

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



## HAM OF THE YEAR

W8RLJ – Rick Jersey  
Petoskey, MI

## HAM OF THE MONTH

W8KPU – Robert Kissel  
Swartz Creek, MI

**APRIL 2020**

FROM THE EDITOR-----JIM - K8UHF [k8uhf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k8uhf@sbcglobal.net)

Wow...can you believe it? April 2020 is my and Dawn's first anniversary of producing the U.P. Net Newsletter!

We had big shoes to fill from Bill, N8NJA. He did the Newsletter since April 2004, and the Net owes him much for his great articles, faithfulness and dedication. Thank you again, Bill, for your long-standing contribution to the U.P. Net.

Dawn and I would like to thank the Net for allowing us the opportunity to be such a big part of this great group. We appreciate your confidence in us and the kind words we have received from our fellow Hams. We enjoy bringing you "the news" each month. It's challenging, at times, to come up with interesting articles that haven't already been discussed in length on the Net. But, we're learning to use all our resources (including some of you!...thank you very much) and trying to include things we think you all would like to hear about.

It has been, and will continue to be, our pleasure in preparing the U.P. Net Newsletter. Seeing this is a Net effort, we would like your help. Please submit your Ham of the Month profiles, interesting information about yourself and/or family, your Ham stories and other hobbies, humorous side topics....anything we can share with the group. It doesn't need to be a whole page article, just some tidbit we can add. Everyone likes to hear tidbits, right?

Happy Easter to all! Enjoy your holiday! Here's to next month.

## NET STATS

Mar 2019: Check-ins 995 – Traffic 34

Mar 2020: Check-ins 1249 – Traffic 36

High Check-ins: KC8ZMN 32,34,41,44; KC8GTE 37,52,46; KE8AHK 31,32,40,41;  
WA8DHB 41,45,47; W8WR 32,35,38; N8BNC 35,35,40,38,42; NS8S 33,33,32,34,50  
Sunday Noon Net High Check-ins: KD8KCV 24,27

**NOTE:** We are getting a lot of check-ins...that's good news! However, please try to keep your comments a little shorter as the Net is going past 6:00pm most evenings now. Let's keep sharing news, but in fewer words. Thanks!

## OUR CONDOLENCES

The U.P. Net would like to offer our sincere sympathy to Brad, KR8P, and his family for the passing of his mother-in-law. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

## WAY TO GO, KELLY – KC8GTE

We recognize Kelly, KC8GTE, for his **52 check-ins** during the March 21, 2020 Saturday Net. Not a record for High Check-ins, but a very good job gathering U.P. Net participants on a Saturday. What's your secret, Kelly?

## CADILLAC HAMFEST – CADILLAC, MI

### Cancelled

Even though this year's Cadillac Hamfest is cancelled, the Ham of the Year will still be announced. It will be over the air on the May 2<sup>nd</sup> U.P. Net. Aileen, WA8DHB, our Net Manager, will fill us all in at that time, so make sure you join us on the Net at 5:00pm on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## LET'S GIVE A SHOUT-OUT

### **Submitted by Kelly – KC8GTE and Jeannie – KE8MZU**

We wish to give a huge shout-out and thank you to Jim, K8UHF, and Dawn for completing a year of preparing the U.P. Net Newsletter. All of us who read it are impressed with the great job you do, and want to express our appreciation for your hard work in taking it on from Bill, N8NJA. We look forward to many more issues of great information.

## THREE IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR ALL AMATEURS IN MICHIGAN

**From James A. Kvochick – K8JK**  
**ARRL Michigan Section Manager – [k8jk@arrl.org](mailto:k8jk@arrl.org)**

1. Like many other states, Michigan residents have been asked to "Stay Home, Stay Safe" by an executive order signed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer. The order clarifies that all Michigan businesses and operations must temporarily suspend in-person activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life. The order further states

that all Michiganders must stay in their homes unless they're a part of the critical infrastructure workforce, engaged in an outdoor activity, or performing tasks necessary to the health and safety of themselves or their family, like going to the hospital or grocery store.

It is important to understand that amateur radio operators are NOT considered a part of the "critical infrastructure workforce" at this time. It would not be in your best interest to use your amateur radio license as the reason you are not in compliance with this executive order. It is never acceptable for any amateur to "self-deploy" in an effort to "serve".

The shelter-in-place initiative is an essential part of curbing the large influx of new exposures and saturation of medical response agencies.

Again, please don't self-deploy, and please do not use your amateur radio license as a definition of "critical infrastructure workforce".

2. Newly-appointed MI Section Public Information Coordinator (PIC), Ralph Katz, AA8RK, would like any and all Public Information Officers (PIOs) to contact him. He would like to (at least electronically) meet all PR people in the state and find out what they are doing. Ralph's e-mail is: [aa8rk@arrl.net](mailto:aa8rk@arrl.net)

3. The Wexauke Amateur Radio Club has cancelled the Cadillac Hamfest scheduled for May 2, 2020. There are no plans to reschedule in 2020. WB8WIV - Tom Warnock, President of the Wexauke A.R.C.

Stay Home, Stay Safe, and use the extra time to light up the bands!

73

Jim K8JK

## **PETE HANSEN – W8TWA – HAVIN' FUN**

The current "shelter in place" decree for the Covid-19 outbreak provided me with the opportunity to check off a few things on my bucket list.

