

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
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HAM OF THE MONTH
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AUGUST 2016

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It's August, time for last minute vacations, the U.P. Hamfest, and back to school is coming. Also you better get going on those antenna projects on the cooler days. I have decided mine will probably limited to one this year. Hope to have an 80 foot telescoping tower up before the snow falls. It will have my six and two meter beams on it, maybe something more. Lot's to be done yet with it. Besides telescoping it will tilt over, no more climbing for this guy. I have to design a base yet and get that made. I have a couple of ideas, but have not decided which it will be.

The big news in Ham Radio this month is the closing of AES and The Dayton Hamvention having to find a new location. See the details in the stories in this issue.

This year's U. P. Hamfest will be held in a different building at Bay de Noc College. Turn onto Danforth road as usual, but continue past the building it has been in and go to the next traffic light. At the traffic light you will want to turn right on 30th street and go to the M-Tech building, which is real close to the corner, address is 2000 30th street. I am sure there will be signs to direct you. I am looking forward seeing many of you there. The U. P. Net meeting is at 10:00 A.M.

Also if you will be arriving on Friday there is dinner at the Family Inn on U.S. 2. Across from the Super 8 starting at 5:00 p.m. Let Aileen, WD8DHB know if you will be attending dinner. C U in Escanaba!!

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

NET STATS

JUNE 2015 CHECKINS 710 TRAFFIC 45
JUNE 2016 CHECKINS 1015 TRAFFIC 45
HIGH CHECKINS 28 W8WR, KC8ZMN 29 & 28
HIGH TRAFFIC W8WR 4

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSEARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> <i>W8WOJ & XYL</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> <i>KD9TZ & GAIL</i>	<i>8</i> <i>W8KP BOB</i>	<i>9</i> <i>HELEN XYL OF</i> <i>WD8PRW</i> <i>W8IBT DEBBIE</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <i>WA8UCS CHUCK</i>	<i>12</i> <i>KA8IQJ & RUTH</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>W8RAE & JOANN</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>N9QPJ & XYL</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>KB8MCR JIM</i>	<i>29</i> <i>KC8ZMN CHRIS</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			

EXAMS

- 08/04/2016 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/06/2016 | Adrian MI 49221-8709 Sponsor: Adrian ARC Location: Building at Lenawee County Airport Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- 08/06/2016 | Muskegon MI 49440-1233 Sponsor: Muskegon Area AR Council Location: American Red Cross Bldg Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/12/2016 | Grand Rapids MI 49503-1304 Sponsor: Grand Rapids ARA Location: Red Cross Building Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/13/2016 | Adrian MI 49221-8709 Sponsor: Adrian ARC Location: Building at Lenawee County Airport Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- 08/13/2016 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc. Location: American Red Cross Building Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/13/2016 | Lowell MI 49331-9609 Sponsor: Lowell ARC Location: Flat River Outreach Ministries Bldg Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/13/2016 | Monroe MI 48161-9770 Sponsor: W8OTC Location: Good Shepherd Church Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/13/2016 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC Location: St Clair County Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/13/2016 | Traverse City MI 49686-3103 Sponsor: Cherryland ARC Location: Traverse City District Library Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/14/2016 | Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615 Sponsor: NQ8A Testing Group Location: Church of Christ Bldg Rear Time: 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/17/2016 | Harrison Township MI 48045-650 Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse ARC Location: Tucker Senior Center Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/17/2016 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 Sponsor: none Location: Mills Township Hall Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/20/2016 | Flint MI 48507 Sponsor: The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams Location: Baker College of Flint-Tech Center Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/20/2016 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor: ICARPSC Location: Ionia Central Dispatch Time: 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 08/20/2016 | Jackson MI 49201-2230 Sponsor: Cascades ARS Location: Jackson Carnegie Library

Time: 10:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- **08/20/2016 | Monroe MI 48162-5231** Sponsor: Monroe Cty Radio Comm Assoc
Location: American Red Cross Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **08/25/2016 | Battle Creek MI 49017-4867** Sponsor: SMARS Location: Maple United Methodist Church
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **08/25/2016 | Owosso MI 48867-9999** Sponsor: Corunna VE Team Location: Baker College Welcome Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **08/27/2016 | South Lyon MI 48178** Sponsor: South Lyon Area ARC Location: Witch's Hat Depot
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/09/2016 | Grand Rapids MI 49503-1304** Sponsor: Grand Rapids ARA Location: Red Cross Building
Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/10/2016 | Adrian MI 49221-8709** Sponsor: Adrian ARC Location: Building at Lenawee County Airport
Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- **09/10/2016 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516** Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc.
Location: American Red Cross Building Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/10/2016 | Lansing MI 48911-5322** Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/10/2016 | Monroe MI 48161-9770** Sponsor: W8OTC Location: Good Shepherd Church
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/10/2016 | Negaunee MI 49866** Sponsor: Hiawatha ARA Location: Marquette Health Dept Bldg
Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/10/2016 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014** Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC Location: St Clair County Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/10/2016 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999** Sponsor: Motor City Radio Club Location: Glenwood Methodist Church Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

