

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
K8SKY SKYE WITTIG  
KALEVA MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
W8JNL JIM LOVE  
GLADSTONE MI

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The month of February, the month of love (do not forget your favorite Valentine) and the shortest of the year, that gets us quickly to the early Spring the ground hog promised us!

February is also the month that cabin fever can start to set in. So a good relief for that is to get yourself to a swap. Doug, Stan, and I sure had a great time in the U.P. and will try to get to the Traverse City Swap too. It was nice to see the people we did and we all brought home some good bargains. The other highlight of the trip was to see Stan's brother Brian, K8BHZ, and his nice collection of parts and radios. Especially great was his old time 160 meter transmitter and receiver he built. I had seen the articles in QST, but to see them in person you really could appreciate the craftsmanship of the two radios.

I am saddened to have to report the passing of two of our Upper Peninsula Net friends, Cliff, W8WCC, and Walt, W8ERB. Both of these gentlemen will be missed by all of us on the net and all of there Amateur radio friends. 73 my friends.

## NET STATS

2011DEC CHECKINS 1543 TRAFFIC 55

2012 DEC CHECKINS 1646 TRAFFIC 42

DEC HIGH CHECKINS WB8VOF 46 N8NJA 46 TWICE

DEC HIGH TRAFFIC KC8NVI, K8SKY, K8BLL ALL WITH 2

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# February 2013

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>AC8AR JEAN KD8CPG BILL</i>	4 <i>N8KJC JOR</i>	5	6 <i>N8GWN JIM JORDAN GRAND SON OF WA8DHB</i>	7	8 <i>WB8VOF &amp; MARY ANN KC8WKN</i>	9 <i>WB8VOF</i>
10	11 <i>MELVIN OM OF WA8DHB</i>	12 <i>KC8NNX &amp; KAY</i>	13	14 <i>W8SKS STAN KC8JLC ART</i>	15 <i>WB8ZNR STEVE</i>	16 <i>W8YV RICH</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>KC8UPW &amp; JACKIE</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28 (29) <i>W8DTB JOHN</i>		

## • EXAMS

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- 02/05/2013 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 **Sponsor:** Hazel Park ARC  
**Location:** Oak Park Community Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/07/2013 | Mason MI 48854 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group  
**Location:** Ingham County Sheriff's Dept **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/09/2013 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building  
**Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/09/2013 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC  
**Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/09/2013 | Traverse City MI 49684 **Sponsor:** Cherryland ARC  
**Location:** Immaculate Conception School – Gym **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/16/2013 | Flint MI 48507 **Sponsor:** The KD8NLP & W8ACW VE Teams  
**Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/16/2013 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 **Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
  
- 02/16/2013 | Jackson MI 49204-9999 **Sponsor:** Cascades ARS  
**Location:** Jackson District Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
  
- 02/23/2013 | Sault Sainte Marie MI 49783-82 **Sponsor:** Eastern Upper Peninsula AR **Location:** Faith Lutheran Church **Time:** 10:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/23/2013 | South Lyon MI 48178 **Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC  
**Location:** Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/28/2013 | Corunna MI 48817-1230 **Sponsor:** Corunna VE Team  
**Location:** American Red Cross **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/02/2013 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** SAROF  
**Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance)  
**Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 03/09/2013 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/09/2013 | Mason MI 48854 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Ingham County Sheriff's Dept **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/09/2013 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC **Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

03/09/2013 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 **Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club **Location:** Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

## HAMFEST

02/09/2013 | 39th Annual Swap & Shop **Location:** Traverse City, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Cherryland Amateur Radio Club **Website:** <http://cherrylandarc.com>

02/17/2013 | Livonia ARC's 42nd Annual Swap & Shop **Location:** Livonia, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Livonia Amateur Radio Club **Website:** <http://www.livoniaarc.com/index.php?page=swapshop>

03/16/2013 | 2013 Crossroads Hamfest **Location:** Marshall, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society **Website:** <http://www.w8df.com/>

### **My Trip to the Store" From Jim, WB8IEH**

**There was a bit of confusion at the Sporting goods store this morning. When I was ready to pay for my purchases of gun powder and bullets the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."**

**Making a mental note to complain to my congressman about the gun registry people running amok, I did just as she had instructed.**

**When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to my credit card.**

**I have been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.**

**They need to make their instructions to us seniors a little clearer!**

UPN NET MEMBER PROFILE EDITED BY AL, K8BLL

JOHN DOUGHTY, N8RRI  
CALEDONIA, MICHIGAN

JOHN IS A LIFE LONG MICHIGAN RESIDENT, STILL RESIDING IN THE GRAND RAPIDS AREA HAVING BEEN BORN IN THAT CITY IN APRIL OF 1942. HE GRADUATED FROM GRAND RAPIDS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL AND OBTAINED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM CHICAGO STATE COLLEGE. JOHN THEN WENT ON TO THE INDIANA COLLEGE OF MORTUARY SCIENCE AND IS NOW RETIRED FROM HIS CAREER AS A MORTICIAN.

JOHN SERVED IN THE MILITARY WITH THE US NAVY. HE HOLDS A GENERAL CLASS AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE AND WAS ENCOURAGED TO BECOME A HAM BY A FRIEND.

