

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS

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HAM OF THE YEAR
N8GWN JIM ROBB
GAYLORD MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
KC8UPW FRANK LONG
INTERLOCHEN MI

SEPTEMBER 2008

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA

Welcome to September, the transition month. As I write this, the weather channel is saying maybe 90 degrees tomorrow. That will probably be the warmest day of the month. Let's hope the coldest is not much below 60 degrees. September brings back to school time, watch out for those buses, some color in the trees, and thoughts of getting that antenna project done before the snow flies. I would like to get a 160 meter vertical up before Winter.

I took a couple a days off wrapped around Labor Day and spent some of it in the U. P. of course. Took the ten-year-old granddaughter for her first trip to Drummond Island. She had never expressed an interest in going before. We also visit to the Soo Locks and saw a couple of boats go through. She seemed to have a good time and I only heard "I'm bored" a couple of times. While at the Soo I got a look at the Automatic Identification System. That is like APRS for boats on the Great Lakes. Ken, W8SOO, had mentioned it to me before, but I had not had look at it yet. They have a screen in the visitor center there at the locks that shows it. For anyone who is a boat watcher I think it would be real great to have. If you want to learn more just put "Automatic Identification System in a search engine and up pops a lot of information.

While on the island paid a visit to Ed, KA8IQJ and Ruth. Ed has got himself a new motorcycle, I guess he has been listening to N8BNC on how that is a great way to travel. Ed said he had a "bike" 30 years ago, but a lot has changed, and that means not just motorcycles, but riders too. I don't think he has gotten Ruth on the back of it yet.

The month of September has been designated as National Preparedness Month. Being Ham Radio operators we always want to be prepared, so I will do my part by asking as many people as possible to check into the Net on Saturday September 27 using emergency power. I will then report the figures to the section manager. Just the Nets part to show we are prepared. I would ask the other net controls to talk this up on the Net so everyone knows about it. Until next month, enjoy September, whatever it may bring.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 KC8NVI CLIFF RON HUSBAND OF AA8SN K8JRO JERRY	3	4 WA9QNN & NANCY	5	6
7	8 KC8JLC & RITA	9	10	11	12 N8BNC BOB	13
14	15	16 WD8DCA LEO	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 K8BLL AL W9RK & JAN W9JSK	30				

EXAMS

02-Sep-2008 **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 ****TECH EXAMS ONLY**** LANSING, MI 48910

06-Sep-2008 **Sponsor:** TOP OF MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** CHAD W JOHNSTON (989)705-9322 **Email:** CHAD@NUWAYSUPPLY.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** OTSEGO COUNTY PUB LIBRARY 700 SOUTH OTSEGO AVE OLD 27 SOUTH MEETING ROOM GAYLORD, MI 49735

06-Sep-2008 **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

13-Sep-2008 **Sponsor:** ARROW COMMUNICATIONS ASSOC. **Time:** 9:00AM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** ROGER F PLACE (734)663-4625 **Email:** MERROGPLACE@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS BUILDING 4624 PACKARD ST ANN ARBOR, MI 48108

13-Sep-2008 **Sponsor:** THE GREATER FLINT VE TEAM **Time:** 1:00 PM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** JEFFREY R PENDER (810)614-6199 **Email:** K8KZB@K8KZB.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** BAKER COLLEGE OF FLINT-TECH CENTER G-1050 W BRISTOL ROAD ROOM S-120 PRE-REGISTER REGISTRATION AT 12:30 PM FLINT, MI 48507

13-Sep-2008 **Sponsor:** LANSING VE TEAM **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS 1800 E GRAND RIVER AVE KROPSCHOT ROOM LANSING, MI 48912

13-Sep-2008 **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

13-Sep-2008 **Sponsor:** MOTOR CITY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DON F NOVAK (734)281-7030 **Email:** K8THU@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** GLENWOOD METHODIST CHURCH 2130 FORD AVENUE (NORTHLINE) WYANDOTTE, MI 48192

15-Sep-2008 **Sponsor:** USECA ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOSEPH P KENNEDY (586)977-7222 **Email:** N8OZ@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [W5YI VEC](#) **Location:** MOUNT CLEMENS ELKS CLUB 179 S MAIN ST S OF CHURCH ST; PRE-REG URGED \$14.00 FEE - EXACT CASH ONLY! MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

20-Sep-2008 **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-Sep-2008 **Sponsor:** KALAMAZOO ARC **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOHN D TUCKER (269)324-9085 **Email:** WB8ZVV@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT 1500 LAMONT AVE (OFF LAKE ST) BASEMENT MEETING ROOM KALAMAZOO, MI 49001

