

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
KC8NVI CLIFF ROSENBOHM
HARBOR SPRINGS MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
ROLAND KARKLIN
SHINGLETON MI

OCTOBER 2010

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Here we are the month of October. The month of colorful leaves, shorter day light, Indian summer (we hope) and maybe a little snow (we hope not) Anyway time to seriously think about getting those antenna projects finished. I don't know if mine will get done this year or not. Would really like to have this 160 meter vertical to play with this winter.

As I am writing this I am thinking of what else I need to take with me for my vacation that starts Friday. Much to do and little time to do it. Vacation will take me from one end of the U.P. to the other. First a few days in Baraga with some old bear hunting friends to do some color tour and look over the old hunting grounds. I hope to see Bob and Cindy too and get some details of the Alaska trip. Then it's over to Drummond Island for a few days with my son and hopefully see Art and Ed too. Just hoping for some of that great October weather to make it a real great time. See you on the radio.

NET STATS

2010 AUGUST CHECKINS 1100 TRAFFIC 63

2009 AUGUST CHECKINS 1327 TRAFFIC 48

AUGUST HIGH CHECKINS WB8VOF 49

HIGH TRAFFIC KC8NVI 9 WB8VOF 9

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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<i>3</i> <i>K8SKY & KATHY</i>	<i>4</i> <i>CORKY XYL OF</i> <i>KC8TU</i>	<i>5</i> <i>NANCY XYL OF</i> <i>N8GPW</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>HELEN XYL OF</i> <i>W8OWN</i> <i>KA8IQJ ED</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i> <i>KC8OAZ JOHN</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>WD8DCA & LEEANN</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> <i>RITA XYL OF</i> <i>KC8JLC</i>
<i>17</i> <i>KN8N AND DONNA</i> <i>KC8TBU</i>	<i>18</i> <i>WA8RNB LEE</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>N8GWN & FRANCIS</i> <i>K8BLO CHARLIE</i>
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EXAMS

10/02/2010 | Muskegon MI 49440-1233 Sponsor: Muskegon Area AR Council Location: American Red Cross Bldg Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/02/2010 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor: Mt Clemens SAROF Location: Salvation Army Corps-Corner South Gratiot Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/05/2010 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC Location: Oak Park Community Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/07/2010 | Mason MI 48854-9999 Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Ingham County Sheriff's Dept Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/09/2010 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC Location: St Clair County Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/09/2010 | Gladstone MI 49837-9999 Sponsor: DCARS Location: Gladstone City Hall Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/09/2010 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc. Location: American Red Cross Building Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)

10/09/2010 | Charlotte MI 48813-1031 Sponsor: Eaton County ARC Location: Eaton Cty Sheriff's Dept-EOC Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/09/2010 | Flint MI 48507 Sponsor: The KD8NLP V.E. Team Location: Baker College of Flint-Tech Center Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/15/2010 | Fenton/Flint MI 48430-9798 Sponsor: Genesee County Radio Club Location: Mott Community College Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**10/16/2010 | Jackson MI 49204-9999 Sponsor: Cascades ARS
Location: Jackson District Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**

**10/16/2010 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor: Ionia County RACES
Location: Ionia Central Dispatch Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**

**10/23/2010 | South Lyon MI 48178 Sponsor: South Lyon Area ARC
Location: Witch's Hat Depot Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**

**10/28/2010 | Corunna MI 48817-1230 Sponsor: Corunna VE Team
Location: American Red Cross Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**

HAMFEST

10/9/2010 Straits Area Amateur Radio Club Location: Petoskey

Contact Cliff KC8NVI

**10/16/2010 | Great Lakeshore Super Swap Location: Holland, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest sponsor: Holland ARC Website: <http://hollandarc.org>**

10/17/2010 | Kalamazoo ARC & Southwest Michigan AR Team

Location: Kalamazoo, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Kalamazoo ARC & Southwest Michigan AR Team **Website:** <http://www.KalamazooHamFest.com>

**10/24/2010 | 25th Annual USECA Swap Location: Sterling Heights, MI Type:
ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Utica Shelby Emergency Communication
Association Website: <http://www.USECAARC.com>**

SOME STATE SLOGANS.....from Jim WB8IEH

Arizona: But It's A Dry Heat Florida: Ask Us About Our Grandkids
Indiana: 2 Billion Years Tidal Wave Free Maryland: If You Can Dream It,
We Can Tax It

Michigan: First Line Of Defense >From The Canadians

Amateur Radio Quiz: In the Here and Now

TAGS: call sign, grid square, ward silver, weak signal

09/22/2010

By H. Ward Silver, N0AX

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The last quiz took a long look in the rear-view mirror. Let's turn around to the future and take a look out the windshield with this collection of new ham radio jargon!

