UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS
SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES

HAM OF THE YEAR
KE8AHK – Mike Driscoll
Wayland, MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
N8JSI – Cindy Parker
L'Anse, MI

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FROM THE EDITOR----------JIM - K8UHF k8uhf@sbcglobal.net

Can you believe it's already November? I think this is the longest Fall color season, with nice weather, we have ever had. Photos 10/08/2020 Ionia State Park.

We did a little trail riding in the Jeep; Fall color site seeing.
Seasonal road in Yankee Springs Recreation Area

Last month I asked everyone to send me a picture or two of their shack, antenna system, and projects with a short note about what it is. I got a couple responses and I do thank those who sent things to me. They are included in this Newsletter. I'm asking the same thing again this month. Everyone really enjoys reading about one another and getting a peek at the person and shack behind the voice.

Many of you have heard me talking about our deck for the last month. A couple people have asked to see pictures. Be careful what you ask for. This is what Dawn and I have been up to.

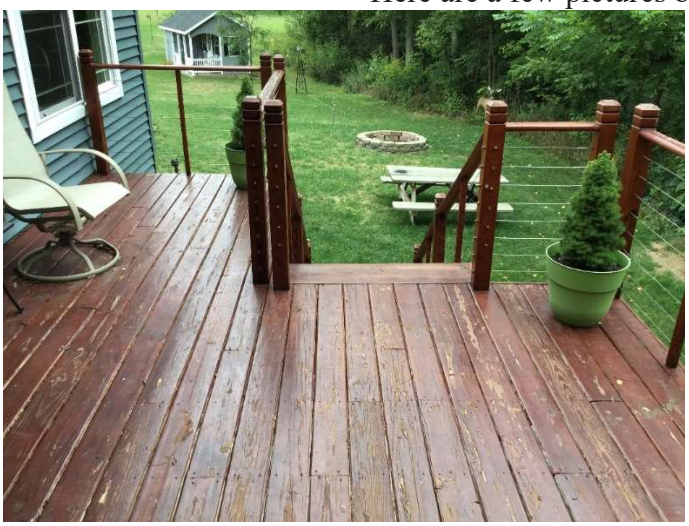
We had our deck built in 2014; it is about 12' x 27'. We have sealed and stained it three times in six years. Enough is enough. The AC2 treated lumber that was recommended and used is only expected to last 5 years (which we didn't know at the time!) and it was looking bad.

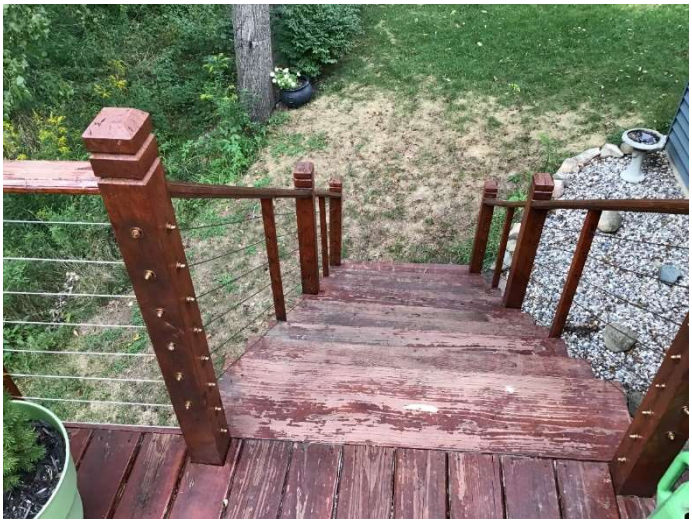
We decided to replace the deck surface, stairs and railings. Dawn wanted to call "the guy" and hire it done, but I said NO, we can do this! The discussion was short and within a day or two we ordered all the composite material we needed for the job.

On September 6th I started removing screws. About 1,200 screws in all by my estimate. I did go out and purchase a new drill for this job so I had two drills with different bits. The hardest part of removing the screws was determining what drive bit to use. The builder used an assortment of screw types. T20 Star, Square, and Phillips head drive, painted and steel screws. Many of the screws where buried so deep in the boards I had to chisel the wood off and clean out the screw head to fit the correct bit in the head to unscrew.

