

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8KP BOB WITTLA
BRUCE CROSSING MI

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MARCH 2012

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The month of March, the month of basketball tournaments, the first flowers, and hopefully Spring. We also have to figure out this whole lion and lamb thing. March first was really not a bad day. That leap year day was not good and March 2 was not all that good, and keeping in mind the ground hog said 6 more weeks of winter I am going with "In like a lion, out like a lamb," but no promises.

Use these last snowy days to plan any antenna work for the Spring. We may start to see some of our Snowbirds return this month, sometimes they regret their timing. I have not been on the radio much because I had some kind of stomach flu get a hold of me last week and it still has not completely let go. From what I hear I am not the only one with this problem so I guess it is not anything to do with my other affliction. Hope to get back to what has become normal soon.

NET STATS

2010 JAN CHECKINS 1548 TRAFFIC 55
2011 JAN CHECKINS 1580 TRAFFIC 53
HIGH TRAFFIC KC8OAZ 3 N8BNC 3 K8BLL 3
HIGH CHECKINS WA8DHB 50 4 TIMES

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>W8IFI JIM WD8CUO & XYL</i>	3 <i>K8LQV DICK</i>
4	5 <i>WT8G GERRY KB8TS KEN</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <i>W8KIM KIM N8OSD DAN</i>	14	15 <i>VALERIE XYL OF WA8UCS N8NJA & KATHLEEN</i>	16	17
18	19	20 <i>W8UJH GEORGE</i>	21 <i>WA8LT WALT</i>	22	23 <i>KATIE DAUGHTER OF A88SN</i>	24 <i>JERI DAUGHTER- IN-LAW OF WA8DHB</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>WA8DVD DENNIS W8ERB WALT W8BP JOHN</i>	31

EXAMS

- **03/03/2012 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor: Mt Clemens SAROF
Location: Salvation Army Corps-Corner South Gratiot
Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**
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- **03/10/2012 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor: ARROW Communications
Assoc. Location: American Red Cross Building
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- **03/10/2012 | Mason MI 48854 Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group
Location: Ingham County Sheriff's Dept Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- **03/10/2012 | Negaunee MI 49866 Sponsor: Hiawatha ARA
Location: Marquette Health Dept Bldg Time: 8:30 AM (No walk-ins)**
- **03/10/2012 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC
Location: St Clair County Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- **03/10/2012 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 Sponsor: Motor City Radio Club
Location: Glenwood Methodist Church Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- **03/17/2012 | Flint MI 48507 Sponsor: The KD8NLP & W8ACW VE Teams
Location: Baker College of Flint-Tech Center Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**

**03/17/2012 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor: ICARPSC Location:
Ionia Central Dispatch Time: 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)**

- **03/17/2012 | Marshall MI 49068-8532 Sponsor: Hamfest
Location: Marshall Activity Center Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- **03/24/2012 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 Sponsor: Allegan County ARC
Location: Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria Time: 9:00 AM
(Walk-ins allowed)**

**03/24/2012 | Big Rapids MI 49307-2736 Sponsor: Big Rapid AARC
Location: Ferris State University Time: 4:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**

**03/24/2012 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 Sponsor: Kalamazoo ARC
Location: Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins)**

HELPFUL HINTS FROM JIM, WB8IEH

Who knew ?

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For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: get warm water and put Dawn dish washing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. They won't Refreeze. (Wish I had known this for the last 40 years!).

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To remove old wax from a glass candle holder , put it in the freezer for a few hours. Then take the candle holder out and turn it upside down. The wax will fall out.

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Crayon marks on walls? This worked wonderfully! A damp rag, dipped in baking soda. Comes off with little effort (elbow grease that is!).

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Permanent marker on appliances/counter tops (like store receipt BLUE!) rubbing alcohol on paper towel.

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Whenever I purchase a box of S.O.S Pads , I immediately take a pair of scissors and cut each pad into halves . After years of having to throw Away rusted and unused and smelly pads, I finally decided that this would be much more economical. Now a box of S.O.S pads last me indefinitely! In fact, I have noticed that the scissors get 'sharpened" this way!

