

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8BP JOHN WASMUTH
MARQUETTE MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
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April showers bring May flowers. What kind of showers, rain or snow? Good chance we will see some of each. Let's hope for more rain that snow.

Don't forget the Michigan QSO party coming up on April 19th. Starts at noon EDT and ends at midnight. Always a good time and your chance to be rare DX. See www.miqp.org for more info.

On May 3rd we have the Cadillac Swap, same location as in the past. The U. P. Net meeting will be At 10:00 a.m. The QCWA will meet right after us at 11:00.

This month we have some information on the origin of the word "Yooper", and information from Ron, W8ILS is that Yooper is now in the Webster Dictionary, about time, aye?

Aileen is looking for suggestions for Ham of the Month. Get a hold of her if you can help.

Enjoy the coming of Spring and we will see you in Cadillac May 3rd if you can make it.

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

NET STATS

FEBRUARY 2013 CHECKINS 1250 TRAFFIC 50

FEBRUARY 2014 CHECKINS 1200 TRAFFIC 45

HIGH TRAFFIC FEBRUARY N8NJA 2

HIGH CHECKINS K8SKY 47

April 2014

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1 PATTI DAUGHTER OF WA8DHB MARSHA XYL OF W8NSH</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9 LORRAINE XYL OF W8UJH</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13 KA9YIU GLENN</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17 WD8PRW DON</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23 GAIL XYL OF KD9TZ</i>	<i>24 WB8IEH & AGNES</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28 WA8THK PERRY WA8DHB AILEEN</i>	<i>29 K8SKY SKYE</i>	<i>30 WEGEP GRANT</i>			

• EXAMS

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- 04/13/2013 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/13/2013 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC **Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/13/2013 | Saginaw MI 48602-4728 **Sponsor:** Saginaw Valley ARA
Location: Saginaw Red Cross **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/17/2013 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 **Sponsor:** Prescott Testing Group **Location:** Mills Township Hall **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/20/2013 | Flint MI 48507 **Sponsor:** The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams **Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/20/2013 | Harrisville MI 48740-9999 **Sponsor:** Alcona County AR Group **Location:** Alcona County EMS/EOC Building **Time:** 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 04/20/2013 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 **Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)

04/20/2013 | Jackson MI 49204-9999 **Sponsor:** Cascades ARS
Location: Jackson District Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/21/2013 | Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615 Sponsor: NQ8A Testing Group Location: Church of Christ Time: 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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- 04/25/2013 | Battle Creek MI 49017-4867 **Sponsor:** SMARS
Location: Maple United Methodist Church **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/25/2013 | Corunna MI 48817-1230 **Sponsor:** Corunna VE Team
Location: American Red Cross **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/27/2013 | Alma MI 48801-1504 **Sponsor:** Gratiot Cty AR Assoc.
Location: Alma College Dow Science Bldg **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 04/27/2013 | South Lyon MI 48178 **Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC
Location: Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/04/2013 | Cadillac MI 49601-1824 **Sponsor:** Wexaukee ARC/Cadillac Hamfest **Location:** Cadillac Junior High School
Time: 10:30 AM (No walk-ins)
- 05/04/2013 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** SAROF
Location: Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance)
Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/11/2013 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 05/11/2013 | Mason MI 48854 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group
Location: Ingham County Sheriff's Dept **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/11/2013 | Midland MI 48640-4474 **Sponsor:** Midland ARC
Location: Salvation Army Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/11/2013 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC **Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/11/2013 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 **Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club **Location:** Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

HAMFEST

04/20/2013 | Milford Swap-N-Shop **Location:** Highland, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Milford ARC

- 05/04/2013 | Cadillac Hamfest **Location:** Cadillac, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.wexaukeearc.org>

06/01/2013 | Independent Repeater Association W8IRA/R Hamfest

Location: Hudsonville , MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Independent Repeater Association
Website: <http://www.w8ira.org>

- 06/02/2013 | Chelsea Radio Swap 'n Shop **Location:** Chelsea, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Chelsea Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://wd8iel.net>

06/08/2013 | 3rd Annual LARS Hamfest **Location:** Newberry, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Luce Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.w8nby.com>
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Michigan Ham Promoting Civilian Conservation Corps Special Event

Michigan radio amateur Dirk Esterline, KG8JK, is promoting participation in a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Special Event this summer to honor the contributions of the Depression-era government-sponsored work program, and he hopes to make it an annual event. The CCC came into being in the spring of 1933, during the first term of President Franklin Roosevelt, as one of several economic relief programs during the Great Depression of the 1930s. CCC camps often were established in woodland areas, because the CCC was specifically tasked with environmental conservation.

