

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
KC8ZMN CHRIS HANSEN  
UNIONVILLE MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
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CARO MI

MAY 2017

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Here we are the fifth month of the year all ready. May the month of green grass, flower and snow showers if you live in the West end of the U. P.! When I was there for the Chassell swap I got to see some snow on the way home on Sunday, and there has been some since then. Good swap in Chassell, they did a good job putting it on and had a good crowd. We had four tables with items from W8KP's estate and sold a fair amount. Thanks to all those who purchased something and to Gary WA9SVW and Jeff, W9GY for all the help.

Radio propagation seems to be all over the place lately, good for a few days, then the sun will throw something at us. I have not heard any action on six meters yet, but let's for some sporadic E soon. I picked up a Hy-Gain Hi-Tower that if Jeff, W9GY does not take it, I will try to put on 160 meters as an inverted L. Even if Jeff takes this one, I think I know where I can find another. Anybody ever used one on 160 in that configuration?

Cadillac swap is this Saturday, U. P. Net meeting at 10:00 a.m. where we will announce the new Ham of the Year. Chris, KC8ZMN, has been a great Ham of the Year for the past 12 months. Ok, hope to see a lot of you at the swap and look forward to meeting some new people.

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

## NET STATS

MARCH 2016 CHECKINS 1120 TRAFFIC 43

MARCH 2017 CHECKINS 971 TRAFFIC 45

HIGH CHECKINS 43 K8SKY 36 N8NJA 33 KC8ZMN 32 N8BNC W8WR WA8DHB K8SKY  
HIGH TRAFFIC 2 W8WR N8BNC WB8VOF N8NJA K8SKY

# MAY 2017

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSEARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> <i>JUDY XYL OF</i> <i>W8THK</i> <i>K8MXC &amp; SANDY</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> <i>W8THK JIME</i> <i>WA8UCS &amp; VALERIE</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> <i>WA8DVD &amp; XYL</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>KATHLEEN XYL OF</i> <i>N8NJA</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>W8WR LARRY</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> <i>KA8OGC JEAN</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			

## EXAMS

**05/06/2017 | Cadillac MI 49601-1824 Sponsor:** Wexaukee ARC/Cadillac Hamfest  
**Location:** Cadillac Junior High School **Time:** 10:30 AM (No walk-ins)

**05/06/2017 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens  
Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

**05/08/2017 | Adrian MI 49221-8709 Sponsor:** Adrian ARC **Location:** Building at Lenawee  
County Airport  
**Time:** 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)

**05/09/2017 | Gaylord MI 49735-9822 Sponsor:** Top of Michigan ARC **Location:** Gaylord  
Regional Airport **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

**05/13/2017 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc.  
**Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**05/13/2017 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Lansing  
Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**05/13/2017 | Monroe MI 48161-9770 Sponsor:** W8OTC **Location:** Good Shepherd Church  
**Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**05/13/2017 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC **Location:** St Clair  
County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**05/13/2017 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club **Location:** First  
United Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**05/17/2017 | Livonia MI 48154-3045 Sponsor:** Livonia ARC **Location:** Livonia Civic Center  
Library  
**Time:** 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)

**05/20/2017 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch  
**Time:** 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)

**05/21/2017 | Caro MI 48723-1606 Sponsor:** Tuscola County ARA **Location:** Tuscola County  
Sheriff Dept  
**Time:** 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)

**05/21/2017 | Harrisville MI 48740-9999 Sponsor:** Alcona County AR Group  
**Location:** Alcona County EMS/EOC Building **Time:** 4:00 PM (No walk-ins)

**05/27/2017 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 Sponsor:** Allegan County ARC **Location:** Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**05/27/2017 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 Sponsor:** Kalamazoo ARC **Location:** Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**05/27/2017 | South Lyon MI 48178 Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC **Location:** Witch's Hat Depot  
**Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**06/01/2017 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

**06/03/2017 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

**06/04/2017 | Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615 Sponsor:** NQ8A Testing Group **Location:** Church of Christ Bldg Rear **Time:** 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

**06/06/2017 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor:** Hazel Park ARC **Location:** Oak Park Community Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

## HAMFEST

- **05/06/2017 | Cadillac Amateur Radio and Computer Swap Location:** Cadillac, MI  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://www.wexaukeearc.org>
- 06/03/2017 | IRA HAMFEST Location:** Hudsonville, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Independent Repeater Association **Website:** <http://w8ira.org>
- 06/04/2017 | Chelsea ARC Swap Meet Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Chelsea Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://facebook.com/wd8iel>
- 06/10/2017 | LARS Hamfest Location:** Newberry, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Luce Amateur Radio Society **Website:** <http://w8nby.com>
- 06/18/2017 | Monroe Hamfest Location:** Monroe, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Monroe County Radio Communications Association **Website:** <http://www.mcrcra.org>

FROM DAVE NS8S

SPEEDING TICKET. IS THIS GREAT? OR WHAT!

