

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8KP BOB WITTLA
BRUCE CROSSING MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
K8CBU DALE FIFER
CADILLAC MI

NOVEMBER 2011

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The month of November, firearm deer season Thanksgiving with friends and family, and big storms on the great lakes. Hopefully we will not have any of those. We sure can not complain about the October weather, did you get all those antenna projects done? I am just glad we did not get the big snow that hit the Northeast.

The bands have sure come alive here in the last couple of weeks. All the higher frequencies have been just great. Lots of DX from all over the world on the air. I think you could have done a DXCC in the contest last week end with no problem. Sure is nice to have all the activity.

It is my sad duty to report that a good net participant and my friend Dale, K8CBU became a silent key on October 30. I have known Dale for almost 40 years and sure will miss him. He did have a lot of health problems and his suffering is over and he is in a better place now. Aileen had all ready made Dale Ham of the Month for November so to honor him it was decided to keep him as Ham of the Month. I know he would have been very surprised and honored to be chosen. 73 my friend.

NET STATS

2010 SEPT CHECKINS 1100 TRAFFIC 40

2011 SEPT CHECKINS 1113 TRAFFIC 55

SEPT HIGH CHECKINS K8BLL 41

SEPT HIGH TRAFFIC K8DSS 7

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November 2011

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> <i>WA8THK & XYL</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>SHIRLEY XYL OF</i> <i>WA8LT</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>RICH SON OF</i> <i>WA8DHB</i>	<i>16</i> <i>HOPE AA8SN</i>	<i>17</i> <i>ROMAN K8KZG</i> <i>ANNETTE KC8QII</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <i>W8SPX & XYL</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> <i>DAVE NS8S</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <i>JOHN W8AT</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>			

EXAMS

- 11/05/2011 | Traverse City MI 49686-4256 **Sponsor:** Cherryland ARC **Location:** Salvation Army Bldg **Time:** 1:00 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)
- 11/12/2011 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/12/2011 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 **Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club **Location:** Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/12/2011 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC **Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/12/2011 | Flint MI 48507 **Sponsor:** The KD8NLP V.E. Team **Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/12/2011 | Mason MI 48854-9999 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Ingham County Sheriff's Dept **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 11/13/2011 | Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615 **Sponsor:** NQ8A Testing Group **Location:** Church of Christ **Time:** 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 11/16/2011 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 **Sponsor:** Prescott Testing Group **Location:** Mills Township Hall **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins

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- 11/19/2011 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 **Sponsor:** Kalamazoo ARC **Location:** Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 11/19/2011 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 **Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 11/19/2011 | Fenton/Flint MI 48430-9798 **Sponsor:** Genesee County Radio Club
Location: Mott Community College **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/26/2011 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 **Sponsor:** Allegan County ARC
Location: Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

11/26/2011 | South Lyon MI 48178 Sponsor: South Lyon Area ARC
Location: Witch's Hat Depot Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 12/01/2011 | Mason MI 48854-9999 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group
Location: Ingham County Sheriff's Dept **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

12/03/2011 | Muskegon MI 49440-1233 **Sponsor:** Muskegon Area AR Council
Location: American Red Cross Bldg **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

HAMFEST

11/5/2011 STRAITS AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Swap and Fox Hunt - November 5th Location: Emmanuel Evangelical Church 620 Emmet St, Petoskey MI Corner of Emmet and Grove. Time: 8 am to 12 pm. The foxhunt will start at 1:00 and go until 3:00. Entry will be \$5 and tables will be \$10 (includes entry ticket). The foxhunt is free for all to enjoy and certificates will be awarded to all participants.

- 12/04/2011 | LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest

Location: Harrison Township , MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club **Website:** <http://www.N8LC.org>

GOOD NEIGHBORS ARE HARD TO FIND.....

My neighbor knocked on my door at 2:30 am this morning, can you believe that....2:30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

What is the NTS?

The National Traffic System (NTS) is a structure that allows for rapid movement of message traffic from origin to destination and training amateur operators to handle written traffic and participate in directed nets. These two objectives are the underlying foundations of the NTS. It's a system that operates daily, even continuously with advanced digital links.

The NTS consists of operators who usually participate for one or two periods a week, and some who are active daily. The National Traffic System is an organized effort to handle traffic in accordance with a plan that is easily understood, and employs modern methods of network traffic handling.

NTS is not intended as a deterrent or competition for the many independently-organized traffic networks. When necessitated by overload or lack of outlet for traffic, the facilities of such networks can function as alternate traffic routings where this is indicated in the best interest of efficient message relay and/or delivery.

