

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8KP BOB WITTLA
BRUCE CROSSING MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
W9EVT GEORGE ULM
WASHINGTON ISLAND WI

MAY 2012

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA bkn8nja@att.net

The month of May, we should have May flowers. I think some of the May flowers have been and gone already, but I am sure there will be some to look at. I wanted to continue the article on K8DSS remote set up this month, but had a major computer crash and lost the rest of it. For some reason that and some other items did not show up when I restored with the back up. I will ask Ed to send it again so we can see the rest of the set up. I also lost some other files and some of my favorites and all my email addresses. So if you want me to have your email address you will have to send me one.

On a personal note, I have stopped taking chemo. It has done some good and the doctor wants to see if my white cell count will stay stable now. I will get things checked again June 20th and see where I stand. I am beginning to feel better, even though it might take 3 or 4 months to get close to normal. You would not think your body would protest getting rid of the poison of the chemo, but it does. I guess your body gets somewhat use to having it and you go through some withdrawal when you quit. Anyway I am looking forward to be able to do some things this spring. Don't forget see you all in Cadillac at the swap on May 5th

NET STATS

2011 MARCH CHECKINS 1316 TRAFFIC 50
2012 MARCH CHECKINS 1276 TRAFFIC 57
MARCH HIGH CHECKINS WA8DHB 45 N8BNC 44
MARCH HIGH TRAFFIC WB8VOF 3

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May 2012

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>JUDY XYL OF W8HTK</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>W8HTK JIM WA8UCS & VALERIE</i>	8	9 <i>W8UJH & LORRAINE</i>	10	11	12 <i>WA8DVD DAVE</i>
13	14	15 <i>KATHLEEN XYL OF N8NJA</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <i>KA8OGC JEAN</i>	29	30	31		

EXAMS

- 05/03/2012 | Dearborn MI 48124-3958 **Sponsor:** FARL **Location:** Ford Motor Company-Building 1 Atrium Conference Room **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/05/2012 | Cadillac MI 49601-1824 **Sponsor:** Wexaukee ARC/Cadillac Hamfest **Location:** Cadillac Junior High School **Time:** 10:30 AM (No walk-ins)
- 05/05/2012 | Gaylord MI 49735-1723 **Sponsor:** Top of Michigan ARC **Location:** Otsego County Pub Library **Time:** 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- 05/05/2012 | Kincheloe MI 49788-1638 **Sponsor:** Eastern Upper Penninsula AR **Location:** Emergency Operations Center **Time:** 10:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/05/2012 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** Mt Clemens SAROF
Location: Salvation Army Corps-Corner South Gratiot
Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/05 *Iron Mountain:* 9:00am central time, (arrive by 8:30am) Dickinson County Library (conference room), contact Mark J. Lewis N8UKD (906) 776-1553, 412 Fairmount St. Kingsford,

- Mi 49802
- 05/06/2012 | Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615 **Sponsor:** NQ8A Testing Group **Location:** Church of Christ **Time:** 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/12/2012 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/12/2012 | Mason MI 48854 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Ingham County Sheriff's Dept **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/12/2012 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC **Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/12/2012 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 **Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club **Location:** Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 05/19/2012 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 **Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 05/26/2012 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 **Sponsor:** Allegan County ARC **Location:** Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/26/2012 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 **Sponsor:** Kalamazoo ARC **Location:** Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/26/2012 | South Lyon MI 48178 **Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC **Location:** Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

06/02/2012 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** Mt Clemens SAROF
Location: Salvation Army Corps-Corner South Gratiot
Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 06/03/2012 | Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615 **Sponsor:** NQ8A Testing Group **Location:** Church of Christ **Time:** 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

06/05/2012 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC
Location: Oak Park Community Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

HAMFEST

- **05/05/2012 | Cadillac Amateur Radio and Computer Swap**
- **Location:** Cadillac, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club **Website:** <http://www.wexaukeearc.org/other-area-clubs.html>
- 06/02/2012 | 2012 Independent Repeater Association's Hamfest **Location:** Hudsonville, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Independent Repeater Association (W8IRA)
Website: <http://www.w8ira.org>

06/03/2012 | Chelsea Radio Swap 'n Shop Location: Chelsea, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Chelsea Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://wd8iel.net>

DON'T BE A VICTIM.....

Subject: [QTH.com Classifieds] Scam warning

Dear QTH.com Ham Radio Classifieds user:

We've seen an alarming increase in the number of scammers utilizing our website (and it seems most other ham radio classified sites, too, based on reports coming in). I wanted to take this opportunity to explain what some of these scammers are doing, in hopes it will better protect you from them, when you are selling equipment on the QTH.com Classifieds at <http://swap.qth.com>.

Common scammer traits:

- 1) They will use some else's callsign, and they will create an email address that contains that callsign, usually with a free email provider like gmail, yahoo, hotmail, etc. They sometimes pose as foreign callsigns (especially UK and Spain) but recently have been using USA callsigns.
- 2) They will sometimes post "For Sale" ads, but also will sometimes answer "Wanted" ads. Usually the prices are a little too good to be true.
- 3) They will use pictures of equipment they have found on the Internet (they don't really own the equipment).
- 4) They seem to like payments via Western Union (no protection for the buyer), but will also use PayPal (hoping to drain their account before the buyer realizes they have been scammed).
- 5) They seem to know ham radio jargon. For all we know, these scammers are hams, but we can't be sure.
- 6) They are sophisticated enough to use "proxy servers" so their IP address cannot be easily detected. This makes it difficult for us to block the scammers. We are constantly tweaking our filters to block these guys when possible, but it is a constant cat and mouse game.

