

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
KD8KCV DAVE PECK
GAYLORD MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
KC8GTE KELLY KING
McMILLAN MI

NOVEMBER 2018

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The month of November, time to rake one last time, go deer hunting and eat a big Thanksgiving meal!! Also time to make that Ham Radio Christmas list. Watch your favorite dealer's website for Black Friday deals, there were some good ones last year, then forward that site to those that will be shopping for you!

There has been some good propagation on 75 meters for the last few weeks, especially in the mornings and early evenings. We will see how the time change affects that. Even the higher frequencies have some good days. I have heard openings on 17, 15, 12 and even 10 meters. Just check often for conditions and the "rare" DX. If you wish to go lower in frequency try 160. A friend of mine has been hearing and working a lot of South Pacific on the morning grayline.

As many of you know, Al K8BLL has retired from his Friday Net Control position. I don't know how long Al has done that net, I can not remember anyone else having that spot. Thanks for all your years of service there Al and keep checking in with us. The Friday net control is Mike, KE8AHK, he stepped up to take that duty. Mike is also doing the pre-net for me on Saturday and he also does other pre-net and net control duties for some other groups. I talked with Mike about the Saturday pre-net and he would like to give up that position now. So now is the time for someone new to step in and take the pre-net for Saturday. Maybe even two people could alternate weeks. Please give it some consideration we have plenty of participates on the net so now is the time for someone to step up.

UPPER PENINSULA NET WEBSITE www.michupnet.com

NET STATS

SEPTEMBER 2017 CHECKINGS 770 TRAFFIC 40
SEPTEMBER 2018 CHECKINS 937 TAFFIC 38
HIGH CHECKINS K8SKY 38 N8BNC 37 W8WR 37
HIGH TRAFFIC N8NJA 3

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>WA8THK & XYL</i>	2	3 <i>KD8CPG & XYL</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>SHIRLEY XYL OF WA8LT</i>	10
11	12	13 <i>GILBERT SO OF AA8SN</i>	14 N8DAD BARRY	15 <i>RICH SON OF WA8DHB W8DW DAVE</i>	16 <i>AA8SN HOPE KG8GP MEL</i>	17 <i>\K8KZG ROMAN W8BUD BUD</i>
18	19	20	21	22 NS8S DAVE	23	24
25	26	27 <i>SANDY XYL OF K8MXC</i>	28	29	30 <i>TERRI FRIEND OF K8BLL</i>	

EXAMS

- 11/05/2018 | Lincoln Park MI 48146 **Sponsor:** Ford Amt Radio League
Location: Lincoln Park Comm Policing **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/10/2018 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/10/2018 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group
Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/10/2018 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC
Location: St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/10/2018 | Traverse City MI 49686-3103 **Sponsor:** Cherryland ARC
Location: Traverse City District Library **Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **11/10/2018** | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 **Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club
Location: First United Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/11/2018 | Benton Harbor MI 49022-9999 **Sponsor:** NQ8A Testing Group
Location: Church of God **Time:** 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/12/2018 | Adrian MI 49221-8709 **Sponsor:** Adrian ARC **Location:** Building at Lenawee County Airport **Time:** 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
- 11/13/2018 | Gaylord MI 49735-9822 **Sponsor:** Top of Michigan ARC
Location: Gaylord Regional Airport **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/13/2018 | Howell MI 48855-8703 **Sponsor:** Livingston Amateur Radio Klub
Location: Livingston County EMS **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/14/2018 | Livonia MI 48154-3045 **Sponsor:** Livonia ARC **Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library **Time:** 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
- 11/17/2018 | Flint MI 48507-5516 **Sponsor:** The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams
Location: Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/17/2018 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 **Sponsor:** Kalamazoo ARC
Location: EOC of Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **11/17/2018** | South Lyon MI 48178 **Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC
Location: Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 11/24/2018 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 **Sponsor:** Allegan County ARC
Location: Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 12/01/2018 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 12/01/2018 | Muskegon MI 49440-1233 **Sponsor:** Muskegon Area AR Council
Location: American Red Cross Muskegon **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 12/04/2018 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 **Sponsor:** Hazel Park ARC
Location: Oak Park Community Center **Time:** 7:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 12/06/2018 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group
Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 12/08/2018 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 12/08/2018 | Charlotte MI 48813-9999 **Sponsor:** Eaton County Arc
Location: Charlotte Church of Christ **Time:** 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 12/08/2018 | Negaunee MI 49866 Sponsor: Hiawatha ARA Location: Marquette Health Dept Bldg Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- 12/08/2018 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC
Location: St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 12/10/2018 | Adrian MI 49221-8709 Sponsor: Adrian ARC Location: Building at Lenawee County Airport Time: 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)**

HAMFEST

- **12/02/2018 | LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest Location: Madison Heights, MI**
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.n8lc.org>
- 01/27/2019 | Hazel Park ARC's 53rd Annual Swap and Shop Location: Madison Heights, MI**
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://hparc.org>

A SPECIAL NOTE from AC8W: Fellow Great Lakes Division DXers

Given the evident popularity of the new FT8 mode of communication demonstrated by the data collected in LoTW showing a seven figure increase in the number of monthly QSOs year over year resulting from the explosive adoption of the mode by hams worldwide, and the extremely high percentage (approximating 40%) of all QSOs being made with this mode at the current sunspot minimum

The DXAC is investigating the advisability, feasibility and desirability of creating or modifying one or more digital mode awards in the DXCC program to accommodate encourage and reward new modes of amateur radio activity on the bands.

