

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
N8NJA BILL KELSO
HARBOR SPRINGS MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
W8IFI JIM RYE
CRYSTAL FALLS MI

MARCH 2008

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA

As I write this, it is still February, so is March going to be “In like a lion, out like a lamb” or “In like a lamb, out like a lion” Will March be the first month of Spring or the last of month of winter. It could depend a little on your location. All I know is that I am truly tired of Winter this year. I must be showing my age. I can remember the “old days” when I first moved to the Cadillac area, 1972. I was a downhill skier then and I skied from the Saturday after Thanksgiving to the weekend after April 15th and loved every minute of it. I also can remember a year in the 70’s when I ran a snowblower everyday for 19 days in a row. I do not want to do that again. I guess you enjoy Winter if you use it for something you enjoy.

I did not even spend as much time on the radio this Winter as I had intended to. Other things just kept getting in the way. I have some plans for a remodeling of the shack this year. I hope I get that done and then maybe next winter I will spend more time on the air. The propagation should also improve a little by then.

Speaking of propagation, I think there is already a change taking place on the net. Last Saturday some of the signals from the west end of the U. P. were not as good as they have been. We have enjoyed a good Winter of nice strong signals. Sometime to strong when they were on an adjacent frequency!

I got a chance to get on the net Monday night and it was sure nice to hear some voices I don’t hear much on the weekends. I wish I could get on more often during the week. I hope you enjoy the newsletter, there is a little bit of everything this month, which is good. It was nice to have some information about what was going on to put in.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 KW8A & CAROL
2	3 K8LQV	4	5 CAROL XYL OF KW8Z WT8G KB8TS	6	7	8
9 N8FHF	10	11 K8ILN	12	13	14	15 N8NJA & KATHLEEN VALERIE & WA8UCS
16	17 KB8ZLL & WB8YAC	18	19	20 W8UJH	21 WA8LT	22 KATIE DAUGH- TER OF AA8SN WA8THK & XYL
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 WA8DVVD W8ERB	31 FLORENCE XYL OF K8GOU					

EXAMS

01-Mar-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

08-Mar-2008 **Sponsor:** ARROW COMMUNICATIONS ASSOC INC **Time:** (No walk-ins) **Contact:** CLAYBOURNE MITCHELL (734)662-6663 **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** U OF M NORTH CAMPUS-ROOM 2211 GG BROWN ENGINEERING BLDG CANDIDATES MUST PRE-REGISTER OR CALL ROGER @ 734-663-4625 ANN ARBOR, MI 48106

08-Mar-2008 **Sponsor:** Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association Negaunee **Time** 8:30 am ET **Location:** Mrqt Co. Health Dept Basement of H.D. **Contact:** Richard N8GBA (906) 249-3837 **VEC** ARRL/VEC

08-Mar-2008 **Sponsor:** LANSING VE TEAM **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)589-5263 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS 1800 E GRAND RIVER AVE KROPSCHOT ROOM LANSING, MI 48912

08-Mar-2008 **Sponsor:** THE GREATER FLINT VE TEAM **Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JEFFREY R PENDER (810)614-6199 **Email:** K8KZB@K8KZB.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** BAKER COLLEGE OF FLINT-TECH CENTER G-1050 W BRISTOL ROAD ROOM S-120 REGISTRATION AT 12:30 PM FLINT, MI 48507

08-Mar-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

08-Mar-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

09-Mar-2008 **Sponsor:** KENT COUNTY RACES **Time:** 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JEFFREY S NAWROT (616)889-7101 **Email:** JEFFNAWROT@KCRACES.ORG **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS/GR GRAND RAPIDS 1050 FULLER AVE NE DOWNSTAIRS GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

15-Mar-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-Mar-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:** MOUNT CLEMENS ELKS CLUB 179 S MAIN ST S OF CHURCH ST; PRE-REG URGED \$14.00 FEE - EXACT CASH ONLY! MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

20-Mar-2008 **Sponsor:** Iron River Amateur Radio Club **Time:** 6:30 pm CT **Location:** Iron River, Iron Co. Lutheran Church US 2/US **Contact:** AA9JG, Dan (906) 265-4240
VEC: W5YI

22-Mar-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

22-Mar-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

29-Mar-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

01-Apr-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

05-Apr-2008 **Sponsor:** TOP OF MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 9:00 AM (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

05-Apr-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

SWAPS

15 Mar 2008 + 48th Annual Michigan Crossroads Hamfest Southern Michigan ARS & Marshall High School Industrial Arts Club <http://www.w8df.com>

Talk-In: 146.660 (PL 94.8) -600 offset & 146.520 simplex Stephanie Halbert, W8AEZ

20960 NE Capital Avenue Battle Creek, MI 49017 Phone: 269-966-0770

Email: daffne25@yahoo.com Marshall, MI Marshall High School [701 North Marshall Avenue](http://www.marshallmi.org)

5 Apr 2008 + ARGYL Hamfest Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell <http://www.argyl.org>

Talk-In: 146.620 (PL 94.8) & 145.270 (PL 94.8)

Al Eckman, WW8WW 725 Bowes Road, Apt. K6 Lowell, MI 49331 Phone: 616-897-7659

Email: AEckman@lowell.k12.mi.us Lowell, MI Lowell High School [11700 Vergennes Street](http://www.lowell.k12.mi.us)

UP NET MEMBER PROFILE BY AL, K8BLL

JIM ROBB, N8GWN

GAYLORD, MICHIGAN

Jim was born February 6, 1931 in Detroit and grew up there. He graduated from the University of Detroit High School and went on to complete his education at the U. of D. Dental School.

