can figure out what is going on.

I am sorry to report that this past month we have lost two long time members of the U.P Net. Chuck Phelps, WA8UCS of Metamora and George Rouman, W8OWN of Big Rapids. Although not very active on the net lately, both very regular checkins for a very long time. George served as a net control for many years. They will both be much missed in the Ham Radio community.

The swap season has started with the HARA in Negaunee this past weekend. I hear it was a good swap. This weekend there is Traverse City, I hope I feel good enough to get there. After that there is Livonia, and the Crossroads Swap in Kalamazoo. Make your list of what you need and dig down into that special radio fund and look for that item you always wanted.

Everyone be careful removing snow, walking on the ice and driving on the highways, and hope for that early Spring!

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

NET STATS

DECEMBER 2017 CHECKINGS 1080 TRAFFIC 40
DECEMER 2018 CHECKINS 1141 TRAFFIC 39
HIGH CHECKINS N8NJA 39 W8WR 39 KE8AHK 37 NS8S 36 WA8DHB 35
HIGH TRAFFIC NS8S 2 W8WR 2 KC8ZMN 2

February 2019

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>3</i> <i>KD8CPG BILL</i>	<i>4</i> <i>N8KJC JOE</i> <i>KC8GTE & JEANNIE</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>JORDAN GRAND-</i> <i>SON OF WA8DHB</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>WB8VOF & MARRY</i> <i>ANN KC8WKN</i>	<i>9</i> <i>WB8VOF DOUG</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <i>MELVIN OM OF</i> <i>WA8DHB</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> <i>KC8NUR TONY</i> <i>BARB XYL OF</i> <i>W8BUD</i>	<i>15</i> <i>WB8ZNR STEVE</i>	<i>16</i> <i>W8YV RICH</i>
<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> <i>W8KPU ROD</i>	<i>22</i> <i>KB8UPW & WIFE</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>MARCH 2</i> <i>W8FIF JIM</i> <i>WD8CUO & XYL</i>	<i>MARCH 3</i> <i>K8LQV DICK</i>

CLASSIC RADIO OR NEW RADIO IN AN OLD CABINET??



WHEN YOU SEE A GOOD OLD CLASSIC RADIO LIKE THIS WITH ALL THESE MODS, THE QUESTION IS, IS THIS STILL A DX 60B OR IS IT A NEW RADIO BUILT INTO TO A DX 60B CHASSIS? REMEMBER WHEN THIS TRANSMITTER WAS BUILT IT WAS GOOD DESIGN USING THE TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME? IF IT WAS NOT A GOOD DESIGN IT WOULD NOT HAVE SOLD. MY OPINION, THIS IS NOT A DX 60B, IT'S A NEW RADIO IN AN OLD CHASSIS THANKS TO DAVE NS8S FOR THE PICTURE.

EXAMS

- 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 | Grayling MI 49738-9999 Sponsor: MIVDF Location: Camp Grayling Time: 1:30 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
- 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)
- 02/16/2019 | Flint MI 48507-5516 Sponsor: The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams Location: Baker College of Flint-Tech Center Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/16/2019 | Jackson MI 49201-2230 Sponsor: Cascades ARS Location: Jackson Carnegie Library Time: 10:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/23/2019 | South Lyon MI 48178 Sponsor: South Lyon Area ARC Location: Witch's Hat Depot Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/28/2019 | Battle Creek MI 49017-4867 Sponsor: SMARS Location: Maple United Methodist Church Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/28/2019 | Corunna MI 48817-1448 Sponsor: SARA Location: Shiawassee Co. EOC Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/02/2019 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor: SAROF Location: Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/09/2019 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc. Location: American Red Cross Building Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/09/2019 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/09/2019 | Negaunee MI 49866 Sponsor: Hiawatha ARA Location: Marquette Health Dept Bldg Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 03/09/2019 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC
Location: St Clair County Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 03/09/2019 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 Sponsor: Motor City Radio Club
Location: First United Methodist Church Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/13/2019 | Livonia MI 48154-3045 Sponsor: Livonia ARC Location: Livonia Civic Center Library Time: 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)

HAMFEST

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

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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>

03/16/2019 | 2019 Michigan Crossroads Hamfest & Radio Swap
Location: **Kalamazoo, MI** Type: **ARRL Hamfest** Sponsor: **Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society**
Website: <http://www.w8df.com/index.php?content=hamfest>



HR 1680

HX 1681

BEFORE ALL RADIOS WERE GRAY OR BLACK YOU COULD GET THESE BEAUTIFUL HEATHKIT TWINS THESE RESIDE IN THE SHACK OF NS8S

Electronics Notes opens a Ham Radio store

The website, **Electronics Notes** provides a huge amount of reference material for engineers, students and hobbyists. Within this there is a huge amount of material for radio amateurs on subjects like amateur radio itself as well as radio receiver technology, RF design, antennas, radio propagation and a whole lot more.

To complement this, Electronics Notes has opened a ham radio store. In association with Amazon, this offers some really excellent bargains which do not appear with many other amateur radio stores.

