

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8WR LARRY ALMAN
GREENVILLE MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
KB8TS KEN GATES
DETOUR VILLAGE MI

APRIL 2016

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The month of April, where showers are supposed to bring May flowers, but the showers are supposed to be rain, not snow!! What do Mayflowers bring, pilgrims of course! Just couldn't resist that old one.

On the bands we seem to be in that transition between winter and summer propagation. So days things are real good and the next not so good. I was on 40 meters listening to MIDCARS and the band had very low noise and the signal were very strong, except the people close to me in Michigan. WB8VOF Checked in and I could not hear him at all. Same with Dick KB8NOE, I did hear Joe N8HLH in Marquette, farther away I guess was better.

There are some good dxpeditions going on right now, but I have not been able to work any of them. Tom, WB8WIV, did work the VK0EK on Heard Island the other night on 20 meter SSB at about 11 pm. Guess I will have to stay in the shack later.

No swaps in Michigan in April. I wish the school club at Lowell would move their swap back to April, I really enjoyed that one at that time of year. We do have Cadillac coming up on May 7, with the U.P. Net meeting at 10:00 a.m. Then the next Saturday is Chassell in the U.P. I hope to make them both so I can see Net people from both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas in the same month.

UPPER PENINSULA NET WEBSITE www.michupnet.com

NET STATS

FEB 2015 CHECKINS 1050 TRAFFIC 43

FEB 2016 CHECKINS 1000 TRAFFIC 40

HIGH TRAFFIC NONE

HIGH CHECKINS 40 N8BNC

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSEARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>IPATTI DAUGHTER OF WA8DHB MARSHA XYL OF W8PZ</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13 KA9YIU GLENN KC9LHB MIKE</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 K8ZJU BEVERLY</i>	<i>23 GAIL XYL OF KD9TZ</i>
<i>24 WB8IEH & AGNES</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26 K8MXC BOB</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28 WA8THK PERRY WA8DHB AILEEN NS8V PAUL</i>	<i>29 K8SKY SKYE</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>MAY 1 JUDY XYL OF W8THK K8MXC & SANDY</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7 W8THK JIM WA8UCS & VALERIE</i>

EXAMS

04/02/2016 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor: SAROF Location: Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/02/2016 | Muskegon MI 49440-1233 Sponsor: Muskegon Area AR Council Location: American Red Cross Bldg Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/05/2016 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC Location: Oak Park Community Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/07/2016 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/09/2016 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc. Location: American Red Cross Building Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/09/2016 | Caro MI 48723-1606 Sponsor: Tuscola County ARA Location: Tuscola County Sheriff Dept Time: 10:00 AM (No walk-ins)

04/09/2016 | Monroe MI 48161-9770 Sponsor: W8OTC Location: Good Shepherd Church Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/09/2016 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC Location: St Clair County Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/16/2016 | Big Rapids MI 49307-2736 Sponsor: Big Rapid AARC Location: Ferris State University Time: 4:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/16/2016 | Flint MI 48507 Sponsor: The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams Location: Baker College of Flint-Tech Center Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/16/2016 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor: ICARPSC Location: Ionia Central Dispatch Time: 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)

04/16/2016 | Monroe MI 48162-5231 Sponsor: Monroe Cty Radio Comm Assoc Location: American Red Cross Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/20/2016 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 Sponsor: none Location: Mills Township Hall Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/23/2016 | South Lyon MI 48178 Sponsor: South Lyon Area ARC Location: Witch's Hat Depot Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/28/2016 | Battle Creek MI 49017-4867 Sponsor: SMARS Location: Maple United Methodist Church Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

04/28/2016 | Owosso MI 48867-9999 Sponsor: Corunna VE Team Location: Baker College Welcome Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/01/2016 | Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615 Sponsor: NQ8A Testing Group Location: Church of Christ Bldg Rear Time: 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/07/2016 | Alma MI 48801-1504 Sponsor: Gratiot County ARA Location: Alma College, Swanson Academic Center, Lecture Hall 113 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/07/2016 | Cadillac MI 49601-1824 Sponsor: Wexaukee ARC/Cadillac Hamfest Location: Cadillac Junior High School Time: 10:30 AM (No walk-ins)

