

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



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JUNE 2009

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA

Welcome to the Month of June, the month of Summer. It will get here, but we don't know what the summer temperatures might be. I personally can't complain about the cool temps we have been having. I am not a hot weather fan, so I have kind of enjoying it. We have had plenty of rain now to help lower the fire danger so we are in good shape

Time to start tackling some of those outdoor projects. Get the gardens and the flowers planted, no more frost, I hope, mow grass once a week, and look at the infamous "list" I want to get some antenna work done this year. A new vertical for 160 and 80 meters is in the plans. I just want to see if I can do better, especially on 160.

School will be out soon for everyone so we will look forward to hearing some people on the net either mobile or at their vacation destination. I am not looking forward to the summer traffic I encounter while working. Also have been running into some construction zones, is that stimulus money at work.

I don't know since USA Today said Michigan only got 21 cents per person and North Dakota where there is little unemployment got 26 dollars per person. Where are our congressmen?

Great article from Hope about lighthouse operation. Be sure to read that. Field Day coming up at the end of the month. Time for your local club to untangle the antennas and get the grill out to cook those great Field Day meals. June seems to be the biggest Swap month of the year, I hope there is one near you.

Don't forget the U P Hamfest on August 1st in Escanaba, hope to see a lot of people there.

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JUNE 2009

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA8SN & RON JACK AA8UC	2	3	4	5	6
7 WA8NOJ BILL	8 W8NSH & MARSHA	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 WD8OSE TOM	17 N8NJA BILL	18 N8SJD CHET & SUE AA8WS	19 LEEANN XYL OF WD8DCA	20
21 PETER SON OF AA8SN	22 N8HBZ & LILA	23	24	25 WA8NOJ & XYL WA8LT & SHIRLEY	26 W8CBH BILL	27 W8ILS RON
28 FLOSSIE XYL OF WD8MJB	29	30				

EXAMS

02-Jun-2009

Sponsor: INGHAM COUNTY VE GROUP **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** LANSING POLICE DEPT. 3400 S CEDAR ST
SMALL CONFERENCE RM DOWNSTAIRS LANSING, MI 48910

02-Jun-2009

Sponsor: HAZEL PARK ARC **Time:** 7:30PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DEE D FLINT (248)981-8145 **Email:** N8UZE@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER 14300 OAK PARK BLVD PRE-REGISTRATION URGED CHECKIN @ 7 - TEST 7:30 PM OAK PARK, MI 48237

04-Jun-2009

Sponsor: GARDEN CITY ARC **Time:** 6:30PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** FRED COMPS (734)421-7730 **Email:** K8KUZ@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER 31735 MAPLEWOOD ST ROOM #114 GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

06-Jun-2009

Sponsor: IRA HAMFEST **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** ROBERT J BECKER (616)532-5196 **Email:** BOB.BECKER@FOREMOST.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: HUDSONVILLE FAIR GROUNDS OFF CHICAGO DRIVE SW HUDSONVILLE, MI 49426

06-Jun-2009

Sponsor: MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** WILLIAM C HEAVER (586)469-6712 **Email:** K8EDS@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: SALVATION ARMY CORPS 55 CHURCH ST CORNER SOUTH GRATIOT
MAY ALSO CALL: 313-526-5261 MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

12-Jun-2009

Sponsor: GRAND RAPIDS ARA **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** RICHARD H DOUGLAS (616)531-6218 **Email:** KC8NKA@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: RED CROSS BLDG 1050 FULLER AVE NE INSTRUCTION ROOM L-4 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

13-Jun-2009

Sponsor: THE GREATER FLINT VE TEAM **Time:** 1:00 PM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** JEFFREY R PENDER (810)519-2608 **Email:** K8KZB@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: BAKER COLLEGE OF FLINT-TECH CENTER G-1050 W BRISTOL ROAD ROOM S-120-PRE-REG. REG BEGINS AT 12:30 PM FLINT, MI 48507

13-Jun-2009

Sponsor: EATON COUNTY ARC **Time:** 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOHN A DEWEY (517)645-2378 **Email:** DETTA@IA4U.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: EATON CTY SHERIFF'S DEPT-EOC 1025 INDEPENDENCE BLVD CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

13-Jun-2009

Sponsor: ARROW COMMUNICATIONS ASSOC. **Time:** 9:00AM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** ROGER F PLACE (734)663-4625 **Email:** MERRROGPLACE@AOL.COM
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS BUILDING 4624 PACKARD ST ANN ARBOR, MI 48108

13-Jun-2009

Sponsor: EASTERN MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** ROBERT G HERBERT (810)982-1561 **Email:** K8WMW@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: ST CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 210 MCMORRAN BLVD PORT HURON, MI 48060

15-Jun-2009

Sponsor: USECA ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOSEPH P ENNEDY (586)977-7222 **Email:** N8OZ@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [W5YI VEC](#) **Location:** [HTTP://USECAARC.COM/TEST/](http://USECAARC.COM/TEST/) FOR IMPORTANT DETAILS MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

