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N8GWN JIM ROBB
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MARCH 2009

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA

Here we are going into the month of March. The month of transition of Winter to Spring I hope. Will it be in like a lion out like a lamb or who knows? Let us hope Spring can prevail in March.

This is the time of year when a hams fancy can turn to things like antenna projects. I have a 160 meter vertical in mind that I hope to get in the air. Springtime is also the time when the Hamfest season gets into full swing. The Cadillac Swap will be the first Saturday in May, which is May 2 nd. I have secured a room for the U. P. Net Meeting, hope to see a good crowd.

Another event coming up in the Spring is the Michigan QSO Party. The date is April 18th. This is the place to work on earning the "Worked All Michigan Counties Award" that is sponsored by the Upper Peninsula Net. Check out <http://www.miqp.org/> for more information on the QSO Party and the U.P Net website for information on the W.A.M.C.A.

Also don't forget that there are many skywarn training sessions coming up around the state. Check with the nearest weather office for a schedule or check out the weather office websites.

It is with much sadness that I report the passing of one of our long time net participants. W9RK, Roger became a silent key on September 28th. Aileen has spoken with his wife Jan, W9JSK. I know we have all missed those reports from Fisherman's Cove Wisconsin. God Speed Roger.

As usual I am always looking for information for the Newsletter. Pictures, stories, profiles, what ever you have send it along Bill Kelso 133 Sixth St. Marion, MI 49665 or wkello6092@esagelink.com

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 <i>KWA8 & CAROL</i> | 2 | 3 <i>K8LQV DICK</i> | 4 | 5 <i>CAROL XYL OF KW8A WT8G JERRY KB8TS KEN</i> | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 <i>N8FHF & JEAN</i> | 10 | 11 <i>K8LIN MYRIAM</i> | 12 | 13 <i>W8KIM KIM</i> | 14 |
| 15 <i>VALERI XYL OF WA8UCS N8NJA & KATHLEEN</i> | 16 | 17 <i>KB8ZLLTOM & WB8YAC SHARON</i> | 18 | 19 | 20 <i>W8UJH GEORGE</i> | 21 <i>WA8LT WALT</i> |
| 22 | 23 <i>KATIE DAUGHTER OF AA8SN WA8THK XYL</i> | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 <i>WA8DVD DENNIS W8ERB WALT</i> | 31 <i>FLORENCE XYL OF K8GOU</i> | | | | |

EXAMS

02-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** HOLLAND ARC **Time:** 7:15PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JIM A LAMBERTS (616)396-1431
Email: JLAMBERTS@CHARTERMI.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** OTTAWA COUNTY RED CROSS 270 JAMES
ST HOLLAND, MI 49424

03-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** INGHAM COUNTY VE GROUP **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L
MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** LANSING POLICE DEPT.
3400 S CEDAR ST SMALL CONFERENCE RM DOWNSTAIRS LANSING, MI 48910

07-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** WILLIAM C HEAVER
(586)469-6712 **Email:** K8EDS@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** SALVATION ARMY CORPS 55 CHURCH ST
CORNER SOUTH GRATIOT MAY ALSO CALL: 313-526-5261 MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

13-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** GRAND RAPIDS ARA **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** RICHARD H DOUGLAS
(616)531-6218 **Email:** KC8NKA@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** RED CROSS BLDG 1050 FULLER AVE NE
INSTRUCTION ROOM L-4 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

14-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** EASTERN MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** ROBERT G
HERBERT (810)982-1561 **Email:** K8WMW@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** ST CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY
2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 210 MCMORRAN BLVD PORT HURON, MI 48060

14-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** THE GREATER FLINT VE TEAM **Time:** 1:00 PM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** JEFFREY R PENDER
(810)614-6199 **Email:** K8KZB@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** BAKER COLLEGE OF FLINT-TECH
CENTER G-1050 W BRISTOL ROAD ROOM S-120 PRE-REGISTER REGISTRATION AT 12:30 PM FLINT, MI 48507

14-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** CENTRAL MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN
(517)694-0812 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS MID
MICHIGAN CHAPTER 1800 E GRAND RIVER AVE LANSING, MI 48912

14-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** ARROW COMMUNICATIONS ASSOC. **Time:** 9:00AM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** ROGER F
PLACE (734)663-4625 **Email:** MERROGPLACE@AOL.COM **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS
BUILDING 4624 PACKARD ST ANN ARBOR, MI 48108