- 1) What information is contained in a "spot"?
 - a. Time
 - b. Frequency
 - c. Call sign
 - d. All of the above

- 2) Which of the following components could be a "roofing" type?
 - a. Antenna
 - b. Connector
 - c. Filter
 - d. Cable

- 3) A buck-boost converter is a type of what?
 - a. Rectifier
 - b. Filter
 - c. Power supply
 - d. Mixer

- 4) What causes aliasing in a DSP system?
 - a. Under-sampling
 - b. Over-sampling
 - c. Dither
 - d. Noise

- 5) Which of the following is a type of spectrum display?
 - a. Dobsonian
 - b. Waterfall
 - c. Magic-eye tube
 - d. Delayed sweep

- 6) What does the SOHO satellite observe?
 - a. Ocean surface temperatures
 - b. Solar phenomena
 - c. Geomagnetic pole drift
 - d. Cosmic rays

7) What type of communication is the WSJT suite of software used for?

- a. High-speed CW
- b. Networking
- c. Satellite
- d. Weak signal

8) Rover stations constitute a category in what type of contest?

- a. VHF/UHF
- b. Field Day
- c. Digital mode
- d. Sprints

9) Through what platform does “bent-pipe” communication take place?

- a. Digipeater
- b. D-STAR
- c. Satellite
- d. Passive reflector

10) What does a “Skimmer” skim?

- a. CW signals
- b. Intruders
- c. VLF “whistlers”
- d. Meteor trails

Bonus Question -- How did the “screwdriver antenna” get its name?

Answers

- 1) d -- Spotting networks distribute reception reports of stations for DXing and contesting.
- 2) c -- A roofing filter helps reject strong in-band signals.
- 3) c -- Buck-boost is a type of switchmode dc-to-dc converter.
- 4) a -- To avoid aliasing, sample at a minimum of twice the maximum signal frequency.
- 5) b -- A waterfall display shows a sequence of spectrum sweeps.
- 6) b -- The Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) keeps an eye on our Sun.
- 7) d -- WSJT is written by Joe Taylor, K1JT, for EME and meteor scatter modes.
- 8) a -- Rover stations move from grid square to grid square during the contest.
- 9) c -- Signals are received by the satellite and transmitted back to the ground without processing.
- 10) a -- Alex Shovkoplyas, *VE3NEA*, wrote this software to decode CW signals automaticall.

Bonus Answer -- The original models used electric screwdriver motors to adjust the antenna’s resonant frequency.

JUST FOR FUN!!!!

From Mary Ann KC8WKN

STEP-BY-STEP EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 40.....OR THOSE CLOSE TO IT.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can.

Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks.

Then try 50-lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level..... put a potato in each sack.

From.....Jim WB8IEH

**Some guy bought a new fridge for his house.
To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: 'Free to good home. You want it, you take it.'
For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice.
He eventually decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal.
So he changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale \$50.'**

The next day someone stole it!

**I stopped at Mc Donald's and ordered some fries.
The girl behind the counter said "would you like some fries with that?"**

***One day I was walking down the beach with some friends when someone shouted.....
'Look at that dead bird!' Someone looked up at the sky and said...'where?'**

UP NET MEMBER PROFILE Edited by Al K8BLL

STANLEY STRANGLE, K8NYT
BRUCE CROSSING, MICHIGAN

WHILE HE WAS BORN IN LAKE KABETOGOMA, MINNESOTA, AMONG THAT STATE'S NORTHEAST BOUNDRY WATERS, STANLEY GRADUATED FROM TROUT LAKE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE EASTERN U.P. HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE WHITE PINE COPPER COMPANY NEAR ONTONAGON AMD WAS TRAINED IN TV REPAIR BY THE COMPANY. RETIRING IN 1996, STANLEY IS LICENSED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AS AN ELECTRICIAN AND HAS DONE RESIDENTIAL HOUSE WIRING AND SOLD ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES.

STANLEY WAS A SHORT WAVE LISTENER FOR MANY YEARS WHICH LED TO HIS INTEREST IN HAM RADIO. WITH ELMERING BY HAMS WHO LIVED NEARBY, HE WAS LICENSED IN 1995. HE NOW OPERATES A SMALL ELECTRONIC SALES BUSINESS INCLUDING AMATEUR RADIO GEAR AND STATES THAT HE IS THE ONLY HAM DEALER IN THE U.P.

STANLEY'S ONLY FAMILY IS HIS SISTER, PAT. BESIDES HAM RADIO, HE ENJOYS PHOTOGRAPHY, FISHING, HUNTING AS WELL AS WORKING WITH OLD TRACTORS AND ENGINES. HE HAS ALSO TRAVELED TO FINLAND ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASION.

THE STATION AT K8NYT FEATURES AN ICOM 746PRO FEEDING A LONG WIRE ANTENNA ON 75 METERES.



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