

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS

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HAM OF THE YEAR
KD8KCV - Dave Peck
Gaylord, MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
NU8U – Don Christensen
Midland, MI

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FROM THE EDITOR----- JIM - K8UHF k8uhf@sbcglobal.net

Everyone in the Upper Peninsula Net wants to thank Bill, N8NJA, for taking on the Newsletter since 2004. We appreciate all you have done and wish you the best of luck. Please feel free to give us information you'd like published, Bill, so we can all keep up with you. Again, THANK YOU for a job well done!

Now, from your new editor. My name is Jim Hein, K8UHF, from Dimondale, MI...just a little village southwest of Lansing. I have been a ham since 1976 and recently earned my Amateur Extra License (it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks so it took a while! LOL).

My wife, Dawn, and I will do our best to bring you news from the Upper Peninsula Net. We welcome any pictures or article suggestions you may have. Also, if you'd like your name put on the Birthdays and Anniversaries calendar, let us know. Please send all information to me at k8uhf@sbcglobal.net.

You may have already heard, Joe, K8DT (Dirty Toes), is a Silent Key (SK) as of March 1, 2019. Joe was known for his morning comment on the radio "It's a great day today on the Grand Traverse Bay". See the SILENT KEY article below. Our condolences to his family. He will be missed by his ham friends.

NOTE: As the result of a recent polling of UP Net check-ins, it's been decided to continue the pre-net starting time at 4:30pm daily with the regular Net starting at 5:00pm. Thank you to all of you who were involved in this polling process.

UPPER PENINSULA NET WEBSITE www.michupnet.com

NET STATS

February 2018: Check-ins 1007 - Traffic 40
February 2019: Check-ins 940 - Traffic 36
High Check-ins: W8WR 41, KE8AHK 38, KC8ZMN 38, N8BNC 35, NS8S 35
Sunday Noon Net: KD8KCV 24
High Traffic: WA8DHB 2

SILENT KEY

A few words from Dave Fleming, NS8S, about Joe Panyard, Sr. - K8DT:

Joe was from a good size family and grew up on White Lake in a real “Frank Lloyd Wright” home. He spent his summers boating, fishing and swimming on the lake with the locals. He knew the history for sure. I did not know Joe personally, but we sure shared a lot in common, as we both grew up on opposite sides of the lake, nearly a generation apart. Joe’s younger brothers, Al and Mike, dated two of my sisters, Mary Ellen and Pamela, so there’s a connection there, as well. Joe’s memory of diving off the fish tugs tied up at the Barteau Marina and other wild lake side fun always drew on my memory! What a great guy!

Joe was a retiree from many years at General Telephone, and when he bought a “Magic Jack” phone system, it nearly made him go crazy! The irony there was prophetic! I will miss Joe on the air, for sure.

HAM PROFILE

Jim Hein, Jr. – K8UHF

First licensed as a Novice, WN8BDL, on July 23, 1976. Upgraded to General Class a year later and call changed to WD8BDL. Changed to my current vanity call of K8UHF in 2000.

Back in about 1975, my friend, Dale Moore, K8YRD, heard me playing on CB radio one day and invited me to his HAM radio station. What a station! He could easily contact anyone in the world with his Tri-Band beam antenna and Heathkit HF radio and amplifier. I was only 16 years old, and, boy, was I impressed. We got to be very good friends. Shortly after we met, he started a Novice class to teach Morse Code and Theory to become Novice Class amateur radio operators. I don’t remember how many were in the class but I do remember it was a full room. After many hours, and several weeks, in class, we all took the exam and I believe we all passed. Dale is now SK. I always joked with Dale that “he was my oldest friend”. Hi Hi We had a lot of good times. He is dearly missed.

It took me many months before I got my first rig. Ray, then WD8AZF, now K8RLE, invited me to his house and I made my very first CW contact on 80 meters with a station in Ohio. Later, another Ham loaned me a receiver and a transmitter and the two had only 15 meters in common that were operational. I operated CW with a straight key on 15 meters CW in the Novice band.

I then studied for my General Class and in 1977 I wrote my General and passed the 13 words-per-minute code at the Federal Building in Detroit. Boy, was that an experience at 17 years old!

My first radio purchase was a Kenwood TR-7400A 2 meter FM mobile. Next, I purchased a Kenwood TS-520S with matching speaker and manual tuner. I operated mainly 10 meters SSB and CW on several other

bands. Over the years, I have had many different rigs and operated on all the HF bands and two meter FM Simplex. I've tried a little bit of a lot of different modes for SSB to SSTV and ATV amateur television. Even got an article in the 1993 issue of QST, thanks to Ralph, WB8DQT, about our ATV operation between two elementary schools in Lansing during Science Week with my friend Mark, KB8LKC. Also, in the ARRL Image Communications Handbook...again thanks to Ralph, WB8DQT. We sure had a lot of fun on ATV.

Skip ahead many years to about 2000. I always said I would never change my call but when I saw K8UHF was available I had to have it. It fit in well with the mode of radio I was playing at the time. My current station consists of Yaesu FTDX-3000 HF radio and FT-991 System Fusion Radios, and an HF amplifier. I have even set up my own Remote Hams station that many of you have heard me operate from home and while camping around the state of Michigan. In 2018, I finally upgraded to Amateur Extra and became an ARRL Extra Class Volunteer Examiner. Latest adventure is into DMR, Digital Mobile Radio, and Hotspots. Ham radio sure is fun!

