

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8OWN GEORGE ROUMAN
BIG RAPIDS MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
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MARCH 2015

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Here we are in the month of March waiting the arrival of warm weather and unfortunately also the mud season. So while waiting for the snow to melt start planning all those new antennas you want to try this summer. I have a couple I would like to get up and also want to check all my coax to make sure it, and the connections are up to par.

I want to thank those who took over my Saturday Net duties while I was gone to Arizona. It was a good trip, no driving problems, I managed to work between the storms. One recommendation, do not drive around Dallas-Fort Worth at 7:30 a.m. Never saw so many cars in my life, 70 miles of traffic from 3 to 7 lanes wide!! The rest of the driving was ok, a little busier than what I am used to, but I made it. I saw some great sites, Grand Canyon, various mountain ranges, a lot of cactus, some elk and not much in the way of water. Did miss all our lakes here in Michigan. Attended the Yuma Swap where I met up with N8BOB, K8HFX, WD8LVZ, from the Cadillac area, and KC8NUR and KC8RGO from the U.P They all will be returning sometime in April. I went to the Titan missile site that was featured in the February issue of QST and operated my 706MKIIG hooked up to the big discone antenna. Talked with many people who are on the Net, and I will be sending out QSL cards when I get them made. Sure is great to be home, and hear everyone on the air!!

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

NET STATS

JANUARY 2014 CHECKINS 1200 TRAFFIC 45

JANUARY 2015 CHECKINS 1050 TRAFFIC 43

HIGH TRAFFIC JANUARY W8WR 4

HIGH CHECKINS JANUARY 2015 W8WR 40

March 2015

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>W8IFI JIM WD9CUO & XYL</i>	3 <i>K8LQV DICK</i>	4	5 <i>WT8J 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	21 <i>WA8LT WALT</i>
22	23 <i>KATHIE DAUGHTER OF AA8SN</i>	24 <i>JERI DAUGHTER IN-LAW OF WA8DHB</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>WB8FUW LEE</i>
29	30 <i>WA8DVD DENNIS W8BP JOHN</i>	31				

EXAMS

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- **03/07/2015 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor: SAROF Location: Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- **03/08/2015 | Harrisville MI 48740-9999 Sponsor: Alcona County AR Group Location: Alcona County EMS/EOC Building Time: 1:00 PM (No walk-ins)**
- **03/14/2015 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc. Location: American Red Cross Building Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- **03/14/2015 | Grayling MI 49739-0001 Sponsor: Michigan ARC Location: Camp Grayling Time: 4:00 PM (No walk-ins)**
- **03/14/2015 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-0805 Sponsor: Southern Michigan ARS Location: Wings Stadium Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- **03/14/2015 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- **03/14/2015 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC Location: St Clair County Library Time: 10:00 AM (No walk-ins)**
- **03/14/2015 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 Sponsor: Motor City Radio Club Location: Glenwood Methodist Church Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- **03/21/2015 | Flint MI 48507 Sponsor: The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams Location: Baker College of Flint-Tech Center Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- **03/21/2015 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor: ICARPSC Location: Ionia Central Dispatch Time: 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)**
- **03/28/2015 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 Sponsor: Allegan County ARC Location: Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- **03/28/2015 | Houghton MI 49931-1200 Sponsor: Husky ARC Location: Fisher Hall Room 325 Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- **03/28/2015 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 Sponsor: Kalamazoo ARC Location: Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**

- **03/28/2015 | Saginaw MI 48602-4728 Sponsor: Saginaw Valley ARA**
Location: Saginaw Red Cross Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/28/2015 | South Lyon MI 48178 0 Sponsor: South Lyon Area ARC Location: Witch's Hat Depot**
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/02/2015 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room)**
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **04/04/2015 | Muskegon MI 49440-1225 Sponsor: Muskegon Area ARC Location: Red Cross Building**
Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- **04/07/2015 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC**
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

HAMFEST

- **3/14/2015 | Michigan Crossroads Hamfest and Radio Swap Location: Kalamazoo, MI**
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.w8df.com/hamfest>

03/21/2015 | West Michigan Youth Club Hamfest - CANCELLED

Location: Lowell, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: West Michigan Youth Club (Lowell Area Schools)
Website: <http://www.westmichiganyouthclub.org>

05/02/2015 | Cadillac Hamfest Location: Cadillac, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Wexauke Amateur Radio Club **Website:** <http://www.wexaukeearc.org/>

05/09/2015 | CCRAA - KCRA Hamfest Location: Chassell, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Copper Country Radio Amateur Assn. & Keweenaw County Repeater Assn.
Website: <http://kcra-mi.net/>

"Lexophile" is a word used to describe those that have a love for the use of words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish", or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless." A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophiles is held every year in an undisclosed location.