One of the projects is the restoration of an Atwater Kent model 55C broadcast radio in a Pooley cabinet. The radio belonged to my parents and was probably purchased in the early to mid-1930's. I have a family picture showing the radio in our house on Ferguson Street in Detroit sometime before WW2. After my dad upgraded the home radio to a Zenith 9-S-367 superhet console, the Atwater Kent was given to my grandparents, and spent the rest of its life here at the farm house where Linda and I now live.



The Atwater Kent is a tuned RF radio. It simply is two synchronously tuned RF stages (24 Screen Grid) tuning the AM broadcast band, followed by a detector (27 triode), one AF amplifier (27 triode) and a power amplifier (2-45s). There is no AGC. The volume is controlled by varying the screen voltage on the two RF stages. Restoration took about 2 weeks. Dad's Zenith superhet art-deco radio was the first radio I began using and sparked my interest in amateur radio since it had short wave capability. 73 Pete W8TWA



## **ALL HAMS OF THE MONTH/YEAR**

When you receive your certificate from Chris, KC8ZMN, and your crown from Kelly, KC8GTE, please take a “selfie” holding your certificate and sporting your crown. E-mail it to Jim, K8UHF, at [k8uhf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k8uhf@sbcglobal.net). Please include a short bio about yourself or use the updated Member Profile Questionnaire. We will include this information in the next Newsletter; that way we all can get to know you a little better.

### **Reminder Article Submitted by Jeannie - KE8MZU**

The Luce Amateur Radio Society (LARS), of which Kelly, KC8GTE, and Jeannie, KE8MZU, are members, participated in a District 8 Upper Peninsula-wide Ham exercise on Saturday, February 22nd. This was a District 8 emergency communications simulation - practicing for the Spring SET that will be held Michigan-wide on Wednesday, April 15th. The purpose of the exercise is to determine how far traffic can be passed across the Upper Peninsula, and down to the State EOC, in situations where there are critical infrastructure failures. This was the second exercise we participated in, the first being in January, and possibly there will be one more prior to the actual State-wide exercise.

Basically, the U.P. does not have the infrastructure in place to be able to contact the Lansing EOC - so we try to be sure that we can at least contact the different County EOC's in the U.P. so we would be able to help each other out in a true emergency. We try to make contact on several different bands, as well as simplex, to determine the ability to contact other County EOC's within our District.

The exercise on February 22nd saw good participation, with contacts made from Luce County all the way over to Houghton County, and several counties in the Lower Peninsula. The simulated State EOC was manned by a person in Kalamazoo County, and contact was made with him.

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Patti daughter of WA8DHB  Marsha XYL of W8PZ	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday	13 KA9YIU Glenn  KC9LHB Mike	14	15	16	17 WD8PRW Don	18
19	20	21	22 K8ZJU Beverly	23 Gail XYL of KD9TZ	24	25
26 K8MXC Bob  KC8GTE Kelly	27	28 WA8THK Perry WA8DHB Aileen NS8V Paul	29 K8SKY Skye	30		

Keep in mind when planning to attend a Hamfest or Exam Session to check ahead to verify the event is indeed going on. Many events are being cancelled at the last minute.

## HAMFESTS

For complete information, refer to the ARRL Hamfests

[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

### April 11, 2020

Crossroads Hamfest - **Cancelled**

Kalamazoo, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Soc.

Website: <http://www.w8dj.com>

### April 18, 2020 - Cancelled

Chassell Hamfest

Chassell, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: KCRA CCRAA BCRA Radio Clubs

Website: <http://kcra-mi.net>

### April 19, 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Technology Expo - **Cancelled**

Madison Heights, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: GM Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.gmarc.org>

### June 6, 2020

Luce Amateur Radio Society Hamfest

Newberry, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Luce Amateur Radio Society

### May 2, 2020

Cadillac Hamfest – **Cancelled**

Cadillac, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Wexauke Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.wexaukearc.org>

### June 6, 2020

IRA Hudsonville Hamfest

Hudsonville, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Independent Repeater Assn.

Website: <http://www.w8ira.org>

## EXAM SESSIONS

**Please verify the Exam Session has not been cancelled before going.**

For complete information, refer to ARRL –  
Licensing, Education and Training

[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

### Apr 4, 2020

Franklin Township Office

Hancock, MI

9:00am – Walk-ins allowed

### Apr 9, 2020

Schoolcraft College

Garden City, MI

7:00pm – No Walk-ins/Call Ahead

### Apr 4, 2020

Mt Clemens Salvation Army Corps

Mt Clemens, MI

7:30pm – Walk-ins allowed

### Apr 11, 2020

Washtenaw Red Cross Building

Ann Arbor, MI

9:00am – Walk-ins allowed

### Apr 7, 2020

Oak Park Community Center

Oak Park, MI

7:00pm – Walk-ins allowed

### Apr 11, 2020

St Clair County Library

Port Huron, MI

10:00am – Walk-ins allowed

Apr 14, 2020

Livingston County EMS  
Howell, MI  
7:00pm – Walk-ins allowed

Apr 18, 2020

Jackson Carnegie Library  
Jackson, MI  
10:15am – Walk-ins allowed

Apr 23, 2020

Maple United Methodist Church  
Battle Creek, MI  
7:00pm – Walk-ins allowed

Apr 23, 2020

Shiawassee Co. EOC  
Corunna, MI  
6:30pm – No Walk-ins/Call Ahead

Apr 23, 2020

Shiawassee EOC  
Corunna, MI  
7:00pm – No Walk-ins/Call ahead

Apr 25, 2020

Witch's Hat Depot  
South Lyon, MI  
9:00am – Walk-ins allowed

May 2, 2020

Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps  
Mt. Clemens, MI  
7:30pm – Walk-ins allowed



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