

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
W8BP JOHN WASMUTH  
MARQUETTE MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
W8SKS STAN SUMMERS  
KALKASKA MI

MAY 2014

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It's the month of May and the flowers are blooming! I have a few crocus next to the house that have actually made an appearance! For you people in the west end of the U.P. it might be awhile before they show up in your yard.

I have heard that Randy, K8HRO has had a little health problem, we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Don't forget U.P. Net meeting 10:00 a.m. Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Cadillac Swap, see you there.

I guess you better work that DX while you can, see news below.

The sun's magnetic poles have reversed polarity, according to NASA, officially marking the peak of solar Cycle 24, the weakest cycle in a century.

Meanwhile, Forbes.com is quoting solar physicist Mark Giampapa of the National Solar Observatory in Arizona as saying he believes we "are heading into a Maunder Minimum," referring to a period from 1645 to 1715 in which there were few to no sunspots over several 11-year solar cycles. If that's the case, said Giampapa, we could be suffering from low sunspot counts into the 2080s.

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

## NET STATS

MARCH 2013 CHECKINS 1301 TRAFFIC 53  
MARCH 2014 CHECKINS 1200 TRAFFIC 47  
HIGH TRAFFIC MARCH W8WR 2 KC8ZMN 2  
HIGH CHECKINS WA8DHB 40 TWICE N8GWN 40

# May 2014

## 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 &amp; VALERIE</i>	8	9  <i>W8UJH &amp; LORRAINE</i>	10
11	12  <i>WA8DVD &amp; XYL</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

- - **05/03/2014 | [Cadillac MI 49601-1824](#)**  
**Sponsor:** Wexaukee ARC/Cadillac Hamfest **Location:** Cadillac Junior High School  
**Time:** 10:30 AM (No walk-ins)
  
  - 05/03/2014 | [Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217](#) Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
  
  - 05/09/2014 | [Grand Rapids MI 49503-1304](#) Sponsor:** Grand Rapids ARA **Location:** Red Cross Building  
**Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
  
  - 05/10/2014 | [Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516](#) Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
  
  - 05/10/2014 | [Mason MI 48854](#) Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Ingham County Sheriff's Dept  
**Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
  
  - 05/10/2014 | [Traverse City MI 49686-3103](#) Sponsor:** Cherryland ARC **Location:** Traverse City District Library **Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
  
  - 05/10/2014 | [Wyandotte MI 48192-9999](#) Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club **Location:** Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
  
  - 05/13/2014 | [Howell MI 48844-9999](#) Sponsor:** Livingston ARK (LARK) **Location:** Livingston County 911 Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
  
  - 05/17/2014 | [Ionia MI 48846-8512](#)**
  
  - **05/17/2014 | [Ionia MI 48846-8512](#) Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
  
  - 05/21/2014 | [Prescott MI 48756-9108](#) Sponsor:** Location: Mills Township Hall  
**Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
  
  - 05/24/2014 | [Allegan MI 49010-1524](#) Sponsor:** Allegan County ARC **Location:** Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/24/2014 | [Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156](#) Sponsor: Kalamazoo ARC Location: Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept  
Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/24/2014 | [South Lyon MI 48178](#) Sponsor: South Lyon Area ARC  
Location: Witch's Hat Depot Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

06/01/2014 | [Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615](#) Sponsor: NQ8A Testing Group  
Location: Church of Christ Time: 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

06/03/2014 | [Oak Park MI 48237-2085](#) Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC Location: Oak Park Community Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

## HAMFEST

- 05/03/2014 | [Cadillac Amateur Radio and Computer Swap](#)

Location: Cadillac, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Wexauke Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://www.wexaukeearc.org/>

06/01/2014 | [Chelsea Radio Swap 'n Shop](#) Location: Chelsea, MI  
Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Chelsea Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://www.wd8iel.com>

## Hamfest/Convention

06/07/2014 | [IRA Hamfest \(W8IRA/R\)](#) Location: Hudsonville, MI  
Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Independent Repeater Association W8IRA/R) Website:  
<http://www.w8ira.org>

06/07/2014 | [Luce ARS Hamfest](#) Location: Newberry, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor:  
Luce Amateur Radio Society Website: <http://www.w8nby.com>

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The problem with political jokes is they get elected. ~Henry Cate, VII

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber. ~Plato

## UPN MEMBER PROFILE

GORDON BALDWIN, W8CT LAKE CITY, MICHIGAN

GORDON WAS BORN IN MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON, IN 1953. HAVING MOVED TO LAKE CITY, HE GRADUATED FROM LAKE CITY HIGH SCHOOL AND WENT ON TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHERE HE EARNED A BS DEGREE.

