

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
WB8VOF DOUG ALMQUIST  
WELLSTON MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
N8IFY CHRIS SCHMIDT  
WEST BRANCH MI

APRIL 2010

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA bkn8nja@att.net

April showers bring May flowers, I just hope we get the April showers and don't burn up the May flowers. Please be careful with any kind of fire. Don't be running the legal limit with that snake antenna on the ground!!!

Well all this warm weather should be bring our snowbirds back. I think many of them are smart enough to wait a little longer; they have been in Michigan before in April. In a conversation with Walt, WA8LT the other night he said "I don't care how warm it is, I am staying in Florida until April 20<sup>th</sup> and it better not snow after I get back to Cadillac. Enough said on that subject.

Ham radio topics for April. Michigan QSO party is April 17<sup>th</sup>, your chance to be the rare DX if you choose to participate. I like because it is a kind of low key event and fun to be the sought after station. More information can be found on <http://www.miqp.org>

Even though it is in May, the 1<sup>st</sup> to be exact, don't forget the Cadillac Swap. Same location as the last several years, same cost and also the same time for the U P Net meeting 10:00 a.m. hope to see you there!!

## NET STATS

FEBRUARY 2009 TRAFFIC 45 CHECKINS 1230

FEBRUARY 2010 TRAFFIC 62 CHECKINS 1332

HIGH CHECKINS N8BNC 55

HIGH TRAFFIC KC8TBU 5

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# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>PATTI DAUGHTER OF WA8DHB MARSHA XYL OF W8NSH</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>LORRAINE XYL OF W8UJH</i>	10
11	12	13 <i>KA9YIU GLENN</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>WD8PRW DON</i>
18	19	20	21	22 <i>K8ZJU BEVERLY</i>	23 <i>GAIL XYL OF KD9TZ</i>	24 <i>WB8IEH &amp; AGNES</i>
25	26	27	28 <i>WATHK PERRY WA8DHB AILEEN</i>	29 <i>K8SKY SKYE</i>	30 <i>W8GEP GRANT</i>	

## EXAMS

03-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** MUSKEGON AREA AR COUNCIL **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** ROBERT G CARTER (231)799-3634  
**Email:** [WB8OQT@ARRL.NET](mailto:WB8OQT@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](http://ARRL/VEC) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS BLDG  
313 W WEBSTER AVE MUSKEGON, MI 49440

06-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** HAZEL PARK ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** DEE D FLINT (248)981-8145  
**Email:** [N8UZE@ARRL.NET](mailto:N8UZE@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](http://ARRL/VEC) **Location:** OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
14300 OAK PARK BLVD PRE-REGISTRATION URGED CHECKIN @ 7 - TEST 7:30 PM  
OAK PARK, MI 48237

06-Apr-2010  
**Sponsor:** INGHAM COUNTY VE GROUP **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** [KB8RADON@AOL.COM](mailto:KB8RADON@AOL.COM)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](http://ARRL/VEC) **Location:** LANSING POLICE DEPT. 3400 S CEDAR ST  
SMALL CONFERENCE RM DOWNSTAIRS [WWW.INGHAMCOUNTYVE.WEBS.COM](http://WWW.INGHAMCOUNTYVE.WEBS.COM)  
LANSING, MI 48910

09-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** GRAND RAPIDS ARA **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** RICHARD H DOUGLAS (616)531-6218  
**Email:** [KC8NKA@ARRL.NET](mailto:KC8NKA@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](http://ARRL/VEC) **Location:** RED CROSS BLDG  
1050 FULLER AVE NE INSTRUCTION ROOM L-4 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

10-Apr-2010  
**Sponsor:** EATON COUNTY ARC **Time:** 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** JOHN A DEWEY (517)645-2378  
**Email:** [DETTA@IA4U.NET](mailto:DETTA@IA4U.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](http://ARRL/VEC) **Location:** EATON CTY SHERIFF'S DEPT-  
EOC 1025 INDEPENDENCE BLVD CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

