

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8KP BOB WITTLA
BRUCE CROSSING MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
K9RSK RON FOXWORTHY
GREEN BAY WI

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Here we are in October, the month of raking leaves and trick or treat. Also time to finish up those antenna projects. I had several in mind, but like everything else in my life they fell victim to chemo. I am getting really tired of being really tired all the time. I don't know how people who have to do this for a year get thru it.

From what I hear propagation has been getting better on the higher frequencies and the lower frequencies are also improving. Should be good for the net control stations. The baseball play-offs start tonight. I will have to try to catch the Tiger game. Sure would be nice to see them get the World Series again. I hope to be on the net Oct. 1 if my afternoon nap does not run long.

NET STATS

AUGUST 2010 1100 CHECKINS 63 TRAFFIC

AUGUST 2011 1100 CHECKINS 60 TRAFFIC

HIGH TRAFFIC 15 KC8NVI

HIGH CHECKINS WA8DHB 37 3 TIMES WB8VOF 37

UPPER PENINSULA NET WEBSITE www.michupnet.com

October 2011

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>2</i>	<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>ED KA8IQJ</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> <i>JOHN KC8OAZ</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>WD8DCA &</i> <i>LEEANN</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i> <i>RITA XYL OF</i> <i>KC8JLC</i>	<i>17</i> <i>KN8N & DONNA</i> <i>BILL KC8TBU</i>	<i>18</i> <i>LEE WA8RNB</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> <i>N8GWN & FRANCIS</i> <i>CHARLIE K8BLO</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <i>BOB W8RAE</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>					

EXAMS

- 10/01/2011 | Muskegon MI 49440-1233 **Sponsor:** Muskegon Area AR Council **Location:** American Red Cross Bldg **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/01/2011 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** Mt Clemens SAROF **Location:** Salvation Army Corps-Corner South Gratiot **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/04/2011 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 **Sponsor:** Hazel Park ARC **Location:** Oak Park Community Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/06/2011 | Mason MI 48854-9999 Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group
Location: Ingham County Sheriff's Dept Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/08/2011 | Gladstone MI 49837-9999 **Sponsor:** DCARS
Location: Gladstone City Hall **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 10/08/2011 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC **Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/08/2011 | Charlotte MI 48813-1031 **Sponsor:** Eaton County ARC **Location:** Eaton Cty Sheriff's Dept-EOC **Time:** 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/08/2011 | Flint MI 48507 **Sponsor:** The KD8NLP V.E. Team **Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/08/2011 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/15/2011 | Jackson MI 49204-9999 Sponsor: Cascades ARS
Location: Jackson District Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 10/15/2011 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 **Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/15/2011 | Fenton/Flint MI 48430-9798 **Sponsor:** Genesee County Radio Club **Location:** Mott Community College **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 10/19/2011 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 **Sponsor:** Prescott Testing Group
Location: Mills Township Hall **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/22/2011 | South Lyon MI 48178 **Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC
Location: Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/27/2011 | Battle Creek MI 49014-4011 **Sponsor:** SMARS
Location: Masonic Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/27/2011 | Corunna MI 48817-1230 **Sponsor:** Corunna VE Team
Location: American Red Cross **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/05/2011 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** Mt Clemens SAROF
Location: Salvation Army Corps-Corner South Gratiot
Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

11/05/2011 | Traverse City MI 49686-4256 **Sponsor:** Cherryland ARC
Location: Salvation Army Bldg **Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

HAMFEST

10/16/2011 | Kalamazoo Hamfest

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

10/23/2011 | 26th Annual USECA Hamfest

Location: Sterling Heights, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Utica Shelby Emergency Communication Association
Website: <http://www.usecaarc.com>

HEALTH MESSAGE:

1. If walking/cycling is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water and is fat.
3. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years.
4. A tortoise doesn't run, does nothing ..yet lives for 450 years.

AND YOU TELL ME TO EXERCISE!

I'm retired, go around me!!