We worked on this project several hours a day, taking some days off to recoup our strength. This was some hard, heavy work. To make this a short story, you can see a few pictures of this project we completed on 10/20/2020. It came out beautiful with the added satisfaction of saving a bunch of money by doing it ourselves. Dawn was a great help, working side by side every step of the way.

Here are a few pictures before the work started.



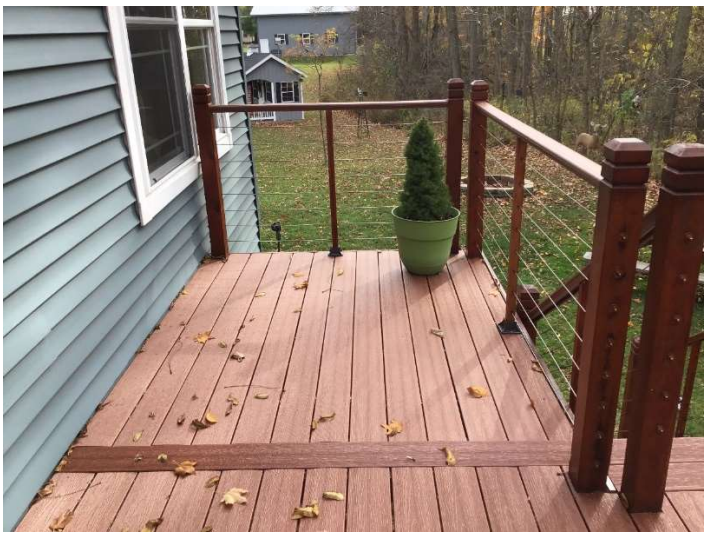


Old boards and new composite material.

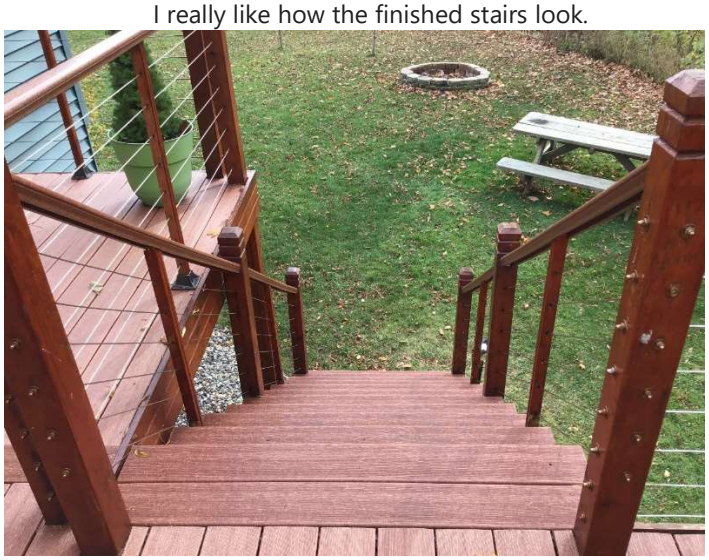
Dawn holding the board in place for the next cut.

I wore holes in my gloves.