17-Jun-2009

Sponsor: PRESCOTT TESTING GROUP **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DALE E MONDEAU (989)873-6920 **Email:** 2HAMITUP@VERIZON.NET **VEC:** [W5YI VEC](#)
Location: MILLS TOWNSHIP HALL 2441 GREENWOOD RD SKIDWAY LAKE PRESCOTT, MI 48756

20-Jun-2009

Sponsor: MIDLAND ARC **Time:** 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** GLENN U BOGGS (989)835-9112 **Email:** GUBEBOGGS@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SALVATION ARMY 330 S WALDO AVE MIDLAND, MI 48642

20-Jun-2009

Sponsor: GENESEE COUNTY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** VERLE D WINNINGHAM (810)629-2633 **Email:** K8VW@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2100 W THOMPSON RD SOUTHERN LAKES BRANCH CAMPUS FENTON/FLINT, MI 48430

20-Jun-2009

Sponsor: SOUTH LYON AREA ARC **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** CHRISTIAN D ANDERSON (248)437-3088 **Email:** K8VJ@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: WITCH'S HAT DEPOT SOUTH LYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MCHATTIE PARK 200 DOROTHY STREET SOUTH LYON, MI 48178

20-Jun-2009

Sponsor: CASCADES ARS **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** RICHARD H MC GUIRE (517)782-1430 **Email:** DICKKI8C@JUNO.COM **VEC:** [W5YI VEC](#)
Location: JACKSON DISTRICT LIBRARY 244 WEST MICHIGAN DOWNSTAIRS AUDITORIUM JACKSON, MI 49204

25-Jun-2009

Sponsor: CORUNNA VE TEAM **Time:** 7:00PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** THOMAS E CARPENTER (517)579-0599 **Email:** KI8AS@CHARTER.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS 712 CORUNNA AVE REGISTER AT 6:30 PM CORUNNA, MI 48817

27-Jun-2009

Sponsor: MOTOR CITY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DON F NOVAK (734)281-7030 **Email:** K8THU@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** HERITAGE PARK NORTHLINE AND RACHO ROADS MCRC FIELD DAY SITE USE ENTRANCE ON NORTHLINE TAYLOR, MI 48180

27-Jun-2009

Sponsor: INGHAM COUNTY VE GROUP **Time:** 3:00PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JAMES R LAKIN (517)455-9220 **Email:** W8JRL@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: GARDNER MIDDLE SCHOOL 333 DAHLIA DR LANSING, MI 48911

HAMFEST

6 Jun 2009	+ I.R.A. "Good Old Days" Hamfest Independent Repeater Association http://www.w8hvg.org Talk-In: 147.160 (PL 94.8) Contact: Don Andrews, K8YES 5168 Olsen Springs Court SW Wyoming, MI 49509 Phone: 616-532-7769 Email: andrews_don@juno.com	Hudsonville, MI Hudsonville Fairgrounds <u>5235 Park Avenue</u> Div: Great Lakes Sect: Michigan
7 Jun 2009	+ Chelsea Radio Swap 'n Shop Chelsea Amateur Radio Club http://www.wd8iel.net Talk-In: 145.450 (PL 100) Contact: Frank Pohs, KD8ABW 636 West Main Street Manchester, MI 48158 Phone: 734-945-1915 Email: frank.pohs@gmail.com	Chelsea, MI Chelsea Fairgrounds <u>20501 Old US Highway 12</u> Div: Great Lakes Sect: Michigan
20 Jun 2009	+ Midland Amateur Radio Club http://www.qsl.net/w8kea Talk-In: 147.00+ Contact: Pat Mullet, KC8RTW 171 East Orchard Avenue Shepherd, MI 48883 Phone: 989-828-6657 Email: pat_mullet@yahoo.com	Midland, MI Salvation Army Building <u>330 Waldo Road</u> Div: Great Lakes Sect: Michigan
21 Jun 2009	+ Monroe County Radio Communications Association http://www.mcrc.org/hamfest.htm Talk-In: 146.72/12 Contact: Fred VanDaele, KA8EBI 4 Carl Drive Monroe, MI 48162 Phone: 734-242-9487 Fax: 734-587-2250 Email: ka8ebi@yahoo.com	Monroe, MI Monroe County Fairgrounds <u>3775 South Custer Road</u> Div: Great Lakes Sect: Michigan
1 Aug 2009	+ UP Hamfest 2009 Delta County Amateur Radio Society http://www.dcars.org Talk-In: 147.15 (PL 100.0) Contact: John W. Anderson, WD8RTH 5736 Main Street PO Box 295 Wells, MI 49894-0295 Phone: 906-399-4490 Fax: 906-786-9614 Email: wd8rth@dcars.org	Escanaba, MI Bay de Noc Community College <u>2001 North Lincoln Road</u> Div: Great Lakes Sect: Michigan

CQ LIGHTHOUSE by Hope, AA8SN

Living on the shore of Lake Michigan, I live within an hour's drive of several lighthouses. The Grand Traverse Lighthouse is at the tip of the Leelanau Peninsula in northern Lower Michigan, Old Mission Lighthouse is at the end of the Old Mission Peninsula, and Point Betsy is located in Frankfort, Michigan. I hadn't paid much attention to them until I became an amateur radio operator and participated in the International Lighthouse Event.

