

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8WR LARRY ALMAN
GREENVILLE MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
W8KP BOB WITTLA
BRUCE CROSSING MI

MAY 2015

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

Here we are in the month of May with our May flowers and our new Ham of the Year. Congratulations to Larry, W8WR, and also congratulations to the Ham of the Month, Bob, W8KP. Both of these great Ham Radio operators do a lot for our net. Our net friend Dave, NS8S is having some medical problems so please keep a good thought and prayer for Dave.

We had a good U.P. net meeting in Cadillac and got to meet some new net participants. We will have pictures in the June newsletter.

The Cadillac Hamfest was a great success, and that kind of kicks off the Hamfest season for the year. This weekend is Chassell, and in June there is Grand Rapids, Newberry, Chelsea, and Midland. So lots of places to look for new treasures and sell some old ones. I resisted temptation on a couple of items at Cadillac because I have enough stuff to work on! That said, I and Doug will be going to Chassell this weekend to check that one out and see some of our U.P. friends.

Before that can take place I will have to mow some grass. Last night's rain and the warmer temperatures are putting that on the list probably as a weekly chore. We sure need rain, to much of a chance of fire.

Enjoy the warmth and start to work on those antenna projects and just enjoy life

UPPER PENINSULA NET WEBSITE www.michupnet.com

NET STATS

MARCH 2014 CHECKINS 1200 TRAFFIC 47
MARCH 2015 CHECKINS 1050 TRAFFIC 45

May 2015

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>JUDY XYL OF W8HTK K8MCX & SANDY</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7 <i>W8THK JIM WA8UCS & VALERIE</i>	8	9
10	11	12 <i>WA8DVD & XYL</i>	13	14	15 <i>KATHLEEN XYL OF N8NJA</i>	16
17 <i>W8WR LARRY</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 <i>KA8OGC JEAN</i>	29	30
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EXAMS

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- **5/05/2015 | Dearborn MI 48124-3958 Sponsor:** Ford Amt Radio League
K8UTT Location: Ford Motor Company-Building 1 Conference Room 1GG099
Time: 11:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- **05/09/2015 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc.
Location: American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **05/09/2015 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group
Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **05/09/2015 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC
Location: St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- **05/09/2015 | Traverse City MI 49686-3103 Sponsor:** Cherryland ARC
Location: Traverse City District Library **Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **05/09/2015 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club
Location: Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **05/13/2015 | Harrison Township MI 48045-650 Sponsor:** **Location:** Tucker Senior Center **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **05/16/2015 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- **05/17/2015 | Harrisville MI 48740-9999 Sponsor:** Alcona County AR Group
Location: Alcona County EMS/EOC Building **Time:** 11:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- **05/20/2015 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 Sponsor:** **Location:** Mills Township Hall
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **05/23/2015 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 Sponsor:** Allegan County ARC
Location: Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **05/23/2015 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 Sponsor:** Kalamazoo ARC
Location: Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **05/23/2015 | South Lyon MI 48178 Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC
Location: Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **05/31/2015 | Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615 Sponsor:** NQ8A Testing Group
Location: Church of Christ **Time:** 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- **06/02/2015 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor:** Hazel Park ARC
Location: Oak Park Community Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - **06/04/2015 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group
Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 06/06/2015 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

HAMFEST

- HAMFEST/CONVENTION
05/09/2015 | CCRAA - KCRA Hamfest
Location: Chassell, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Copper Country Radio Amateur Assn. & Keweenaw County Repeater Assn. **Website:** <http://kcra-mi.net/>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

06/06/2015 | Independent Repeater Association (W8IRA/R) Hamfest
Location: Hudsonville, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Independent Repeater Association
Website: <http://www.w8ira.org>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

06/07/2015 | Chelsea Radio Swap 'n Shop
Location: Chelsea, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Chelsea Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.wd8iel.com>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

06/13/2015 | 5th Annual LARS Hamfest
Location: Newberry, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Luce Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.w8nby.com>

STATS FROM THE CADILLAC SWAP: 359 TICKETS SOLD AND 79 TABLES RENTED.

