

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
K8SKY SKYE WITTIG  
KALEVA MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
KC8EXV WIL CUTY SR  
TWINING MI

OCTOBER 2012

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October, the month of colorful leaves, the real change in the weather, and trick or treat. The color has arrived, some of the best I can remember in many years. Bob, N8BNC sent me some pictures from the Big Eric's Bridge that is northeast of his place. The color was wonderful, but when I compared it to a picture I took there 2 years ago I was amazed in the difference in the water levels. It is DRY all over the state. We need moisture, but I sure hate to get it in the form of something we have to shovel!

The other day some of the users of the local repeater were discussing various antenna projects they want to get done before Winter. The question was asked why did we all wait so long to do antenna projects. Why weren't they done this Summer. Well, in my case, too hot this Summer. Just was not good for doing outside projects. I would rather put up an antenna at 25 degrees than 95 degrees. Besides I have heard the ones put up at 25 degrees work better!!

Speaking of warm weather, I suppose we will start to loose some snowbirds soon. Have a great and safe Winter and try to reach us if you can. The bands are getting better. I gave 160 meters a try the other night and it was good!

#### NET STATS

2011 AUG CHECKINS 1100    TRAFFIC 60

2012 AUG CHECKINS 1100    TRAFFIC 66

AUGUST HIGH CHECKINS WA8DHB 40

AUGUST HIGH TRAFFIC KC8NVI 9

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> <i>K8SKY &amp; 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 &amp; LEEANN</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> <i>RITA XYLOF</i> <i>KC&amp;JLC</i>	<i>17</i> <i>KN8N &amp; 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 &amp; FRANCIS</i>  <i>K8BLO</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>  <i>W8RAE BOB</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			

## EXAMS

- 10/13/2012 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/13/2012 | Charlotte MI 48813-1031 **Sponsor:** Eaton County ARC **Location:** Eaton Cty Sheriff's Dept-EOC **Time:** 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/13/2012 | Muskegon MI 49442-2835 **Sponsor:** Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest **Location:** Fellowship Reformed Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/13/2012 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC **Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/17/2012 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 **Sponsor:** Prescott Testing Group **Location:** Mills Township Hall **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 10/18/2012 | Livonia MI 48154-3045 **Sponsor:** Livonia ARC **Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library **Time:** 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 10/20/2012 | Flint MI 48507 **Sponsor:** The KD8NLP & W8ACW VE Teams **Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/20/2012 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 **Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 10/25/2012 | Battle Creek MI 49017-4867 **Sponsor:** SMARS **Location:** Maple United Methodist Church **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/25/2012 | Corunna MI 48817-1230 **Sponsor:** Corunna VE Team **Location:** American Red Cross **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/27/2012 | Coldwater MI 49036-9999 **Sponsor:** Branch County ARC, Inc. **Location:** CHC Conference Center **Time:** 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

10/27/2012 | South Lyon MI 48178 **Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC **Location:** Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

11/03/2012 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** SAROF  
**Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance)  
**Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- **11/04/2012 | Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615 Sponsor: NQ8A Testing Group**  
**Location: Church of Christ Time: 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**

- **Hamfest/Convention**

- 10/13/2012 | Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest **Location:** Muskegon, MI  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services (MCECS)

10/21/2012 | Kalamazoo Hamfest **Location:** Kalamazoo, MI  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club (KARC) & Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team (SMART)  
**Website:** <http://www.KalamazooHamfest.Com>

**12/02/2012 | LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest Location: Harrison Township, MI** **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club**  
**Website:** <http://www.n8lc.org>

