

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
KC8NVI CLIFF ROSENBOHM  
HARBOR SPRINGS MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
KC8NNX JIM JORGENSEN JR.  
BROWNSTOWN & LEROY MI

APRIL 2011

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA [bkn8nja@att.net](mailto:bkn8nja@att.net)

April showers bring May flowers. Right now the “showers” outside my window are in the form of snow!!! Will it ever end??? We do need the moisture, but I would rather see rain, it actually puts more water in the lakes.

I received a note from Bill W8CBH. He is in the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. He has been there since having some kind of an accident in November. Doesn't know how long he will be there. Bill said his doctor is trying to get clearance for him to have a radio there. He said he can have all the visitors that can stop in. I am sure he is lonely, and misses all his activities he was involved in. Let's hope he gets out of there soon or they can at least get him a radio so he can get in touch. If you are in the area stop and see Bill or drop him a note. I am sure he would be glad to hear from you. William A Gerber, W8CBH Grand Rapids Home for Veterans 3 Blue Room 3019 Grand Rapids MI 49505-3313.

Be sure to read the proposed rule change from the FCC thanks to John N8YSS for keeping us updated  
Happy April

## NET STATS

2010 FEBRUARY CHECKINS 1332 TRAFFIC 62  
2011 FEBRUARY CHECKINS 1221 TRAFFIC 65  
FEBRUARY HIGH CHECKINS WA8DNB 45 3 TIMES WB8VOF 47  
HIGH TRAFFIC N8GWN 4 N8BNC 4

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

# April 2011

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

| Sun                                 | Mon | Tue | Wed                           | Thu   | Fri   | Sat                                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------|---|---|---|
|                                     |     |     |                               |   | 1<br><i>PATTI DAUGHTER<br/>OF WA8DHB<br/>MARSHA XYL OF<br/>WA8NSH</i> | 2   |
| 3                                   | 4   | 5   | 6                             | 7   | 8   | 9<br><br><i>LORRAINE XYL OF<br/>W8UJH</i> |
| 10                                  | 11  | 12  | 13<br><br><i>KA9YIU GLENN</i> | 14  | 15  | 16  |
| 17<br><br><i>WD8PRW DON</i>         | 18  | 19  | 20                            | 21  | 22<br><br><i>K8ZJU BEVERLY</i>  | 23<br><br><i>GAIL XYL OF<br/>KD9TZ</i>    |
| 24<br><br><i>WB8IEH &amp; AGNES</i> | 25  | 26  | 27                            | 28<br><i>WA8THK PERRY<br/>WA8DHB AILEEN</i> | 29<br><br><i>K8SKY SKYE</i>   | 30<br><br><i>W8GEP GRANT</i>              |

## EXAMS

04/02/2011 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor: Mt Clemens SAROF  
Salvation Army Corps-Corner South Gratiot Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/02/2011 | Holland MI 49423-3407 Sponsor: Holland ARC  
Location: American Red Cross Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/02/2011 | Muskegon MI 49440-1233 Sponsor: Muskegon Area AR Council Location:  
American Red Cross Bldg Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/05/2011 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC  
Location: Oak Park Community Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/07/2011 | Mason MI 48854-9999 Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Ingham  
County Sheriff's Dept Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/08/2011 | Grand Rapids MI 49503-1304 Sponsor: Grand Rapids ARA Location: Red Cross  
Building Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/09/2011 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc. Location:  
American Red Cross Building  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/09/2011 | Midland MI 48642-5940 Sponsor: Midland ARC  
Location: Salvation Army Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/09/2011 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC Location: St Clair  
County Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/09/2011 | Flint MI 48507 Sponsor: The KD8NLP V.E. Team  
Location: Baker College of Flint-Tech Center Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/09/2011 | Charlotte MI 48813-1031 Sponsor: Eaton County ARC  
Location: Eaton Cty Sheriff's Dept-EOC Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/09/2011 | Gladstone MI 49837-9999 Sponsor: DCARS  
Location: Gladstone City Hall Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/16/2011 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor: ICARPSC Location: Ionia Central Dispatch Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/16/2011 | Fenton/Flint MI 48430-9798 Sponsor: Genesee County Radio Club Location: Mott Community College Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/23/2011 | South Lyon MI 48178 Sponsor: South Lyon Area ARC Location: Witch's Hat Depot Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/23/2011 | Livonia MI 48154-5417 Sponsor: Livonia ARC Location: Livonia Police Department Time: 12:30 PM (No walk-ins)