THE WEXAUKEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB THANKS ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED

A TEXAN MEETS TOIVO

By Bernie Arbic

I met a husky Texan last week
In Brimley, at the Cozy Inn
His head hung down, he was feelin' low
Mutterin' something about Toivo the Finn

I tried to be friendly and cheer him up
Asking why he was in the U.P.
He said "I'll tell you the story,
If you'll buy a beer for me"

So I got him a great big bottle of Stroh's
And he commenced to tell
How he's heard that Yoopers were tougher
Than any men this side of Hell

"I thought there were none tougher
Than men who call Texas their home
So I jumped in my truck to see for myself"
He said as he sucked up some foam

"I spoke to the guy at the Mackinac Bridge
And ask if it was true
That the very toughest Yoopers
Lived up near the Sault"

"He said yes, that I should look
Along the shore of Whitefish Bay
And I met the man I sought

On the ice near here, today"

"It was 20 below and spittin' snow
With a wind that could hardly be faced
He was cuttin' in his shorts
His shirt open down to his waist"

"There he was workin' that saw up and down
Cuttin' them big ice blocks
When I got up close I noticed
He was barefoot, no boots and no socks!"

"I gotta shake your hand," I said
"I'm Bart, and I thought I was tough"
"I'm Eino," said the ice -man
As he wiped his nose on his cuff

"No one will believe me, Eino," I said
You're the toughest guy there could be"
"Well thanks," said Eino, "but I'll tell you what-
Toivo's much tougher den me"

"Then where can I find this Toivo," I asked
Nearly struck dumb with awe,
"Right down dere," said Eino
Workin' de udder end of de saw"

Bernie Arbic is the author of Have You
Heard the One About the Yuppie, the Yooper,
And the..... available on Amazon.com

UPN NET MEMBER PROFILE EDITED BY AL, K8BLL

JUSTIN GULDER, AC8PI PICKFORD, MICHIGAN

ONE OF THE YOUNGEST TO BE NAMED HAM OF THE MONTH, JUSTIN WAS BORN IN CHICAGO, IL, IN 1998. HE HAS BEEN HOME SCHOOLED THROUGH THE 12TH GRADE VIA A PROGRAM PROVIDED BY THE FREEDOM ACADEMY.

HE IS ONE OF SIX BROTHERS, TWO OF WHOM ALSO CURRENTLY HOLD AMATEUR RADIO LICENSES. BESIDES HAM RADIO, JUSTIN ENJOYS MUSIC (HE PLAYS THE VIOLIN) AND PHOTOGRAPHY.

JUSTIN IS A MEMBER OF Y.A.C.H.T. (YoungAmateursCommunicationsHamTeam) AND RUNS A 20 METER YOUTH NET ONCE A WEEK. HIS STATION IS EQUIPPED WITH A KENWOOD TS-430,HF TRANSCEIVER, AN ICOM IC-28H TWO METER TRANSCEIVER AND A MFJ 941D ANTENNA TUNER.

AFTER BUYING A CB TRANSCEIVER AT A GARAGE SALE, JUSTIN BECAME INTERESTED IN INCREASED COMMUNICATION CAPABILITIES BEYOND THAT PROVIDED BY THE CB RIG. HIS RESEARCH LED HIM TO AMATEUR RADIO AND HE CHECKED OUT A HAM STUDY GUIDE FROM THE LOCAL LIBRARY. AFTER A COUPLE OF MONTHS STUDY, HE TOOK AND PASSED THE AMATEUR EXTRA CLASS EXAM.

ROB KISSEL, W8KPU SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN

BORN IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, IN 1947, ROB GRADUATED FROM PARKVILLE, MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL IN 1965.

HE JOINED THE US AIR FORCE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL SERVING WITH THEIR SECURITY POLICE AS A MEMBER OF THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND ELITE GUARD UNTIL 1969 . THEN, VIA MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE , HE WENT ON TO MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND GRADUATED IN 1975 WITH A BS DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

HE IS RETIRED FROM THE FLINT POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE. HE SERVED ANOTHER 11 YEARS WITH THE MUNDY TOWNSHIP POLICE.