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## **TIMELY QUOTES**

The problem with political jokes is they get elected. ~Henry Cate, VII

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. ~Aesop

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber. ~Plato

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river. ~Nikita Khrushchev

UPPER PENINSULA ROSTER JULY 2012

CALL	PRE	NAME	CITY	CALL	PRE	NAME	CITY
M				PTE	KD8	LUCILLE	MARQUETTE
				PQ	N8	JAMIE	ALANSON
				PSU	W9	STABER	MINOCQUA WI
MCI	KB8	JODY	SAGINAW				
MCR	KB8	JIM	MIO	Q			
MEZ	KC9	BOB	IRMA WI				
MGI	KD8	JON	NORTON SHORES	Q	WO9	JOHN	CRIVITZ WI
MIL	W8	STAN	CADILLAC	QBZ	K8	WAYNE	ALPENA
MJC	K8	MIKE	BOYNE CITY	QEN	N8	DOUG	WAYLAND
MXC	K8	BOB	REED CITY	QII	KC8	ANNETTE	HARBOR SPRINGS
				OJP	K8	JIM	TRAVERSE CITY
				QMG	KC8	DON	STANDISH
				QNN	WA9	RON	GRANTSBURG WI
N	AB8	JOE	LILLIAN AL	QPJ	N9	ANDY	DAGGETT
N	KN8	LARRY	KALAMAZOO	QPO	W8	BRAD	TRAVERSE CITY
N	WZ8	RICK	MANISTEE	QW	KF8	NORM	COHOCTAH
NGX	KB9	STEVE	APPLE RIVER WI	QZG	KC8	DAVE	NEWBERRY
NJA	N8	BILL	MARION				
NJP	WD8	BRUCE	ISHPEMING	R			
NNX	KC8	JIM	ROSE LAKE				
NOE	KB8	DICK	CRYSTAL	RAE	W8	BOB	METAMORA
NRG	N8	BILL	MARQUETTE	RCR	KB8	RYAN	MIDLAND
NSH	W8	DAVE	GUN LAKE	RCT	K8	ERNIE	TRAVERSE CITY
NSS	WA8	DENNY	MIDLAND	RDW	K9	ROBIE	PRESQUE ISLE WI
NUR	KC8	TONY	PERKINS	REC	W8	BUD	GRAND HAVEN
NVI	KC8	CLIFF	HARBOR SPRINGS	REJ	W8	ROD	BEULAN
NWD	W8	NORM	ISHPEMING	RGO	KC8	VANCE	HOUGHTON
NY	K9	BILL	FALL CREEK WI	RJS	K8	BOB	PETOSKEY
NYT	K8	STAN	BRUCE CROSSING	RM	WB8	RON	WEST BRANCH
NXN	KD8	CLAUDE	MARION	RNB	WA8	LEE	TROY
				RNQ	KC8	AL	BELLEVILLE
O	KS8	JIM	WALLACE	RRI	N8	JOHN	CALEDONIA
OAZ	KC8	JOHN	INDIAN RIVER	RSK	K9	RON	GREEN BAY
OGC	KC8	JEAN	TRAVERSE CITY	RTS	KA8	TONY	GRAND RAPIDS
OIK	WA8	VERN	BEAVERTON	RUS	K8	RUSS	TRAVERSE CITY
OJ	KI5	DAVE	MORAN				
OJP	K8	JIM	TRAVERSE CITY	S			
OLD	WA8	DAVE	SOO				
OPO	W9	JUD	MARSHFIELD WI	S	NN8	DAVE	KALKASKA
OSD	N8	DAN	SENEY	S	NS8	DAVE	MONTAGUE
OSE	WD8	TOM	STEPHENSON	S	WZ8	TOM	HART
OWM	K8	DAVE	HARBOR SPRINGS	SAD	KD8	DAN	HOUGHTON LAKE
OWN	W8	GEORGE	BIG RAPIDS	SAI	WB8	AL	FLUSHING
OYR	N8	RICH	GLADSTONE	SAX	K8	TOM	MARQUETTE
				SAX	W8	GERRY	AUTRAIN
P				SF	KD8	LARRY	ADDISON
				SGR	W8	CHUCK	TRAVERSE CITY
P	KB0	PAUL	ISHPEMING	SJD	N8	CHET	IRONS
P	KJ8	JIM	GAYLORD	SKP	WB8	DENNIS	MURRAY KY
PDC	K8	PETE	NEWBERRY	SKS	W8	STAN	KALKASKA
POU	W9	CHUCK	CEDARBURG WI	SKY	K8	SKYE	KALEVA
PP	AA8	BOB	ROGERS CITY	SN	AA8	HOPE	TRAVERSE CITY
PQ	AA8	BILL	GAYLORD	SOO	W8	KEN	SOO
PQ	N8	JAMIE	ALANSON	SRO	KA9	SAM	RHINELANDER WI
PRW	WD8	DON	SCHWARTZ CREEK	SY	AB8	CHUCK	STANDISH