. When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate. A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months. .. The batteries were given out free of charge. .. A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail. .. A will is a dead giveaway.

Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 Introduced in Congress..... from ARRL letter

"The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015" -- H.R.1301 -- has been introduced in the US House of Representatives. The measure would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land use restrictions. US Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) introduced the bill on March 4 with 12 original co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle -- seven Republicans and five Democrats. Kinzinger also sponsored "The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014, which died at the end of the 113th Congress. H.R. 1301 is an essentially identical piece of legislation.

Number of US Amateur Radio Licensees at All-Time High.....from ARRL letter

The US Amateur Radio population continues to soar. At the end of 2014, the total number of US Amateurs in the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS) database reached an all-time high of 726,275 -- and the trend has continued in the first 2 months of 2015, which saw the total rise to slightly more than 727,000. The figures exclude expired licenses that are within the 2-year grace period, and club

station licenses. Outside of a little dithering last fall, growth in the Amateur Radio Service in 2014 was steady, according to figures compiled by Joe Speroni, AH0A, on his FCC Amateur Radio Statistics web pages. Over the past decade, the number of Amateur Radio licenses in the ULS database grew by some 8.1 percent. But 2014 was also a banner year for the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC).

"For the first time in the ARRL VEC program's history, we have conducted more than 7000 Amateur Radio exam sessions in a year, an important milestone," said ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. "A total of 7216 ARRL-sponsored exam sessions were administered in 2014, compared to 6823 in 2013."

A SHOT OF WHISKEY

In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

American fighter planes in WW2 had machine guns that were fed by belts of cartridges. The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

FROM JIM, WB8IEH.....

A German Shepherd starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old German Shepherd thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep crap now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old German Shepherd exclaims loudly,

"Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees.

"Whew!" says the panther, "That was close! That old German Shepherd nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes.

The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther.

The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old German Shepherd sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd says...

(This made me smile!)

"Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!"

Moral of this story...

Don't mess with the old dogs . Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery!
Bullshit and brilliance only come with age and experience.

If you don't send this to five 'old' friends right away, there will be five fewer people laughing in the world.

Of course, I am in no way insinuating that you are old, just 'youthfully challenged'.

Book helps Hams have fun with Morse Code

FROM QRZ.COM NEWS

Passing a Morse Code test is no longer required to get an amateur radio license, but there's still a mystique about Morse Code, and many hams are interested in acquiring this skill and getting on the air. That being the case, Dan Romanchik, KB6NU is excited to announce the publication of The CW Geek's Guide to Having Fun with Morse Code.

The CW Geek's Guide to Having Fun with Morse Code is all about having fun with Morse Code.

It

- * Helps hams learn Morse Code.
- * Choose the key that's right for them.
- * Shows hams how to get on the air and make contacts.
- * Teaches hams how to use abbreviations, Q-signals, and prosigns properly.

The CW Geek's Guide to Having Fun with Morse Code is available in several different formats. It's available as a PDF, Nook, or Kindle e-book directly from KB6NU.Com.

It's also available as a paperback

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from Amazon.Com.

The e-book versions costs \$2.99, the paperback version costs \$7.99.

About Dan, KB6NU

Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, is the author of the "No-Nonsense" license study guides and one of amateur radio's leading bloggers (KB6NU.Com). He has helped thousands of amateur radio operators get their license and have fun with ham radio. He is an avid CW operator and regularly teaches amateur radio classes in Ann Arbor, MI.

MORE LEXOPHILES.....

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress. .. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
.. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall. .. Police were summoned to a
daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest. .. Did you hear about the fellow
whose entire left He's all right now.

Born a Lutheran ... Each Friday night after work, Ole would fire up his barbecue on the shore of Arthur 's Lake and cook a venison steak.

All of Ole's neighbours were Catholic... and since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on a Friday.

The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks wafted over the neighbourhood and was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest.

The Priest came to visit Ole, and suggested that he become a Catholic.

After several classes and much study, Ole attended Mass... and as the priest sprinkled holy water over him, he said, "You were born a Lutheran and raised a Lutheran but now you are a Catholic."

Ole's neighbours were relieved, until Friday night arrived and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled the neighbourhood.

The Priest was called immediately by the neighbours and he rushed over to Ole's place clutching a rosary and prepared to scold him, he stopped and watched in amazement.

There stood Ole, clutching a small bottle of holy water which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat and chanted:

"You vuz born a deer, you vuz raised a deer, but now you is a rainbow trout."



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