10-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** DCARS  
**Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** HOWARD E ST JOHN  
(906)428-9476  
**Email:** [HSJ99@CHARTER.NET](mailto:HSJ99@CHARTER.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](http://ARRL/VEC) **Location:** GLADSTONE CITY HALL  
1100 DELTA AVENUE MAIN MEETING ROOM GLADSTONE, MI 49837

10-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** BIG RAPIDS ARC **Time:** 4:30PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** GEORGE L ROUMAN (231)796-3114  
**Email:** [W8OWN@ARRL.NET](mailto:W8OWN@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](http://ARRL/VEC) **Location:** FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY  
CRAMER CIRCLE RM 109 W COMMONS BLDG 146.740 REPEATER BIG RAPIDS, MI

10-Apr-2010  
**Sponsor:** BRANCH CTY AMT RADIO CLUB **Time:** 2:30PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** ARNOLD W HAYWARD (517)278-8507  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](http://ARRL/VEC) **Location:** BRANCH COUNTY 911 COMM CTR 141 E CHICAGO RD  
BASEMENT TRAINING ROOM COLDWATER, MI 49036

10-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** THE GREATER FLINT VE TEAM **Time:** 9:30AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** JEFFREY R PENDER 810-519-2608  
**Email:** [K8KZB@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8KZB@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](http://ARRL/VEC) **Location:** BAKER COLLEGE OF FLINT-  
TECH CENTER 1050 W BRISTOL ROAD ROOM S-103, PRE-REG PREFERRED  
BUT WALK-INS ALLOWED. FLINT, MI 48507

10-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** ARROW COMMUNICATIONS ASSOC. **Time:** 9:00AM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** ROGER F PLACE (734)663-4625 **Email:** [MERROGPLACE@AOL.COM](mailto:MERROGPLACE@AOL.COM)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS BUILDING 4624 PACKARD ST  
ANN ARBOR, MI 48108

10-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** EASTERN MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** MARTIN SMITH (810)385-5584  
**Email:** [PIIONEER-2@ATT.NET](mailto:PIIONEER-2@ATT.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** ST CLAIR COUNTY  
LIBRARY 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 210 MCMORRAN BLVD PORT HURON, MI 48060

11-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** FORD AMT. RADIO LEAGUE K8UTT **Time:** 2:00PM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** WILLIAM J BOYKE (313)805-8877  
**Email:** [WBOYKE@FORD.COM](mailto:WBOYKE@FORD.COM) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** FORD YACHT CLUB  
29500 SOUTHPOINTE RD PLEASE CALL AHEAD GROSSE ILE, MI 48138

17-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** CASCADES ARS **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** RICHARD H MC GUIRE (517)782-1430  
**Email:** [DICKKI8C@JUNO.COM](mailto:DICKKI8C@JUNO.COM) **VEC:** [W5YI VEC](#) **Location:** JACKSON DISTRICT  
LIBRARY 244 WEST MICHIGAN DOWNSTAIRS AUDITORIUM JACKSON, MI 49204

17-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** GENESEE COUNTY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** VERLE D WINNINGHAM (810)629-2633  
**Email:** [K8VW@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8VW@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
2100 W THOMPSON RD SOUTHERN LAKES BRANCH CAMPUS FENTON/FLINT, MI 48430

22-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** CORUNNA VE TEAM **Time:** 7:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** THOMAS E CARPENTER (517)579-0599 **Email:** [KI8AS@CHARTER.NET](mailto:KI8AS@CHARTER.NET)  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS 702 CORUNNA AVE  
REGISTER AT 6:30 PM MARCH SESSION CANCELLED CORUNNA, MI 48817

22-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** SMARS **Time:** 7:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** JOHN R DAVIDSON (269)962-7145  
**Email:** [W8JRD@ARRL.NET](mailto:W8JRD@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** MASONIC CENTER  
133 E MICHIGAN AVE BATTLE CREEK, MI 49014

