

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8RLJ – Rick Jersey
Petoskey, MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
WB8RWI – Terry Wilson
Deckerville, MI

JULY 2019

FROM THE EDITOR----- JIM - K8UHF k8uhf@sbcglobal.net

June was a pretty busy month. We are still working on our pole barn. Concrete is finished and now just waiting for the overhead doors to be installed. The weather is finally settling down and warming up.

There were four Michigan Ham Radio swaps to choose from in June. The 2019 Field Day was a success. Don't forget these upcoming Michigan Swaps: Gladwin Area Hamfest in Gladwin and GMARC Summer Trunk Swap in Shelby. Both of these are on July 20th. Fast approaching, as well, is the U.P. Hamfest in Escanaba, MI on August 3rd.

I worked on the VE Team at the Charlotte, MI Eaton County ARC Amateur Radio License Exam Session on June 8th and we had five successful candidates leave with smiles on their faces.

We have had excellent results asking you folks for information to add to the newsletter. I have received pictures, written articles, and member profiles. Thanks a lot for all the help! It makes Dawn's and my job much easier, and I hear our readers really enjoy the content. Keep sending us your stuff!

NET STATS

June 2018: Check-ins 837 – Traffic 40
June 2019: Check-ins 946 – Traffic 36
High Check-ins: NS8S 32; N8BNC 32
Sunday Noon Net High Check-ins: KD8KCV 15

******PLEASE NOTE******

Several Hams have asked how they can contribute to the support of the U.P. Net website. Donations can be sent to Bill Kelso, N8NJA, at 133 E 6th St., Marion, MI 49665. However, if you are attending the Escanaba Ham Swap, Bill may be there and, if so inclined, you can contribute directly to him then. A big THANK YOU goes out to Michael Kelso for his great work on keeping the website up to date.

Also, most of you know this, but the annual charge for receiving a paper copy of the monthly U.P. Newsletter is now \$20 per year. This covers postage, printing, paper, etc. You can send a check to me, Jim Hein, K8UHF, at 4833 N. Gunnell Rd., Dimondale, MI 48821.

SILENT KEY

Robert A Erskine, Jr. – W8RAE – Metamora, MI

Bob passed away Sunday, June 16, 2019, at the age of 80. He was born October 25, 1938 in Detroit. Bob proudly served his country during the Vietnam War era as a radar tech for the United States Airforce. He returned home to court and marry Joanne M. Lorcke on August 17, 1963 in Birmingham.

Bob enjoyed working on or admiring old Ford tractors and old cars. He was a fan of music in general, especially classical music, the group Abba and Bob Segar. His main passion was Ham Radio, from collecting equipment to the community of people. He had two beloved cats: Tucker and Chloe.

Robert is survived by his wife of over 55 years, Joanne, and sons Bob Erskine of Columbiaville, David Erskine of Metamora; grandchildren Jon, Robert, Miranda; great-granddaughter Evie and siblings Bill Erskine, Ed (Ginger) Erskine and Diane Richardson.

JUNE'S HAM OF THE MONTH PROFILE

ROD BROWN – WG8W – INDIAN RIVER, MI

I was born September 3, 1947 in Flint, MI. I grew up and went to school in Mt. Morris, MI, kindergarten through 12th grade. Worked at my uncle's restaurant, Walli's, in Flint during summer vacation from school.

After graduating high school in 1965, I hired in to Buick Motor Division of General Motors, Plant 36 Engine plant. I worked at Buick until 1993 when I got transferred to driving semi-truck. I was moved to the Bristol Rd/VanSlyke Rd facility where they kept all the semi-trucks. I retired January 1, 2004 and moved to Indian River, MI in 2005.

I did not set up my Ham station until 2009. I have been a Ham since 1977 so have enjoyed the hobby for 42 years. I like to work the HF nets as well as some DXing. I also like to work CW but have been away from it for a while.