14-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** MOTOR CITY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DON F NOVAK
(734)281-7030 **Email:** K8THU@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** GLENWOOD METHODIST CHURCH 2130
FORD AVENUE (NORTHLINE) WYANDOTTE, MI 48192

16-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** USECA ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOSEPH P KENNEDY (586)977-7222
Email: N8OZ@ARRL.NET **VEC:** W5YI/VEC **Location:** [HTTP://USECAARC.COM/TEST/](http://USECAARC.COM/TEST/) FOR IMPORTANT
DETAILS MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

18-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** PRESCOTT TESTING GROUP **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DALE E MONDEAU
(989)873-6920 **Email:** 2HAMITUP@VERIZON.NET **VEC:** W5YI/VEC **Location:** MILLS TOWNSHIP HALL 2441
GREENWOOD RD SKIDWAY LAKE PRESCOTT, MI 48756

21-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** GENESEE COUNTY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** VERLE D
WINNINGHAM (810)629-2633 **Email:** K8VW@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** MOTT COMMUNITY
COLLEGE 2100 W THOMPSON RD SOUTHERN LAKES BRANCH CAMPUS FENTON/FLINT, MI 48430

2-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** NQ8A TESTING GROUP **Time:** 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** LARRY A SCHRADER (269)429-7574 **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** CHURCH OF CHRIST 3550 NILES RD REAR OF PARKING LOT FELLOWSHIP HALL SAINT JOSEPH, MI 49085

28-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** KALAMAZOO ARC **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOHN D TUCKER (269)324-9085 **Email:** WB8ZVV@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT 1500 LAMONT AVE (OFF LAKE ST) BASEMENT MEETING ROOM KALAMAZOO, MI 49001

28-Mar-2009 **Time:** 3:00PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** GUSTAVE H GLASS **Email:** K8GUS@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** FARWELL SENIOR CENTER 101 W MICHIGAN ST FARWELL, MI

48622 28-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** SOUTH LYON AREA ARC **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** CHRISTIAN D ANDERSON (248)437-3088 **Email:** K8VJ@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** WITCH'S HAT DEPOT SOUTH LYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MCHATTIE PARK 200 DOROTHY STREET SOUTH LYON, MI 48178

28-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** BIG RAPIDS ARC **Time:** 3:00PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** GEORGE L ROUMAN (231)796-3114 **Email:** W8OWN@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY CRAMER CIRCLE RM 109 W COMMONS BLDG BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307

28-Mar-2009 **Sponsor:** ALLEGAN COUNTY ARC **Time:** 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** PETER J BLOWERS (269)370-2018 **Email:** W8BUX@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** ALLEGAN GENERAL HOSPITAL - CAFETERIA 555 LINN STREET M-40S, JUST S OF M-89/M40 INT ALLEGAN, MI 49010