21-Sep-2008 **Sponsor:** NQ8A TESTING GROUP **Time:** 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** LARRY A SCHRADER (269)429-7574 **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** CHURCH OF CHRIST REAR OF PARKING LOT 3550 NILES RD FELLOWSHIP HALL SAINT JOSEPH, MI 49085

27-Sep-2008 **Sponsor:** ALLEGAN COUNTY ARC **Time:** 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** PETER J BLOWERS (269)370-2018 **Email:** W8BUX@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** ALLEGAN GENERAL HOSPITAL - CAFETERIA 555 LINN STREET M-40S, JUST S OF M-89/M40 INT ALLEGAN, MI 49010

27-Sep-2008 **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

28-Sep-2008 **Sponsor:** ALCONA COUNTY AR GROUP **Time:** 1:00PM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** DAVID N HUFF (989)736-6841 **Email:** W8HUF@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** ALCONA COUNTY EMS/EOC BUILDING 2600 EAST M- 72 WWW.ALCONARADIO.ORG/TEST.ASPX PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED! HARRISVILLE, MI 48740

04-Oct-2008 **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

07-Oct-2008 **Sponsor:** HAZEL PARK ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (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

07-Oct-2008 **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 ****TECH EXAMS ONLY**** LANSING, MI 48910

HAMFEST

6 Sep 2008 + GRAHamfest 2008 Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association <http://www.grahamfest.org> **Talk-In:** 147.26+ (PL 94.8) **Contact:** Jack Amelar, NY8D PO Box 3282 Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3282 Phone: 616-897-6885 Email: grahamfest08@w8dc.org Lowell, MI Kent County Fairgrounds 225 South Hudson Street

14 Sep 2008 + Adrian Amateur Radio Club <http://www.W8TQE.com> **Talk-In:** 145.37 (PL 85.4) **Contact:** Marjie Willey, KB8TMM 307 Pentecost Highway Onsted, MI 49265 Phone: 517-467-6303 Fax: 517-467-6303 Email: maggie214@frontiernet.net Adrian, MI Lenawee County Faigrounds 602 North Dean

12 Oct 2008 * Michigan State Convention Kalamazoo ARC & Southwest Michigan AR Team <http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com> **Talk-In:** 147.640/147.040 (PL 94.8) **Contact:** Ruth Bates-Hill, WB8VEV 9176 Shade Tree Circle Galesburg, MI 49053 Phone: 269-665-7419 (H); 269-833-3351 (W); 269-207-9955 (C) Email: ruthbateshill@hotmail.com Kalamazoo, MI Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds 2900 Lake Street

UPPER PENINSULA NET MEMBER PROFILE
WB8VOF DOUG ALMQUIST BY DOUG ALMQUIST

Compared to a lot of others in our group, I've lead quite a sedated existence. It all started in early February 1941, in the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan. I lived there until the age of ten, when we moved out into the country, just south of 28th Street, in Wyoming Twp. I lived there until age 17, when I joined the U.S. Navy. After four years of bobbing around the world on several ships, two Destroyers and a destroyer tender. I returned to what became the City of Wyoming. I lived with my parents until the age of 24, when I met and married my wife MaryAnn. "Boy did that change things." Just to keep us from getting lonely, we had two children, a son Terry and daughter Susan. After they grew up and married, they gave us four grandchildren, each a had a boy and a girl.

As far as keeping busy when I wasn't hunting or fishing, I worked as a mechanic to help pay some of the bills, (MaryAnn helped too.) I worked for several employers including, automotive, farm and industrial equipment dealers. My career in mechanics ended at the City of Wyoming. Where I worked 22 years, 17 years as the shop foreman. I worked on everything from typewriters to TD24 bulldozers.

In 1975 I thought I had enough to support another hobby, so I took a class and received my amateur radio license, WN8VOF. A hobby that has occupied most of my spare time ever since.

In 1976 the North Woods in Manistee County was looking pretty good so we found a nice location in the southeast corner of the county and built a small cabin, where we spent vacations and weekends.

In 1987 after the kids were grown up and moved out, we thought it was time for a change, so we moved North to live in the cabin full time. Not knowing for sure what I was going to do for a living. I took a break and worked out of my shop, welding and repairing equipment. After about six months I took a job helping build a new building for the local hardware store, it was supposed to last a couple of months, but it turned into a job that lasted 17 years, till I retired. It was nice change in careers.