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CALL	PRE	NAME	CITY	CALL	PRE	NAME	CITY
T				W			
T	KA8	STEVE	WEIDMAN	WR	W8	LARRY	GREENVILLE
TBU	KC8	BILL	BELLAIRE	WTH	W8	RICHARD	CLINTON TWP
TRV	KA8	JERRY	CENTRAL LAKE	WY	N8	PAUL	GARDEN CITY
TS	KB8	KEN	DETOUR	X			
TWA	W8	PETE	GOWEN	X			
TZ	KD9	MIKE	ADA WI	X			
TZA	W8	BILL	KALAMAZOO	X	WC8	GEORGE	PORT HURON
U				XAH	N8	MARK	ESCANABA
UCS	WA8	CHUCK	LAPEER	XI	KB8	ROLAND	HANCOCK
UHR	KJ4	DALE	BENTON KY	XO	AA8	DAVE	CHARLEVOIX
UHZ	WB8	TIM	HEMLOCK	XX	KX8	MARK	TUSTIN
UJH	W8	GEORGE	LAKE CITY	XX	KF9	GUY	MARSHFIELD WI
UPS	W8	ROLAND	MELSTRAND	Y			
UPW	KC8	FRANK	TRAVERSE CITY	Y	WX8	DON	BERRIEN SPRINGS
USB	K8	GARY	GRAINDVILLE	YBQ	N8	MIKE	GRAYLING
V				YIU	KA9	GLEN	MADISON WI
V	NK8	BOB	FENTON/DEER PARK	YJ	N8	JERRY	WADDEMS
V	NS8	PAUL	MENOMINEE	YO	AB8	LOU	MIDLAND
VDC	WB8	MIKE	ANN ARBOR/STONINGTON	YOX	KC8	DAVE	LEWISTON
VOF	WB8	DOUG	WELLSTON	YP	N8	JEREMY	GLADSTONE
VUY	KC8	ELAINE	OTSEGO	YQJ	N8	RALPH	BAD AXE
W				YT	KG8	BRUCE	MARQUETTE
W	NW8	TED	BIRMINGHAM	YV	W8	RICH	GWINN
W	WG8	ROD	INDIAN RIVER	YVM	WA8	CHARTER	ROSE CITY
W	KB8	DAN	LAURIUM	YZH	WB8	RAY	KALAMAZOO
WCC	W8	CLIFF	MARQUETTE	Z			
WEW	KD4	MARK	AUTRAIN	ZKT	KC8	JOHN	LAKE ISABELLA
WG	WA8	BILL	PORTERFIELD WI	ZMN	KC8	CHRIS	UNIONVILLE
WGA	KC8	DAVID	BIG RAPIDS	ZNQ	WB8	LINDA	CHASE
WJ	K1	DAVID	HOWARD CITY	ZNR	WB8	STEVE	CHASE
WK	N8	WARD	TRAVERS CITY	ZOF	KB9	AL	ROTHSCHILD WI
WKQ	WB8	JEFF	DRYDEN	ZXZ	WA8	ED	GRAND RAPIDS
WLT	K8	WALT	GLADSTONE				
WMT	KB9	MALCOLM	INDIANAPOLIS				
WOJ	W8	DON	MIDLAND				
WR	KD9	MILES	EUCLAIR WI				
WR	W8	LARRY	GREENVILLE				
WTH	W8	RICHARD	CLINTON TWP				
WY	N8	PAUL	GARDEN CITY				

## **Space Station Deploys Five CubeSats from the ARRL**

Five research CubeSats - all with Amateur Radio communication systems - were successfully deployed from the International Space Station beginning around 1430 UTC October 5th. The satellites were launched from the Kibo station module using a specially equipped robotic arm.

The group includes:

TechEdSat, a collaboration among NASA's Ames Research Center; San Jose State University; the Swedish National Space Board (SNSB) and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), will be sending AX.25 packet telemetry at 437.465 MHz. The TechEdSat team is asking for assistance from amateurs in decoding and relaying data. Follow the mission on their Twitter page at, <http://twitter.com/TechEdSat>. More information about decoding and submitting packet data is available on their website.

FITSAT-1, designed and built at the Fukuoka Institute of Technology, Japan, will test the feasibility of high-speed microwave data downlinks in low Earth orbit. It will transmit telemetry on 437.445 MHz and 5.84 GHz. They welcome signal reports from amateurs at their website at, <http://turing.cs.fit.ac.jp/~fitsat/>.

WE WISH, from the Meisei Electric Company Radio Club, Japan, will send CW telemetry and occasional SSTV images at 437.505 MHz.

RAIKO, designed and built by students at Wakayama University, Japan, will transmit high-speed data at 2.2 and 13 GHz.

F-1, built by students at FPT University in Hanoi, Vietnam will send telemetry at 145.980 and 437.485 MHz using 1200-baud packet and CW. Amateurs are asked to monitor and submit reports. More information can be found at, [http://fspace.edu.vn/?page\\_id=27](http://fspace.edu.vn/?page_id=27).

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### **Bringing Home A Drunk..... from Jim, WB8IEH**

**A guy was in a bar about as drunk as its possible to get. A group of guys notice his condition and decide to be good Samaritans and take him home. First they stand him up to get to his wallet so they can find out where he lives, but he keeps falling down. He fell down eight more times on the way to the car, each time with a real thud.**

**After they get to his house, he falls down another four times getting him to the door. His wife comes to the door, and one guy says, "We brought your husband home."**

**The wife asks, "Where's his wheelchair?"**

## **TEXAS BEER JOINT SUES LOCAL CHURCH OVER LIGHTNING STRIKE!**

A bar called Drummond's (in Mt Vernon, Texas ) began construction on an expansion of their building, hoping to "grow" their business.

In response, the local Southern Baptist Church started a campaign to block the bar from expanding - petitions, prayers, etc. About a week before the bar's grand re-opening, a bolt of lightning struck the bar and burned it to the ground!

Afterward, the church folks were rather smug - bragging about "the power of prayer".

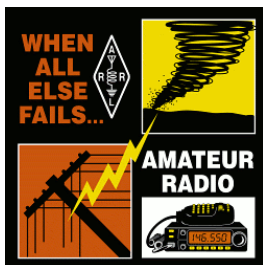
The angry bar owner eventually sued the church on grounds that the church... "Was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, through direct actions or indirect means."

Of course, the church vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise.

The judge read carefully through the plaintiff's complaint and the defendant's reply.

He then opened the hearing by saying: "I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but it appears from the paperwork that what we have here is a bar owner who now believes in the power of prayer, and an entire church congregation that does not!"

**True story!!**



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