

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
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HAM OF THE MONTH
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PERKINS MI

NOVEMBER 2008

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA

Here we are in the month of November, the month of Thanksgiving. They teach you in elementary school that Thanksgiving was first celebrated by the pilgrims in the Virginia Colony. Well I hate to contradict what you learned in school, but I have it from a good source that the first Thanksgiving Celebration took place in the Upper Peninsula when Swen and Olle sat down to enjoy a beer and a pastie on the last Thursday in November and were thankful that the snow had not yet reach over two foot high and that they only had one day of below zero temperatures.

I am sure it you dug through the archives of the libraries of some U. P. towns you could find evidence to back this up. We will leave it to the native Yoopers in the group to prove or disprove this story.

By the way if you are doing some Christmas shopping, there is a store in Calumet that has shirts with what I think is the best saying on it I have ever seen regarding the U. P. "I Wasn't Born In The U. P. But I Got Here As Soon As I Could" What a great gift for a transplanted Troll.

One thing I will be Thankful for this Thanksgiving is that we only have Presidential elections every four years. I am so tired of commercials, news, reports and signs all over the roads. I have seen a lot of signs for one candidate, but they don't say what office they are running for. I have seen more of these signs for this person then any other of the candidates and I think this individual will surely win just name recognition alone. I will check my ballot carefully to make sure I don't miss voting for them, You might want to look too, the name is "For Sale" Just don't know what office they are seeking.

As the used to say in the old days, "Vote Early and Vote Often.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 WA8THK & XYL
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 SHIRLEY XYL OF WALT WA8LT	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 AA8SN HOPE	17 K8KZG ROMAN	18 BETTY XYL OF WA8QIS	19	20 GILBERT SON OF AA8SN	21	22 NS8S DAVE
23	24	25 W8AT JOHN	26	27	28	29
30 WD8MJB JOE						

EXAMS

01-Nov-2008 **Sponsor:** MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** WILLIAM C HEAVER (586)469-6712 **Email:** K8EDS@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SALVATION ARMY CORPS 55 CHURCH ST CORNER SOUTH GRATIOT MAY ALSO CALL: 313-526-5261 MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

04-Nov-2008 **Sponsor:** INGHAM COUNTY VE GROUP **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** LANSING POLICE DEPT. 3400 S CEDAR ST SMALL CONFERENCE RM DOWNSTAIRS **TECH EXAMS ONLY** LANSING, MI 48910

08-Nov-2008 **Sponsor:** MOTOR CITY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DON F NOVAK (734)281-7030 **Email:** K8THU@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** GLENWOOD METHODIST CHURCH 2130 FORD AVENUE (NORTHLINE) WYANDOTTE, MI 48192

08-Nov-2008 **Sponsor:** LANSING VE TEAM **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS 1800 E GRAND RIVER AVE KROPSCHOT ROOM LANSING, MI 48912

08-Nov-2008 **Sponsor:** THE GREATER FLINT VE TEAM **Time:** 1:00 PM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** JEFFREY R PENDER (810)614-6199 **Email:** K8KZB@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** BAKER COLLEGE OF FLINT-TECH CENTER G-1050 W BRISTOL ROAD ROOM S-120 PRE-REGISTER REGISTRATION AT 12:30 PM FLINT, MI 48507

08-Nov-2008 **Sponsor:** CHERRYLAND ARC **Time:** 1:00PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** R HOPE FRANCISCO (231)941-7262 **Email:** AA8SN@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SALVATION ARMY BLDG, 2/24 UPGRADES AND TESTS 1239 BARLOW ST MAY ALSO CALL: 231-218-0622 AA8SN@ARRL.NET TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49686

08-Nov-2008 **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

08-Nov-2008 **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

14-Nov-2008 **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 450 FULLER AVE NE INSTRUCTION ROOM L-4 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

15-Nov-2008 **Sponsor:** KALAMAZOO ARC **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOHN D TUCKER (269)324-9085 **Email:** WB8ZVV@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT 1500 LAMONT AVE (OFF LAKE ST) BASEMENT MEETING ROOM KALAMAZOO, MI 49001

15-Nov-2008 **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-Nov-2008 **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

22-Nov-2008 **Sponsor:** ALLEGAN COUNTY ARC **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** PETER J BLOWERS (269)370-2018 **Email:** W8BUX@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** ALLEGAN GENERAL HOSPITAL - CAFETERIA 555 LINN STREET M-40S, JUST S OF M-89/M40 INT ALLEGAN, MI 49010

22-Nov-2008 **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

23-Nov-2008 **Sponsor:** NQ8A TESTING GROUP **Time:** 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** LARRY A SCHRADER (269)429-7574 **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** CHURCH OF CHRIST REAR OF PARKING LOT 3550 NILES RD FELLOWSHIP HALL SAINT JOSEPH, MI 49085

29-Nov-2008 **Sponsor:** LCARA **Time:** 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** ROBERT P BESWETHERICK (810)653-3851 **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** 911 CENTER LAPEER, MI 48446

02-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** INGHAM COUNTY VE GROUP **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** LANSING POLICE DEPT. 3400 S CEDAR ST SMALL CONFERENCE RM DOWNSTAIRS **TECH EXAMS ONLY** LANSING, MI 48910