It is surprising what you can find - there is a much bigger choice than you might think, and the prices are often really good as well.

Currently we are set up so that the links automatically link to the UK or USA, so you can enjoy local shopping within these countries. We are soon hoping to be available in Canada and possibly other countries as well.

Check out the link and browse though our ham radio store: <https://www.electronics-notes.com/hamstore>

A YOOPER LENTEN JOKE:

Every Friday night after work, Toivo came over to Eino's for supper. They would fire up his outdoor grill outside of Hancock and cook some venison steaks. But many of Eino's neighbors were Catholic. And since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on Friday.

The delicious aroma of the steaks wafted over Hancock all the way to Houghton. It caused such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest.

The Priest visited Toivo and Eino, and suggested that they become Catholic. After several classes and much study, the two attended Mass. As the priest sprinkled holy water over them, he said, "You were born Lutheran, and raised Lutheran, but now you are Catholic."

Toivo and Eino's neighbors were relieved, until Friday night arrived. Once again the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled all of Hancock.

The Priest was called immediately by the neighbors. As he rushed into Eino's yard, clutching a rosary and prepared to scold his two new converts, he stopped in his tracks and watched in amazement.

There stood Toivo with a small bottle of holy water which he carefully sprinkled over the platter of grilled meat held by Eino. Toivo chanted: "You vuz born a deer, an' you vuz raised a deer, but now you is a walleye."

THERE ARE LESSONS TO BE LEARNED.....

--- AN OLD WOMAN WALKED UP AND TIED HER OLD MULE TO THE HITCHING POST. AS SHE STOOD THERE, BRUSHING SOME OF THE DUST FROM HER FACE AND CLOTHES, A YOUNG GUNSLINGER STEPPED OUT OF THE SALOON WITH A GUN IN ONE HAND AND A BOTTLE OF WHISKEY IN THE OTHER. THE YOUNG GUNSLINGER LOOKED AT THE OLD WOMAN AND LAUGHED, "HEY OLD WOMAN, HAVE YOU EVER DANCED?"

THE OLD WOMAN LOOKED UP AT THE GUNSLINGER AND SAID, "NO,... I NEVER DID DANCE... NEVER REALLY WANTED TO."

A CROWD HAD GATHERED AS THE GUNSLINGER GRINNED AND SAID "WELL, YOU OLD BAG, YOU'RE GONNA DANCE NOW," AND STARTED SHOOTING AT THE OLD WOMAN'S FEET.

THE OLD WOMAN PROSPECTOR -- NOT WANTING TO GET HER TOE BLOWN OFF --STARTED HOPPING AROUND. EVERYBODY WAS LAUGHING. WHEN HIS LAST BULLET HAD BEEN FIRED, THE YOUNG GUNSLINGER, STILL LAUGHING, HOLSTERED HIS GUN AND TURNED AROUND TO GO BACK INTO THE SALOON.

THE OLD WOMAN TURNED TO HER PACK MULE, PULLED OUT A DOUBLE-BARRELED SHOTGUN, AND COCKED BOTH HAMMERS. THE LOUD CLICKS CARRIED CLEARLY THROUGH THE DESERT AIR, AND THE CROWD STOPPED LAUGHING IMMEDIATELY.

THE YOUNG GUNSLINGER HEARD THE SOUNDS, TOO, AND HE TURNED AROUND VERY SLOWLY. THE SILENCE WAS ALMOST DEAFENING. THE CROWD WATCHED AS THE YOUNG GUNMAN STARED AT THE OLD WOMAN AND THE LARGE GAPING HOLES OF THOSE TWIN BARRELS.

THE BARRELS OF THE SHOTGUN NEVER WAVERED IN THE OLD WOMAN'S HANDS, AS SHE QUIETLY SAID, "SON, HAVE YOU EVER KISSED A MULE'S ASS?"

THE GUNSLINGER SWALLOWED HARD AND SAID, "NO M'AM... BUT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO.

THERE ARE FIVE LESSONS HERE FOR ALL OF US:

1 - Never be arrogant.

2 - Don't waste ammunition.

3 - Whiskey makes you think you're smarter than you are.

4 - Always make sure you know who has the power.

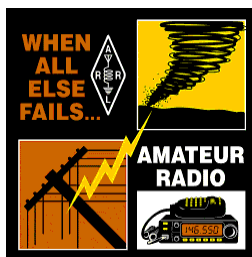
5 - Don't mess with old people; they didn't get old by being stupid.

FROM ARRL NEWS.....

Fourth Annual RST Special Event Continues through February

02/04/2019

Members of the North Country DX Association (NCDXA) once again are on site and active from different locations in Alaska, Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Greenland until February 28. RST call signs being used include KL7RST, VY1RST, VE8RST, VY0RST, and OX7RST. Also look for N1RAC/KL7 which will be active from Fairbanks, Alaska. QSL all call signs direct via K7ICE. Additional details and information on how to obtain a free RST certificate are on **K7ICE's QRZ.com profile** or visit the **NCDXA Facebook page**.



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