

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
WB8VOF DOUG ALMQUIST
WELLSTON MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
W8SGR CHUCK MELLBERG
TRAVERSE CITY MI

OCT. 2009

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

Here we are enjoying the wonders of October, beautiful leaves, “trick or treat”, cold rain, high winds, and who knows what else. I am hoping for some “Indian Summer” for the week of the 19. I will taking some vacation time and would like some nice weather in the U. P. Of course just being there will be very nice too.

Well this newsletter would have been a day or two earlier if it were not for that Tiger play-off game. It went to long and no time to work on the newsletter afterwards. It was a very good game with a not so good outcome from my point of view.

Thanks to everyone who checked into the net of Sept. 26 with emergency power. We had 10 checkins and many more who had the capability. I guess that shows that the U.P. Net is ready to lend a hand in an emergency. I reported the results to John, WB8RCR the section emergency coordinator.

Congratulations to Chuck our Ham of the Month. Chuck has done a lot for Ham Radio. I have known him since I entered this hobby and it is great to have him checking into the net Sorry I have missed some of my net control duties in the last couple of months, but it is just a hobby and family things come first. Get out your sweaters and have a great October.

SEPT 2009 CHECKINS 1200 TRAFFIC 51
SEPT 2008 CHECKINS 1198 TRAFFIC 68
HIGH CHECKINS FOR SEPT WA8DHB 48
HIGH TRAFFIC WB8VOF, N8BNC 6

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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EXAMS

09-Oct-2009 **Sponsor:** GRAND RAPIDS ARA **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** RICHARD H DOUGLAS (616)531-6218 **Email:** KC8NKA@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** RED CROSS BLDG 1050 FULLER AVE NE INSTRUCTION ROOM L-4 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

10-Oct-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

10-Oct-2009 **Sponsor:** DCARS **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** HOWARD E ST JOHN (906)428-9476 **Email:** HSJ99@CHARTER.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** GLADSTONE CITY HALL 1100 DELTA AVENUE MAIN MEETING ROOM GLADSTONE, MI 49837

10-Oct-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

10-Oct-2009 **Sponsor:** EATON COUNTY ARC **Time:** 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOHN A DEWEY (517)645-2378 **Email:** DETTA@IA4U.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** EATON CTY SHERIFF'S DEPT-EOC 1025 INDEPENDENCE BLVD CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

10-Oct-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

13-Oct-2009 **Sponsor:** LIVINGSTON ARC **Time:** 7:00PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** GEORGE BRUCE VAN DAM (313)999-5547 **Email:** BVANDAM@COMCAST.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** LIVINGSTON COUNTY EOC 300 S HIGHLANDER WAY HOWELL, MI 48843

17-Oct-2009 **Sponsor:** HOLLAND ARC **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JIM A LAMBERTS (616)399-6002 **Email:** JLAMBERTS@CHARTERMI.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** WEST OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL-SOUTH CAMPUS 270 JAMES ST HOLLAND, MI 49424

17-Oct-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

17-Oct-2009 **Sponsor:** CASCADES ARS **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** RICHARD H MC GUIRE (517)782-1430 **Email:** DICKKI8C@JUNO.COM **VEC:** [W5YI VEC](#) **Location:** JACKSON DISTRICT LIBRARY 244 WEST MICHIGAN DOWNSTAIRS AUDITORIUM JACKSON, MI 49204

19-Oct-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

21-Oct-2009 **Sponsor:** PR

ESCOTT TESTING GROUP **Time:** 6:30 PM (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

24-Oct-2009 **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

29-Oct-2009 **Sponsor:** CORUNNA VE TEAM **Time:** 7:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: THOMAS E CARPENTER (517)579-0599 **Email:** KI8AS@CHARTER.NET
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS 712 CORUNNA AVE REGISTER AT 6:30 PM
CORUNNA, MI 48817

31-Oct-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

07-Nov-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

10-Nov-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

HAMFEST

17 Oct 2009 Lakeshore Super Swap Holland Amateur Radio Club
http://www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=22 **Talk-In:** 147.06+ (PL 94.8) **Contact:**
Tom Bosscher, K8TB 3148 Rosewood Street Hudsonville, MI 49426 Phone: 616-662-1080 Email:
k8tb@bosscher.org Holland, MI West Ottawa High School (South Campus)
3600 152nd Avenue