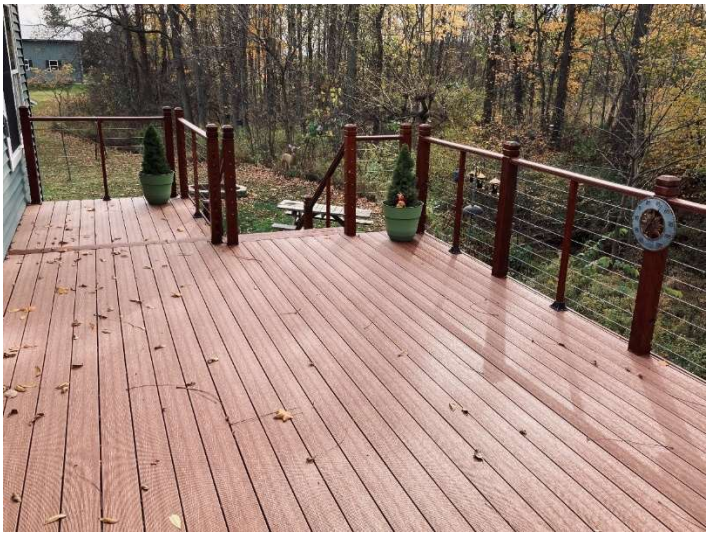
This area is about 6′ x 7′



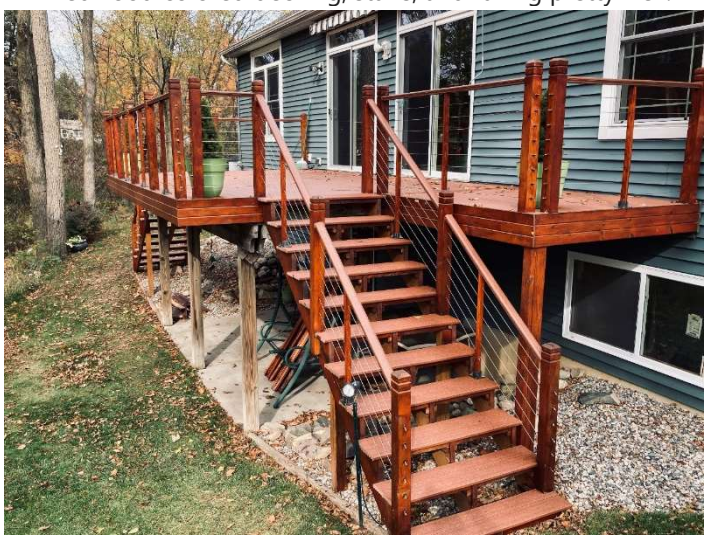
I really like how the finished stairs look.



Main deck is about 12′ x 20′



Finished! The old Cedar Stain on the posts matches the new Redwood colored decking, stairs, and railing pretty well.



NET STATS

Oct 2019: Check-ins 1106 – Traffic 40
Oct 2020: Check-ins 1148 – Traffic 36
High Check-ins: K8SKY 31; KC8ZMN 37,40,40; KC8GTE 35,32,40,47
NS8S 31,31,32,38; W8WR 32,37,37,35; N8BNC 34,34,44,45
KE8MZU 37; KE8AHK 35,33,35,45; WA8DHB 37, 43
Sunday Noon Net High Check-ins: KD8KCV 16,14,19,15

SHACKS AND VIEWS

Alan Graham - KD8FWZ - White Hall, MI

I enjoy reading the U.P. Net Newsletter and saw the request for pictures. Although I don't check in as much as I should or would like to, I thought I would send you a couple of pictures of my humble shacks.

These pictures include my shack in the house with myself and buddy, Lucas; HF rig is a Kenwood TS-520S. I also have a picture of my view from the shack room along with a picture of my TS-50 in the cabinet located in my shop, Studio "B". Both stations have OCF Dipoles for HF and Yaesu 2 meter rigs.

Editor Note: Thanks, Alan, for sending these great pictures. It's always interesting to see what other Hams' shacks look like and what equipment they use. I'm sure our readers will enjoy your article.

KD8FWZ – Alan

A BIT OF NON-AMATEUR RADIO NEWS

Thomas E. Musolf – N8NJY – East Tawas, MI

Editor's note: Tom answered the call (in last month's U.P. Net Newsletter) for an article and pictures. This is very interesting and, well, Tom, you do great work! Thank you for sharing your hobby with us.

For readership in our Michigan U.P. Net Newsletter, I offer the following NON- amateur radio related bit of individual, not so newsworthy, news.

Perhaps you have heard a few sawdust related comments from me while I am in Studio B…

Anyway, this Newsletter article is not of amateur radio related news but more of a sharable sawdust project.

Studio B is my radio shack in my pole barn that I have made to be year around comfortable and usable for some wood working and radio efforts that I do while awaiting the start of the Michigan U.P. Net. Studio B consists of two rooms, one for woodworking and the larger of the two for radio efforts and other work around the house projects.

For this Newsletter, I will share a wood turning project that I made for my wife's September birthday. Over a period of afternoons for a month, I have been making a functional segmented Table Bowl out of Maple, Mahogany and a few pieces of Cherry wood all of which Chris, KC8ZMN, had given to me some time back.

The lathe turned segmented "eleven-inch" diameter bowl consists of three parts: the removable base, the bowl, and the cover with a matching segmented turned knob on top. The base is made of hard maple raising the bowl to a more elegant look while maintaining serving stability. Bowl design intent is for table use and not something that might be nice to look at of no usable value. It is functional and food safe as all of my wood turned projects are.

I use a "tried and true" food safe finish of ingestible, natural ingredients comprised of boiled linseed oil and beeswax which allows me to renew the finish if needed.

