

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
W8BP JOHN WASMUTH  
MARQUETTE MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
W8WTA PETE HANSEN  
GOWEN MI

JULY 2013

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The month of July, vacations, celebrations, and really bad propagation on 75 meters. The band sure has not been much lately. I guess that is a trade off for some of the good openings that have been occurring on six meters. I have had a lot of fun on that band, mostly in the evenings up to midnight a couple of nights.

Well I am trying to get the retired thing figured out. I have established some kind of a schedule, I take a 30 to 45 minute walk every morning. That has been a little rough on these hot and humid days. I have a doctors appoint on July 23 and this time when he ask me if I am getting any exercise I will be able to say yes!!

As you can see from the numbers below the net counts are down some, but I think that is just from the poor conditions. Now that I can check-in during the week I am hearing a lot new calls, that is encouraging! So hang in there the band will improve and we all will be able to hear better. Hope for a cool breeze and less humid.

Don't forget the big day Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Bay de Noc college, the U. P. Hamfest. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. For those coming up Friday we will be having dinner Friday night get a hold of Walt, K8WLT or Jim W8JNL. Hope to see you there!!!!!!

## NET STATS

2012 MAY CHECKINS 1330 TRAFFIC 52

2013 MAY CHECKINS 1010 TRAFFIC 52

MAY HIGH CHECKINS N8NJA 35 TWICE

MAY HIGH TRAFFIC N8BNC 13

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> <i>WA8DHB &amp; MELVIN</i> <i>W8ING MIKE</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> <i>WX8Y DON</i> <i>KC8WKN</i> <i>MARY ANN</i>	<i>6</i> <i>WB8IEH JIM</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>NK8V BOB</i>	<i>9</i> <i>W8OWN 7 HELEN</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <i>FRANCIS XYL OF</i> <i>N8GWN</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> <i>BETH XYL OF</i> <i>KC8TBU</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> <i>AGNES XYL OF</i> <i>WB8IEH</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>N8HBZ JIM</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <i>W8DTB &amp; XYL</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> <i>LYNN XYL OF</i> <i>NK8V</i>			

## EXAMS

- 07/11/2013 | Grand Rapids MI 49503-1304 **Sponsor:** Grand Rapids ARA  
**Location:** Red Cross Building **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/13/2013 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building  
**Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/13/2013 | Mason MI 48854 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group  
**Location:** Ingham County Sheriff's Dept **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/13/2013 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC  
**Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/13/2013 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 **Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club  
**Location:** Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/17/2013 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 **Sponsor:** Prescott Testing Group  
**Location:** Mills Township Hall **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/18/2013 | Mayville MI 48744 **Sponsor:** TCARA **Location:** Mayville FD **Time:** 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 07/20/2013 | Flint MI 48507 **Sponsor:** The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams  
**Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/20/2013 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 **Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 07/20/2013 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 **Sponsor:** Kalamazoo ARC  
**Location:** Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/27/2013 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 **Sponsor:** Allegan County ARC  
**Location:** Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/27/2013 | Lansing MI 48911-7207 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group  
**Location:** Holt Christian Church **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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Hello Bill,

It's coming up on a year since we started the Upper Peninsula CW group which we call the UPCW group and I thought I should make a short progress report. We continue to meet on Sunday evenings at 7 P.M. on 3.590 MHZ. Our group is small and growing.


Here is the roster so far and, although not all members check in each week, we hear from all of them at times. In alphabetical order:

AA8DD	Bob in Rochester Hills, MI
K8DSS	Ed in Boyne Falls, MI
K8IRC	Bart in Pengilly, MN
K8MXC	Bob in Reed city, MI
K8NB	Noel in Stephenson, MI
KV8X	Alan in Muskegon, MI
NS8V	Paul in Menominee, MI
W8DJ	Rudi in Mayville, MI
W8DW	Dave in Saginaw, MI
W8SOO	Ken in Sault Ste Marie, MI
W8WR	Larry in Greenville, MI
WB8FUW	Lee in Gladstone, MI

I hope I haven't missed anyone. I know that George, W8OWN and Doug, WB8VOF listen sometimes and there may be others as well. We usually make two rounds of transmissions and we discuss our weekly activities and projects in which we are involved. We hang around for about an hour.