HE FURTHERED HIS EDUCATION WITH MA DEGREES FROM BOTH WESTERN MICHIGAN AND MICHIGAN STATE. EMPLOYED BY WEXFORD-MISSAUKEE ISD, HE STARTED THERE AS AN ELECTRONICS INSTRUCTOR AND IS NOW DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY.

AFTER SPENDING EIGHT YEARS ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE U.S. AIR FORCE. GORDON CONTINUED TO SERVE FOR 14 YEARS WITH THE MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD, ACHIEVING THE RANK OF MAJOR.

HE BECAME INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO AT AGE 13 AND, MENTORED BY PETE MOORE, K8BMZ, HE OBTAINED HIS NOVICE LICENSE AND NOW HOLDS AN EXTRA CLASS LICENSE.

GORDON AND HIS WIFE, CHERYL, W8AMA, HAVE TWO CHILDREN, ANNE, K8AKO, AND RICK, PLUS FIVE GRANDCHILDREN.

GORDON ENJOYS GOLF, COOKING, SHOOTING SPORTS AND PLAYING GUITAR AND MANDOLINE.

HE IS A MEMBER OF ARRL, AMSAT, AND QCWA. WHEN ASKED ABOUT OTHER LIFE EXPERIENCES, GORDON STATES "EVERY DAY IS A LIFE EXPERIENCE".

FOR DETAILS ABOUT HIS AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT, YOU CAN FIND IT ONLINE AT [WWW.W8CT.NET](http://WWW.W8CT.NET).

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### **Children Are Quick**

**TEACHER:** Clyde , your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's..

**Did you copy his?**

**CLYDE :** No, sir. It's the same dog.

## Armed Forces Day 2014 Cross-Band Communication Test Set for May 10

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**TAGS:** air force, Air Force MARS, amateur radio, Amateur Radio bands, amateur radio operators, amateur radio stations, Armed Forces, Digital Modes, individual technical skills, Military Auxiliary Radio, military radio station, military stations, Navy-Marine Corps MARS, short wave listeners, Various digital modes

04/28/2014

The 2014 Armed Forces Day Cross-Band **Communication Test** will take place on Saturday, May 10. The US Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard co-sponsor the annual Amateur Radio/US military communication test. The 64th Armed Forces Day officially takes place on May 17, but the Armed Forces Day event takes place a week earlier, on May 10, to avoid conflicting with **Dayton Hamvention®**. The on-the-air celebration features traditional military-to-Amateur Radio cross-band communication on both SSB and CW. Some activity will continue into the early hours of Sunday, May 11 (UTC). Most activity gets underway at 1200 UTC.

“These tests give Amateur Radio operators and Short Wave Listeners (SWLs) an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills, and to receive recognition from the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise,” the Armed Forces Day Cross-Band Communication Test announcement said. “QSL cards will be provided to those stations making contact with the military stations.”

More than 20 military stations representing all of the services and in various parts of the Continental US, as well Hawaii (ABH), Okinawa (ADB) and Guam (NRV) are expected to be on the air, transmitting on military frequencies outside the Amateur Radio bands and listening for calls within Amateur Radio bands. Some military stations may not be on the air for the entire event, depending on propagation and station staffing.

Participating military stations will transmit on selected Military Auxiliary Radio Service (MARS) frequencies and listen for Amateur Radio stations in certain bands and frequencies, depending on the station. The military stations have asked that radio amateurs limit voice contacts to no longer than a couple of minutes. Some military stations will use CW. Much of the activity will involve frequencies outside the 80, 40, and 20 meter bands.

Participating US Army Stations will include WAR at the Pentagon, as well as AAZ, AAC, ABH, ADB, and WUG-23; US Air Force stations AIR, AGA2SY, AGA4AR, AGA5SC, and ARA9TR, and US Navy-Marine Corps stations NBL, NMC1, NMN, NNN0ASF, NNN0CQQ, NPD, NRV, NUW, NWKJ, and NWVC.

The annual event also includes the US Secretary of Defense message test, which will be transmitted in various digital modes. Stations will use RTTY, CW, PSK31, PACTOR, AMTOR (FEC), MT63, and other digital modes to transmit the message. A certificate is available for stations correctly copying the message.

Transcripts of the digital message from the US Secretary of Defense should be submitted “as received,” with no attempt to correct possible transmission or reception errors. On the same sheet of paper containing the test message, stations should provide time, frequency and call sign of the military station copied, as well as the name, call sign, and address (including zip code) of the individual submitting the entry.

