

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
NS8S DAVID FLEMING
MONTAGUE MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
WA8THK PERRY BAKER
GAINES MI

DECEMBER 2017

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It's here! The end of the year, December. Time to think about Christmas, a new year coming and taxes!
Oh, and you may had to decide if you wanted to change your Medicare supplement insurance. All kinds of fun things for this month. Many of us have seen a little snow by now, some a lot of snow and some none. Your time is coming!
Congratulations to our Ham of the Month, WA8THK, Perry. Be sure to check out his QRZ page, what an antenna farm!!
That will give you something to put on your Christmas list. He could rent that place out as a contest station location!

Time to make plans for the long winter. I have several radios to bring back to life. The first candidate I think will be a SX-99 Halicarfters I picked up at the U.P Hamfest a couple of years ago for 15 bucks! It makes some noise so just needs maybe tubes, capacitors, resistors and alignment? We will keep you posted on the progress. Also this winter I want to learn how to use an antenna modeling program. I purchased the book a couple of years ago, but never went thru it to learn the software. Also I want to explore some non-voice modes, RTTY, JT65, FT8 MSK144 even try to bring up the CW speed. All that should keep me busy the first week of January, HI HI.

So what's your plans and dreams? New rig, new mode, plan new antennas for next year, revive some boat anchors?
All great topics for the pre-net. There is a lot of radio knowledge in this group so be greedy and seek it out when you need some help or ideas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. All I want for Christmas is good propagation!!

UPPER PENINSULA NET WEBSITE www.michupnet.com

NET STATS

OCTOBER 2016 CHECKINS 900 TRAFFIC 40
OCTOBER 2017 CHECKINS 1077 TRAFFIC 36
HIGH CHECKINS 42 K8BLL 41 NS8S
HIGH TRAFFIC NS8S & WB8VOF

December 2017

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> <i>KD8CYK JERRY</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>K8HRO RANDY</i>	<i>9</i> <i>WSKS & DONNA</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11 DONNA XYL OF KN8N K8CAI PAUL L8LQV & GLORIA</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> <i>WT8G & N8ISV</i>
<i>17</i> <i>KN8N LARRY</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>WD8PRW & HELEN</i>
<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>31</i> <i>TRAVIS GRANDSON OF WA8DHB</i>	<i>JANUARY 2018 3 KATHY XYL OF K8SKY</i>	<i>8</i> <i>N8DP DAVE</i>				

Amateur Radio Equipment Sale – by W8TWA

Johnson KW Matchbox - \$300

Excellent condition, this is the version without the SWR meter and bridge
Original instruction sheet

Yaesu FT2000 Transceiver - \$1500

Original owner – perfect condition
Original shipping carton
Original Manuals + Engineering notes
FH-2 Keypad
YF122CN 300Hz Collins filter for Aux Receiver
MH-31 Mic

RigBlaster Advantage - Rig to Computer Interface for digital modes - \$100

Original Box
Original Manual & CD

Cables to connect RigBlaster to FT2000 – Free

Viewstar PT2500A Amplifier - \$900

160 thru 10M Legal Limit Amp, Pair of 3-500Z's, low voltage keying
Original Manual
Includes external MFJ ICP-240 Inrush Current Limiter
Transformer removal wrench
Too heavy to ship without removing HV transformer – pickup (NE Kent County) or I will deliver if less than 150 miles – meet me in the middle?

Collins Parts – I still have many parts for S-Line/KWM and 75A – what do you need?

Peter Hansen – W8TWA

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EXAMS

- 12/11/2017 | Adrian MI 49221-8709 **Sponsor:** Adrian ARC **Location:** Building at Lenawee County Airport **Time:** 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)
 - 12/12/2017 | Howell MI 48855-8703 **Sponsor:** Livingston Amateur Radio Klub **Location:** Livingston County EMS **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 12/16/2017 | Jackson MI 49201-2230 **Sponsor:** Cascades ARS **Location:** Jackson Carnegie Library **Time:** 10:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 12/16/2017 | Union MI 49130-9622 **Sponsor:** Michiana VE **Location:** Around the Corner Café **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 12/28/2017 | Battle Creek MI 49017-4867 **Sponsor:** SMARS **Location:** Maple United Methodist Church **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 01/06/2018 | Hancock MI 49930-9999 **Sponsor:** CCRAA **Location:** Franklin township Office **Time:** 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
 - 01/06/2018 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 01/08/2018 | Gaylord MI 49735-9822 **Sponsor:** Top of Michigan ARC **Location:** Gaylord Regional Airport **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 01/09/2018 | Howell MI 48855-8703 **Sponsor:** Livingston Amateur Radio Klub **Location:** Livingston County EMS **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 01/13/2018 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - 01/13/2018 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC **Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 01/13/2018 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999** **Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club
Location: First United Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

