

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8WR LARRY ALMAN
GREENVILLE MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
NS8S DAVID FLEMING
MONTAGUE MI

FEBRUARY 2016

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Here we are in the month of February. The month of the ground hog, Valentine's Day, and the shortest month of the year. This year we add a day, leap year. This month I hope to attend my first two Hamfest of the new year, Negaunee this weekend and Traverse City next weekend. Of course this all depends on the driving conditions. I find myself now going to Hamfest not to look for bargains necessarily, although I won't turn a good one down, but more to see the people I regularly talk to on the air.

The HF bands have been playing tricks on us lately. Some days very good for this part of the sunspot cycle, and some days really bad. I know it has been very frustrating for some of the people who are trying to work some of the DXpeditions that have been visiting various parts of the world.

Congratulations to our Ham of the Month, Dave NS8S, and also for going back to work for a while after his battling some medical problems for a long time. We will miss hearing him regularly on the net. Dave has deep roots with the U. P. net, his uncle WB8WOJ, Dwight of Rapids River was a long time participant on the net.

Hope to see some of you in Negaunee or Traverse City. Remember no matter what the ground hog says we will gladly take only six more weeks of winter!!

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NET STATS

DEC 2014 CHECKINS 1050 TRAFFIC 45

DEC 2015 CHECKINS 1050 TRAFFIC 48

HIGH TRAFFIC 2 EA W8DW W8WR N8BNC N8NJA

HIGH CHECKINS KC8ZMN 43 W8WR 41 N8BNC 38 K8BLL 38

FEBRUARY 2016

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSEARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> <i>AC8AR JEAN</i> <i>KD8CPG BILL</i> <i>WD7G TONY</i>	<i>4</i> <i>N8KJC JOE</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>JORDAN GRAND- SON OF WA8DHB</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>WB8VOF & MARY</i> <i>ANN KC8WKN</i>	<i>9</i> <i>WB8VOF DOUG</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <i>MELVIN OM OF</i> <i>WA8DHB</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> <i>_W8SKS STAN</i> <i>KC8JLC ART</i> <i>BARB XYL OF</i> <i>W8BUD</i> <i>KC8NUR TONY</i>	<i>15</i> <i>WB8ZNR STEVE</i>	<i>16</i> <i>W8VY RICH</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> <i>W8KPU ROB</i>	<i>22</i> <i>KB8UPW & XYL</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <i>KD8NXN CLAUDE</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>					

EXAMS

- **02/02/2016 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor:** Hazel Park ARC **Location:** Oak Park Community Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 02/04/2016 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 02/06/2016 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 02/13/2016 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 02/13/2016 | Monroe MI 48161-9770 Sponsor:** W8OTC **Location:** Good Shepherd Church **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 02/13/2016 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC **Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 02/13/2016 | Traverse City MI 49684 Sponsor:** Cherryland ARC **Location:** Immaculate Conception School – Gym **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 02/17/2016 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 Sponsor:** **Location:** Mills Township Hall **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 02/20/2016 | Flint MI 48507 Sponsor:** The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams **Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 02/20/2016 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)

- 02/20/2016 | Monroe MI 48162-5231 Sponsor:** Monroe Cty Radio Comm Assoc **Location:** American Red Cross **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 02/25/2016 | Battle Creek MI 49017-4867 Sponsor:** SMARS **Location:** Maple United Methodist Church **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 02/25/2016 | Owosso MI 48867-9999 Sponsor:** Corunna VE Team **Location:** Baker College Welcome Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 02/27/2016 | South Lyon MI 48178 Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC **Location:** Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 03/05/2016 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

HAMFEST

- **02/06/2016 | HARA Shop and Swap Location:** Negaunee, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association **Website:** <http://www.qsl.net/k8lod/index.html>

02/13/2016 | Cherryland ARC's 43rd Swap & Shop Location: Traverse City, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Cherryland Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://cherrylandarc.com>

02/21/2016 | Livonia ARC's 45th Annual Swap & Shop Location: Livonia, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Livonia Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.livoniaarc.com/index.php?page=swapshop>

03/19/2016 | Crossroads Hamfest Location: Kalamazoo, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society **Website:** <http://www.w8df.com>