One of the beauties of wood products is that no two pieces are the perfect same in color and each finish differently even within the same tree. Sharon and I prefer the contrasting natural look without finishes that alter the natural color.

Hope you enjoy a little bit of what we completed on the family reservation.

HAWKS MADE IT THROUGH MY ANTENNA FARM

Dave Fleming - NS8S - Montague, MI

Looks to be a larger female Sharp-shinned Hawk. Common mouser around here!

SILENT KEY

Wendell C. “Chuck” Mellberg – W8SGR – Traverse City, MI

You can read more about Chuck at this link.
https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/wendell-c-chuck-mellberg-w8sgr-silent-key.731496/

November 2020
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
1 WA8THK & XYL	2	3 KD8CPG & XYL	4	5	6	7
8	9 Shirley XYL of WA8LT	10	11	12	13	14
15 Rich son of WA8DHB W8DW Dave	16 AA8SN Hope KG8GP Mel	17 K8KZG Roman W8BUD Bud	18	19	20 Gilbert son of AA8SN	21 N8DAD Barry
22 NS8S Dave	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 Sandy XYL of K8MXC	28
29	30 Terri friend of K8BLL					

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. 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.

HAMFESTS

For complete information, refer to the ARRL Hamfests
www.arrl.org

- HAMFEST/CONVENTION
  11/08/2020 - Livonia Amateur Radio Repeater Group Outdoor Swap N Shop
  Location: Livonia, MI
  Type: ARRL Hamfest
  Sponsor: Livonia Amateur Radio Repeater Group
  Website: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2392995587672556
  Learn More

  HAMFEST/CONVENTION
  12/06/2020 - CANCELLED - LCARC Amateur Radio SwapHamfest
  Location: Madison Heights, MI
  Type: ARRL Hamfest
  Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club
  Website: http://www.n8lc.org
  Learn More

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

- EXAM SESSION
  11/07/2020 | Smiths Creek MI 48074-4409
  Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC
  Location: St. Clair County International Airport Parking Lot
  Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
  Learn More
- EXAM SESSION
  11/07/2020 | Traverse City MI 49686-3103
  Sponsor: Cherryland ARC
  Location: Traverse City District Library
  Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
  Learn More
- EXAM SESSION
  11/08/2020 | Shelby Township MI 48317-1307
  Sponsor: U.S.E.C.A ARC
  Location: Packard Proving Grounds
  Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
  Learn More
- EXAM SESSION
  11/10/2020 | Howell MI 48855-8703
  Sponsor: Livingston Amateur Radio Klub
  Location: Livingston County EMS
  Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
  Learn More
- EXAM SESSION
  11/11/2020 | Livonia MI 48154-3045
  Sponsor: Livonia ARC
  Location: Livonia Police Department
  Time: 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
  Learn More

- EXAM SESSION
  11/14/2020 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516
  Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc.
  Location: Washtenaw Red Cross Building
  Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
  Learn More
- EXAM SESSION
  11/14/2020 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999
  Sponsor: Motor City Radio Club
  Location: First United Methodist Church
  Time: 9:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
  Learn More
- EXAM SESSION
  11/21/2020 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156
  Sponsor: Kalamazoo ARC
  Location: TO BE DETERMINED
  Time: 8:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
  Learn More
- EXAM SESSION
  11/21/2020 | Midland MI 48640
  Sponsor: Midland ARC
  Location: Homer Township Fire Station
  Time: 9:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
  Learn More
- EXAM SESSION
  11/28/2020 | Martin MI 49070-5102
  Sponsor: Allegan County ARC
  Location: Martin Township Community Building
  Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
  Learn More
- EXAM SESSION
  12/08/2020 | Howell MI 48855-8703
  Sponsor: Livingston Amateur Radio Klub
  Location: Livingston County EMS
  Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
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  12/12/2020 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516
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  Location: Washtenaw Red Cross Building
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- EXAM SESSION
  12/12/2020 | Charlotte MI 48813-9999
  Sponsor: Eaton County Arc
  Location: Charlotte Church of Christ
  Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
  Learn More
- EXAM SESSION
  12/12/2020 | Negaunee MI 49866
  Sponsor:
  Location: Marquette Health Dept Bldg
  Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
  Learn More
- EXAM SESSION
  12/12/2020 | Smiths Creek MI 48074-4409
  Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC
  Location: St. Clair County International Airport Parking Lot
  Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
  Learn More

Happy Thanksgiving!

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