HAMFEST

01/28/2018 | HPARC Swap Location: **Madison Heights, MI** Type: **ARRL Hamfest** Sponsor: **Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club**
Website: <http://hparc.org>

02/03/2018 | HARA Swap and Shop Location: **Negaunee, MI** Type: **ARRL Hamfest** Sponsor: **Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association**
Website: <http://www.qsl.net/k8lod/>

02/10/2018 | 45th Annual Swap & Shop Location: **Traverse City, MI** Type: **ARRL Hamfest** Sponsor: **Cherryland Amateur Radio Club**
Website: <http://cherrylandarc.com>

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W1AW to Start Scheduled Transmissions on 6 Meters Beginning on January 2

12/04/2017

ARRL has announced that Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will start scheduled transmissions on 6 meters beginning on January 2. Transmissions on 50.350 MHz will become a part of W1AW's regular CW code practice, and CW, digital and phone bulletin transmission schedule, starting with the 1400 UTC fast code practice on January 2.

In addition to providing regularly scheduled transmissions on 6 meters, another goal of the W1AW transmission on the Magic Band is to act as a beacon on 6 meters, especially from the Northeast US.

Signal reports will be welcome. A web page will allow listeners to submit signal reports. Listeners also may **e-mail** their reports to W1AW.

Prior to late 1989, W1AW had a presence on 6 meters for all CW practice and routine bulletins, but it has been silent on 6 meters since then, with the exception of regular visitor operations and contests.

Michigan Section Manager Appointment Begins on January 1

Jim Kvochick, K8JK, of Brighton, Michigan, has been appointed as Michigan Section Manager for the first half of next year. His appointment will begin on January 1, 2018, and will continue through June 30. Kvochick was appointed by ARRL Radiosport Manager Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, in consultation with ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK, and outgoing Michigan Section Manager Larry Camp, WB8R. Camp, who has served as SM since 2012, intends to step down from the volunteer position on December 31, when his term of office concludes.

An ARRL Life Member, Kvochick was licensed in 1968. He has been active in many facets of Amateur Radio, including public service, experimenting, and equipment restoration. He currently serves as an Assistant Emergency Coordinator and a Volunteer Examiner. He is president, newsletter editor, and technical director for the Livingston Amateur Radio Klub.



Kvochick's appointment will bridge the gap until a Section Manager is elected in Michigan. According to the *Rules and Regulations* of the Field Organization, when a Section Manager vacancy occurs between elections, the position is filled by appointment.

The Michigan appointment was necessary because no candidate was nominated to succeed Camp by the time the deadline for Section Manager nominations arrived in September. The same situation exists in the ARRL East Bay, New Mexico, and Santa Barbara sections. Nominations are being resolicited in all four sections for candidates to serve an 18-month term of office starting on July 1, 2018; the resolicitation will appear in the January and February 2018 issues of *QST*. Section Manager nomination forms and related information are available on the ARRL website.

UP NET MEMBER PROFILE EDITED BY AL, K8BLL

JAMES MOTT, N8HBZ
MANCELONA, MICHIGAN

JIM WAS BORN IN ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN ON JULY 23, 1943. HE EARNED A GED FROM LAKEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL IN OTISVILLE , MICHIGAN. HE ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN 1959 AND SERVED UNTIL 1963.

SHORTLY AFTER BEING DISCHARGED, HE MARRIED HIS WIFE, LILA. AFTER 54 YEARS OF MARRIAGE, THEY HAVE THREE DAUGHTERS, ONE SON (ANOTHER SON IS DECEASED), SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN WITH ANOTHER ON THE WAY.

JIM WAS EMPLOYED FOR SIX YEARS AT THE FISHER BODY PLANT IN FLINT, MICHIGAN AND FINALLY AS A TRUCK DRIVER FOR MONTGOMERY WARD IN LAKELAND, FLORIDA. PERHAPS NO SURPRISE, JIM LISTS TRUCKS AMONG HIS OTHER INTERESTS BESIDES AMATEUR RADIO AND WORKING WITH THE "GIFT OF LIFE" ORGAN DONATION PROGRAM.

THE RADIO SHACK AT N8HBZ IS LOCATED IN A BEDROOM WITH A YEASU 757GXII FEEDING A 75 METER LOOP ANTENNA.



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The ???? receiver was manufactured from 1960 to 1963 and is a single conversion superheterodyne receiver with bands covering 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter amateur bands, 11 meters citizen's band, broadcast band 540 - 1680 kc plus 3 shortwave bands covering 1680 kc - 34 mc. Features include a slide rule bandsread dial calibrated for the amateur bands, separate bandsread tuning condenser, crystal filter, antenna trimmer, S-meter, one r-f and two i.f. stages. It has seven tubes plus one rectifier. It is 18 3/4 x 8 x 10 1/4 and weighs 32 pounds. It sold for \$160 - \$170.00 new.



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