24-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** SOUTH LYON AREA ARC **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** CHRISTIAN D ANDERSON (248)437-3088  
**Email:** [K8VJ@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8VJ@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** WITCH'S HAT DEPOT  
SOUTH LYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MCHATTIE PARK 200 DOROTHY STREET  
SOUTH LYON, MI 48178

24-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA ARC **Time:** 11:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DAVID P DEATRICK (906)635-5295 **Email:**  
[WA8OLD@ATT.NET](mailto:WA8OLD@ATT.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1600 PARK ST SAULT SAINTE MARIE, MI 49783

25-Apr-2010 **Sponsor:** ALCONA COUNTY AR GROUP **Time:** 1:00PM (No walk-ins)  
**Contact:** DAVID N HUFF (989)736-5845  
**Email:** [W8HUF@ARRL.NET](mailto:W8HUF@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** ALCONA COUNTY EMS/EOC  
BUILDING 2600 EAST M- 72 [WWW.ALCONARADIO.ORG/TEST.ASPX](http://WWW.ALCONARADIO.ORG/TEST.ASPX) PRE-REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED! HARRISVILLE, MI 48740

01-May-2010 **Sponsor:** WEXAUKEE ARC/CADILLAC HAMFEST **Time:** 10:30AM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** ALAN E VAN ANTWERP (231)829-3433  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** CADILLAC JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 500 CHESTNUT STREET  
PLEASE PRE-REGISTER SPACE LIMITED CADILLAC, MI 49601

01-May-2010 **Sponsor:** MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** HAROLD B RUDER (313)526-5261  
**Email:** [K8YB@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8YB@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SALVATION ARMY CORPS-  
 CORNER SOUTH GRATIOT 55 CHURCH ST MAY ALSO CALL: CLIFF 586-776-1169  
 MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

02-May-2010 **Sponsor:** NQ8A TESTING GROUP **Time:** 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** LARRY A SCHRADER (269)429-7574  
**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** CHURCH OF CHRIST 3550 NILES RD REAR OF PARKING  
 LOT FELLOWSHIP HALL SAINT JOSEPH, MI 49085

## HAMFEST

3 Apr 2010	+ Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (ARGYL) <a href="http://www.argyl.org">http://www.argyl.org</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 145.270 & 146.620 (PL 94.8) <b>Contact:</b> Al Eckman, WW8WW 725 Bowes Road, Apt. K6 Lowell, MI 49331 Phone: 616-450-4332                      616-450-4332 Email: <a href="mailto:al.eckman@sbcglobal.net">al.eckman@sbcglobal.net</a>	Lowell, MI Lowell High School <u>11700 Vergennes Street</u> <b>Div:</b> Great Lakes <b>Sect:</b> Michigan
17 Apr 2010	+ Milford Swap and Shop Milford Amateur Radio Club <a href="http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk">http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 145.49 (PL 67); 146.52 (backup) <b>Contact:</b> Rose Moore, KC8NQJ 1383 Sylvan Drive Hartland, MI 48353 Phone: 810-632-5174                      810-632-5174	Highland, MI Milford High School <u>2380 Milford Road</u> <b>Div:</b> Great Lakes <b>Sect:</b> Michigan
1 May 2010	+ Wexaukee ARC <a href="http://wexaukeearc.org">http://wexaukeearc.org</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.980 -600 (no tone) <b>Contact:</b> Alton McConnell, NU8L c/o Wexaukee ARC PO Box 163 Cadillac, MI 49601 Phone: 231-876-1485                      231-876-1485 Fax: 231-779-8731 Email: <a href="mailto:nu8l@yahoo.com">nu8l@yahoo.com</a>	Cadillac, MI Cadillac Jr. High School <u>500 South Chestnut Street</u> <b>Div:</b> Great Lakes <b>Sect:</b> Michigan

What are people using for antennas on the Upper Peninsula Net?