05/07/2016 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor: SAROF Location: Mt. Clemens Salvation

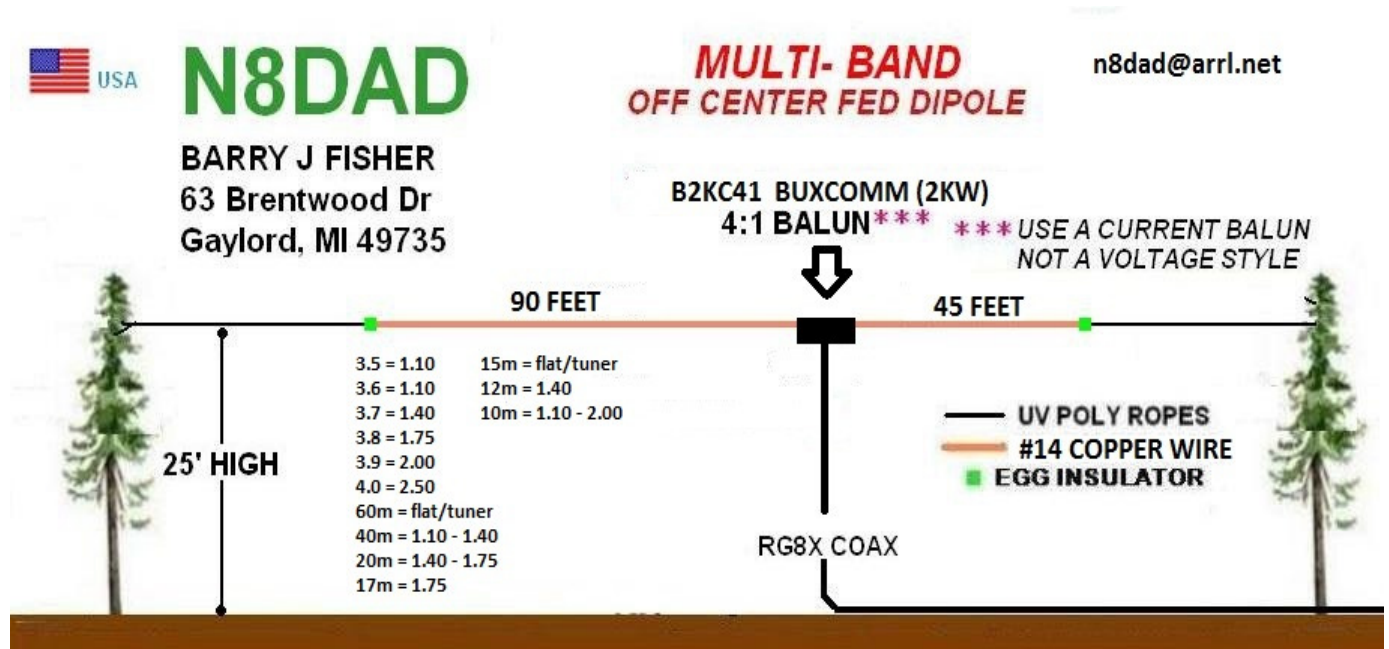
HAMFEST

- **05/07/2016 | Cadillac, Michigan Hamfest Location: Cadillac, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://www.wexaukeearc.org/>**
- 05/14/2016 | Chassell, Michigan Hamfest Location: Chassell, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Copper Country Radio Amateur Assn. & Keweenaw County Repeater Assn. Website: <http://kcra-mi.net/>**
- 06/11/2016 | LARS Hamfest Location: Newberry, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Luce Amateur Radio Society Website: <http://www.w8nby.com>**
- 06/18/2016 | Midland Hamfest Location: Midland, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Midland Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://w8kea.org>**
- 06/19/2016 | Monroe Hamfest Location: Monroe, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Monroe County Radio Communications Association Website: <http://www.mcrca.org>**

Barry, N8DAD in Gaylord sent this nice illustration of his OCF dipole antenna. He has been using OCF dipoles for a number of years at three different locations and has had very good luck with these antennas. He has been able to “work the world” with these antennas.

