

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
WB8VOF DOUG ALMQUIST
WELLSTON MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
W8YV RICHARD JOHNSON
GWINN MI

SEPT. 2009

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA bkn8nja@att.net

Welcome to the Month of September, the Harvest Month. Also the transition between summer and fall which can sometimes be beautiful and sometimes brutal. I am hoping for a long fall because there are a lot of things I did not get done this summer I would like to have done before Old Man Winter gets here.

September has been declared National Preparedness Month by the department of Homeland Security, and the Annual ARRL Set Test is scheduled for Oct. 3-4. To show that we are prepared as a net, let's make September 26th our "Set Test" by checking into the net that Saturday using emergency power. Would the net controls please spread the word we are going to be doing this. I will report the number of participants to the Section Emergency Coordinator.

This month we have a little nostalgia with a couple of things I found while looking thru an old CQ Magazine. Hope you enjoy them. Also we have some more pictures from the U.P. Hamfest. Thanks to WB8VOF and WD8DCA for sending pictures. I will try to get some up on the website soon.

AUGUST 2009 CHECKINS 1327 TRAFFIC 48
AUGUST 2008 CHECKINS 1058 TRAFFIC 36
HIGH CHECKINS FOR AUGUST WB8VOF 46
HIGH TRAFFIC KC8OAZ 9

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September 2009

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

EXAMS

08-Sep-2009 **Sponsor:** LARK VE TEAM **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins Allowed) **Contact:** JAMES A KVOCHICK (810)220-2098 **Email:** WB8AZP@ARRL.NET
VEC: [W5YI VEC](#) **Location:** LIVINGSTON COUNTY EOC 300 S HIGHLANDER WAY
HOWELL, MI 48844

12-Sep-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

12-Sep-2009 **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

12-Sep-2009 **Sponsor:** GRAND RAPIDS ARA **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: RICHARD H DOUGLAS (616)531-6218 **Email:** KC8NKA@ARRL.NET
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** KENT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 225 S HUDSON ST
LOWELL, MI 49331

12-Sep-2009 **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

12-Sep-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

12-Sep-2009 **Sponsor:** CENTRAL MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 11:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS MID MICHIGAN CHAPTER
1800 E GRAND RIVER AVE LANSING, MI 48912

16-Sep-2009 **Sponsor:** PRESCOTT TESTING GROUP **Time:** 6:30PM (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

19-Sep-2009 **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

19-Sep-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-Sep-2009 **Sponsor:** NQ8A TESTING GROUP **Time:** 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:**
LARRY A SCHRADER (269)429-7574 **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: CHURCH OF CHRIST 3550 NILES RD REAR OF PARKING LOT FELLOWSHIP HALL SAINT
JOSEPH, MI 49085

21-Sep-2009 **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:** [HTTP://USECAARC.COM/TEST/](http://USECAARC.COM/TEST/) FOR IMPORTANT DETAILS
MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

26-Sep-2009 **Sponsor:** EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA ARC **Time:** 11:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: DAVID P DEATRICK (906)635-5295 **Email:** WA8OLD@SAULT.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
1600 PARK ST SAULT SAINTE MARIE, MI 49783

26-Sep-2009 **Sponsor:** SOUTH LYON AREA ARC **Time:** 9:00AM (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

26-Sep-2009 **Sponsor:** ALLEGAN COUNTY ARC **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:**
PETER J BLOWERS (269)370-2018 **Email:** AA8L@ARRL.NET
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** ALLEGAN GENERAL HOSPITAL - BASEMENT CAFETERIA
555 LINN STREET M-40S, JUST S OF M-89/M40 INT ALLEGAN, MI 49010

27-Sep-2009 **Sponsor:** ALCONA COUNTY AR GROUP **Time:** 1:00PM (No walk-ins)
Contact: DAVID N HUFF (989)736-8545 **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

03-Oct-2009 **Sponsor:** MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: HAROLD B RUDER (313)526-5261 **Email:** K8YB@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:**
SALVATION ARMY CORPS-CORNER SOUTH GRATIOT 55 CHURCH ST MAY ALSO CALL: CLIFF 586-
776-1169 MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

06-Oct-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-EGISTRATION URGED
CHECKIN @ 7 - TEST 7:30 PM OAK PARK, MI 48237