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Blood stains on clothes? Not to worry! Just pour a little hydrogen peroxide on a cloth and proceed to wipe off every drop of blood. Works Every time! (Now, where to put the body?) LOL

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Use vertical strokes when washing windows outside and horizontal for inside windows. This way you can tell which side has the streaks.. Straight vinegar will get outside windows really clean. Don't wash windows on a sunny day. They will dry too quickly and will probably streak.

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Spray a bit of perfume on the light bulb in any room to create a lovely a light scent in each room when the light is turned on.

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Place fabric softener sheets in dresser drawers and your clothes will smell freshly washed for weeks to come. You can also do this with towels and linen.

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Candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for at least 3 hours prior to burning.

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TELEPHONES IN CHURCHES

A man in Topeka Kansas decided to write a book about the churches around the country. He started out by flying to San Francisco and working his way east from there.

Going to a very large church, he began taking photographs and making notes. He spotted a golden telephone on the vestibule wall and was intrigued with a sign that read, "Calls \$10,000 a minute." Seeking out the pastor, he asked about the phone and the sign. The pastor answered that this golden phone was, in fact a direct line to heaven, and if he paid the price, he could talk directly to GOD.

The man thanked the pastor and proceeded on his way. As he continued to visit churches in Seattle, Dallas, St. Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis and other cities around

the United States , he found more phones, with the same sign , and the same answer from each pastor.

Finally, he arrived in "Up North" Michigan. Upon entering a church in the City of Gladstone, he saw the usual golden telephone.

But this time the sign read, "Calls 35 cents."

"Reverend," he said "I have been in churches all across the country, and in each church I have found this golden telephone, and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven, and that I could talk to GOD. But in the other churches the cost was \$10,000 a minute. Your sign reads only 35 cents a call. Why?"

The pastor, smiling benignly, replied, "Son , you're in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. You're in God's Country. It's a local call"Thanks to George W8OWN

Check this out, might save a lot of smoke and cost of parts. Might put people back into building things.

Designing Circuits OnlineFrom the ARRL Web Page

By Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU
Contributing Editor

This week, Surfin' considers a new online electronic circuit design tool.

If you tinker with electronic circuit designs, you will be interested in a new free online application for designing, testing, editing, and sharing electronic circuits: **CircuitLab Editor**. Intended for students, educators and engineers, as well as hobbyists, this online application lets you quickly test your circuit designs before breadboarding.

CircuitLab Editor is completely web-based. Therefore, it is a cross-platform (Windows/Mac/Linux OS) application, requires no installation or plug-ins and allows you to share your designs by just copying and pasting a webpage addresses. When CircuitLab hosts your circuit, it provides “you with a convenient image and link that you can use to share your circuit on online forums or your own website, so you can contribute to or get help from the hobbyist community.”

CircuitLab Editor includes an array of easy-to-use, but powerful tools, as well as a slew of sample circuits that you can build upon. The nice thing about this design application is if your creation happens to fail, there is no smoke, nothing blows up and no harm is done; just start over again.

(Thank you, Andrew Ban, KB3GRK, for the heads-up concerning CircuitLab Editor.)

Until next time, keep on surfin'!

*Editor's note: Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, seeks the unusual in radio. To contact Stan, send **e-mail** or add comments to the **WA1LOU blog**.*

Some people want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention

U P. NET MEMBER PROFILE LARRY ALMAN W8WR

Larry is a native Michigander being born in Greenville in 1943. He attended the Michigan School for the Blind in Lansing, graduating in 1961. After school he worked for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission in several locations, 9 and a half years in Lansing, 2 years in Petoskey, and 14 years in his home town of Greenville.

Larry's Amateur Radio hobby started in 1965 when he obtained his Novice license. three months later, in August he upgraded to General, and continued to upgrade, getting his Advanced in 1977 and Extra in 1987.

Larry and his wife Roberta have been married over 45 years and have two daughters, 7 grandchildren and also share their life with three cats.

Larry's other interest include digital photography, fishing, camping, computers, and website designing. He has also been a member of the Lions Club for over 28 years.

Other interesting life experiences Larry has had, he fell off a two story roof in 2001 and is still here to tell the story. We are all glad of that.

In Larry's shack you will find a Kenwood TS570, a two meter rig that doesn't get much use and a CW key that does. Outside is an Alpha Delta DXCC antenna.



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