UPN- NET MEMBER PROFILE..... Edited by Al, K8BLL

MICHAEL DRISCOLL, KE8AHK
WAYLAND, MICHIGAN

BORN IN MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, IN 1960, MIKE GRADUATED FROM MARQUETTE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND WENT ON TO ATTEND LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY. HE HAS WORKED IN THE FOOD MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY FOR THE PAST TWENTY TWO YEARS. HIS LAST EMPLOYER WAS AGROPUR IN GRAND RAPIDS, A LARGE DAIRY COOPERATIVE BASED IN CANADA BUT WITH FORTY TWO PLANTS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA.

MANY OF MIKE'S FRIENDS GROWING UP BECAME INVOLVED IN AMATEUR RADIO. AFTER MOVING TO THE YANKEE SPRINGS AREA NEAR WAYLAND, THIS LED TO HIS OBTAINING OF A GENERAL CLASS LICENSE IN EARLY 2015 AFTER TIME SPENT AS A CB OPERATOR.

MIKE AND HIS WIFE, MILESSA, HAVE ONE SON, JOEY. BESIDES HIS NEW INTEREST IN AMATEUR RADIO, MIKE LOVES THE OUTDOORS. BESIDES FISHING, HIKING AND CAMPING, ANY OUTDOOR ACTIVITY WILL DO.

FOLLOWING SOME SERIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEMS, MIKE IS NOW DISABLED BUT COVERED BY INSURANCE. THIS GIVES HIM TIME TO ENJOY HIS TEN BY FOURTEEN HAM SHACK BEHIND HIS HOME. THE SHACK IS WIRED, INSULATED AND HAS A SPACE HEATER. HIS YEASU 840 TRANSCEIVER FEEDS A HOME BREW 75 METER DIPOLE. TWO METERS IS COVERED IN THE SHACK BY AN ICOM 8000 AND THE MOBILE RIG IS A YEASU 2500. BOTH RIGS ARE PROGRAMMED FOR SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN REPEATERS AND THE MOBILE FOR U.P. REPEATERS.

