

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
W8WR LARRY ALMAN  
GREENVILLE MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
K8SKY SKYE WITTIG  
KALEVA MI

SEPT 2015

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September, the month of the last summer holiday, back to school, the transition to fall. We seem to be enjoying a little transition in the band conditions, I have noticed some better days lately on 75 meters.

Remember to watch out for those flashing red lights on the school buses and STOP! With school comes the high school football season, we are playing 8 man football here in Marion now. Just not enough students any more.

I am happy to report that Doug, WB8VOF is recovering from his surgery at home now and will be starting some rehab soon. I know we all look for him back on the air soon. Also my friend Jim W8OFC has a new hip he will be taking back to Arizona with him some time in October. He had surgery at the Cleveland Clinic and is recovering at his daughter's home in Ohio.

I have a couple of antenna projects I want to get to when the weather cools off some. A 80 foot telescoping aluminum tower for my six and two meter beams and I would like to try an inverted "L" on 160 meters this winter. We will see if this can all happen before winter. Enjoy the soon to be here fall colors!!

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## NET STATS

JULY 2014 CHECKINS 925 TRAFFIC 46

JULY 2015 CHECKINS 825 TRAFFIC 45

HIGH TRAFFIC 2 W8WR, K8BLL, KC8ZMN, N8NJA

HIGH CHECKINS 28 N8BNC

# SEPTEMBER 2015

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>RON OM OF AA8SN K8JRO GERRY KC8NVI CLIFF</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <i>KC8JLC &amp; RITA</i>	9	10	11 <i>N8CE ALAN</i>	12 <i>N8BNC BOB</i>
13	14	15 <i>WB8ZNQ LINDA</i>	16 <i>WD8DCA LEO</i>	17	18	19
20 <i>KF8QW NORM</i>	21	22	23 <i>KD8DNS ROD K8DSS &amp; SUSAN</i>	24 <i>AB8N JOE KD8KCV &amp; XYL</i>	25	26
27 <i>SUSAN XYL OF K8DSS</i>	28 <i>W8ING &amp; SUE</i>	29 <i>K8BLL AL K8IRC BART</i>	30			

## EXAMS

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- **9/12/2015 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516** Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc.  
Location: American Red Cross Building Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/12/2015 | Houghton MI 49931-1200** Sponsor: Husky ARC Location: Fisher Hall Room 325  
Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/12/2015 | Lansing MI 48911-5322** Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Lansing  
Fire Station #44 (Community Room) Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/12/2015 | Negaunee MI 49866** Sponsor: Hiawatha ARA Location: Marquette Health Dept  
Bldg  
Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/12/2015 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014** Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC Location: St Clair  
County Library Time: 10:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- **09/12/2015 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999** Sponsor: Motor City Radio Club Location: Glenwood
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- **09/16/2015 | Prescott MI 48756-9108** Sponsor: Location: Mills Township Hall Time: 7:00 PM  
(Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/19/2015 | Flint MI 48507** Sponsor: The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams Location: Baker College  
of Flint-Tech Center Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 09/19/2015 | Ionia MI 48846-8512** Sponsor: ICARPSC Location: Ionia Central Dispatch Time: 6:00 PM  
(No walk-ins)
- 09/19/2015 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156** Sponsor: Kalamazoo ARC Location: Kalamazoo County  
Sheriff Dept Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 09/26/2015 | Allegan MI 49010-1524** Sponsor: Allegan County ARC Location: Allegan General  
Hospital - Basement Cafeteria Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 09/26/2015 | South Lyon MI 48178** Sponsor: South Lyon Area ARC Location: Witch's Hat Depot  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 09/27/2015 | Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615** Sponsor: NQ8A Testing Group Location: Church of Christ  
Time: 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/01/2015 | Lansing MI 48911-5322** Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Lansing Fire  
Station #44 (Community Room) Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/03/2015 | Muskegon MI 49440-1225** Sponsor: Muskegon Area ARC Location: Red Cross Building  
Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- 10/06/2015 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085** Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC Location: Oak Park Community  
Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/10/2015 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516** Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc.  
Location: American Red Cross Building Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**10/10/2015 | Charlotte MI 48813-1031** Sponsor: **Eaton County ARC** Location: **Eaton Cty Sheriff's Dept-EOC** Time: **12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**

**10/10/2015 | Holland MI 49423-3407** Sponsor: **Holland ARC** Location: **American Red Cross**

- **10/10/2015 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014** Sponsor: **Eastern Michigan ARC** Location: **St Clair County Library** Time: **10:00 AM (No walk-ins)**

## HAMFEST

- **09/19/2015 | GM ARC Trunk Swap** Location: Shelby Township, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Sponsor: GM Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://www.gmarc.org>

- **09/20/2015 | Adrian Hamfest** Location: Adrian, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Adrian  
Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://w8tqe.com>

**10/03/2015 | GRAHamfest** Location: Wyoming, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur  
Radio Association Website: <http://www.w8dc.org>

**10/10/2015 | TBARC Swapmeet** Location: Alpena, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Thunder Bay  
Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://ThunderBayARC.org>

**10/17/2015 | Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest** Location: Muskegon, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc.  
Website: <http://muskegoncolortourhamfest.com/>

**10/18/2015 | Kalamazoo HamFest 2015** Location: Kalamazoo, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest  
Sponsor: Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club & Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team  
Website: <http://KalamazooHamFest.com>

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**Subject: Marrital Advice**

**When a man is "wrong" he should apologize.**

**When a man is "right" he should keep his mouth shut.**

**A man should recognize that the woman has the last word in an argument.  
Anything said after that is just the start of another argument.**

**There are five words man needs to frequently speak. "Yes dear, you are right."**

FROM THE ARRL LETTER.....