Stations receiving the message from AAZ, WAR, or AAC should send entries to Armed Forces Day Celebration, Commander Netcom, ATTN: NETC-ATD (MARS Station), Building 90549 Jim Avenue, Ft Huachuca, AZ 85613-7070. Stations copying the message from NBL, NNN0ASF, NNN0CQQ, NUW, NWKJ OR NWVC should send entries to Armed Forces Day Celebration, Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS, Cheatham Annex Building 117, 108 Sanda Ave, Williamsburg, VA 23185-5830.

Stations copying the message from AGA2SY, AGA5SC, AGA9TR OR AFA4AR should send entries to Armed Forces Day Celebration, 38 Cyrs/Chief Air Force MARS, 203W Losey St, Room 1200, Scott AFB, IL 62225.

## **DX**

In DX, JA1FMN will be on the air as V63PSK from Weno Island Micronesia between May 14<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup>. His operation will be holiday style on 20 through 10 meters using the PSK and JT65A digital modes. QSL to JA1FMN either direct, via the bureau or electronically using eQSL.

DG5AA, DK8YY and DL1AWD will be operational as 3D2RH from the Fiji Islands now through May 4<sup>th</sup>. Activity will be on 80 through 10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL direct or via the bureau to DH7WW only.

ON4LO should be active stroke EA6 from Mallorca Island until May 15<sup>th</sup>. His operation will be on 40 through 10 meters using SSB. While there he also plans to activate various lighthouses on the island. QSL via his home callsign either direct or via the bureau.

DL4SDW will be operational stroke HI9 from the Villa Gonzales in the Dominican Republic until May 15<sup>th</sup>. His activity on the HF bands will be mostly CW using at 100 watts into wire antennas. QSL via DL4SDW either direct or via the bureau. The latter is preferred for this operation

Lastly, F4FJZ, will be active as TK4QL from Corsica between May and October. His operation will mostly mobile with operations on 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters using his FT-840 with 100 watts. Listen for his QSL information during your contact or check QRZ.com.

(Above DX news from OPDX and other DX news sources)

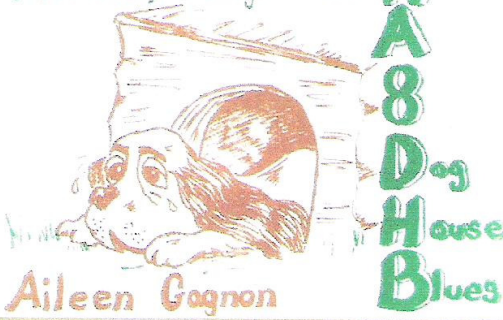
## **HAM RADIO IN SPACE: KICKSAT NOW ON-ORBIT**

The KickSat cubesat is now on-orbit and getting ready to release its cargo of Sprite pico satellites early in May. After numerous delays, KickSat was carried to space on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> on board a Space X Dragon freight capsule using the companys' Falcon 9 re-usable booster. This as a part of the CRS 3 re-supply mission to the International Space Station.

As previously reported, KickSat's beacon can be heard on 437.505 MHz as well as 2401 to 2436.2 MHz transmitting various satellite perimeters. Once released from their mother ship the Sprites will all be transmitting on 437.240 MHz but each with its own unique digital code.

In addition to KickSat the Space X CRS 3 mission also delivered several other cubesats including SporeSat, T-SAT, PhoneSat-v2.5 and ALL-STAR/THEIA. All were deployed into a 325 by 315 kilometer 51.5 degree inclination orbit. (KickSat, SpaceX)

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WA8DHB confirming \_\_\_\_\_ QSO  
with \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ UTC RST \_\_\_\_\_ freq. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rig \_\_\_\_\_ Ant. \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks:

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ACC —ARRL—DCARS  
Re. QSL tnx \_\_\_\_\_

### WA8DHB—Story of my QSL Card

I became a ham in April of 1962. My good friend Lee Rundell, WB8EDH of Munising (His wife was K8KIT) dubbed me Dog House Blues.

My good friend Lloyd Belland K8WSC heard these phonetics—He told his wife Margaret—she presented me with a ceramic coffee cup with the design on it.

I asked my good friend Sandy Chapman WD8IXZ if she could make me a QSL card, which she did.

I also have the design on a goose egg shell mounted on wood made by Mary Pederson. It sits in my ham shack.

I find that hams don't QSL like they did when I got into ham radio. I always QSL back when I receive one.

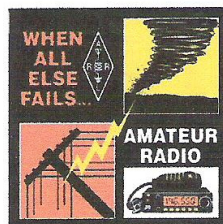
Thank you

73,

Aileen, WA8DHB

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