AA8PP	BOB	ROGERS CITY	K8KZG	RAY	FARMINGTON
AA8SN	HOPE	TRAVERSE CITY	K8LQV	DICK	MIDLAND
AA8XO	DAVE	CHARLEVOIX	K8MJC	MIKE	BOYNE CITY
AA8YF	TED	EWIN, MI.	K8MXC	BOB	REED CITY
AA9JR	SCOTT	MILWAUKEE, WI.	K8NYT	STAN	BRUCE CROSSING
AB1RP	BOB	SUNAPEE, N.H.	K8PDC	PETE	MACMILLAN, MI.
AB8GN	STAN	ONTONAGON	K8QBZ	WAYNE	ALPENA
AB8JN	PETE	PONTIAC	K8RCT	ERNIE	TRAVERSE CITY
AB8KO	JOHN	CRYSTAL FALLS	K8SAX	TOM	MARQUETTE
AB8N	JOE	LILLIAN, AL.	W8SKS	STAN	KALKASKA
AB8RV	JOHN	OLD MISSION	K8SKY	SKY	KALEVA
AB8VV	JERRY	GAYLORD	K8SZN	ED	GRAND RAPIDS
AB8WR	JEFF	TERRE HAUTE IN.	K8TJ	TIM	SWARTZ CREEK
			K8TNZ	AL	RAPID RIVER
AB9NN	JON	APPLETON, WI.	K8USB	GARY	GREENVILLE
AC8AG	DICK	CHAGRIN FALLS, OH.	K8VF	MARK	SOUTH BRANCH
AC8AH	JERRY	TRAVERSE CITY	K8VL	MARK	LEXINGTON
AC8AR	JEAN	TWIN LAKE	K8VSO	WALT	LAKE
AC8GV	RICH	HOLLAND	K8WLT	WALT	GLADSTONE
AC8JU	MARTIN	BURR OAK	K8WZS	RICK	MANTON
AC8OI	PAUL	DEWITT	K8YBU	HAROLD	WEST BRANCH
AC8PI	JUSTIN	PICKFORD	K8YVU	HAROLD	WEST BRANCH
AD8I	DAN	W. BLOOMFIELD	K8ZEC	JOHN	TROY
A19R	DAN	ILLINOIS	K8ZRH	MIKE	OAKLAND
AJ8MH	JOE	MARQUETTE	K9AJF	BILL	RACINE, WI.
AJ8T	TED	STURGIS	K9ARM	ANDY	PALATINE, IL.
K1ND	JAN	YPSILANTI	K9CAW	NORM	PORTAGE, IN.
K6IPC	DICK	CALUMET	K9CDX	SCOTT	SUPERIOR, WI.
K8BGB	BRIAN	SPRING LAKE	K9DJT	GARY	PT. WASHINGTON WI.
K8BHZ	BRIAN	GWINN	K9DTC	DAN	ALEXANDER, N.C.
K8BLL	AL	BENTON HARBOR			
			K9GEI	BOB	FOND du LAC, WI.
K8CIA	PAUL	LANSING	K9KTU	FRANK	CHICAGO
K8CKW	GARY	LYONS	K9MTE	JIM	EDGERTON, WI.
K8CPA	CHUCK	LINCOLN PARK	K9NY	BILL	NORTHWOOD, IL
K8DMR	RON	JENISON	K9RFI	BILL	APPLETON, WI.
K8DSS	ED	LAKWOOD RANCH FL	K9RSK	RON	GREEN BAY, WI.
K8DT	JOE	SUTTONS DAY	KA8ADB	RICH	GAYLORD
K8ED	MARK	WEST BLOOMFIELD	KA8D	JERRY	DEARBORN
K8GAP	MARK	COMSTOCK PARK	KA8FFM	VINCE	IRON RIVER
K8GBC	DAN	OWOSSO	KA8HYE	EDGAR	TRAVERSE CITY
K8GJW	JOHN	CLEVELAND, OH.	KA8IEC	JERRY	HILLSDALE
K8GWW	JERRY	BEAR LAKE	KA8IQJ	ED	DRUMMOND ISLAND
K8HRO	RANDY	L'ANSE	KA8OGC	JEAN	TRAVERSE CITY
K8IRC	BART	PENGILLY, MN.	KA8RTS	RICK	GRAND RAPIDS
K8JRO	JERRY	CLIO	KA8T	STEVE	WEIDMAN
K8KIS	SKIP	ROANOKE VA.	KA8TRV	JERRY	CENTRAL LAKE