What can you do to protect yourself?

- * Ask for a phone number and call the person before agreeing on any deal. This is probably the #1 way to expose the rats.
 - * Check to see if the email address they used matches what is listed for that person on their QRZ.com profile. It could be a red flag if there is a mismatch.
 - * Be especially cautious of dealing with foreign hams. Not all foreign hams are scammers, of course! Just be extra careful!!
 - * Never use Western Union. Be very cautious of using Money Orders and Cashier's Checks. PayPal and Credit Cards seem to be the best option, as far as having any buyer protection. Money Orders & Cashier's Checks are perfectly acceptable if you are absolutely sure who you are dealing with.
 - * Read all of my "Safe Trading Tips" at <http://chat.qth.com/viewtopic.php?t=12>
- About 100,000 ads are placed each year in the QTH.com Classifieds, and only a tiny, tiny fraction wind up being fraudulent. I do not want to scare you into thinking that it is unsafe to trade online. Rather, I simply want to arm you with knowledge, so that you will be able to sniff out the bad guys, and stay safe.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me directly at ka9fox@qth.com.

73 - Scott KA9FOX

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Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, to be CQ Columnist

Retired FCC amateur radio enforcement chief **Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH**, has been named a CQ magazine contributing editor, it was announced today by CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. Hollingsworth will succeed "Washington Readout" editor Fred Maia, W5YI, who recently became a Silent Key.

Hollingsworth, a ham since 1960 and a longtime FCC attorney, became a household name in amateur radio in 1998 when he was named Special Counsel for Amateur Radio in the Commission's newly-created Enforcement Bureau. His highly-visible enforcement actions were cheered by a vast majority of the amateur community after more than a decade during which FCC enforcement on the ham bands was virtually non-existent. Hollingsworth retired from the FCC in 2008, but has continued to be in demand as a speaker at hamfests and radio club meetings.

His new monthly column - to be titled "Riley's Ramblings" - will incorporate "Washington Readout's" coverage of legislative and administrative actions that affect amateur radio, as well as additional topics of importance and/or interest to CQ's readers, all related in the distinctive common-sense style that has made Riley a sought-after speaker. His first column will appear in the July, 2012, issue of CQ, and will explain why ongoing FCC enforcement actions since his retirement have been somewhat "under the radar."

"We are pleased and honored to have Riley joining our staff," said Moseson. "His stature in the amateur radio community is second-to-none, and his ability to explain sometimes-arcane legal and regulatory language in plain English fits right in with CQ's long-standing dedication to providing practical, useful information for our readers to help them get the most enjoyment possible out of the amateur radio hobby. I look forward to a long and fruitful relationship."

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to CQ and to amateur radio generally," noted Hollingsworth. "As a 13-year-old Novice in South Carolina nervously making my first contact with an overheated Johnson Challenger and a barely effective vertical, not in my wildest imagination did I think I would be writing for a ham radio magazine someday. I am very appreciative of this offer and I hope I can be a valuable asset to the magazine."

Hollingsworth holds a Master's degree from the University of South Carolina, and a law degree from Wake Forest University. He lives in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Pat.

DO YOU KNOW THIS From Jim, WB8IEH

People with blue eyes see better in dark.

Money isn't made out of paper, it is made out of cotton.

Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying

*Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear By 700 times
(Must be a lot of infected contesters)*

NOT POLITICALLY COREECT, BUT FUNNY.....From Jim, WB8IEH

The ITALIAN Funeral...

A man was leaving a convenience store with his morning coffee when he noticed a most unusual funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery.

A black hearse was followed by a second black hearse about 50 feet behind the first one. Behind the second hearse was a solitary man walking a dog on a leash.

Behind him, a short distance back, were about 200 men walking single file. The man couldn't stand the curiosity. He respectfully approached the man walking the dog and said: "I am so sorry for your loss, and this may be a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this. Whose funeral is it?" "My wife's." "What happened to her?"

"She yelled at me and my dog attacked and killed her."

He inquired further, "But who is in the second hearse?"

The man answered, "My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my wife when the dog turned on her. She didn't survive either."

A very poignant and touching moment of brotherhood and silence passed between the two men. "Can I borrow the dog?" The man replied, "Get in line."

MORE IMORTANT FACTS

A huge underground river runs underneath the Nile, with six times more water than the river above.

The animal responsible for the most human deaths world-wide is the mosquito (HOW CAN ANYBODY IN MICHIGAN STILL BE ALIVE!!!)

We exercise at least 30 muscles when we smile.

Our brain is more complex than the most powerful computer and has over 100 billion nerve cells.

(I JUST THINK SOME PEOPLE HAVE A LOT OF FRAGMENTED FILES AND BAD SECTORS ON THEIR BRAIN HARD DRIVES)

U. P. NET MEMBER PROFILE

AL CONNER, WB2JQJ, OSWEGO NEW YORK

Al was born in Oswego New York in 1935, where he graduated from high school a few years later. He then spent some time in the navy. After serving his country Al was started his career as an iron worker and welder.

In the early to mid 1970's Al got his start in amateur radio. This interest spilled over to his spouse, Rose, who holds the call of KA2AOK with a general class license. Rose and Al have 8 children and have been married for 56 years. Their station has an Icom 746 pro and 2 or 3 other radios.

Besides ham radio Al's other hobbies include safes, aircraft, construction equipment, motorcycles, and firearms.



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