HAMFEST

- **08/06/2016 | UP Hamfest 2016 Location: Escanaba, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Delta County Amateur Radio Society Website: <http://www.dcars.org>**

08/07/2016 | Seaway Trunk Swap Location: Port Huron, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Eastern Michigan Amateur Radio Club

09/10/2016 | GMARC September Trunk Swap Location: Shelby Township, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: General Motors Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://www.gmarc.org>

NEWS FROM THE DAYTON HAMVENTION®:

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) regrets to inform our many vendors, visitors and stakeholders that, unfortunately, HARA has announced the closing of their facility. We have begun execution of our contingency plan to move Hamvention® 2017 to a new home.

DARA and Hamvention® have enjoyed many successful years working together with HARA Arena and we wish the Wampler family the best.

DARA and Hamvention® have been working on a contingency plan in the event HARA would become unavailable. We have spent many hours over the last few years evaluating possible locations and have found one in the area we believe will be a great new home! Due to logistics and timing issues, we will make a formal announcement introducing our new partner. This information will be coming soon. We all believe this new venue will be a spectacular place to hold our beloved event. Please rest assured we will have the event on the same weekend and, since it will be in the region, the current accommodations and outside events already planned for Hamvention® 2017 should not be affected.

We look forward to your continued support as we move to a new future with The Dayton Hamvention®.

Signed:
Ron Cramer
General Chairman
Dayton Hamvention 2017

Ham Radio Outlet - Press Release for Immediate Release

July 12, 2016

RE: HRO-Milwaukee, Amateur Electronic Supply's closing on 7/28/2016

On July 1, 2016 Amateur Electronic Supply (AES) made the decision to close down their entire organization and terminate all retail operations at their Las Vegas, Cleveland, Orlando and Milwaukee locations.

Upon hearing the news, and with the concurrence of AES senior management, Ham Radio Outlet (HRO) sent senior management to each location to interview the staff with hopes of acquiring some of the Amateur Radio retail employee talent in each of the current AES locations.

Together with this interview process, HRO examined what it would take to perhaps acquire one or more of the AES store locations. At the time of these interviews, many opportunities were explored with current AES senior management.

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We are very excited to announce that HRO was successful in providing offers of employment to a number of soon to be former AES employees and that to some, we have offered positions that involve HRO sponsored and funded relocation.

We are also extremely pleased to announce that, after the closing of the Milwaukee AES location on July 28, 2016, Ham Radio Outlet will begin an extensive remodeling project to create the largest Amateur Radio retail showroom in North America. We will open our newest and largest Ham Radio Outlet in Milwaukee at the end of August 2016.

Effective at the closing of AES on July 28, 2016, all former AES locations' direct telephone numbers and toll free telephone numbers will be redirected to the closest HRO location so as to not disrupt providing service to the AES customer base. Additionally effective on July 28, 2016, the www.aesham.com <<http://www.aesham.com>> website will be directed to www.hamradio.com <<http://www.hamradio.com>> also so as not to disrupt service for the AES online customer base.

Steve Gilmore, National Sales Manager for HRO states, "We are extremely excited to have a store in the Central Northern part of the United States. It will minimize shipping times for our products to be able to be delivered in 2 days or less in most of the lower 48 United States. We are building a showplace that all must come see! It will be expansive with massive inventory levels and a large all encompassing demonstration area featuring nearly all of the Amateur Radio transceivers on the market today."

Robert Ferrero, President of HRO tells us, "It is with great pleasure that we are able to continue Terry Sterman and Phil Majerus' legacy of providing a fantastic Amateur Radio store in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is our immediate goal to have the largest, most well stocked Amateur Radio retail store in North America and perhaps even the world."