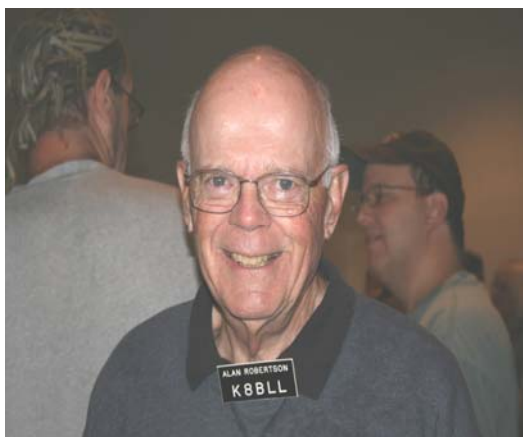
06-Oct-2009 **Sponsor:** INGHAM COUNTY VE GROUP **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins
allowed)**Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** LANSING POLICE DEPT. 3400 S CEDAR ST SMALL CONFERENCE RM
DOWNSTAIRS WWW.INGHAMCOUNTYVE.WEBS.COM LANSING, MI 48910

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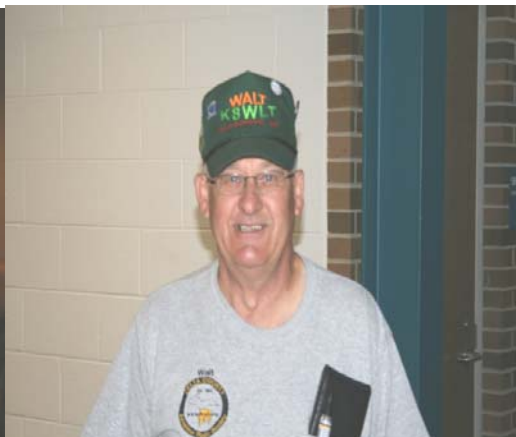
12 Sep 2009 GRAHamfest 2009 Grand Rapids ARA
<http://www.grahamfest.org> **Talk-In:** 147.26- (PL 94.8) **Contact:** Jack
Amelar, NY8D PO Box 3282
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3282 Phone: 616-897-6885 Lowell, MI Kent

20 Sep 2009 Amateur Radio Swap Adrian ARC <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
Email: maggie214@frontiernet.net Adrian, MI
Lenawee County Fairgrounds [602 Dean Street](#)

MORE PICTURES FROM ESCANABA 2009



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WALT, WA8LT & HERSEL KC8HJU



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INTERESTING SURVEY

In December of 1957 CQ Magazine did a survey of 10 percent of their readers. I won't give you all the results, just some I found most interesting. All the data was from readers in the USA

The average age of the licensed ham in the survey was 34.5 years, and 78% were under 45. I think that has probably changed!!! Just over 40% of them were employed in the electronics field. I bet that has changed too.

Now for some of the equipment statistics. They found the readers owned transmitters as shown below. (I know some of you remember separate transmitter and receivers.)

JOHNSON 29.5% HEATH 20.6% COLLINS 8.9% ELMAC 7.8% WRL 5.7% GONSET 5.4%
HAVERY WELLS 4.8% CENTRAL 4.3% B & W 4.1% HALLICRAFTERS 1.7%
26 OTHER MANUFACTURES 7.2%

Now for the receivers.

HALLICRAFTERS 33% NATIONAL 27% HAMMARLUND 12% COLLINS 10% SURPLUS 10%
RME 3% OTHER MANUFACTURES 5%

OBVIOUSLY NOT MANY HAMS “ HAD “MATCHED SETS”

The breakdown of individual brands showed the most used receiver was the HQ129 Hammerlund 5.1%, followed by the Hallicrafters SX-71, 4.3% and the Collins 75A4 4.2%.

I am most surprised by the differences in Hallicrafters ownership, bottom of the list in transmitters, top of the list in receivers.

The most interesting fact is, look at all those different manufactures. No wonder it was so much fun to look at the Allied Radio catalog when I was 11 years old. There was so much to choose from! What do we have now, 7 or 8 tranceiver manufactures?