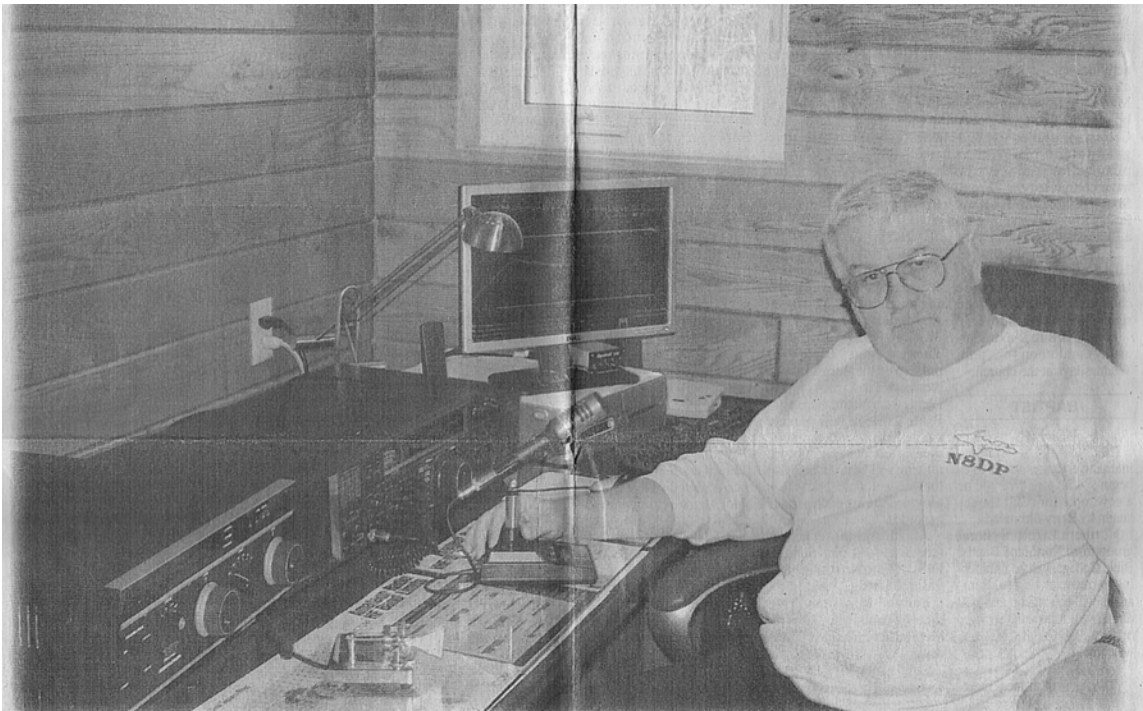
04-Apr-2009 **Sponsor:** TOP OF MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** CHAD W JOHNSTON (989)705-9322 **Email:** CHAD@NUWAYSUPPLY.COM **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** OTSEGO COUNTY PUB LIBRARY 700 SOUTH OTSEGO AVE OLD 27 SOUTH MEETING ROOM GAYLORD, MI 49735

04-Apr-2009 **Sponsor:** MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** WILLIAM C HEAVER (586)469-6712 **Email:** K8EDS@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** SALVATION ARMY CORPS 55 CHURCH ST CORNER SOUTH GRATIOT MAY ALSO CALL: 313-526-5261 MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

HAMFEST

14 Mar 2009 + 49th Annual Michigan Crossroads Hamfest
Southern Michigan ARS & Marshall High School Industrial Arts Club <http://www.w8df.com> **Talk-In:** 146.660 -600 offset (PL 94.8) & 146.520 Simplex **Contact:** Stephanie Halbert, W8AEZ 20960 Capital Avenue NE Battle Creek, MI 49017
Phone: 269-966-0770 Email: daffne25@yahoo.com Marshall, MI Marshall High School 701 North Marshall Avenue

4 Apr 2009 + ARGYL (Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell)
<http://www.argyl.org> **Talk-In:** 145.27 (LARC repeater) & 146.620 (ARGYL repeater) **Contact:**
Al Eckman, WW8WW 725 Bowes Road, Apt. K6 Lowell, MI 49331 Phone: 616-450-4332
Email: al.eckman@sbcglobal.net Lowell, MI Lowell High School 11700 Vergennes Street



Dave Palmgren, an avid “ham” or amateur radio operator, has communicated with several other ham radio operators around the world from his home in Gladstone. Shown with Palmgren is his present wireless radio equipment, which can now be monitored via computer.

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS STILL GOING STRONG

BY DIONNA HARRIS DAILY PRESS ESCANABA MI

GLADSTONE---The first wireless signal was sent in the early 1800's. Amateur radio in its modern form became popular a century later.

The term Amateur is not a reference to the person operating a wireless radio, but rather amateur radio communications enjoyed by wireless operators not used as a commercial venture

Most amateur radio operators employ skills that are quite advance, and are able to support emergency communications. “The first wireless radio was a mechanical device, which produce a spark (noise) “said Palmgren

Throughout the 20th Century, wireless radio, in keeping up with technological advances, evolved from spark to vacuum tube and in the 21st Century has gone digital.

Radiotelegraphy, using Morse Code (telegraph) utilized during wireless radio's infancy, has been expanded by ham operators using the shortwave band to experiment with bouncing radio signals from the earth to the moon and back again (referred to as e-m-e)

“Albert Einstein once described wireless radio as being a long cat, with the head in Los Angeles and the tail in New York. When someone steps on its tail in New York its howl of pain is heard in Los Angeles.” said Palmgren

A typical ham radio unit consists of a transmitter and receiver or “transceiver” which can be small as a hand-held device or large enough to sit on a desk-next to a computer. Depending on the size of the unit, the power used for a transceiver can range from a small amount of power (milliwatts) up to 1500 watts.