ROB OBTAINED HIS AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE IN 1962 WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL. HIS ELMER WAS W3HVD AND HIS INITIAL CALL WAS K3SGD. HE NOW HOLDS AN ADVANCE CLASS LICENSE.

ROB'S WIFE, SUSAN, IS WB8TTN AND THEY HAVE TWO SONS, KEVIN, N8ZNF, AND ANDREW.

ROB ENJOYS SHOOTING AS A HOBBY AND ALSO ENJOYS TAKING CARE OF THEIR COTTAGE ON SAGE LAKE NEAR HALE, MICHIGAN.

THE RIG AT W8KPU IS AN ICOM 746 TRANSCEIVER FEEDING A 75 METER DIPOLE, 40 METER VERTICAL AND A TA-33JR BEAM. THE STATION EQUIPMENT ALSO PROVIDES OPERATION ON THE VHF AND UHF BANDS.

Michigan Trails Day On the Air Two-fer Coming Up!

On May 30th, the ever energetic Hank Greeb, N8XX and a corps of fellow enthusiasts will be operating special event station W8T from the Long Lake Park pavillion, 10 to 4 p.m. May 30, Krauskopf Rd & M-46 in Kent County recognizing National Trails Day along the North Country Trail. The Western Michigan Chapter of the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) will be holding their annual public trails event that day, and there should be plenty of people to chat with about the NCT and amateur radio. Hank expects to be operating mostly QRP CW.

In the UP, the Alger and Lake Effect ARC's are joining forces during the weekend of June 6-7 to put on a Trails Day on the Air event at Muskallonge State Park, east of Grand Marais and NW of Newberry. The NCT actually runs through the park and the Superior Shoreline Chapter of the NCTA will have an information booth and be offering public hikes along the NCT. Station N8T will be operating sideband and PSK-31 both days. At least one hour of Hellschreiber each day, too, for the really odd ducks out there. Maybe even some 6-meter if someone wants to try a sked.

As usual, an unusually attractive QSL card has been designed by Marge, KD8AIL to commemorate these two events. Check out the W8T and N8T pages on QRZ.com starting May 10th for developing operating schedules and band plans. And, as always, amateurs in the area who would like to take a turn at the key or the public contact table are welcome to enlist. Contact respectively Hank (n8xx@arrl.org) and John (kc8ule@arrl.net) for more information and coordination. The sponsors say: "Thanks! to the North Country Trail Association (longest of America's scenic trails network at 4,600 miles, traversing seven states Vermont to South Dakota!), the Western Michigan and Superior Shoreline NCTA chapters and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for their cooperation in helping us put on these Trails Day on the Air events!"

ARRL Library Goes Live

After months of planning, the ARRL Library (www.arrl.org/library) has gone live. The online Library is a free repository of educational presentations and oral histories. It is aimed at helping to preserve Amateur Radio's history and to educate clubs and individuals.

"This long-term project will be home to what I hope will eventually become one of the largest repositories of Amateur Radio-related papers and presentations, created by and for the Amateur Radio community," said ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X.

"This is your opportunity to submit material for the betterment and education of all radio amateurs."

Kutzko said the Library will initially consist of three major areas. These include **PowerPoint** presentations that may be used at club meetings, for outreach to the general public, or for other public presentations; PDFs of general educational material about Amateur Radio, and oral histories of radio amateurs describing their personal experiences with Amateur Radio.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE U.P. NET MEETING IN CADILLAC

WB8VOF DOUG	KC8NNX JIM	N8WK WARD	AA8SN HOPE
KC8ZMN CHRIS	KD8KCV DAVE	N8IFY CHRIS	AB8WR MARK
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KB8DNS ROD & ELAINE	NN8C DENNIS	K8MXC BOB & SANDY	
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