In 2003 MaryAnn thought I would enjoy Ham Radio much more is she joined me the hobby. She was right, her call is KC8WKN. (Editors note: for a lady that works while her husband stays home that is a great call) Our daughter Sue, who now lives in Florida also, has her license, KI4DTU. Our son Terry has his novice license, WB8YMQ, when he was younger, but let it lapse. We're working on inspiring him again.

The next project after MaryAnn retires is looking for somewhere warmer to spend some of the winter months. We enjoy the four seasons, but we're finding it doesn't take as long to enjoy winter as it use to take. HI HI And you all know the rest of the story.

IF VOTING COULD REALLY CHANGE THINGS IT WOULD BE ILLEGAL

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PICTURES FROM THE ICEBREAKER MACKINAW W8AGB



JOHN, KA8OAZ, ROUNDS UP SOME OF THE PRE-NET

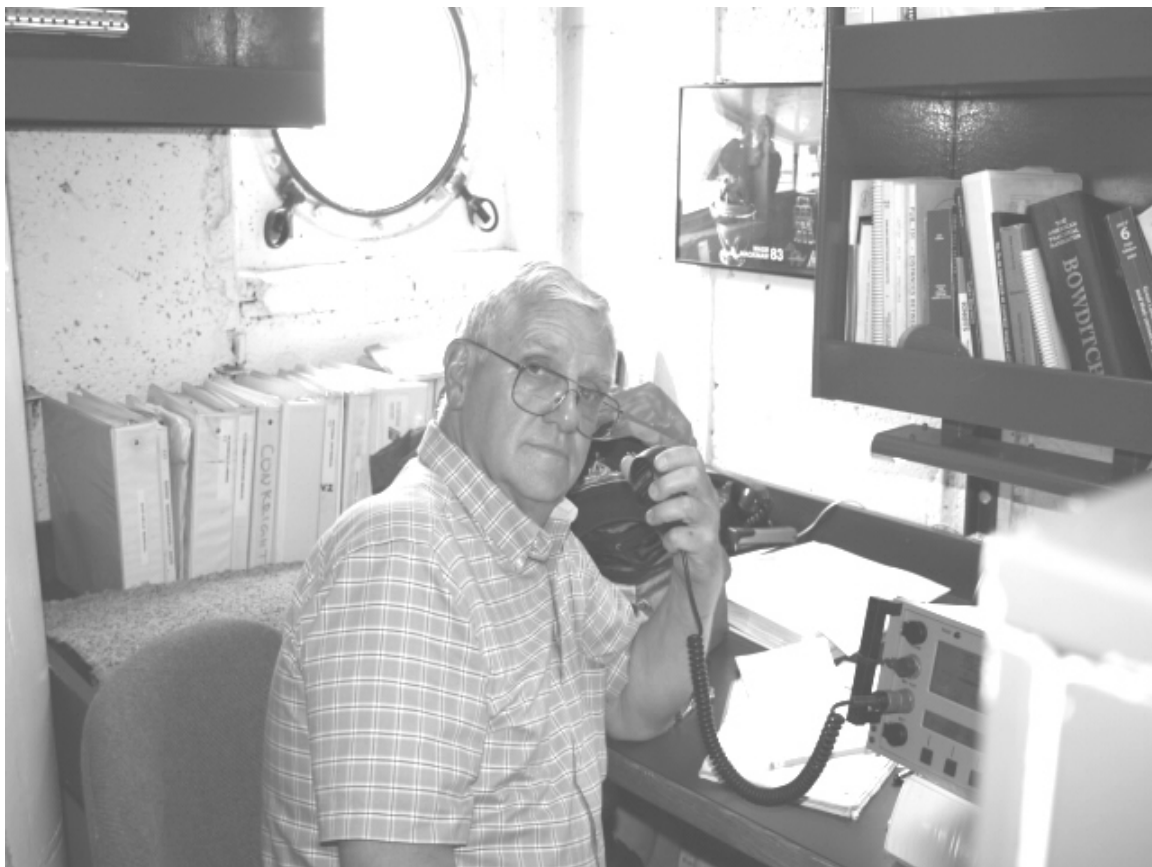


JIM, N8GWN HELPS WITH THE PRE-NET

MORE FROM THE MACKINAW



BILL, N8NJA RUNS THE NET



DOUG LENDS A HAND WITH THE NET

THANKS TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE
UPPER PENINSULA NET MEETING IN ESCANABA

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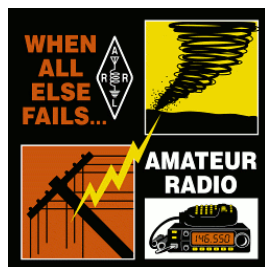
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