As a member of the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club in Traverse City, Michigan, I took part in this annual event along with two other members of the club, Ward and Ed. Following the guidelines for amateur radio stations participating in the International Lighthouse Event, we set up our radio gear in the Grand Traverse Lighthouse.

The lighthouse staff was happy to have us come for this event. It coincided with the International Lighthouse Day and was mutually beneficial. For them, it was a day to encourage visitors to come to the lighthouse where they could be educated on the role of lighthouses, past and present, and to impress upon them the need to preserve these historic structures for future generations to enjoy.

On our part it was a great way to expose our hobby to the public. Amateur radio had played an important role in maritime communication and rescues, and this event was the perfect opportunity to attract new members to the hobby.

Stephanie, the person in charge at the lighthouse, had us set up our radio equipment in the lighthouse keeper's apartment. We had brought along two Kenwood radios with their power supplies. Our antennas were simple dipole antennas that we strung up in the trees as high as possible. A microphone, a key for sending Morse code, and a couple log books completed our stations.

The kitchen was in an excellent location to attract the attention of the visitors touring the lighthouse. The sounds of "CQ lighthouse, CQ lighthouse; this is Whiskey Eight Tango Charlie Mike", the phonetics for our club's call sign W8TCM, and the musical *dits* and *dahs* of Morse code couldn't help but attract the attention of passerby's. Curious as to what was going on, many stopped and watched us. Many had never seen amateur radio in action and knew little or nothing about it.

We explained that CQ was an invitation for anyone listening on the amateur bands to stop by and talk with us. We showed them the QSL card that we would send out to the stations we talked with. On the front of the card was a picture of the Grand Traverse Lighthouse that Ed had taken earlier from his kayak out in the bay. On the back was a form on which to record the call sign, date, time, band, and signal report of the station contacted.

"Who are you talking to? How far away are they?" they would ask, intrigued by the idea that we could talk to other amateur radio operators around the world with these radios. We showed them the logs recording the call signs, names, and locations of our contacts so far that day. Typically, our logs included many of the states, at least half of the Canadian provinces, and a few of the Caribbean Islands.

We talked with any station that called us, but we were especially looking for other lighthouse special event stations operating as we were in some lighthouse. These contacts piqued everyone's interest. At 15:17 Zulu Ed made contact with the Canadian station VE3DC operating from the Burlington Canal Main Light on Lake Ontario. He wrote down some of the details given him-that this ninety-foot tower was built in 1858 and was the first Canadian light fueled by coal oil instead of the traditional whale oil. The next lighthouse contact was with Frank and Vince at the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse. Built in 1871, it was the second oldest standing lighthouse structure on the Oregon coast.

Bob at the station of N2CMC answered my CQ on Morse code. He was operating from the Cape May Lighthouse on the New Jersey coast. This 157 foot tall structure had ninety-nine steps going in a spiral to the top of its tower where the light was still in operation and could be seen twenty-four miles out to sea. He explained to me that each light has its own unique pattern of light flashes that helps mariners recognize where they are. I had never known that.

Ward took over on the radio and talked with Don at the station of WY5I in the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse. He found out that this 105 foot structure was still in use on the east coast of Florida and was designed by the Union general who defeated General Robert E. Lee in the battle of Gettysburg.

Our last lighthouse contact of the day was with Louis-Michel VE20V at Ile aux Perroquets Lighthouse in Quebec, Canada. I was fascinated-something about the wild isolation of the far north, not to mention that I studied French in college. I got out the atlas and looked it up. I wasn't disappointed. It was located in the far northeast corner of Quebec on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River. Highway 138 was the only road extending that far into the wilderness and ended in the vicinity of the lighthouse.

Seven hours was all our voices could take. We began tearing down our station. Ed climbed up the tiny spiral staircase of the lookout tower to untie the rope supporting our dipole antenna. I relearned how to coil coax while Ward loaded up our cars with the radio equipment. The satisfaction we felt from being part of this international event would bring us back next year to send out our "CQ lighthouse" through the airwaves.

HAM OF THE YEAR

1981 WD8EIB – DELLA
1982 WA8DHB – AILEEN
1983 W8JXJ – VI
1984 WB8SYA – WALT
1985 WD9JHW – BOB
1986 N8BNC – BOB
1987 WD8MJB – JOE
1988 W8EOI – WILL
1989 WA8MVH – JOHN
1990 W8KIQ – HUGH
1991 K8GXV – ERNIE
1992 W8GPP – SKEETER
1993 W8AT – JON
1994 W9XGH – AL
1995 N8AFZ - BILL

1996 K8BLL - AL
1997 K8MJK - TOM
1998 N8ENO - GEORGE
1999 W8ERB - WALT
2000 W8PLC - BUD
2001 WB8WAJ - DWIGHT
2002 AA8SN - HOPE
2003 WD0FSV - MARV
2004 WB8IEH - JIM
2005 KC8JLC - ART
2006 W8NSH - DAVE
2007 N8NJA - BILL
2008 N8GWN - JIM
2009 WB8VOF -DOUG



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