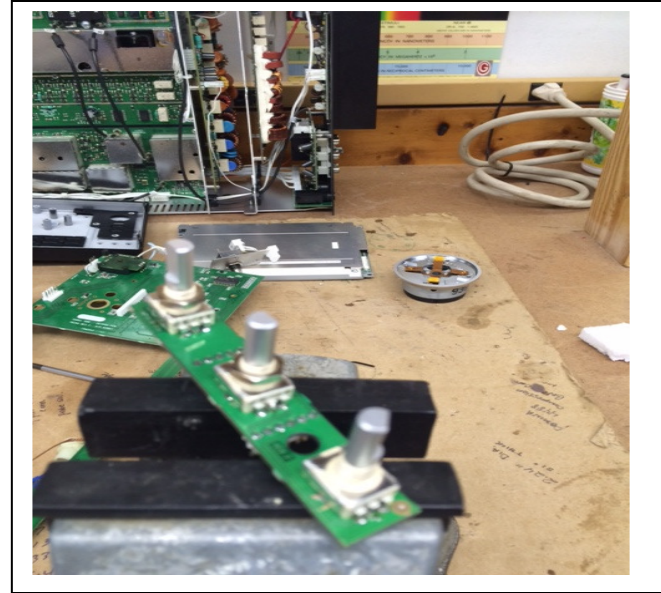
HRO is a family owned business with 14 sales locations throughout the United States which includes a formidable presence on the Internet, making it the largest Ham Radio dealership in the world.

HRO has been continually expanding with our most recent location in Plano, Texas which opened on February 2, 2015. HRO is also continuing to evolve with the relocation and expansion of our Portland store which will open on July 25, 2016 at 14405 SW Pacific Highway, Portland, Oregon 97224.

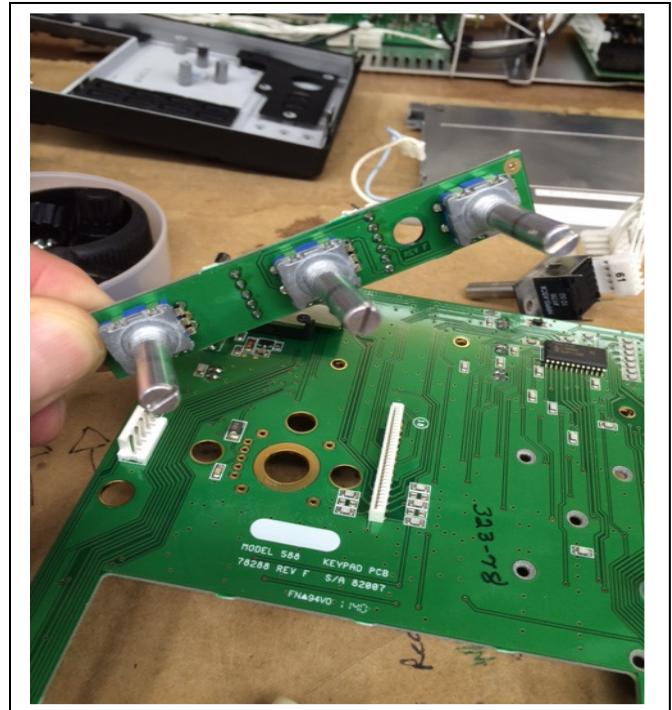
Ham Radio Outlet - Milwaukee is located at 5710 W Good Hope Rd, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It will be open for business at the end of August 2016.

<http://www.hamradio.com/press-release.cfm>

DAVE, NS8S LATEST REPAIR JOB REPLACING ENCODERS IN A TEN TEC OMNI 7



Bill, some pix for you on my main rig which failed completely! I talked to Ten Tec Technician asking for manual with disassembly instructions and schematic and he flatly told me I was on my own., but happy to sell me the parts, and finished our transaction with a laugh, Good Luck! Well I proved them wrong and replaced all three, about a 4 hour job! Good as new. Dave NS8S



Ham SCI: Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation

From August QST

You may have seen the above title of an article in your August QST. If you read it you can skip this if you wish. If you did not see it or did not read it please continue.

Do you want more out of Ham Radio besides talking on the local repeater, checking into some nets, rag chewing with you friends, working satellites, digital modes, ATV, SSTV, etc. Well believe it or not there is more.

So what is HamSCI, to quote from the article: “Ham SCI is an effort to publicize and promote various scientific efforts and projects involving amateurs and Amateur Radio. This “big picture” effort will help foster collaboration between amateurs and the research community that maybe unaware of the resources Amateur Radio provides. It also provides hams with an opportunity to learn about and participate in radio science.” What this is saying is that the signals we can transmit and signals we can receive have real value to the scientific community and hams can be a real resource in helping them in various type of research.

On big project that is on the horizon for next year is the August Solar Eclipse QSO Party, plus there are other on going projects right now. So check out their website and see if you would like to get involved. www.hamsci.org



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