

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
WB8VOF DOUG ALMQUIST  
WELLSTON MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
KC8HJU HERSEL WING  
CADILLAC MI

MARCH 2010

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The Month of March, in like a lion or in like a lamb, we will see I guess. I would hate to have a lot of Winter in March trying to make up the lack of Winter so far. We will see.

Time to finalize those antenna plans for this Summer, the snow should be gone soon. Also we should start to see the return of our snowbirds, both kinds. One of my customers told me he has had a pair of blue birds in one of nest boxes for a week. That prompted me to clean out my bluebird boxes last weekend. I wish any early arrivals good luck.

You will see the totals for last year's checkins and traffic in this newsletter. The net looks healthy to me. One thing that I like to see is the new checkins we get from newly upgraded hams. Just write down the calls from one net and you will see the wide spread of longevity, for example, W8ERB to KD8GFL, there is a few years between the issuance of those two. It's just great we can attract new people to the net on a regular basis.

#### NET STATS

JANUARY 2009 TRAFFIC 36 CHECKINS 1397

JANUARY 2010 TRAFFIC 66 CHECKINS 1591

HIGH CHECKINS N8NJA 58

HIGH TRAFFIC N8NJA 3

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# MARCH 2010

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> <i>W8IFI JIM</i> <i>WD8CUO &amp; XYL</i>	<i>3</i> <i>K8LQV DICK</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> <i>WT8G JERRY</i> <i>KB8TS KEN</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>W8KIM KIM</i> <i>N8OSD DAN</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>VALERIE XYL OF</i> <i>WA8UCS</i> <i>N8NJA &amp;</i> <i>KATHLEEN</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>W8UJH GEORGE</i>
<i>21</i> <i>WA8LT WALT</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>KATIE DAUGHTER</i> <i>OF AA8SN</i>	<i>24</i> <i>JERI DAUGHTER-</i> <i>INLAW OF WA8DHB</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> <i>WA8DVD DENNIS</i> <i>W8ERB WALT</i> <i>W8BP JOHN</i>	<i>31</i>			

## EXAMS

04-Mar-2010 **Sponsor:** L'ANSE CREUSE ARC **Time:** 7:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** DEE D FLINT (248)981-8145 **Email:** [N8UZE@ARRL.NET](mailto:N8UZE@ARRL.NET)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** CLINTON MACOMB LIBRARY, MAIN BRANCH-CONF RM C  
40900 ROMEO PLANK RD CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI 48035

06-Mar-2010 **Sponsor:** MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** HAROLD B RUDER (313)526-5261 **Email:** [K8YB@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8YB@ARRL.NET)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SALVATION ARMY CORPS-CORNER SOUTH GRATIOT  
55 CHURCH ST MAY ALSO CALL: CLIFF 586-776-1169 MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

13-Mar-2010 **Sponsor:** INGHAM COUNTY VE GROUP **Time:** 11:00AM (Walk-ins  
allowed)**Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** [KB8RADON@AOL.COM](mailto:KB8RADON@AOL.COM)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** LANSING POLICE DEPT 3400 S CEDAR ST  
CONFERENCE ROOM DOWNSTAIRS [WWW.INGHAMCOUNTYVE.WEBS.COM](http://WWW.INGHAMCOUNTYVE.WEBS.COM) LANSING, MI  
48910

13-Mar-2010 **Sponsor:** ARROW COMMUNICATIONS ASSOC. **Time:** 9:00AM (No  
walk-ins)**Contact:** ROGER F PLACE (734)663-4625 **Email:**  
[MERROGPLACE@AOL.COM](mailto:MERROGPLACE@AOL.COM) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS BUILDING  
4624 PACKARD ST ANN ARBOR, MI 48108

13-Mar-2010 **Sponsor:** MOTOR CITY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins  
allowed) **Contact:** DON F NOVAK (734)281-7030 **Email:** [K8THU@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8THU@ARRL.NET)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** GLENWOOD METHODIST CHURCH 2130 FORD AVENUE  
(NORTHLINE) WYANDOTTE, MI 48192

13-Mar-2010 **Sponsor:** EASTERN MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins  
allowed) **Contact:** MARTIN SMITH (810)385-5584 **Email:** [PIONEER-2@ATT.NET](mailto:PIONEER-2@ATT.NET)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** ST CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM  
210 MCMORRAN BLVD PORT HURON, MI 48060

20-Mar-2010 **Sponsor:** GENESEE COUNTY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins  
allowed) **Contact:** VERLE D WINNINGHAM (810)629-2633 **Email:** [K8VW@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8VW@ARRL.NET)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2100 W THOMPSON RD  
SOUTHERN LAKES BRANCH CAMPUS FENTON/FLINT, MI 48430

21-Mar-2010 **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

22-Mar-2010 **Sponsor:** CORUNNA VE TEAM **Time:** 7:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** THOMAS E CARPENTER (517)579-0599 **Email:** [KI8AS@CHARTER.NET](mailto:KI8AS@CHARTER.NET)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS 702 CORUNNA AVE REGISTER AT  
6:30 PM CORUNNA, MI 48817