RANDY K8HRO
AND SKEETER
AT THE U.P. NET
MEETING
ESCANABA 2009

UP NET MEMBER PROFILE by Al, K8BLL

DAVE FLEMING, NS8S
MONTAGUE, MICHIGAN

DAVE WAS BORN IN SHELBY, MICHIGAN, IN 1957. FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL, HE ATTENDED MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE EARNING AN AAS DEGREE IN ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY. WHILE CURRENTLY SELF-EMPLOYED AND "LOOKING", HE HAS WORKED FOR GENERAL DYNAMICS, SUN CHEMICAL, BRUNSWICK, DONNELLY AND MAGNA INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. HE HAS ALSO WORKED AND LIVED IN CHINA AND MEXICO.

DAVE AND HIS WIFE, BETH, HAVE ONE SON, DAVID. THEIR DAUGHTER, BIANCA, PASSED AWAY IN 2001.

DWIGHT COCHRAN, DAVE'S GODFATHER, INTRODUCED DAVE TO AMATEUR RADIO IN 1973. AS A RESULT, HE EARNED HIS FIRST TICKET AS A NOVICE IN JUNE, 1974, WITH THE CALLSIGN WN8SRE. HIS STATION NOW CONSISTS OF THE FULL LINE KENWOOD TS-830S PLUS A TL-922A LINEAR. HE ALSO HAS AN ICOM 735 FOR USE ON BEAVER ISLAND. ANTENNAS INCLUDE AN 80 METER DELTA LOOP UP AT 90 FEET AND A SEVEN ELEMENT BEAM FOR 20, 15 AND 10 METERS.

DAVE'S OTHER HOBBIES CENTER ON GARDENING AND MAKING HOME-MADE WINE. HE MAKES TOMATO SALSA AND CANS OR FREEZES THE BOUNTY FROM HIS GARDEN AND ORCHARD.

WHILE MANY OF HIS FRIENDS KNOW THIS, MANY OF US ON THE UP NET MAY NOT BE AWARE THAT DAVE'S SISTER, NANCY ANNE, WAS MISS AMERICA IN 1961. DAVE ALSO INCLUDED A NOTE ON HIS PROFILE FORM THANKING ALL THOSE ON THE UP NET WHO HELPED HIM "HEAL" AFTER THE LOSS OF HIS DAUGHTER IN 2001. HE WANTS YOU TO KNOW "YOU ARE ALL BLESSED AND THOUGHT OF KINDLY"

TUBE CARE.....

The following are excerpts from CQ December 1957, a column by our old friend W2NSD, Wayne Green.

A lot of us stocked up on tubes back in the day of surplus sales (Ed. Note, or when they started to disappear) and figured that we were all set for some time to come. There is one problem that a lot of us might have overlooked or did not know about.

As tubes sit around on the shelf two things happen. The elements start to sag a bit and air gradually leaks into it. The first situation can be corrected by turning your tubes over every few months. The second by applying the filament voltage for some time before socking the high voltage to them.

Because tube seals are not perfect, air will enter the tube over time. All old tubes need aging to remove accumulated air before you can expect them to give good performance. Run the tube with the full rated filament voltage for at least 24 hours before applying any plate or screen voltage. With some larger tubes with lots of seals 48 hours would be advisable. After aging run the tube with reduced plate voltage and enough drive for a small amount of plate current. Do this for about an hour or so. You should then be able to run the tube at operating voltages and have good performance. (From the Ed.) If you have a collection of a couple of 1000 old tubes this should give you retired people something to do. It may pay to give your tubes you have stored to keep that old "boat anchor" alive a little extra care, or they may light up like a light bulb when you go to use them. Hope this is some value to some of you.

From Jim, WB8IEH

Try to remember this EVERY TIME you have to talk to a customer service representative and you can not understand them. I did not know that we could do this, but I sure am going to try it. Help bring jobs back to the U.S.A. Ask for an American! How to save some American jobs and we can help!

I want to share some great information that I found purely by accident. I believe It can also save and create jobs in America while giving people better customer service. So how many times have you called a company's service phone line and found that the rep. can barely speak English? Once with a major mortgage company it was so bad I demanded to speak with someone who spoke English. Right at that moment I broke the code, the secret password for customer service. Come to find out every American Company using overseas operators must transfer you to an American rep. by Saying....."I want to speak to a representative in America." (Don't take no for an answer on this.) This was confirmed by the American rep. that they must transfer you after that request. I've tried it on a half a dozen major companies including, cable, bank, phone, and mortgage companies. It works every time and I actually get my issues taken care of.



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