04/28/2011 | Corunna MI 48817-1230 Sponsor: Corunna VE Team Location: American Red Cross Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

4/28/2011 | Battle Creek MI 49014-4011 Sponsor: SMARS Location: Masonic Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/01/2011 | Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615 Sponsor: NQ8A Testing Group Location: Church of Christ Time: 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

## HAMFEST

- **04/16/2011 | Milford Swap and Shop Location: Highland, MI**  
Type: **ARRL Hamfest** Sponsor: **Milford Amateur Radio Club**  
Website: **<http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk>**  
**Learn More**

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**05/07/2011 | Cadillac Hamfest Location: Cadillac, MI**  
Type: **ARRL Hamfest** Sponsor: **Wexaukee ARC**  
Website: **<http://www.wexaukeearc.org/index.html>**

# Federal Communications Commission FCC 11-666

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Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
In the matter of Comprehension of the FCC Rules

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OA Docket No. 11-666

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Adopted: April 1, 2011 Released: April 1, 2011

COMMENT DATE: [30 days after publication in the Federal Register]

REPLY COMMENT DATE: [45 days after publication in the Federal Register]

By the Commission:

1. In response to a Petition for Rulemaking filed by Mr. Scott Adams, the Commission hereby proposes to adopt the following new rules to Subpart A (General Rules of Practice and Procedure) of Part 1 of the FCC Rules.

2. Proposed Rules.

1.121(a): Threatened Comprehension of the FCC Rules. If any radio system owner, or radio system operator, or group of associated radio system owners or radio system operators, becomes aware of, or realizes, or detects, or discovers, or finds, that he, or she, or they, are, or have been beginning to, or are about to understand the Federal Communication Commission Rules or Regulations or any of its provisions, (he) (she) (they) must immediately, within three (3) days of such discovery or awareness, notify, in writing, the Administrator.

1.121(b): Log of Notifications to the Administrator. Any person or party coming within the provision of Section 1.121(a) shall maintain a written log of all notifications to the Administrator. This log shall be kept for a period of at least two years after said Notifications, and must be made available to any authorized Commission representative, upon demand, at any time, whether during normal business hours or not, and regardless of whether the notifying party's station is on or off the air.

1.121(c): Required Action of the Administrator. Upon receipt of any such above notice of impending comprehension, the Administrator shall promptly cause said Federal Communication Commission Rules and/or Regulations to be rewritten in such a form and manner as to completely and totally eliminate any further possibility of comprehension by any radio system owner, or radio system operator, or person or persons acting on the direction, or suggestion, or supervision, of any radio system owner or radio system operator.

1.121(d): Authority to Require Remedial Instruction Classes. The Administrator may, at his or her option, require any radio system owner, or radio system operator, or person or persons acting on the direction, or suggestion, or supervision, of any radio system owner, or radio system operator, who Federal Communications Commission FCC 11-6662 commit(s), or attempt(s) to commit, or exhibit(s) any propensity to commit, the offense of understanding or comprehending the Federal Communication Commission Rules and/or Regulations, or any part thereof, to attend courses of remedial instruction in said Rules and/or Regulations, until such time as said radio system owner, or radio system operator, or person or persons acting on the direction, or suggestion, or supervision, of radio system owner, or radio system operator, demonstrate that they are no longer capable of exhibiting any comprehension or understanding of anything.

3. Administrative Matters.

4. Ex Parte Rules. This is a permit-but-disclose notice and comment rulemaking proceeding. Ex parte presentations are permitted, except during the Sunshine Agenda period, provided that they are disclosed as provided in the Commission's Rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1202, 1.1203, and 1.1206(a).