JOHN AND HIS WIFE, DARLEIN, HAVE FOUR CHILDREN AND TWO STEP-CHILDREN. BESIDES AMATEUR RADIO, JOHN IS INTERESTED IN ALL SPORTS.

THE N8RRI STATION INCLUDES ICOM IC-706 AND IC-746 HF TRANSCEIVERS AND AN ICOM IC-2350 FM TRANSCEIVER FOR 2M AND 440. A 60 FOOT TOWER SUPPORTS A 3-ELEMENT HF BEAM AND 13 ELEMENT BEAMS FOR 2M. DIPOLES FOR 80, 40 AND 20 METERS COMPLETE THE ANTENNA SELECTIONS.

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**This is kind of a fun one: from Jim, WB8IEH**

**IMPOSSIBILITIES IN THE WORLD**

- 1) You can't count your hair.
- 2) You can't wash your eyes with soap.
- 3) You can't breathe when your tongue is out.

**Put your tongue back in your mouth, you silly person.**

**Ten things I know about you:**

- 1) You are reading this.
- 2) You are human.
- 3) You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
- 4) You just attempted to do it.
- 6) You are laughing at yourself.
- 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
- 8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.
- 9) You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person & everyone looks for No. 5.

## **RADIO SCOUTING: GOOD NEWS FOR SCOUTS INVOLVED IN RADIO**

The national Boy Scouts of America is now recognizing any youth or adult who has an amateur radio license with a special patch that can be displayed on the uniform.

The patch, in the form of a strip, has the words: "Amateur Radio Operator" on it and will soon be, if it's not there already, available at local Scout shops or through regional Scouting supply operations.

Jim Wilson, K5ND, is the BSA's director of communications services, but known in the ham community as chairman of the national Radio Scouting Committee and national Jamboree on the Air organizer.

Wilson says the recognition came from discussions that began some months ago with the scout committee that selects awards and insignia for the scout uniform.

He says research shows amateur radio was recognized by the Scouts as early as the 1940s...

"There were some proficiency badges or awards that Scouting offered - one of which was a Scout Radioman personal interest badge that was for senior Scouts and Explorer Scouts," Wilson says.

"And, you can actually find those badges in copies of the old handbooks and things like that."

Wilson says from those discussions came the first of the recommendations for the recently adopted Morse Code Interpreter strip.

But Wilson says the awards committee came back after that was approved and asked whether the Radio Scouting Committee could draft something else to recognize ham radio. Thus was born the Amateur Radio Operator patch.

"You can put this strip on your uniform and then that way be recognized for your ability to help in communication around events or around emergencies or just as a recognition that you've got this license," Wilson says.

And, where does the patch go?

"The right sleeve of the uniform underneath the U.S. flag there, a patrol or den emblem, and then there's the unit quality award and it goes right under those three items or if you only have two of them under the first two," Wilson says.

Wilson, who also is the volunteer coordinator for this year's K2BSA operation at the national BSA Jamboree at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in West Virginia, says you can find out more at the K2BSA website. (<http://www.k2bsa.net/operator-rating>)

## + 2012 Marks All-Time High for Amateur Radio Licenses From ARRL Letter 1/17/13

As 2012 came to a close, ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, had a good reason to cheer: The number of radio amateurs in the US reached an all-time high of almost 710,000. "2012 was definitely a banner year for the number of Amateur Radio operators here in the US," she said. "It is amazing to see these new numbers and to know that Amateur Radio is experiencing such a healthy trend."

In looking at new and upgraded licenses, as well as licensees per ARRL Division, Somma also crunched the numbers looking for growth within each license class -- and all of Amateur Radio -- over the last 40 years. "This is an all-time high for Technician, General and Amateur Extra class licensees," she said. "When looking at the three current license classes, the number of Technicians, Generals and Amateur Extras peaked in December at 345,369, 163,370 and 130,736, respectively."

Somma explained that the total number of US amateurs in the FCC database also continues to grow each year: "As of December 31, 2012, the number of licensees reached an all-time high of 709,575; year-end totals were 702,056 for 2011 and 696,041 for 2010. The number of licensees increased at an average rate of 21 per day, while the number of US licensees has increased by 7 percent since 2008!" More than 3000 new licenses were issued in 2012 than in 2011, while upgraded license activity remained steady in 2012. Read more [here](#).

COMPARE AMATEURS PER FCC CALL SIGN REGION		
CALL SIGN REGION	2008	2012
1	33,000	35,000
2	39,000	42,000
3	34,000	36,500
4	130,000	140,000
5	80,000	86,000
6	93,000	100,000
7	88,000	93,500
8	53,000	57,000
9	44,500	47,500
0	56,000	60,000
KL7 - Alaska	3,100	3,500
KP4 - Caribbean	4,200	4,000
KH6 - Pacific	4,200	4,500
<b>Total US Amateurs</b>	<b>662,000</b>	<b>709,500</b>

This chart shows the distribution of license holders by call sign region, comparing 2008 to 2012. The number of US licensees has increased by 7 percent since 2008.

## WHY PEOPLE PICK ON LAWYERS.....from Jim WB8IEH

ATTORNEY: Now doctor , isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep , he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son , the 20-year-old , how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20 , much like your IQ.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!! FROM JIM WB8IEH

**Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was?**

**Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses. Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an event boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next.**

**Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale.**

**It's not aging, it's the door!**

**Whew! ..... Thank goodness for studies like these**



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