On March 4, 2010, during the Pre-Net (with Jim, N8GWN as Net Control), we conducted a very informal survey of the antennas that check-ins were using (or could use) on 3921 kHz. The summary of this survey was:

Half Wave Dipole, Center Fed with Ladder Line	8	25.8%
G5RV	8	25.8%
Half Wave Dipole, Center Fed with Coax	5	16.1%
Windom (OCF Dipole)	3	9.8 %
Full Wave Horizontal Loop	3	9.8%
Vertical	3	9.8%
Bazooka	1	2.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	

The descriptions of their antenna systems by the check-ins were very interesting. Everyone was very impressed with Ron's (K9GEC in Antigo, WI) story about his homebrew tuner set-up. His shack is on the first floor and he has fish lines through the floor controlling the adjustment of a tuner in the basement. Sounds a little like what an ice fisherman would come up with!

73' Ed – K8DSS

**WB8IEH, JIM WANTED YOU TO KNOW.....**

**If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.**

**(Hardly seems worth it.)**

**The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.**

**(O.M.G.!!)**

**Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump.**

**(Okay, so that would be a good thing)**

UP NET MEMBER PROFILE EDITED BY AL, K8BLL

HERSEL W. WING, KC8HJU  
CADILLAC, MICHIGAN

HERSEL IS A CADILLAC NATIVE, BORN THERE IN 1948 AND GRADUATED FROM CADILLAC SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL. HE THEN ACCUMULATED SOME COLLEGE CREDITS FROM GRACE BIBLE COLLEGE IN GRAND RAPIDS.

THE MAJORITY OF HERSEL'S WORKING CAREER WAS WITH GTE, NOW VERIZON, IN MUSKEGON AND HE RETIRED IN DECEMBER, 1996, FOLLOWING 30 YEARS WITH THE COMPANY. SINCE THEN, HE SPENT 10 YEARS WITH MICHIGAN RUBBER PRODUCTS IN CADILLAC AND HAS ALSO BEEN SELF-EMPLOYED CONSTRUCTING POLE BARNs.

DURING 1968-1969, HERSEL SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY, TAKING BASIC TRAINING AT FORT KNOX AND THEN WAS POSTED TO FORT BRAGG FOR ONE YEAR. HE THEN SPENT EIGHT MONTHS IN LAI-KAI, VIETNAM, WITH THE FIRST INFANTRY SIGNAL CORPS.

WALT, WA8LT, IS HERSEL'S BROTHER-IN-LAW AND TALKED HIM INTO OBTAINING A TECHNICIAN LICENSE IN 1995. IN JUNE OF 2009, HE UPGRADED TO A GENERAL CLASS LICENSE AT THE IRA HAMFEST IN HUDSONVILLE. HE CURRENTLY OPERATES AN ICOM 751A TRANSCEIVER FEEDING A G5RV ANTENNA UP 30 FEET VIA A MFJ VERSA-TUNER II.

HERSEL AND HIS WIFE, MARY, HAVE BEEN MARRIED ELEVEN YEARS. HE HAS SIX CHILDREN AND TWELVE GRANDCHILDREN. IN ADDITION TO HAM RADIO, HERSEL ENJOYS BIKE RIDING, WALKING AND READING. HAVING BECOME A CHRISTIAN IN JUNE, 1966, HERSEL SAYS THAT, THROUGH THE YEARS, HE HAS GROWN IN THIS EXPERIENCE AND IS NOW PASTOR OF GRACE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH IN CADILLAC.

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PRESBYTERIAN: When you rearrange the letters: BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER: When you rearrange the letters: MOON STARER

THE EYES: ! When you rearrange the letters: THEY SEE

THE MORSE CODE: When you rearrange the letters: HERE COME DOTS

SLOT MACHINES: When you rearrange the letters: CASH LOST IN ME

ELECTION RESULTS: When you rearrange the letters: LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

## WHAT THEY LEARN IN SCHOOL.....

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America .  
MARIA: Here it is.  
TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?  
CLASS: Maria.

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TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?  
JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

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TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'  
GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'  
TEACHER: No, that's wrong  
GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

(I Love this kid)



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