18 Oct 2009 Kalamazoo ARC & Southwest Michigan AR Team <http://www.KalamazooHamFest.com>
Talk-In: 147.040 (PL 94.8) - K8KZO Repeater
Contact: Ruth Bates-Hill, WB8VEV c/o Kalamazoo Hamfest PO Box 33
Kalamazoo, MI Kalamazoo County Expo Center & Fairgrounds 2900 Lake Street

25 Oct 2009 24th Annual USECA Hamfest Utica Shelby Emergency Communication Association
<http://www.usecaarc.com> **Talk-In:** 147.180 (PL 100) **Contact:**
Chuck Perushek, N8ZA Email: N8ZA@arrl.net Sterling Heights, MI
American Polish Century Club 33204 Maple Lane Drive

OCT 31 PETOSKEY GET DETAILS FROM KC8NVI

NS8S, DAVE AND WB8WAJ, DWIGHT (SK)

DWIGHT WAS MY GODFATHER WHO INTRODUCED ME TO BOTH AMATEUR RADIO AND THE UP NET. I HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF QSO'S BOTH FROM ALABAMA AT GULF SHORES WHERE HE AND MARY WINTERED OVER, AND WHILE HE WAS HOME AT RAPID RIVER, MI



UP NET MEMBER PROFILE by AL K8BLL

ANDREAS (ANDY) MICHELS, JR., N9QPJ
DAGGETT, MICHIGAN

BORN IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1961, ANDY GRADUATED FROM LAKE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL THERE IN 1979. DAGGETT, WHERE HE AND HIS FAMILY NOW LIVE, IS ONLY 25 MILES NORTH OF MENOMINEE, WHERE ANDY IS EMPLOYED BY ANGELI'S FOODS, A SUPERMARKET THERE, AS AN ASSISTANT MANAGER. HIS FAMILY INCLUDES LAURIE, HIS WIFE, TWO SONS, TONY, 31, RYAN, 21, AND A DAUGHTER, SHANNON, 15.

ANDY AND HIS DAD BECAME INVOLVED IN RADIO VIA CB IN 1975. SINCE THEN, HE HAS MAINTAINED AN INTEREST IN RADIO AND RECEIVED HIS TECHNICIAN LICENSE IN 1992. HE UPGRADED HIS HAM LICENSE TO GENERAL IN 2008 AND IS PLANNING TO OBTAIN AN UPGRADE TO EXTRA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE N9QPJ STATION CONSISTS OF A YAESU FT-101-EE TRANSCEIVER WITH MATCHING AMPLIFIER, SPEAKER AND FREQUENCY COUNTER. A D-104 MIKE COMPLETES THE SETUP. IN THE BACK YARD ARE TWO 50 FOOT TOWERS SUPPORTING A HOMEBREW 120 FOOT DIPOLE ANTENNA. ANDY ALSO HAS A FT-857-D FOR USE AS HIS MOBILE RIG.

WHILE RADIO IS HIS PRIMARY HOBBY, INCLUDING RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRPLANES, ANDY ALSO ENJOYS HUNTING, FISHING AND BOATING AS WELL AS "LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST".

UP NET MEMBER PROFILE by AL K8BLL

CHUCK SAVOLAINEN, WB8FCY
LAKE LINDEN, MICHIGAN

WHILE HE WAS BORN IN CHICAGO ON JULY 6, 1944, HIS FAMILY MOVED TO THE COPPER COUNTRY BEFORE CHUCK STARTED SCHOOL. HE ATTENDED GRADE SCHOOL THROUGH THE 8TH GRADE AT ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP SCHOOL IN MOHAWK AND GRADUATED FROM CALUMET HIGH SCHOOL. CHUCK FURTHERED HIS EDUCATION WITH TWO YEARS AT SOUMI COLLEGE (NOW FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY) IN HANCOCK PLUS MORE THAN A YEAR OF TECHNICAL TRAINING WHILE IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE. DURING HIS TIME IN THE USAF FROM 1964 TO 1968, CHUCK WAS INVOLVED IN HEAVY GROUND RADAR AS WELL AS ELECTRONICS AND RADAR TRAINING.