TOP THIS ONE FOR A SPEEDING TICKET IN KINGSVILLE,  
TEXAS

Two Texas Highway Patrol Officers were conducting speeding enforcement on Highway 77, just south of Kingsville, Texas. One of the officers was using a hand-held radar device to check speeding vehicles approaching the town of Kingsville. The officers were suddenly surprised when the radar gun began reading 300 miles per hour and climbing. The officer attempted to reset the radar gun, but it would not reset and then it suddenly turned off.

Just then a deafening roar over the mesquite tree tops on Highway 77 revealed that the radar had in fact, locked on to a USMC F/A-18 Hornet which was engaged in a low-flying exercise near its Naval Air home base location in Kingsville.

Back at the Texas Highway Patrol Headquarters in Corpus Christi the Patrol Captain fired off a complaint to the U. S. Naval Base Commander in Kingsville for shutting down his equipment.

The reply came back in true USMC style: "Thank you for your letter . . .  
"You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Hornet had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked on to, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it, which is why it shut down."

"Furthermore, an air-to-ground missile aboard the fully armed aircraft had also automatically locked on to your equipment's location."

"Fortunately, the marine pilot flying the Hornet recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile system alert status and was able to override the automated defense system before the missile was launched to destroy the hostile radar position on the side of Highway 77, south of Kingsville."

"The pilot suggests you cover your mouths when swearing at them, since the video systems on these jets are very high tech." "Sergeant Johnson, the officer holding the radar gun, should get his dentist to check his left molar. It appears the filling is loose.

Also, the snap is broken on his holster."  
Semper Fi

## U.P. NET MEMBER PROFILE

Name and Call: Chris W. Hansen, KC8ZMN

Birthplace: Plainwell, MI 8-29-1948

Schooling: HS, Charlotte, MI CMU B.S. Education

Employer: Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools—entire teaching career. Taught Biology and Earth Science.

I got into ham radio in 2004

Spouse/Family: Wife, Sue Son, John, Daughter, Deborah, Grandson, James

Other hobbies/interest: Antique cars (model T Fords), fishing, antique broadcast receivers.

Other: I used to drive a small tandem axle farm truck hauling sugar beets during harvest

Rig: AM DX100B Heathkit, 75A2 Collins. SSB Kenwood TS-430S, Yaesu FTdx1200, all fed through a Murch UT2000B turner. Antenna is 135ft inverted V at about 40ft. fed with ladder line. P.A. is homebrew, built by W8TWA, uses a 3-1000 tube.

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## **60-Meter News .....from ARRL**

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05/01/2017

Radio amateurs in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are among the latest to gain access to a 60-meter band. The allocation is 5,351.5-5,366.5 kHz at a maximum power of 15 W EIRP.

Malta also has opened a 60-meter band for its Amateur Radio licensees. The island's telecoms regulator, the Malta Communications Authority, published an updated National Frequency Plan in April that includes the WRC-15 secondary Amateur Radio allocation of 5,351.5-5,366.5 kHz at a maximum power of 15 W EIRP. Panama came on board with the same allocation in December.

In Hungary, the HG7BHB beacon on 5,352.5 kHz has been shut down. Established in 2015 by Hungary's IARU member society MRASZ, the beacon went out of order in February. A substantial increase in activity near its frequency and the lack of a suitable alternative frequency led to the decision to switch it off altogether. — *Thanks to the 5 MHz Newsletter via Paul Gaskell, G4MWO*

U.P. NET MEMBER PROFILE.....Edited by Al K8BLL

Terrance Wilson, WB8RWI Deckerville, MI

Born in 1948 and raised in Deckerville, Terry graduated from High School there and went on to Michigan State University to complete a two year program in agricultural engineering. In 1970 he completed a stint with the U.S. Army as a military policeman in Vietnam. For the past 40 years he has been a self-employed dairy framer.

Terry was impressed by the use of amateur radio while in Vietnam, as a result, he obtained his general class license in 1974.

Terry and his wife, Helen, have two daughters, Barbie, and Jennifer. While enjoying the U.P. Net, his other interest is to “hang out with his wife.’

Terry’s shack is equipped with a Kenwood 540S which feeds a G5RV antenna at a height of 30 feet.

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DID YOU HAVE IT THIS BAD??



“ Kids today don’t know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel. ”

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES



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