KA8WOG	FLOYD	GLADSTONE	KC8QMG	DON	STANDISH
KA8WOT	CHUCK	OMER	KC8RGO	VANCE	HOUGHTON
KA9YIU	GLEN	MADISON. WI.	KC8RNQ	AL	BELLEVILLE
KB0KBJ	TAUNO	CASTLEWOOD, S.D.			
KB0P	PAUL	ISHPEMING	KC8TU	RICK	PETOSKEY
KB0URP	DAN	SPIRIT LAKE IA.	KC8TX	JIM	EAST JORDON
KB1ZMX	CHARLES	SEARSPORT, ME.	KC8TXK	DICK	LEWISTON
KB8AI	JERRY	DEARBORN HEIGHTS	KC8UPW	FRANK	INTERLOCHEN
KB8BMZ	GARY	FLUSHING	KC8VMV	DICK	WEIDMAN
KB8DNS	ROD	ISHPEMING	KC8VUY	ELAINE	OTSEGO
KB8GP	MEL	MUSKEGON	KC8YOX	DAVE	ONAWAY
KB8LAG	CLAYTON	SOUTHFIELD	KC8ZKT	JOHN	LAKE ISABELLA
KB8NOE	DICK	CLIO	KC8ZMN	CHRIS	UNIONVILLE
KB8OKJ	JERRY	MIDLAND	KC8ZPF	JUNIOR	SHERIDAN
			KC9AUR	JOHN	CHENOA, IL.
KB8UIH	CHRIS	MIDLAND	KC9AZ	LONZO	CHICAGO
KB8W	DANNY	LAURIUM	KC9BDL	ROGER	LA CROSS, WI.
KB8XI	ROLAND	HOUGHTON	KC9BI	JERRY	CONNERSVILLE, IN.
KB9ABS	SCOTT	BLOOMINGTON, IL.	KC9HSM	JIM	NORTH RIVERSIDE, IL.
KB9AVX	SCOTT	NIAGARA, WI.	KC9IEK	MIKE	FOREST PARK, IL.
KB9KEM	DICK	GREEN BAY, WI.	KC9IME	ERIC	LOMBART, IL.
KB9MGX	MIKE	VIRGINIA, IL.	KC9IVO	HAROLD	ROCK ISLAND, IL.
KB9NGX	STEVE	APPLE RIVER, IL.	KC9LHB	MIKE	WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI
KB9WAF	DAVE	SEYMOUR, WI.	KC9NXB	CLINT	MATTOON WI.
KB9WMT	MALCOLM	INDIANAPOLIS, IN.	KC9PTD	GARY	SOMONAUK, IL.
KB9ZTF	DAN	MILWAUKEE, WI.	KC9YNR	STEVE	HURLEY, WI.
KC2VVH	BILL	MUNNSVILLE, NY.	KC9YZR	BERNIE	MEDFORD, WI.
KC8EHU	ALAN	E.TAWAS	KD0HRO	JACK	FLOODWOOD, MN.
KC8EMF	PAT	NORWAY	KD8BPC	NORM	ISHPEMING
KC8EXV	WIL	TWINING	KD8BTC	MARK	ST. JOHNS
KC8FAR	JERRY	PETOSKEY	KD8CPG	BILL	BEAVERTON
KC8HJT	JEFF	BIG RAPIDS	KD8CXO	NORM	BOYNE CITY
KC8HJU	HERSHEL	CADILLAC	KD8CYK	JERRY	MT. MORRIS
KC8HXO	GREG	GRAND HAVEN	KD8DAY	BOB	BIG BAY
KC8JK	MARSHALL	BATAVIA, OH	KD8EYD	RICK	BEAVERTON
KC8JLC	ART	DRUMMOND ISLAND	KD8FHC	JIM	KALEVA
KC8KPO	TOM	KALKASKA	KD8FSN	MIKE	ALDENA
KC8LRQ	KEN	HURLEY, WI.	KD8GFL	GARY	SPRUCE/HUBBARD LAKE
KC8MCC	ED	MENDON	KD8GGX	DALE	CHEBOYGAN
KC8MJV	JACK	NEWBERRY	KD8HBB	BRIAN	GAYLORD
KC8NNX	JIM	BROWNSTOWN	KD8HLV	DOUG	DEXTER
KC8NTE	JIM	ELMIRA	KD8HNK	PHIL	CLARKSTON
KC8NUR	TONY	PERKINS	KD8HNT	TOM	BIRCH RUN
KC8NVI	CLIFF	HARBOR SPRINGS	KD8HTT	DAN	MADISON HTS.
KC8OAZ	JOHN	INDIAN RIVER	KD8IFA	SHAWN	LAPEER
KC8OZG	BILL	OTSEGO	KD8JWH	DAVID	KALKASKA
KC8QII	ANNETTE	HARBOR SPRINGS	KD8KCV	DAVE	GAYLORD