One of the most important features of NTS is the system concept. No NTS net is an independent entity that can conduct its activities without concern for or consideration of other NTS nets. Each net performs its function and only its function in the overall organization. If nets fail to perform their functions or perform functions intended for other nets, the overall system may be adversely affected. Nets may sometimes find it necessary to adopt temporary measures to ensure the movement of traffic, however. - *ARRL Public Service Communications Manual*

The best way to get to know the National Traffic System is to hook up with a local NTS traffic net in your area where messages (Radiograms) are entered and others are accepted for delivery by mail or phone. Local clubs, repeater groups, and ARES operators are all good sources for local info on NTS activity. -- K1CE

Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this you have a strong mind:

7H15 M3554G3 53RV35 7O PR0V3 H0W 0UR
M1ND5 C4N D0 4M4Z1NG 7H1NG5! 1MPR3551V3
7H1NG5! 1N 7H3 B3G1NN1NG 17 WA5 H4RD BU7
N0W, 0N 7H15 LIN3 Y0UR M1ND 1S R34D1NG 17
4U70M471C4LLY W17H 0U7 3V3N 7H1NK1NG
4B0U7 17, B3 PROUD! 0NLY C3R741N P30PL3 C4N
R3AD 7H15.

Nationwide Emergency Alert System (EAS) Test

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will conduct the first **nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on Wednesday, November 9 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern)** and may **last up to three and a half minutes**. The public is used to hearing these tests on radio and television, but not for the expected three and a half minutes. First providers are encouraged to pass information on to employees and/or community members where possible as FEMA and FCC are concerned with people not being aware of the test and flooding 911 centers with questions about a national emergency. You can learn more about the plans at http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas_info.shtm .

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The US Postal Service has announced that as of January 22, 2012, the cost to mail first class letters, postcards and packages within the US will go up. The cost to mail a first class letter will be 45 cents, an increase of 1 cent. According to the USPS, this is the first increase since May 2009. The cost of mailing a postcard will be 32 cents, an increase of 3 cents. This is the second increase for postcard postage in less than a year; in April 2011, the USPS boosted the postcard stamp price from 28 cents to 29 cents. You will also pay more to send letters to Canada, Mexico and other international destinations.

GET THOSE QSL CARD DONE NOW!!

GOTTA LOVE SUNDAY SCHOOL.....

LOT 'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark ?'

'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms.'

SOME RADIO HISTORY FROM JIM , WB8IEH

On this day in 1928, work begins at Chicago's new Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. (The company had officially incorporated the day before.) In 1930, Galvin would introduce the Motorola radio, the 1st mass-produced commercial car radio. (The name had 2 parts: "motor" evoked cars & motion, while "ola" derived from "Victrola" & was supposed to make people think of music.)

In 1921, engineer Paul Galvin & his friend Edward Stewart started a storage-battery factory in Marshfield (WI); it went out of business 2 years later. In 1926, Galvin & Stewart re-started their battery-manufacturing company, this time in Chicago. That one went out of business too, but not before the partners figured out a way for home radios to draw power from an electrical wall outlet; they called it the dry-battery eliminator. Galvin bought back the eliminator part of his bankrupt company at auction for \$750 & went right back into business, building & repairing eliminators & AC radio sets for customers like Sears, Roebuck.

Soon, however, Galvin's attention turned to the car-radio business. The 1st car radios ... portable "travel radios" powered by batteries, followed by custom-installed built-in radios that cost \$250 apiece (about \$2,800 in today's dollars) ... had appeared in 1926, but they were way too expensive for the average driver. If he could find a way to mass-produce affordable car radios, Galvin thought, he'd be rich. In June 1930, he enlisted inventors Elmer Wavering & William Lear to retrofit his old Studebaker w/a radio & drove 800 miles to the Radio Manufacturers Association's annual meeting in Atlantic City. He parked outside the convention, turned up the music (for this purpose, Wavering had installed a special speaker under the Studebaker's hood), & waited for the RMAers' orders to come rolling in.

A few did, & Galvin sold enough of his \$110 5T71 car radios to come close to breaking even for the year. He changed his company's name to Motorola & changed the way we drive ... & ride in ... cars forever.

For his part, William Lear went on to invent the 8-track cartridge-tape system, which came standard in every Ford car starting in 1966. Meanwhile, carmakers developed their own radio-manufacturing divisions, gradually squeezing Motorola out of the market it had built. The company stopped making car radios in 1984. Today, it's best known for making cellular phones.

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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