## ARRL Supports Maximum Flexibility for Amateur Use of New 2200 and 630 Meter Bands

The ARRL has told the FCC that Amateur Radio operation in the new 135.7-137.8 kHz (2200 meters) and 472-479 kHz (630 meters) bands should be as unfettered as possible from a regulatory standpoint. The League spelled out its case August 31 in detailed comments that argue in favor of flexible FCC Part 97 regulations in light of the exceptionally low interference potential to unlicensed power line carrier (PLC) systems that utilities use to manage the power grid. In its *April Report and Order, Order, and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (R&O/NPRM)* in ET Docket 15-99, the FCC had raised several questions regarding how Amateur Radio and PLC systems might coexist. The ARRL said, in its view, there is little to no evidence that Amateur Radio operation would be incompatible on the LF spectrum, where the great majority of PLC systems are deployed, and that few, if any, PLCs operate in the MF band.

"The allocation of the 2200 meter band, together with the proposal to adopt flexible rules for the use of that first LF allocation, and the proposal to allocate the 630 meter band for amateur use, when implemented, will complete at least a basic complement of Amateur Radio allocations in all portions of the radio spectrum domestically," the ARRL told the FCC. "It is readily apparent from the record...that there can most assuredly be compatible operation by amateur stations in both the 2200 and 630 meter bands without adverse interaction with PLCs."

The League asserted that "well-established notification procedures conducted entirely in the private sector," as well as the sharing of available database information, should facilitate compatible operation. "Notification procedures will be necessary only in those predictably few instances in which geographic proximity and co-channel or overlapping channel operation occurs," the ARRL added.

The League requested that the FCC finalize service rules for 2200 meters that the ARRL outlined, and that it create the proposed 630 meter allocation. Operation on 2200 meters would be limited to 1 W EIRP, and operation on 630 meters held to 5 W EIRP, in both cases with an absolute EIRP transmitter output limit of 1500 W PEP and a 200 foot maximum

antenna height. Assuming continued PLC compliance with Part 15 rules, the ARRL argued, "there is no significant interference potential to PLC systems, operated on an unlicensed basis, in that very small segment of the 9-490 kHz band that is available for PLC operation, even at separation distances of less than 1 kilometer from the transmission line. At distances of 1 kilometer or more, there is no chance of interference to a PLC line whatsoever, and no restrictions on Amateur operation outside of that distance need be imposed."

The ARRL said PLCs that might be operating in the two bands should be frequency agile enough to relocate to frequencies falling outside the proposed allocations, making additional regulations unnecessary. The League has conducted a lengthy and ongoing experimental operation (WD2XSH) on 630 meters. It pointed out that it was "unaware of any reports of interference to PLC systems arising from that operation, conducted pursuant to numerous Part 5 experimental licenses...in the large band utilized by PLCs."

The League agreed with the FCC's proposal to make both 2200 and 630 meters available to Amateur Extra, Advanced, and General licensees. The ARRL also said the FCC should provide "maximum flexibility with emission types" throughout 630 and 2200 meters, including CW, RTTY, data, and even phone and image, the last "especially at 630 meters."

The ARRL also commented on the FCC's proposal to amend its Part 80 rules to permanently authorize radio buoy operations in the upper half of 160 meters, which the Commission recently elevated to primary for Amateur Radio. "[S]hould the Commission proceed with its proposal...to make the 1900-2000 kHz band available to commercial fishing vessels for use by radio buoys on the open sea and to include them in the equipment authorized as part of a ship station license, it should not do so by means of a primary allocation for these devices in ITU Regions 2 and 3 as proposed," the League said. "The entitlement to utilize radio buoys should be on a secondary basis to the Amateur Service...and the buoys should be prohibited from causing harmful interference to Amateur stations *without qualification*."

REAL NEWSPAPER HEADLINES.....

**Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter**

**Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says**  
No, do you really think so?

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**Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers**  
Now that's taking things a bit far!

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**Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over**  
What a guy!

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**Miners Refuse to Work after Death**  
No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!

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**Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant**  
See if that works any better than a fair trial!

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**War Dims Hope for Peace**  
I can see where it might have that effect!

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**If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile**  
Ya think?!

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## ONE FOR THE AGES.....FROM NEWSLINE

We begin this week's newscast with the revelation that being an OM in ham radio isn't always just a casual descriptive. For one New York radio amateur, it's quite possibly the highest honor one can achieve in a lifetime on the air. Charles "Charlie" Hellman, W2RP, of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, was recently declared the oldest living amateur radio operator in the U.S., if not perhaps the globe. The 105-year-old has engaged in 90 years of QSOs, beginning with his first year as a new ticket in 1925, when he was 15 years old.

The Quarter Century Wireless Association, whose members have all been active hams for at least 25 years, discovered Hellman's unprecedented amateur record quite unexpectedly, during a recent update of the group's member files. Webmaster Bob Roske, NOUF, who was doing the update, stumbled upon Hellman's listing, and learned he was not only licensed and active, but living in New York's Westchester County, just north of New York City.

What came next seemed only natural: The association chose to bestow on Hellman an honor that, like Hellman, had no equal -- A certificate marking 90 years as a ham. The document's wording reads: QUOTE "The Quarter Century Wireless Association presents this 90th Anniversary Award to its Distinguished Member Charles "Charlie" Hellman, W2RP to commemorate Ninety Years of Service as a licensed Radio Amateur."

In addition to the certificate, Hellman also received a letter from QCWA president Ken Oelke, (VE6AFO), who wrote, in part: "I would also like to say how proud I am that you have kept active for these many years, and to proudly celebrate what many will not be able to achieve in their entire lifetime."



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