27-Mar-2010 **Sponsor:** ALLEGAN COUNTY ARC **Time:** 9:00AM (Walk-ins  
allowed)**Contact:** PETER J BLOWERS (269)370-2018 **Email:** [AA8L@ARRL.NET](mailto:AA8L@ARRL.NET)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** ALLEGAN GENERAL HOSPITAL - BASEMENT CAFETERIA  
555 LINN STREET M-40S, JUST S OF M-89/M40 INT ALLEGAN, MI 49010

27-Mar-2010 **Sponsor:** KALAMAZOO ARC **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:** JOHN D TUCKER (269)324-9085 **Email:** [WB8ZVV@ARRL.NET](mailto:WB8ZVV@ARRL.NET)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT 1500 LAMONT AVE (OFF LAKE ST) BASEMENT MEETING ROOM KALAMAZOO, MI 49001

27-Mar-2010 **Sponsor:** SOUTH LYON AREA ARC **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** CHRISTIAN D ANDERSON (248)437-3088 **Email:** [K8VJ@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8VJ@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** WITCH'S HAT DEPOT SOUTH LYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MCHATTIE PARK 200 DOROTHY STREET SOUTH LYON, MI 48178

03-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** MUSKEGON AREA AR COUNCIL **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** ROBERT G CARTER (231)799-3634 **Email:** [WB8OQT@ARRL.NET](mailto:WB8OQT@ARRL.NET)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS BLDG 313 W WEBSTER AVE MUSKEGON, MI 49440

### HAMFEST

20 Mar 2010	+ 50th Annual Michigan Crossroads Hamfest Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society <a href="http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html">http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.660 repeater -600 Hz offset <b>Contact:</b> John Davidson, KC8WMM c/o SMARS Marshall Hamfest PO Box 934 Battle Creek, MI 49016 Phone: 269-962-7145 Email: <a href="mailto:hamfest@w8df.com">hamfest@w8df.com</a>	Marshall, MI Marshall Activities Center <a href="#">15325 West Michigan Avenue</a> <b>Div:</b> Great Lakes <b>Sect:</b> Michigan
3 Apr 2010	+ Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (ARGYL) <a href="http://www.argyl.org">http://www.argyl.org</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 145.270 & 146.620 (PL 94.8) <b>Contact:</b> Al Eckman, WW8WW 725 Bowes Road, Apt. K6 Lowell, MI 49331 Phone: 616-450-4332 Email: <a href="mailto:al.eckman@sbcglobal.net">al.eckman@sbcglobal.net</a>	Lowell, MI Lowell High School <a href="#">11700 Vergennes Street</a> <b>Div:</b> Great Lakes <b>Sect:</b> Michigan

# UPPER PENINSULA NET TRAFFIC

	2009		2008	
	CHECKIN	TRAFFIC	CHECKIN	TRAFFIC
JAN	1397	36	1442	87
FEB	1230	45	1443	64
MAR	1370	53	1389	78
APR	1267	60	1219	79
MAY	1127	44	1175	42
JUNE	989	39	987	56
JULY	1112	56	999	52
AUG	1327	48	1058	36
SEPT	1200	51	1198	68
OCT	1387	59	1195	48
NOV	1546	49	1335	35
DEC	1609	52	1309	41
TOT.	14164	592	14749	686

ALTHOUGH THE TOTALS FOR 2009 WERE NOT AS BIG AS 2008, YOU CAN SEE THE DOWN MONTHS WERE JAN, FEB, MAR, JUST LIKE THE ECONOMY I GUESS. STARTING IN APRIL CHECKINS WERE UP EVERY MONTH EXCEPT MAY AND TRAFFIC WAS UP EXCEPT IN APRIL, JUNE, AND SEPTEMBER. WE HAD A STRONG FINISH AT THE END OF THE YEAR, OCTOBER THRU DECEMBER. GOOD WORK EVERYONE

UP NET MEMBER PROFILE by al,K8BLL

DON CHRISTENSEN, W8WOJ  
MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

DON WAS BORN IN BAY CITY IN 1925 AND GRADUATED FROM MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL. HE WENT ON TO TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IN ANN ARBOR AND EARNED A BS DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING. PRIOR TO A CAREER WITH DOW CORNING, DON SERVED IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS AS A NAVIGATOR/BOMBARDIER WITH THE RANK OF 2ND LIEUTENANT. AT DOW CORNING, HE WAS CHIEF ENGINEER AT THEIR SEMI-CONDUCTOR PLANT IN HEMLOCK, MICHIGAN.

AS A TEEN AGER, DON'S INTEREST IN RADIO WAS A RESULT OF SEEING ADVERTISEMENTS FOR REGENERATIVE RECEIVERS IN A 1930'S MAGAZINE TITLED "G-8 AND HIS BATTLE ACES". HE WAS HELPED IN A MORE TRADITIONAL WAY BY A FRIEND, W8TJR.