He has built these antennas himself and at this time has two of them at right angles to each other to see if there is much difference in their receive and transmit abilities.

So as you plan your antenna projects for this summer, keep the OCF in mind. I am sure Barry will be happy to answer any questions you have about the antenna



Marital Advice ...submitted for your consideration by Jim, WB8IEH

When a man is "wrong" he should apologize.

When a man is "right" he should keep his mouth shut.

A man should recognize that the woman has the last word in an argument. Anything said after that is just the start of another argument.

There are five words man needs to frequently speak. "Yes dear, you are right."

FROM MIKE, KE8IL

**This is a staged ad for a company or tech school.
I smell something burning.
May be it's a 120 volt logic probe?**



IT'S AN ELECTION YEAR PEOPLE, MAYBE TIME TO CORRECT SOME PAST MISTAKES

OF ELECTING THSES PEOPLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

An 'airport ticket agent' offers some examples of why the US is in so much trouble!

1. I had a New Hampshire Congresswoman (Carol Shea-Porter) ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window. (On an airplane!)

2. I got a call from a Kansas Congressman's (Moore) staffer (Howard Bauleke), who wanted to go to Cape Town. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information, and then he interrupted me with, "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Cape Town is in Massachusetts .."

Without trying to make him look stupid, I calmly explained, "CapeCod is in Massachusetts, Cape Town is in South Africa ..." His response --- click.

3. A senior Vermont Congressman (Bernie Sanders) called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando. He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that's not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state.

He replied, "Don't lie to me! I looked it up on the map, and Florida is a very THIN state!!!" (OMG!)

4. I got a call from a lawmaker's wife (Landra Reid) who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Canada?"

I said, "No."

She said, "But they look so close on the map." (OMG, again!)

5. An aide for a cabinet member (Janet Napolitano) once called and asked if he could rent a car in Dallas. I pulled up the reservation and noticed he only had a 1-hour layover in Dallas. When I asked him why he wanted to rent a car, he replied, "I heard Dallas was a big airport, and we will need a car to drive between gates to save time." (Aghhhh!)

6. An Illinois Congresswoman (Jan Schakowsky) called last week. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:30 a.m. and got to Chicago at 8:33 a.m.

I explained that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she couldn't understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went very fast, and she bought that. (Must be blonde!)

7. A New York lawmaker, (Jerrold Nadler) called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage belongs to whom?" I said, "No . . . why do you ask?"

He replied, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said (FAT), and I'm overweight. I think that's very rude!"

After putting him on hold for a minute, while I looked into it, (I was dying laughing), I came back and explained the city code for Fresno, Ca. is (FAT - Fresno Air Terminal), and the airline was just putting a destination tag on his luggage.

8. A Senator John Kerry aide (Lindsay Ross) called to inquire about a trip package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

9. I just got off the phone with a freshman Congressman, Bobby Bright from Ala. who asked, "How do I know which plane to get on?"

I asked him what exactly he meant, to which he replied, "I was told my flight number is 823, but none of these planes have numbers on them."

10. Senator Dianne Feinstein called and said, "I need to fly to Pepsi-Cola, Florida. Do I have to get on one of those little computer planes?"

I asked if she meant fly to Pensacola and fly on a commuter plane. She said, "Yeah, whatever, smarty!"

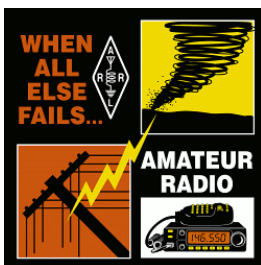
11. Mary Landrieu, La. Senator, called and had a question about the documents she needed in order to fly to China. After a lengthy discussion about passports, I reminded her that she needed a visa. "Oh, no I don't. I've been to China many times and never had to have one of those."

I double checked and sure enough, her stay required a visa. When I told her this she said, "Look, I've been to China four times and every time they have accepted my American Express!"

Now you know why the Government is in the shape it's in!

Could ANYONE be this DUMB???

YES, THEY WALK AMONG US, ARE IN POLITICS, AND THEY CONTINUE TO BREED.



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