UPON LEAVING THE USAF, CHUCK WORKED 34 YEARS FOR MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY. HIS ASSIGNMENTS WITH MICHIGAN BELL INCLUDED MICROWAVE RADIO, MECHANICAL AND DIGITAL SWITCHING PLUS FIBER OPTICS.

HE RECEIVED AN ADVANCED CLASS AMATEUR LICENSE IN 1969 AND NOW HOLDS AN EXTRA CLASS LICENSE. ON THE SAME DAY HE RECEIVED HIS HAM LICENSE, HE ALSO TOOK AND PASSED THE FIRST CLASS RADIO TELEPHONE EXAM INCLUDING THE RADAR ENDORSEMENT. HIS WIFE ALEDA, KC8EKX, SON DAVID, N8PJB, AND DAUGHTER DAWN, KC8EKY ALL HOLD TECHNICIAN LICENSES.

CHUCK ALSO ENJOYS METALWORKING, WOODWORKING AND LAPIDARY. LIKE MOST YOOPERS, HE IS ALSO A HUNTER AND FISHERMAN. CHUCK OPERATES AN ORION II TRANSCEIVER FROM HIS HAM SHACK LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF HIS HOME. THE ANTENNA SYSTEM IS A 60 FOOT TOWER WITH A TRAPPED DIPOLE FOR 75 AND 40 METERS.

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Most hams know a little about Guglielmo Marconi's work in bringing radio into the realm of practical use. This book tells the tale of Marconi's invention in a thrilling way that you will enjoy, as well as the contemporary — and converging — tale of the man who has been called the second most gruesome murderer in the history of British crime. The author, Eric Larson, a skilled literary detective, provides exhaustive end notes to assure us that the tale has been told as it actually happened, rather than being embellished by his imagination.

Signor Marconi was one of many men who were trying to make radio work in a practical manner. Most of those early radio men had the best training science could offer. Marconi was, instead, a relatively unschooled experimenter who spent long days, and sometimes sleepless nights, experimenting with various devices and techniques, continually improving his apparatus and keep slightly ahead of other experimenters.

Marconi scored some early successes that attracted funding for his work, enabling him to build a number of wireless stations in North America and Europe (wonderful details are provided of those stations, the horrendous noises their gigantic spark gaps made and their huge antennas). But then Marconi's funding started to dry up as other experimenters began to catch up with his work and it was yet uncertain who would become known as "The Inventor of Radio."

Meanwhile, a murder most gruesome had been committed in London — and done so carefully that it took thousands of hours of work by Scotland Yard detectives to even prove that a murder had actually been committed. Just as the police started to close the net around the suspected murderer Hawley Crippen (the husband of the deceased), he and his paramour went underground and fled by ship for Canada where they could assume new lives and likely never be found out.

But the ship the runaway pair sailed on had a wireless station. Scotland Yard signaled the ship's master that a suspected murderer was onboard. The captain swore the radio officer to secrecy so no one onboard knew of the drama that was unfolding.

But the press learned of the story, publishing lurid accounts of the murder, the suspect and his fleeing with his lover on a transatlantic ship. The story sold a lot of newspapers in England and in Canada and the shadowing of the fugitives via wireless was at the center of the public's attention.

The drama and intrigue built to a fever pitch, but then slid down to a rather anticlimactic moment when police went on board and quietly arrested the murderer and his companion.

The drama of that practical use of wireless had been spread throughout the world by the press. Marconi's funding became more than adequate. And that is what gave Signor Marconi a major advantage over his competitors and why today the world recognizes Marconi as the inventor of radio.

At the end of the book you will find 40 pages of notes, seven pages of archives and bibliography, and a complete index, to help you keep up with all the details of the story.

The book is a real page-turner and you will have a hard time putting it down long enough to check into your favorite net. Enjoy.

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FROM ARRL WEB PAGE

From Jim, WB8IEH

A man owned a small irrigated farm in Kansas. The Kansas State Wage & Hour Department claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the agent.

"Well," replied the farmer, "there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board.

The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board.

Then there's the half-wit who works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. I pay him about \$10 per week, enough to buy his cigarettes, he pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally."

"That's the guy I want to talk to --- the half-wit," says the agent.

"That would be me," replied the farmer



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