While attending dental school, he married his wife, Frances, who is a nurse and they had three of their seven children before he earned his DDS. Because of this early start on a family, Jim was essentially exempt from the draft during WW II as married doctors and dentists with children were placed near the bottom of the list of prospective draftees.

Jim's seven children include four girls and three boys, six of whom are college graduates and the seventh completed trade school training. Jim spent his working life as a self-employed dentist with some time along the way working for the Michigan Department of Corrections as a prison dentist.

While he did not indicate how he became interested in amateur radio, his Elmer was Aileen, WA8DHB. There must be a story there that we need to hear. Jim has been active on the UPN for a number of years and has become a regular pre-net control station (and assistant) as well as an alternate NCS

. Woodworking is another of Jim's hobbies and he has made a number of nice wooden award plaques for those net members honored as Ham of the Year.

NEW UPPER PENINSULA SKYWARN WEBSITE BY MIKE, AA9VI

There is a new Upper Peninsula Skywarn website up and running. It features warning maps, radar and satellite Images. Also included are forecast for your hometown, information on reporting severe weather, and severe weather training. If you are setting up your own APRS weather station information to help is also located on the site

Other features are links to school closings, links to local emergency management contacts, and a storm spotters email group to exchange information on severe weather and other U.P. ham and weather related activities.

The website address is <http://kcra-mi.net/skywarn> This website is hosted by the Keweenaw County Repeater Association.

NEW HAM RADIO GOOGLE FROM JIM, WB8IEH

Hey gang, Check out the cool search engine for ham radio ops. It is 100% > ham related.. Google is great!

CQoogle.com is a Search Engine design specifically for the Radio Ham. Our engineers have designed a sophisticated set of rules and algorithms to ensure only Ham Radio results are found. We hope you enjoy using our Search Engine as much as we enjoyed building it. 73,

<http://www.cqoogle.com/>

NEW UP HAM DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE... FROM AILEEN, WA8DHB

That great little book the U. P. Ham Directory is now available in a new form. Instead of the little book full of useful information you will find it online. Because of the high cost of printing it was no longer feasible to print the books that we all are familiar with.

The Directory is now available online at kcra-mi.net or ccraa.net, look for the U. P. Directory and click on that link. You will find listing by call and address, and last name and call. Plus there are also listing of Upper Peninsula Ham Clubs, a map showing 2 meter and 440 repeaters, and more information about Amateur Radio in the U. P. Check it out and enjoy.

Burma Shave Signs...

**DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW
OUT SO FAR
IT MAY GO HOME
IN ANOTHER CAR.
BURMA SHAVE**

**TRAINS DON'T WANDER
ALL OVER THE MAP
'CAUSE NOBODY SITS
IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP
Burma Shave**

Pass this on.

9 0# on your telephone FROM JIM, WB8IEH

I dialed '0' and asked the operator who confirmed that this was correct so please pass it on . . . (I also checked out Snopes.com..this is true, and also applies to cell phones!)

PASS ON TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW

I received a telephone call last evening from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service Technician (could also be Telus) who was conducting a test on the telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test I should touch nine(9), zero(0), the pound sign (#), and then hang up. Luckily, I was suspicious and refused.

Upon contacting the telephone company, I was informed that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which enables them to place long distance calls billed to your home phone number.

I was further informed that this scam has been originating from many local jails/prisons

DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE.

The GTE Security Department requested that I share this information with EVERYONE I KNOW.

After checking with Verizon they also said it was true, so do not dial 90# for anyone !!!!!

They Walk Among Us!FROM JIM, WB8IEH

I was at the checkout of a K-Mart. The clerk rang up \$46.64 charge. I gave her a fifty dollar bill. She gave me back \$46.64. I gave it back to her and told her that she had made a mistake in MY favor and gave her the money back. She became indignant and informed me she was educated and knew what she was doing, and returned the money again. I gave her the Money back again...same scenario! I departed the store with the \$46.64. This actually happened in Austin at MoPac Blvd and Parmer Lane
.....They Walk Among Us and Many Work Retail.

SKYWARN TRAINING SEASON IS HERE

If you are interested in taking some Skywarn Training this Spring I have listed the National Weather Service website addresses that will take you right to the training schedule. I think these four cover all the state. If not, you can type in a city and find the listing for training in that area.

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/apx/spotters/spotterTalk.php> **Gaylord**

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grr/skywarn/training/> **Grand Rapids**

http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mqt/spotter_talks.php **Marquette**

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dtx/spotter/spotterTalk.php> **Detroit**

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway.

A sign comes up that reads, "Low Bridge Ahead".

Before he knows it, the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge.

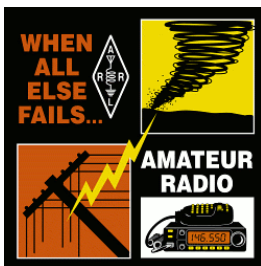
Cars are backed up for miles.

Finally, a police car comes up.

The cop gets out of his car and walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?"

The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge

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