How do you feel? Should we:

- a.) Create endorsement stickers for the existing Digital DXCC (i.e. RTTY-100; PSK31-100, JT65-100, FT8-100, etc with incremental stickers 125, 150, 200 and so on)
- b.) Create a separate DXCC award for each mode
- c.) Do nothing at all and leave new digital modes under the existing Digital DXCC.

Are there other options?

Your opinion is important so let me know at ac8w@arrl.net
Deadline for responses is Wednesday, November 14.
Thanks

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Great Lakes Division

EDITORS OPINION.....

Over the past several years I have thought there should be a complete overhaul of the award and contest programs. I think with today's propagation conditions, and we may be stuck with these for the next 12 years or so, the most difficult contact to make is SSB. So why not change contest scoring so a SSB contact is worth the most points? Also, why should an award earned not be noted as the type of mode used to obtain it. Let's face it, to make contacts on digital modes, FT8 for example, is a lot easier now days than SSB. Some operators do not even think digital modes where you are not typing what you are sending is even Ham Radio! Just some food for thought.....

IS ANYONE GUILTY OF THESE?

SHOW THESE TO YOUR SIGNIFICAN OTHER

Top Ten Ways You Know You Just Might Be Married To a Ham

- 10) Her/His favorite superheroes are Marconi and Tesla.
- 9) Her/His sense of well being is tied to the sunspot cycle.
- 8) Her/His electric shaver has a backup diesel generator.
- 7) She/He shows you his PL-259 connector.
- 6) For a romantic honeymoon, she/he chooses Dayton over Tahiti.
- 5) She/He rates your love making in S units.
- 4) She/He buys you an HT for your anniversary.
- 3) She/He attaches a mag mount antenna to the baby's stroller.
- 2) When whispering sweet nothings in your ear, she/ he ID's every few minutes.
- 1) When the moment is right, she/he is on the radio.



The Judges who said we don't need to stand up for the National Anthem expects us to stand up when they enter the room.

What do you suppose would happen if the Judge came into the courtroom and everyone "took a knee"?

Just asking. .

SOME WEBSITE YOU MIGHT FIND INTERESTING.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2fu3Hoi5rl>

**WWII RADIO OPERATOR VACUUM TUBE TRAINING FILM
77564**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHjZs0bNwEs>

How A Tube Works

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vAtQSVqmo0>

**Kalamazoo Michigan Hamfest Ham radio event 2018
Antique Expo show**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVNhY3USByc>

Ham radio - Setting up the Icom 7300 on the Raspberry Pi

**[http://www.wa0itp.com/dialandqslmakerdownload
page.html](http://www.wa0itp.com/dialandqslmakerdownloadpage.html)**

Make your own QSL Cards

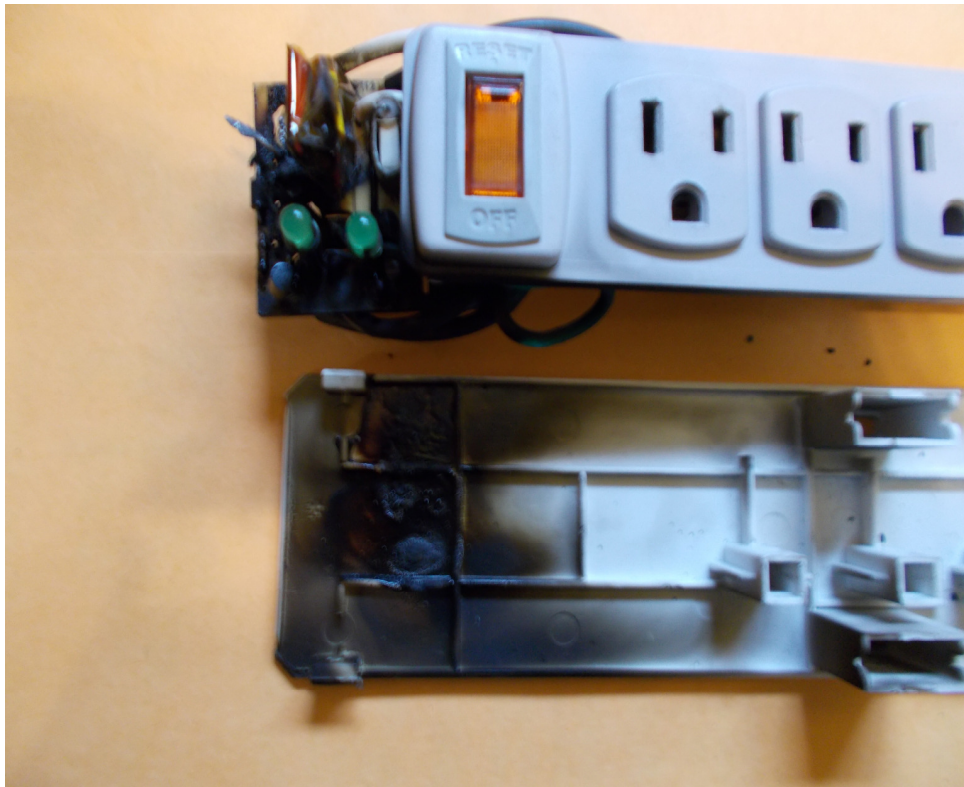
and now the you tube videos

Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-0hvgtkLBM&t=62s>

part2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2Vr7dBfGol&t=38s>



WHEN THE INSIDE OF YOUR POWERSTRIP/SURGE SUPRESSOR LOOKS LIKE THIS, AND EVERYTHING PLUGGED INTO IT STILL WORKS, YOU KNOW IT DID IT'S JOB (I TRIED THE RESET, NO GO!!)