UP NET MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

This simple form makes it easy to provide the basic info to create a short profile about you, particularly HOM's, for the UP Newsletter. While voluntary, please answer these few questions and mail the form to K8BLL, 2822 Villa Lane, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

Name and Call _____

Birthplace(city,state,year)_____

Education(level,school names & locations)_____

Employer(s),location,type of jobs_____

Military Service (if any)_____

How/when did you get into ham radio_____

Spouse/Family_____

Other hobbies and interests_____

Any other interesting info or life experiences_____

Rig, antennas, shack_____

(Use back of form for added space)

Heathkit's Amateur Radio Plans Taking Shape

09/14/2011

Heathkit Educational Systems hopes to reenter the Amateur Radio market by the end of 2011. Back in August, Heathkit announced its return to the kit business and actively solicited suggestions. The response from Amateur Radio operators convinced Heathkit to develop several Amateur Radio products.

Ernie Wake, director, Marketing/Sales, told the ARRL:

“When we made the announcement on our web page about a month ago we had no intention of entering the Amateur Radio kit market. The response was really overwhelming, exciting and scary. The scary part is that the brand name has so much loyalty that we don’t want to disappoint the people who have such fond memories.

“We are working on developing a few Amateur Radio kits. Initially, the kit line will include a few ‘accessories’ like kits for a Dual Watt Meter, Antenna Tuners and the Cantenna. Once we are a little more ‘settled’ I think we will develop a QRP receiver. We won’t rush to market just to get there. We want to develop a line of kits in the tradition of Heathkit. I’m hoping to have one-two kits by the end-of-the-year.”

THOSE ATTENDING ESCANABA MEETING AUGUST 6 2011

WA8DHB	AILEEN	KIPLING	KC8QII	ANNETTE	HARBOR SPRINGS
KC8NVI	CLIFF	HARBOR SPRINGS	WB8IEH	JIM	ISHPEMING
W8OWN	GEORGE	BIG RAPIDS		HELEN	BIG RAPIDS
K8SKY	SKYE	KALEVA		KATHY	KALEVA
K8DSS	ED	BOYNE FALLS	K8PDC	PETE	NEWBERRY
W8KP	BOB	BRUCE CROSSING	WB8VOF	DOUG	WELLSTON
N8NJA	BILL	MARION	N8JSI	CINDY	L’ANSE
N8BNC	BOB	L’ANSE	K8MXC	BOB	REED CITY
	SANDY	REED CITY	W8IFI	JIM	CRYSTAL FALLS
KC8NNX	JIM	ROSE LAKE		KAY	ROSE LAKE
W8ERB	WALT	HOUGHTON	WA8JSF	RICK	CALUMET
W8NWD	NORM	ISHPEMING	K8WLT	WALT	GLADSTONE
WA8LE	LES	ESCANABA	KA8WOG	FLOYD	GLADSTONE
AA8XO	DAVE	CHARLEVOIX	KB8BMZ	GARY	FLUSHING
	DOROTHY	FLUSHING			

SIGNS, SIGNS EVERYWHERE A SIGN....FROM JIM, WB8IEH

And we tried so hard to teach them!!!

Did I read that sign right?

TOILET OUT OF ORDER: PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES
WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store:

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE
BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office:

AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE
DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY
NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window:

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park: (I sure hope so)

ELEPHANTS: PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference:

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY
CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE
BULL CHARGES.

Message on a leaflet:

IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET
LESSONS

On a repair shop door:

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE
BELL DOESN'T WORK)

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

36 have been accused of spousal abuse, **7** have been arrested for fraud, **19** have been accused of writing bad checks, **117** have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses, **3** have done time for assault, **71**, I repeat **71** cannot get a credit card due to bad credit, **14** have been arrested on drug-related charges, **8** have been arrested for shoplifting, **21** currently are defendants in lawsuits, and, **84** have been arrested for drunk driving in the last year !

Can you guess which organization this is? Is it the NBA Or NFL?

Sadly no, we elected these people they are part of the 535 members of the U.S. Congress. Before you cast a vote learn about the person you are voting for!!



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