I have been married to my wife, Dawn, for almost 24 years. We enjoy outdoor life with camping, gardening, walks and watching beautiful sunsets and birds from our living room. She is a dream wife as she "puts up with all my radio fun" with a smile. She even volunteered to do the UP Net Newsletter with me!



Who needs a tuner with
a cat like our Punkin?



FROM THE ARRL.ORG WEBSITE

March 21, 2019

The FCC recently invited public comment on ARRL's 2018 Technician Enhancement *Petition for Rule Making* ([RM-11828](#)). It asks 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. It does *not* seek to create a new Amateur Radio license class.

Specifically, ARRL proposes to provide present and future Technicians with phone privileges at 3.900 to 4.000 MHz, 7.225 to 7.300 MHz, and 21.350 to 21.450 MHz, and with RTTY and digital privileges in current Technician allocations on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters.

The FCC has also invited public comment on an entirely *unrelated* *Petition for Rule Making* ([RM-11829](#)), filed in 2017 by ARRL member Gary A. Hampton, AD0WU, of Longmont, Colorado. Hampton has asked the FCC to create a new "Tyro" entry-level license class, which would require a minimal online examination as well as mentoring by an Amateur Radio licensee of Technician class or higher. Tyro licensees would have to be at least 11 years old and would earn operating privileges on 99 channels in a 70-centimeter segment that Hampton calls a "TyroSubBand". It would offer no HF privileges.

These are *not* competing petitions. Members of the Amateur Radio community should evaluate both proposals on their own merits and comment, if they desire. ARRL has provided [a summary of the Technician Enhancement proposals](#) and explained their advantages.

Interested parties have 30 days to comment on both proposals. For information on how to file comments, visit ["How to Comment on FCC Proceedings"](#). <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/how-comment>

ALL HAMS OF THE MONTH/YEAR

We look forward to learning more about you, so we ask that when you receive your certificate from Chris, KC8ZDM, and your crown from Kelly, KC8GTE, that you take a “selfie” holding your certificate and sporting your crown. E-mail it to Jim, K8UHF, at k8huhf@sbcglobal.net. Please include a short bio about yourself. We will include this information in the next Newsletter; that way we all can get to know you a little better.

April 2019

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
31	1 Patti's Daughter of WA8DHB	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 KA9YIU Glen KC9LHB Mike
14	15	16	17 WD8PRW Don	18	19	20
21	22 K8ZJU Beverly	23 Gail XYL of KD9TZ	24	25	26 K8MXC Bob KC8GTE Kelly	27 Chassell, MI Hamfest/ Convention
28 WA8THK Perry WA8DHB Aileen NS8V Paul	29 K8SKY Skye	30	May 1 Judy XYL of W8HTK K8MXC & Sandy	May 2	May 3	May 4 Cadillac Hamfest

HAMFESTS

For complete information, refer to the ARRL Hamfests

www.arrl.org

- April 7, 2019** 2nd Annual GMARC Technology Expo
Madison Heights, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: GM Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.gmarc.org>
- April 27, 2019** Chassell, MI Hamfest/Convention
Chassell, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: CCRAA, KCRA, BCRA Copper Country Clubs
- May 4, 2019** Cadillac Hamfest
Cadillac, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://wexaukeearc.org/>
NOTE: UP Net meeting: Please look for the signs guiding you to the UP Net meeting room and time during the swap.

EXAM SESSIONS

For complete information, refer to ARRL – Licensing, Education and Training

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- April 6, 2019** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps, Mount Clemens, MI
7:30pm – Walk-ins welcome
- April 13, 2019** American Red Cross Building, Ann Arbor, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins welcome
- April 13, 2019** Charlotte Church of Christ, Charlotte, MI
12:00pm – Walk-ins welcome
- April 13, 2019** St. Clair County Library, Port Huron, MI
10:00am – Walk-ins welcome
- April 20, 2019** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center, Flint, MI
9:30am – Walk-ins welcome
- April 20, 2019** Jackson Carnegie Library, Jackson, MI
10:15am – Walk-ins welcome
- April 25, 2019** Maple United Methodist Church, Battle Creek, MI
7:00pm – Walk-ins welcome

April 25, 2019 Shiawassee Co. EOC, Corunna, MI
7:00pm – Walk-ins welcome

April 27, 2019 Witch's Hat Depot, South Lyon, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins welcome

May 4, 2019 Cadillac Junior High School, Cadillac, MI
10:30am – NO Walk-ins / Call ahead

May 4, 2019 Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps, Mount Clemens, MI
7:30pm – Walk-ins welcome

May 5, 2019 Church of Christ, St. Joseph, MI
12:30pm – Walk-ins welcome

May 8, 2019 Livonia Civic Center Library, Livonia, MI
7:00pm – NO Walk-ins / Call ahead

May 11, 2019 American Red Cross Building, Ann Arbor, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins welcome

May 11, 2019 Lansing Fire Station #44, Lansing, MI
11:00am – Walk-ins welcome

May 11, 2019 St. Clair County Library, Port Huron, MI
10:00am – Walk-ins welcome

May 11, 2019 First United Methodist Church, Wyandotte, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins welcome



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