02-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** HAZEL PARK ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DEE D FLINT (248)981-8145 **Email:** N8UZE@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER 14300 OAK PARK BLVD PRE-REGISTRATION URGED CHECKIN @ 7 - TEST 7:30 PM OAK PARK, MI 48237

06-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** WILLIAM C HEAVER (586)469-6712 **Email:** K8EDS@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SALVATION ARMY CORPS 55 CHURCH ST CORNER SOUTH GRATIOT MAY ALSO CALL: 313-526-5261 MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

06-Dec-2008 **Sponsor:** TOP OF MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** CHAD W JOHNSTON (989)705-9322 **Email:** CHAD@NUWAYSUPPLY.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** OTSEGO COUNTY PUB LIBRARY 700 SOUTH OTSEGO AVE OLD 27 SOUTH MEETING ROOM GAYLORD, MI 49735

HAMFEST

7 Dec 2008 + Amateur Radio Computer Swap L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

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GIVE THESE SOME THOUGHT BEFORE YOU VOTE

'If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.'

Mark Twain

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress.... But then I repeat myself.

-Mark Twain

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

-Winston Churchill

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

-.George Bernard Shaw

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.

-James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries. -Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

-P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else.

-Frederic Bastiat, Economist (1801-1850)

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

-Ronald Reagan (1986)

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

-Will Rogers

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!

-P.J. O'Rourke

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.

-Voltaire (1764)

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!

-Pericles (430 B.C.)

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.

-Mark Twain (1866)

Talk is cheap...except when Congress does it.

-Unknown

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.

-Ronald Reagan

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

-Mark Twain

There is no distinctly Native American criminal class...save Congress.

-Mark Twain

What this country needs are more unemployed politicians.

-Edward Langley, Artist (1928 - 1995)

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.

-Thomas Jefferson

SOME "SPECIAL" SPECIAL EVENT OPERATIONS

I was looking at the November issue of World Radio the other day and in the Special Event column I noticed that there will be three stations on the air commemorating the loss of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

I thought it would be neat to see if I could work all three of them this year. Kind of the a "Fitzgerald Clean Sweep" I guess. So I will give it a try and thought some others might be interested in trying also. Below is listed the information on the stations operations. Good luck!

SPECIAL EVENT OPERATIONS REMEMBERING THE EDMUND FITZGERALD

Nov 1-Nov 3, 1500Z-0100Z, Split Rock, MN. Stillwater Amateur Radio Association, WØJH. "Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald" at Split Rock Lighthouse. 14.260 14.070 7.260 3.860. Certificate. SARA - WØJH, Attn: Shel, NØDRX, 1618 West Pine St, Stillwater, MN 55082. www.radioham.org

Nov 7-Nov 9, 1800Z-1800Z, Whitefish Point, MI. Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society, N8F & K8F. Remembering the *Edmund Fitzgerald*. 18.160 14.260 7.260 3.860. Certificate. Richard Barker, W8VS, 264 N East St, Brighton, MI 48116. www.qsl.net/w8njh

Nov 8, 1500Z-2000Z, Detroit, MI. Livonia Amateur Radio Club, W8F. To commemorate the loss of the Edmund Fitzgerald. 28.400 28.200 7.250 7.125 CW SSB 10 15 20 40 80 m as conditions permit. THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE DOSSING GREAT LAKES SHIP MUSEUM ON BELLE ISLE IN DETROIT MI Certificate. LARC Special Event, PO Box 51532, Livonia, MI 48151-5532. www.livoniaarc.com

HONORING OUR VETERANS

I ALSO NOTICED THESE OPERATIONS HONORING OUR VETERANS. ISN'T THE LAST ONE WHERE SKEETER WAS AND HAD A HARD TIME TRYING TO GET PERMISSION SETTING UP A STATION? LET'S ALL TRY TO WORK THIS ONE TO HONOR SKEETER.

Nov 8-Nov 11, 1300Z-2100Z, Iron Mountain, MI. Mich-A-Con Amateur Radio Club, K8V. UP Veterans Memorial atop Pine Mountain. 14.060 14.280 7.060 7.230. Certificate. Thomas Martin, 812 West B St, Iron Mountain, MI 49801. w8jwn@arrl.net

Nov 9-Nov 10, 0459Z-0459Z, Grand Rapids, MI. Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance, W8USA. Veterans Day. 14.250 14.040 7.250 7.040. THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE GRAND RAPIDS HOME FOR VETERANS Certificate. MARA Attn: Larry Dells, PO Box 670, Comstock Park, MI 49321-0670. *Times are daily. \$2 for certificate--do not send envelope.* www.w8usa.org

USA Problem Solver FROM JIM, WB8IEH

Everyone concentrates on the problems we're having in this country lately: illegal immigration, hurricane recovery, alligators attacking people in Florida ...

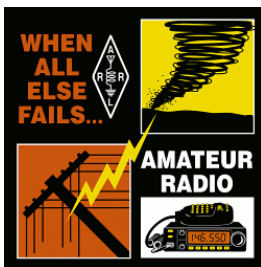
Not me. I concentrate on solutions for the problems It's a win-win situation.

+ Dig a moat the length of the Mexican border.

+ Send the dirt to New Orleans to raise the level of the levies.

+ Put the Florida alligators in the moat along the Mexican border.

Any other problems you would like for me to solve today ?



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