In my station I am running the Yaesu FT 1000 D. For antennas, I'm using 80/75 meter Double Bazooka, 40 meter Double Bazooka, 160 meter ½ wave dipole, Antron 99 vertical, Diamond dual band VHF/UHF vertical, A3S Tri-band, 13B2 2 meter beam. I have plans to add more antennas to the farm (hi hi).

My wife, Birgitta, is also a licensed Ham. Her call is KC8AFO. Our daughter is living with us here in Indian River and is also a Ham, call KB8FPN.

Other hobbies and interests include hunting/fishing, shooting, riding motorcycles and ATVs. I also enjoy ocean cruises. In fact, this year in December, my wife and I are going on a Caribbean Cruise to celebrate our 50th anniversary. Our anniversary is actually August 22nd but in December the hurricane season is over (hi hi).

I really enjoy Ham Radio and never get tired of meeting new people and making friends. Hope to hear you on the air. 73 to all.



Rod's Ham Shack

It's in the barn in my office space. Also have bathroom on other side of the wall. Coffee pot behind the person with camera.



HAM PROFILE

Robert "Bob" Bednarick – N8BOB – Cadillac, MI

Note by Jim – K8UHF: Bob recently earned his Extra Upgrade at a VE session I was monitoring at in Charlotte, MI on June 8th. I asked him to submit a profile and here's what he gave us. Congratulations, Bob!

I was born in Grand Rapids, MI on June 27, 1944. I graduated high school then graduated trade school in refrigeration, air conditioning and heating. I have been self employed for 40+ years doing Refrigeration, A/C and Heating service, sales and installation in northern Michigan.

My military service includes US Navy, Petty Officer 3rd Class (E-3).

I was into Ham Radio short wave listening after building a Knight Kit short wave receiver. My older brother told me about CB radio so I got one and operated there for several years. One of my CB friends asked if I wanted to go to a Ham Club meeting here in Cadillac, and the rest is history. I got my Novice in 1978, and then my Tech, and was a Tech till they lowered the code requirements for General. I was going to stay a General till Bill, N8NJA, mentioned a group of guys he talked to on 75 phone in the Extra portion of the band, so I listened there and wanted to join in. I then started taking the online course from HamTestOnline May 5th and tested in Charlotte on June 8th and passed.

I have been married to my wife, Della, for 54 years in August of this year and have three sons aged 52, 49 and 42.

My other hobbies include gold prospecting, rock hunting and silversmithing.

LOOK WHO GOT A NEW TOY

Brad Hulce - KR8P – Twin Lake, MI

Note by Jim – K8UHF: We've all heard Brad talk about his new bike in the woods. Here it is!

Brad, KR8P, loves to ride dirt bikes in the woods to stay young. His mainstay dirt bike is a 2017 KTM 300 two stroke. This year he purchased the brand new KTM 790 Adventure R. It is a new model that just hit the USA. Traditionally, the adventure bikes have been big and heavy. The new model is the lightest adventure bike on the market, but it is still heavier than a strictly off-road bike. The KTM 790 is designed to ride on the street and be able to go off road at any time to explore. Brad has already been enjoying exploration in the woods and has managed to get lost only once.



A SHORT STORY

Submitted by KC8GTE, Kelly and Jeannie King

Two-Heart Trail Run - On June 22nd this event took place in Luce County - it included a 50K, Marathon and Half-Marathon, with well over 150 people participating. This is an annual event, and Luce Amateur Radio Society (LARS) provides radio communications at the various checkpoints, logging in runners, assisting with emergencies, etc. KC8GTE Kelly and YL Jeannie worked the first checkpoint of the race, located at the Reed and Green Campground. The 50K started at 7:00am, and passed through this point, approximately 3 miles from the start of the race, usually within 20 minutes or so. We leave our home at 5:30am, arriving at the Campground at 6:30am; only in the U.P. can you drive an hour and still be in your County (Luce).

