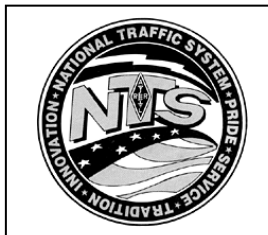


# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS

## SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
NS8S DAVID FLEMING  
MONTAGUE MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
W8OFC JIM GRAMS  
VERMILLION OH

MARCH 2018

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March, the month of snow melt, mud, and maybe early flowers. Have you seen your first robin yet? Last week I saw mine, plus a lot of geese and three swans on our millpond. I have heard sandhill cranes flying over. My friend Gil, K8EAG has seen blue birds in his yard in Ovid!! Oh yes, the weatherman says maybe 3 inches of snow tonight, that's March for you.

Special congratulations to my friend Jim, W8OFC on being Ham of the Month. First got to know Jim when he retired and moved to Cadillac almost 20 years ago. Then he took up wandering around the country in a motor home and then settled in Arizona for about 10 years and now he is back in Ohio living near one of his daughters.

Propagation, right now on 75 meters it is about perfect for my needs. Net time is good a 5 p.m., at 7 p.m. to 8 you can talk in state and to adjacent states, and Sunday Jim was able to checkin to the noon net from Ohio. We will see what happens with the time change this weekend. Don't forget to "spring ahead" those clocks on Sunday.

I am going to make the first trip to the U.P. for the Chassell Swap on April 28 and I am bringing along Dave, NS8S. He has not spent much time in the U.P. so I get to show him some of the great sites. Hope to see some of you in Chassell.

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

NET STATS

JANUARY 2017 CHECKINS 1234 TRAFFIC 40  
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HIGH CHECKINS 44 W8WR KC8ZMN 41 40 K8BLL  
SUNDAY NOON KD8KCV 16  
HIGH TRAFFIC 2 KC8ZMN 2 W8WR 2 N8BNC 2 WA8DHB

# March 2018

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>APRIL 1 PATIE DAUGHTER OF WA8DHB MARSHA XYL OF W8PZ</i>				<i>1</i>	<i>2 W8IFI JIM WD8CUO &amp; XYL</i>	<i>3 K8KQV DICK</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5 WTG8 GERRY 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 W8KIM KIM W8OSD DAN</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15 VALARIE XYL OF WA8UCS N8NJA &amp; KATH- LEEN</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21 WA8LT WALT</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23 KATIE DAUGHTER OF A88SN</i>	<i>24 JERI DAUGHTER-IN LAW OF WA8DHB</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28 WB8FUW LEE</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30 WA8DVD DENNIS</i>	<i>31</i>

## EXAMS

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- 03/10/2018 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc. Location: American Red Cross Building Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/10/2018 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/10/2018 | Negaunee MI 49866 Sponsor: Hiawatha ARA Location: Marquette Health Dept Bldg Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/10/2018 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC Location: St Clair County Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/10/2018 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 Sponsor: Motor City Radio Club Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/13/2018 | Adrian MI 49221-9999 Sponsor: Adrian ARC Location: Civil Air Patrol Bldg Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/13/2018 | Gaylord MI 49735-9822 Sponsor: Top of Michigan ARC Location: Gaylord Regional Airport Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/13/2018 | Howell MI 48855-8703 Sponsor: Livingston Amateur Radio Klub Location: Livingston County EMS Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/17/2018 | Flint MI 48507 Sponsor: The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams Location: Baker College of Flint-Tech Center Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/17/2018 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-0805 Sponsor: Southern Michigan ARS Location: Crossroads Hamfest @ Wings Event Center Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/17/2018 | Monroe MI 48161-9770 Sponsor: W8OTC Location: Good Shepherd Church Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/17/2018 | Union MI 49130-9622 Sponsor: Michiana VE Location: Around the Corner Café Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/21/2018 | Livonia MI 48154-3045 Sponsor: Livonia ARC Location: Livonia Civic Center Library Time: 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 03/24/2018 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 Sponsor: Allegan County ARC Location: Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria Time: 9:00 AM

03/24/2018 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 Sponsor: Kalamazoo ARC Location: EOC of Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 03/24/2018 | South Lyon MI 48178 Sponsor: South Lyon Area ARC Location: Witch's Hat Depot Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/29/2018 | Dearborn MI 48124-3958 Sponsor: Ford Amt Radio League K8UTT Location: Ford Motor Company-Building 1 Cafe Conference room 1 GG099 Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/03/2018 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC Location: Oak Park Community Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/05/2018 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/07/2018 | Dearborn Heights MI 48127-3116 Sponsor: Location: Caroline Kennedy Library Time: 10:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/07/2018 | Hancock MI 49930-9999 Sponsor: CCRAA Location: Franklin Township Office Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- 04/07/2018 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor: SAROF Location: Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/07/2018 | Muskegon MI 49440-1233 Sponsor: Muskegon Area AR Council Location: American Red Cross Muskegon Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/09/2018 | Adrian MI 49221-9999 Sponsor: Adrian ARC Location: Civil Air Patrol Bldg Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/10/2018 | Howell MI 48855-8703 Sponsor: Livingston Amateur Radio Klub Location: Livingston County EMS Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

## ARRL Requests Expanded HF Privileges for Technician Licensees

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02/28/2018

ARRL has asked the FCC to expand HF privileges for Technician licensees to include limited phone privileges on 75, 40, and 15 meters, plus RTTY and digital mode privileges on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. The FCC has not yet invited public comment on the proposals, which stem from recommendations put forth by the ARRL Board of Directors' Entry-Level License Committee, which explored various initiatives and gauged member opinions in 2016 and 2017.