Palmgren has a collection of QSL card, as most amateur radio operators do. A QSL card indicates notification of one radio operator to another. “I have QSL cards from Europe, Scandinavia and even as far as Antarctica.” said Palmgren

Palmgren also has a QSL card from an operator he made contact with in Liverpool England. In communicating with the operator in Liverpool, he discovered the operator was part of history. Palmgren said the operator reported to be a survivor of the RMS Titanic.

Palmgren has also communicated with several well-known ham radio operators including Joe Walsh of the Eagles, and King Hussain of Jordan

Other notable ham operators include country music performer Pattie Lovelace, former CBS anchorman Walter Cronkite and former U. S. Senator Barry Goldwater.

“We also have a club sponsored exhibit at the Antique Steam and Gas Engine Village at the U. P. State Fairgrounds. The exhibit features a telegraph machine and other vintage wireless unite, in addition to serving as a central meeting area for club members, he said.

Anyone interested in wireless radio, he added, can attend a club meeting, held Monday evenings. Additional information concerning the Delta County Amateur Radio Society can be found online at www.dcars.org

“In addition to club meetings, I am hosting an amateur radio class beginning Feb 10th at Bay de Noc Community College,” said Palmgren.

:The class is offered free of charge, and will run four weeks, with meetings being held Tuesday and Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The class will be presented in the Math/Science Building at Bay, in room 123

Participants in Plamgren’s class will learn the necessary skills to pass a FCC Wireless Operator’s 35 question written test, in addition to learning not only the rules and regulations associated with wireless radio communication, but also the general theory behind the concept. “No experience is necessary, and the class is open to all ages of people who have an interest in amateur radio,” said Palmgren

BAIL EM OUT!

Back in 1990, the Government seized the Mustang Ranch brothel in Nevada for tax evasion and, as required by law, tried to run it. They failed and it closed. Now we are trusting the economy of our country and our banking system to the same nit-wits who couldn't make money running a whore house and selling whiskey.

⇒ LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD NOW EASIER THAN EVER

In order to better accommodate new users as well as existing account holders, ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW) has been updated <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>>. According to ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Assistant Manager Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, these improvements were made based LoTW help questions and listening to users.

"Through the efforts of Membership and Volunteer Services Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, and Information Technology Manager Jon Bloom, KE3Z, we have also added an automated results table on the LoTW Users Home Page that lists members in numeric order who have achieved the Triple Play Award," said ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B. "IT personnel have also fixed a number of longstanding issues with Logbook in recent weeks, and some additional enhancements are underway."

Added enhancements include:

- * An LoTW User's Corner that includes quick links to log onto your account, save or renew a certificate and ways to address PC failure.
- * The GET STARTED section <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/start.html>> has been simplified with links for each of the four steps in the certificate process. * LoTW instructions are now available in nine languages: English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Russian, Slovenian and Spanish. Options to select a language have always been available, but they have now been moved up front to the GET STARTED page. The languages are identified with icons of flags to represent each language.
- * The GET STARTED pdf file has been updated to include new screenshots and refinement of some of the processes.
- * The software download section now consists of only three icons representing the three operating systems for which software is available: Windows, Mac and Linux. The user simply selects their operating system and they are redirected to the download specific to their system.
- * A new link has been added for QSL Manager, Club Calls and DXpeditions. This link gives details on establishing an account for these special operations and includes a section for 1x1 call signs.
- * A new PowerPoint overview is available from the LoTW site. This presentation has also been added to our multimedia library <<http://www.arrl.org/multimedia>>. The program is an overview of LoTW and what users can expect from the service. There are screenshots of LoTW pages, as well as a condensed version of the certificate and award application process.

With more than 200 million QSOs submitted, ARRL's Logbook of The World system is a repository of log records submitted by users from around the world <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/01/22/10576/?nc=1>>. When both participants in a QSO submit matching QSO records to LoTW, the result is a QSL that can be used for ARRL award credit. Yaesu is the principal sponsor of the LoTW Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/06/02/10138/>>.

Useless Information but Interesting Stuff

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no Thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'

Many years ago in Scotland , a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only....Ladies Forbidden'...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair...

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

NET STATS

JANUARY 2008 CHECK IN 1441 TRAFFIC 87

JANUARY 2009 CHECK IN 1307 TRAFFIC 36



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