We set up our rig - I use a Kenwood TM-281 2-meter mobile rig, connected to an 18-foot push-up pole, with a 2-meter Ringo antenna on top, set up in a bracket I made to go in the Reese hitch receiver. We use a deep-cycle marine battery to power the radio. This set-up gets us into the repeater from our location. I listen on my HT with a headset mike (no transmissions from it). Once we check in with Race Headquarters, we put on our warmer clothes (it was 33 degrees this year), load up on Deep Woods Off, and then visit with the Aid Station workers and Emergency First Responders until we're notified that the runners are on their way. Both Jeannie and I keep a written log of the bib numbers, comparing them after the last of the runners have come through, and then pass that information on to Race Headquarters, which is at the Lower Tahquamenon State Park. Once everything is verified, we receive permission to break down and close our station.

On our way home we stop at the Logging Museum just North of Newberry and have a lumberjack breakfast - eggs, bacon, sausage, fried potatoes, pancakes and cowboy coffee!

There are several trail runs associated with this organization - their website if you would like to learn more is: www.greatlakesendurance.com.

ALL HAMS OF THE MONTH/YEAR

We look forward to learning more about you, so we ask that when you receive your certificate from Chris, KC8ZMN, and your crown from Kelly, KC8GTE, that you take a "selfie" holding your certificate and sporting your crown. E-mail it to Jim, K8UHF, at k8uhf@sbcglobal.net. Please include a short bio about yourself or use the Member Profile questionnaire (see below). We will include this information in the next Newsletter; that way we all can get to know you a little better.

U. P. NET MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

Profiles of members have proven to be one of the most interesting items in the U.P. Net Newsletter. However, it has been difficult to get members to write and submit their own profiles. There is a simple form to make it easy to gather the basic information. Find it online in the May, 2019 Newsletter.

July 2019

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
31	1	2 W8TWA Pete	3 WA8DHB and Melvin W8ING Mike	4 Independence Day	5 WX8Y Don KC8WKN Marry Ann	6
7	8 NK8V Bob	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 N8HBZ Jim	24	25	26	27
28	29 K8UHF Jim and XYL Dawn	30 K8NWD Norm	31 Lynn XYL of NK8V			

HAMFESTS

For complete information, refer to the ARRL Hamfests

www.arrl.org

July 20, 2019 Gladwin Area Hamfest
Gladwin, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Gladwin Area Amateur Radio Club

July 20, 2019 GMARC Summer Trunk Swap
Shelby Township, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: GM Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://gmarc.org>

Aug 3, 2019 U.P. Hamfest 2019
Escanaba, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Delta County Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.k8pl.org>

Aug11, 2019 Seaway Trunk Swap
Port Huron, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Eastern Michigan Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.emarc.us>

EXAM SESSIONS

For complete information, refer to ARRL – Licensing, Education and Training

www.arrl.org

Special Note:

Planning to take the General License Exam July 1, 2019 or LATER?
Choose the NEW pool.

Please refer to ARRL Website for more information

<http://www.arrl.org/general-question-pool>

July 6, 2019 Franklin Township Office, Hancock, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins welcome

July 10, 2019 Livonia Policy Department, Livonia, MI
7:00pm – NO walk-ins

- July 13, 2019 American Red Cross Building, Ann Arbor, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins welcome
- July 13, 2019 Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room), Lansing, MI
11:00am – Walk-ins welcome
- July 13, 2019 St. Clair County Library, Port Huron, MI
10:00am – Walk-ins welcome
- July 13, 2019 Community Bible Church, Trenton, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins welcome
- July 13, 2019 Camp Grayling, Grayling, MI
10:30am – NO walk-ins/call ahead
- July 20, 2019 EOC of Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept., Kalamazoo, MI
8:30am – Walk-ins welcome
- July 27, 2019 Allegan General Hospital (Basement Cafeteria), Allegan, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins welcome
- July 27, 2019 Witch's Hat Depot, South Lyon, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins welcome
- July 27, 2019 Robinson Twp. Fire Department, Grand Haven, MI
10:30am – NO walk-ins/call ahead
- July 28, 2019 Church of God, Benton Harbor, MI
12:30pm – Walk-ins welcome
- Aug 1, 2019 Lansing Fire Station #44 Community Room, Lansing, MI
7:00pm – Walk-ins allowed



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