KD8KQS	VERN	AUGRES	N1ASS	BILL	DECKER
KD8KW	GARY	GARDEN	N1JTB	RICK	MILLDALE, CT.
KD8LAH	JOHN	ONTONAGON	N1UUA	DOUG	LEEDS, MAINE
KD8LIO	JOHN	MILAN	N8ABT	STEVE	OTISVILLE
KD8LL	MEL	KENTWOOD	N8ABY	JACK	MARCELLUS
KD8LMC	DAN	ROSEVILLE	N8AFZ	BILL	BARK RIVER
KD8LPO	JON	NILES	N8AGW	ROY	NORTON SHORES, MI.
KD8NHB	TIM	HARTLAND	N8ATS	SAM	PEMBINE WI
KD8NX	ALLEN	WYANDOTTE	N8BAR	NEIL	KALKASKA
KD8NXN	CLAUDE	MARION	N8BBI	JOE	ST. HELEN
KD8PTJ	NICK	ALGONAC	N8BEG	BOB	BELLAIRE
KD8QLR	KIM	MIDLAND	N8BNC	BOB	L'ANSE
KD8SAD	DAN	HOUGHTON LAKE	N8BOB	BOB	CADILLAC
KD8TOT	BILL	CLIO	N8CFM	DAVE	OKEMOS
KD8ULC	LARRY	HAMPTON TWP.	N8CJK	GREG	EAST TAWAS
KD8URZ	CASS	GREENVILLE	N8DAD	BARRY	GAYLORD
KD8VFC	BOB	GRAND RAPIDS	N8DP	DAVE	GLADSTONE
KD8VTU	MIKE	EDWARDSBURG	N8DQU	ALAN	OSCODA
KD9TZ	MIKE	ELKHART LAKE, WI	N8EFE	EZRA	YALE
KD9WR	MILES	FAIRCHILD, WI.	N8FHF	HOWARD	HANCOCK
KE8IM	BOB	WHITMORE LAKE	N8FR	FRED	MORLEY
KE8SZ	STEVE	PENTWATER	N8FUN	NORM	BEULAH
KF0IE	BILL	GRANDVIEW WI	N8FVM	ED	HIGGINS LAKE
KF5MYQ	MIKE	CORUNNA	N8GPW	GEORGE	HALE
KF8AM	PAUL	BELLEVILLE			
KF8BD	KEN	WILLIAMSBURG	N8HA	CLIFF	GLENNIE
KF8IO	RUSS	ALPENA	N8HBZ	JIM	MANCELONA
KF8QW	NORM	HOWELL	N8HLH	JOE	MARQUETTE
KF9D	ROGER	ALGONQUIN, IL.	N8HXG	RALPH	ISHPEMING
KF9KU	GIL	WEST ALLIS, WI	N8IFV	JIM	LEWISTON
KG8A	ROY	ROSE CITY	N8IFY	CHRIS	WEST BRANCH
KG8CW	MIKE	BEULAH	N8IMU	HAL	LAURIUM
KG8CX	ED	MINOMINEE	N8IVW	GEORGE	GAYLORD
KG8JK	DIRK	PETOSKEY	N8JTQ	JOE	GAYLORD
KG8VH	WALT	DURAND	N8JXY	MIKE	TECUMSEH
KG8YT	BRUCE	MARQUETTE	N8KBY	LES	ADRIAN
KG9BI	AL	MARINETTE, WI.	N8KJC	JOE	HARRISON
KI8CL	ROGER	MANISTIQUE	N8KMY	CRAIG	KALKASKA
KI8FR	PAUL	OVID	N8KQS	DAVE	GREEN BAY,WI.
KJ8P	JIM	GAYLORD	N8KYO	LOU	SPRING LAKE
KN8N	LARRY	KALAMAZOO	N8LVI	DWAYNE	SAGINAW
KR8P	BRAD	TWIN LAKE	N8NE	BOB	DAVISON
KS8O	JIM	WALLACE	N8NJA	BILL	MARION
KV8X	AL	N. MUSKEGON	N8NTA	DAVE	COMMERCE TWP.
KW5AS	SKIP	VICTORIA, TX.	N8OR	JOHN	BOYNE CITY
KW8G	RALPH	HOWELL	N8OSC	TOM	LAMBERTVILLE
NOQFN	KEN	HILL CITY, MN.	N8OSD	DAN	SENEY

FROM DAVE, WA8DOF.....

ARE WE THE ONES WITH DEMENTIA? ARE WE THE ONES WHO ARE AGING?

Recently, I went to McDonald's and I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets.

I asked for a half dozen nuggets..

'We don't have half dozen nuggets,' said the teenager at the counter.

'You don't?' I replied.

'We only have six, nine, or twelve,' was the reply.

'So I can't order a half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?'

'That's right.'

So I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets

(Unbelievable but sadly true...)

(Must have been the same one I asked for sweetener and she said they didn't have any, only Splenda and sugar.)



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