"This action will enhance the available license operating privileges in what has become the principal entry-level license class in the Amateur Service," ARRL said in its *Petition*. "It will attract more newcomers to Amateur Radio, it will result in increased retention of licensees who hold Technician Class licenses, and it will provide an improved incentive for entry-level licensees to increase technical self-training and pursue higher license class achievement and development of communications skills." Specifically, ARRL proposes to provide Technician licensees, present and future, with phone privileges at 3.900 to 4.000 MHz, 7.225 to 7.300 MHz, and 21.350 to 21.450 MHz, plus RTTY and digital privileges in current Technician allocations on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. The ARRL petition points out the explosion in popularity of various digital modes over the past 2 decades. Under the ARRL plan, the maximum HF power level for Technician operators would remain at 200 W PEP. The few remaining Novice licensees would gain no new privileges under the League's proposal.

ARRL's petition points to the need for compelling incentives not only to become a radio amateur in the first place, but then to upgrade and further develop skills. Demographic and technological changes call for a "periodic rebalancing" between those two objectives, the League maintains.

"There has not been such a rebalancing in many years," ARRL said in its petition. "It is time to do that now." The FCC has not assessed entry-level operating privileges since 2005.

The Entry-Level License Committee offered very specific, data- and survey-supported findings about growth in Amateur Radio and its place in the advanced technological demographic that includes individuals younger than 30. It received significant input from ARRL members via more than 8,000 survey responses.

"The Committee's analysis noted that today, Amateur Radio exists among many more modes of communication than it did half a century ago, or even 20 years ago," ARRL said in its petition.

Now numbering some 378,000, Technician licensees comprise more than half of the US Amateur Radio population. ARRL said that after 17 years of experience with the current Technician license as the gateway to Amateur Radio, it's urgent to make it more attractive to newcomers, in part to improve upon science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education "that inescapably accompanies a healthy, growing Amateur Radio Service," ARRL asserted.

ARRL said its proposal is critical to developing improved operating skills, increasing emergency communication participation, improving technical self-training, and boosting overall growth in the Amateur Service, which has remained nearly inert at about 1% per year.

The Entry-Level License Committee determined that the current Technician class question pool already covers far more material than necessary for an entry-level exam to validate expanded privileges. ARRL told the FCC that it would continue to refine examination preparation and training materials aimed at STEM topics, increase outreach and recruitment, work with Amateur Radio clubs, and encourage educational institutions to utilize Amateur Radio in STEM and other experiential learning programs.

"ARRL requests that the Commission become a partner in this effort to promote Amateur Radio as a public benefit by making the very nominal changes proposed herein in the Technician class license operating privileges," the petition concluded.

## Amateur Radio Emergency Service Transitioning to New Online Reporting System

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) will phase out the traditional ARES report forms later this year in favor of an online system called *ARES Connect*, a volunteer management, communications, and reporting system. The new system will allow information to be logged by ARES members and managed through the Field Organization. The advent of *ARES Connect* was among other highlights in "**The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) 2017 Annual Report**," released this week.

"*ARES Connect* is a volunteer management system that covers event signup, reporting, and roster management," ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U, said. "It does not change how ARES operates when serving a partner entity; it is simply a system that will make managing volunteers and events easier." Beta testing of *ARES Connect* will begin in March. ARES made changes to its report forms last year to make it easier to process information at ARRL Headquarters and to standardize the format for all forms. ARES Monthly Reports have been posted to the ARRL website, providing regular information on Amateur Radio public service communication activity, the report noted.

According to the 2017 report, ARES membership stands at 31,332, up by nearly 13% from 2016. The number of emergency operations events reported was up by 665 from the previous year, with 1,913 reported in 2017. The top three states in terms of ARES membership in 2017 were California (2,265), Texas (1,930), and Ohio (1,858).

Reported ARES events amounted to 51,673 in 2017 — a 4% increase — accounting for 718,930 volunteer hours at a calculated value of more than \$17.3 million.

"There was a noticeable increase in reported activity during August through November," the *ARES 2017 Annual Report* said. "During this period there was Amateur Radio response activity for hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria; wildfires in the western states, and the total solar eclipse that occurred on August 21."

According to the report, 26 states gained ARES members, while 13 lost members.

Source:ARRL

## **HOW THE FIGHT STARTED.....(WARNING POLITICALLY INCORRECT MATERIAL)**

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift...  
The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.  
When she asked me why, I replied,  
"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"  
And that's how the fight started.....

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My wife and I were watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed.  
I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have sex?'  
'No,' she answered.  
I then said, 'Is that your final answer?'  
She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, 'Yes..'  
So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."  
And that's when the fight started...

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My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table.  
I asked her, "Do you know him?"  
"Yes", she sighed,  
"He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."  
"My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"  
And then the fight started...

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When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer. Always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point.  
When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."  
The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

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My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels.  
She asked, "What's on TV?"  
I said, "Dust."  
And then the fight started...

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# HAMFEST

03/17/2018 | 2018 Michigan Crossroads Hamfest Location: Kalamazoo, MI  
Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society  
Website: <http://www.w8df.com/hamfest>

04/28/2018 | CCRAA - KCRA - BCRA Hamfest Location: Chassell, MI  
Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Copper Country RAA, Keweenaw County  
Repeater Assn., & Baraga County Repeater Assn. Website: <http://kcra-mi.net/>

04/29/2018 | 1st Annual GMARC Swap & Shop Location: Madison Heights, MI  
Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: General Motors Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://www.gmarc.org/SwapInfo>

05/05/2018 | Cadillac Hamfest Location: Cadillac, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Sponsor: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://www.wexaukeearc.org>



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