"We want to honor the contribution that 'The Boys' of the Corps made to our country and to our natural environment," said Esterline. "As radio played a big part in how the camps communicated with each other, we would encourage you to activate the actual location of one of the camps." The special event will take place the weekend of August 9-10.



If an actual CCC site is not available, he pointed out, many state and local parks have buildings constructed by the CCC that might make suitable sites.

"Our goal is to make contacts between as many of the camps as possible, and to contact as many Amateur Radio operators as possible," Esterline said. He asks anyone interested in participating to contact him.

(FOR A LIST OF CCC CAMPS IN MICHIGAN TO www.ccclegacy.org)

TOOLS AND HOW TO USE THEM ...

CIRCULAR SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make boards too short.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

WIRE WHEEL:
Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, ... 'Oh shit' !!

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

Yooper Doopers: The First Publication of the Word Yooper

Over two years ago I posted a blog about the origin and first use of the word Yooper. My source for the blog was Professor Richard W. Bailey from the University of Michigan who did a more extensive write-up on the history of Yooper. It cites a contest that was held August 5, 1979 by the Escanaba Daily Press. Brett Crawford of Bark River was credited with submitting Yooper.

Many people commented that they had heard the word used earlier than 1979, many stating that they recall hearing it used during their college days in the 70s. I have no doubt that it may have been used earlier, but when was it first published?

However...

Introducing Dan Rosandich...

Recently I received an e-mail from Dan Rosandich who was a cartoonist for the Daily Mining Gazette. He attached a few images and sure enough, they *predate* the Daily Press article.

Then editor, and U.P. evangelist, Bob Skuggen asked Dan to contribute a comic bi-weekly to the Mining Gazette. At the time Dan, an Ontonagon High School graduate, was just 21 years old. This was the very first comic which was published on May 11, 1979.

Dan had the following to say:

“Bob Skuggen has since passed away, but was a big promoter of the Upper Peninsula back in those days, when tourism wasn’t promoted like it is now. Initially the cartoons I showed him back in those days had no title, so he insisted I think one up... I showed all of these U.P. cartoons to a few friends and we brainstormed one day and eventually after saying “U.P. , U.P.’er....YOOOPER hit me in the head like a ton of bricks and it stuck.”

–Dan Rosandich

When I posted the original blog entry there was a lot of conversation (mainly on the Yooper Steez Fan Page) if this was the first use of the word Yooper, or at least the first time being published which is what I focused on.

I think we can agree that it’s not difficult to derive the word Yooper.

U.P. —> U.P.-er —> and finally Yooper.

Regardless, I have to hand it to Dan Rosandich, Bob Skuggen, *and* Brett Crawford. They have helped give the people of the Upper Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula itself a strong identity. Well done gentleman, well done. I owe you all a lot of credit (perhaps a beer and a pasty?) and it’s now a word that I use *daily*. I find it pretty remarkable how strong of an identity Yoopers and the Upper Peninsula have. There are only a few places across the country that can compare.

By all means, let the conversation continue. Leave a comment and share what you think. Perhaps you can dig up some more resources on the early publications of the word Yooper.

CELL PHONE INFO - PRINT - KEEP IN YOUR CAR

If you use a cell phone this is a must read. In fact I printed out a copy and put one in each of my vehicles and one by the cell phone charger.

4 Things you might not have known about your Cell Phone

For all the folks with cell phones. (This should be printed and kept in your car, purse, and wallet. Good information to have with you.)

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival.

Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST (Emergency)

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

SECOND (Hidden Battery Power)

*Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370#. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.*

THIRD (How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?)

*To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone: *#06#. A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.*

If your phone is stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

And Finally....

FOURTH (Free Directory Service for Cells)

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial:

(800) FREE411 or (800) 373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now. This is sponsored by McDonalds.

Electronics retailer Radio Shack plans to close as many as 1,100 stores -- or nearly 20% of its locations.

The company said that the closings will leave it with more than 4,000 stores, including 900 operated as franchise locations.

Radio Shack also reported that sales at stores open at least a year fell 19% in the last quarter, which included the important holiday shopping period. It blamed the drop on traffic declines and weak sales of mobile devices such as cell phones. Its net loss in the period roughly tripled.

CEO Joseph Magnacca told investors that the stores to be closed were lower performing locations had been forecast to lose money this year.

Radio Shack has one of the largest footprints of any U.S. retailer, with about 5,200 locations in the United States. Company filings say that more than 90% of the U.S. population lives or works within minutes of a Radio Shack location. By comparison, Wal-Mart (WMT, Fortune 500), the nation's largest retailer, has about 3,700 U.S. stores, while Best Buy (BBY, Fortune 500), one of Radio Shack's major competitors in the electronics sector, has 1,400 U.S. locations.



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