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to new members joining us. Check-ins have fallen off this summer due to poor band conditions and members have other commitments in this nice weather. I expect activity to pick up once again in the fall.

Thanks for your attention and thank you, Bill, for including this letter in the net newspaper.

Best 73,  
  
Bob Sikkila, K8MXC

P.S. Also checking into the CW Net is Larry WB8R, section manager

07/27/2013 | South Lyon MI 48178 **Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC  
**Location:** Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 08/01/2013 | Mason MI 48854 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group  
**Location:** Ingham County Sheriff's Dept **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/06/2013 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 **Sponsor:** Hazel Park ARC  
**Location:** Oak Park Community Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

08/09/2013 | Grand Rapids MI 49503-1304 **Sponsor:** Grand Rapids ARA  
**Location:** Red Cross Building **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

### HAMFEST

07/20/2013 | GMARC Summer Trunk Swap **Location:** Utica, MI  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** GM Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://www.GMARC.org>

07/27/2013 | 2013 CMARC Outdoor Hamfest - Amateur Radio, Electronics & Computer Equipment **Location:** Lansing, MI  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://www.centralmiarc.com>

08/03/2013 | UP Hamfest 2013 **Location:** Escanaba, MI  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Delta County Amateur Radio Society  
**Website:** <http://www.dcars.org/hamfest>

08/24/2013 | SARA Swap & Trunk Sale **Location:** Owosso, MI  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Shiawassee Amateur Radio Association  
**Website:** <http://www.w8qqq.org>

**DID YOU KNOW??**

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

*A tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion will make it go mad instantly and sting itself to death.*

*Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.*

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

*The USA uses 29% of the world's petrol and 33% of the world's electricity.*

***Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear By 700 times.***

*The animal responsible for the most human deaths world-wide is the mosquito.*

*Right handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.*

*We exercise at least 30 muscles when we smile.*

*Our nose is our personal air-conditioning system: it warms cold air, cools hot air and filters impurities.*

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

*When a person dies, hearing is usually the first sense to go.*

*There is a great mushroom in Oregon that is 2,400 years old. It Covers 3.4 square miles of land and is still growing.*

*German Shepherds bite humans more than any other breed of dog.*

*The pupil of the eye expands as much as 45 percent when a person looks at something pleasing*

*Men's shirts have the buttons on the right, but women's shirts have the buttons on the left.*

*The reason honey is so easy to digest is that it's already been digested by a bee.*

*It cost 7 million dollars to build the Titanic and 200 million to make a film about it.*

*The sound you hear when you crack your knuckles is actually the sound of nitrogen gas bubbles bursting.*

*The only part of the body that has no blood supply is the cornea in the eye. It takes in oxygen directly from the air.*

**PS LOOK HOW MUCH SMARTER WE ARE NOW...**

FROM JIM, WB8IEH.....

to all my literate friends, for your enlightenment. (do you know the word?)

**Subject:** a phenomenal word!

*One that you can have fun with...*

I'm sure you will enjoy this. Here is one word in the English language that can be a noun, verb, adj, adv, prep.

UP

Read until the end ... you'll laugh.

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning.

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page

and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it soaks UP the earth. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . my time is UP!

Oh . . . one more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

U      P!

Did that one crack you UP?

Don't screw UP. Send this on to everyone you look UP in your address book . . . or not . . . it's UP to you.

Now I'll shut UP!

DO NOT COFUSE THE WORD "UP" WITH "U. P." WHICH IS A MUCH USED ABBREVIATION FOR OUR FABULOUS UPPER PENINSULA!



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