5. Comment Information. Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before [30 days after publication in the Federal Register], and reply comments on or before [45 days after publication in the Federal Register]. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998). Accessible formats (computer diskettes, large print, audio recording and Braille) are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Brian Millin, of the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, at (202) 418-7426, TTY (202) 418-7365, or at [bmillin@fcc.gov](mailto:bmillin@fcc.gov).

6. If filing comments by mail, send to:  
Office of the Administrator  
Federal Communications Commission  
Docket Number OA 05-331  
445 SW 12th Street, NW  
Big Gray Building  
Third Floor, Second Door on Right  
Desk 4, In-Basket 7  
Near Wastebasket  
Washington, DC 20554-1.414-2.718

7. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers are referenced in the caption of the comments, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appear in the caption of the comment, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail).

DO YOU GET THAT????.....EDITOR

## AM RADIO DAYS FROM THE ARRL WEBSITE

By Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU  
Contributing Editor

*This week, Surfin' returns to its radio roots: 520-1610, before kc became hertz.*

I blame it all on AM radio.

Technical writing has been my career for more than three decades. I became a technical writer because my future boss at Modems"R"Us thought that being a ham radio operator made me an excellent candidate for their open technical writing position. A two-year stint writing at ARRL Headquarters also helped.

I worked at ARRL Headquarters because I was a ham radio operator.

I became a ham radio operator because I wanted to go beyond shortwave listening, and I became a shortwave listener because I wanted to go beyond AM radio listening.

AM radio was my first love, radio-wise. Often I return to my roots and listen to AM radio, tuning up and down the dial looking for distant stations I have not heard before. I also browse the Internet looking for interesting stuff related to AM radio

Two AM radio related blogs that I enjoy visiting are [Radio-Timetraveller](#) and [Arcane Radio Trivia](#).

At Radio-Timetraveller, William Scott, WE7W, blogs "about radio and radio DXing, antennas, opinions, reviews -- basically all things concerning radio," emphasizing medium-wave and medium-wave DXing.

WE7W's blog posts are always interesting. For example, lately, WE7W has featured a series of blog posts about ferrite loopstick antennas. Be sure to check out his occasional "Mediumwave Oddities" posts, which I particularly enjoy.

Joe Fritz hosts Arcane Radio Trivia, and his "hypergraphia-powered weekday rants on radio history, programming, engineering, media law, and broadcasting ephemera" touches upon a variety of topics concerning AM radio past.

For example, as a second generation Pole whose parents listened to Polish radio 24/7, I liked Joe's latest post "Dick Yash's Afternoon Polka Party" on WFIF, an AM station where a ham friend, Roger Minor, K1DQV, was chief engineer. Roger also ran a local surplus radio store, but that's another story.

Until next time, keep on surfen'!

*Editor's note: Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, still recalls his first radio: a [Remco crystal set](#). To contact Stan, send [e-mail](#) or add comments to the [WA1LOU blog](#).*

## From Jim, WB8IEH

i haven't heard of this before but I don't want to test it. Maybe it works. Sounds interesting. Once I was cooking some corn and stuck my fork in the boiling water to see if the corn was ready. I missed and my hand went into the boiling water....

A friend of mine, who was a Vietnam vet, came into the house, just as I was screaming, and asked me if I had some plain old flour...I pulled out a bag and he stuck my hand in it. He said to keep my hand in the flour for 10 minutes. which I did. He said that in Vietnam , this guy was on fire and in their panic, they threw a bag of flour all over him to put the fire out...well, it not only put the flour out, but he never even had a blister!!!!

SOOOO, long story short, I put my hand in the bag of flour for 10 minutes, pulled it out and had not even a red mark or a blister and absolutely NO PAIN. Now, I keep a bag of flour in the fridge and every time I burn myself, I use the flour and never ONCE have I ever had a red spot, a burn or a blister! \*cold flour feels even better than room temperature flour.

Miracle, if you ask me. Keep a bag of white flour in your fridge and you will be happy you did. I even burnt my tongue and put the flour on it for about 10 minutes. and the pain was gone and no burn. Try it! BTW, don't run your burn area under Cold water first, just put it right into the flour for 10 minutes and experience a miracle



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