DON'S WIFE, PATRICIA, IS LICENSED AS KD8HIF AND THEY HAVE TWO SONS, ONE DAUGHTER, AND A STEP-SON AND STEP-DAUGHTER. DON IS A BIG FAN OF THE 1930'S BIG BAND ERA AND LISTENS TO A LARGE COLLECTION OF RECORDINGS BY GLENN MILLER, TOMMY DORSEY, STAN KENTON, CHARLIE BARNETT, HARRY JAMES, GENE KRUPA AMONG MANY OTHERS.

THE HF GEAR IN DON'S SHACK IS A YEASU FT1000D DRIVING AN AMERITRON AL-1200 AMPLIFIER. HIS ANTEENAS ARE A FORCE 12 C-4 YAGI AND A MULTIBAND DIPOLE. SEVERAL TWO METER TRANSCEIVERS SERVE HIS VHF NEEDS. AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT TO HIS ON-AIR ACTIVITY IS REGULAR QSO'S FOR OVER 50 YEARS WITH VK5MS, STUART, OF MT. GAMBIER IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA. DON MET STUART ONCE AT THE DAYTON HAMVENTION.

Editors note: Some years ago, I was Ham of the Month committee chair. Don was active on the UP Net back then but I failed to recognize him as a HOM. My apologies for that oversight which, hopefully, was mitigated by his selection by W8DHB as HOM for February, 2010. -K8BLL

# ARRL Message Form Instructions

Our traffic lesson for this month. Refer to the Radiogram form from last month.

Every formal radiogram message originated and handled should contain the following four main components in the order given. The numbers and letters refer to corresponding information on the example message on the next page.

## 1. Preamble

The Preamble includes information used to prioritize and track the message and ensure its accuracy.

**(A) Number.** Assigned by the Station of Origin and never changed. Begin with 1 each month or year.

**(B) Precedence.** Determines the order in which traffic is passed. Assign each message a Precedence of R (Routine), W (Welfare), P (Priority) or EMERGENCY

**(C) Handling Instructions (HX).** Optional, used only if a specific need is present.

**(D) Station of Origin.** The call sign of the station originating (creating) the message.

**(E) Check.** The number of words or word groups in the text of the message.  
A word group is any group of one or more consecutive characters with no interrupting spaces

**(F) Place of Origin.** The location (city and state) of the party for whom the message was created, and not necessarily the location of the Station of Origin.

**(G) Time Filed.** Optional, used only when the filing time has some importance relative to the Precedence, Handling Instructions or Text.

**(H) Date.** The date the message was filed. (If Time Filed is used, date and time must agree.

## 2. Address

Name, address, city, state, ZIP and telephone number of the intended recipient, as complete as possible. Note that punctuation is not used in the Address section.

### 3. Text

The message information, limited to 25 words or less if possible. Normal punctuation characters are not used in the text. A question mark is sent as QUERY, while DASH is sent for a hyphen. The letter x is used as a period **(but never after the last group of the text) and counts as a word when figuring the Check**. The letter R is used in place of a decimal in mixed figure groups (example: 146R52 for 146.52).

### 4. Signature

The name of the party for whom the message was originated. May include additional information such as Amateur Radio call sign, title, address, phone number and so on.

#### Message Example

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|--------------|---|
| 1. Preamble  | 1 R HXG W1AW 8 NEWINGTON CT 1830Z JULY 1<br>(A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) |
| 2. Address   | DONALD SMITH<br>164 EAST SIXTH AVE<br>NORTH RIVER CITY MO 00789<br>555 1234 |
| 3. Text      | HAPPY BIRTHDAY X SEE YOU SOON X LOVE  |
| 4. Signature | DIANA   |

## ARRL MESSAGE PRECEDENCES

**EMERGENCY**—Any message having life and death urgency to any person or group of persons, that is transmitted by Amateur Radio in the absence of regular commercial facilities. This includes official messages of welfare agencies during emergencies requesting supplies, materials or instructions vital to relief efforts for the stricken populace in emergency areas. On CW and digital modes, this designation will always be spelled out. *When in doubt, do not use this designation.*

**PRIORITY**—Abbreviated as P on CW and digital modes. This classification is for important messages having a specific time limit, official messages not covered in the emergency category, press dispatches and emergency-related traffic not of the utmost urgency.

**WELFARE**—Abbreviated as W on CW and digital modes. This classification refers to an inquiry about the health and welfare of an individual in the disaster area, an advisory from the disaster area that indicates all is well. Welfare traffic is handled only after all Emergency and Priority traffic is cleared. The Red Cross equivalent to an incoming Welfare message is DWI (Disaster Welfare Inquiry).

**ROUTINE**—Abbreviated as R on CW and digital modes. Most traffic in normal times will bear this designation. In disaster situations, traffic labeled Routine should be traffic handled last, or not at all when circuits are busy with higher-precedence

MORE NEXT MONTH.....



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