

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS

## SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
N8GWN JIM ROBB  
GAYLORD MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
N8OSD DAN DE SHETLER  
SENEY MI

MAY 2008

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA

Welcome to the Month of May, time of renewal and time for a new Ham Of The Year for the Upper Peninsula Net. As you can see in the mast head the selection was made and our new Ham Of The Year is Jim Robb N8GWN of Gaylord. I have known Jim for many years, before both of us were Ham radio operators even. I used to be very active in the Michigan Bear Hunters Association. Every year we would have our annual get together in Gaylord and Jim had a crew of people who volunteered to cook our meal. Cook they did!! We always had great meals and Jim really knows the way to cook a great bear roast. When I first heard Jim on the net I knew the voice was familiar, but could not place it. The first time I saw him after that I made the connection. It sure is nice to have someone you have known in one part of your life show up in another.

Jim is very deserving of what I think is one of the greatest honors in Ham Radio, the U.P. Net Ham Of The Year. He is always there to help out as pre-net control, or take someone's net if they can't make it. I know when I turn on my radio on Saturday and hear Jim doing the pre-net I will have a nice list of checkins. Another thing Jim has done for our net is make the beautiful wooden awards for Ham Of The Year. Well this year he won't have to make his own I will take care of that job myself. Congratulations again my friend it is a great honor you have earned and great honor to pass the title of Ham Of The Year on to you.

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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7 WA8UCS & VALERIE	8	9 W8UJH & LORRAINE	10
11	12 WA8DVD & XYL	13	14	15 KATHLEEN XYL OF N8NJA	16	17 K8NIH JERRY
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 KA8OGC JEAN	29	30	31

## EXAMS

10-May-2008 **Sponsor:** CHERRYLAND ARC **Time:** 1:00PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** HOPE R FRANCISCO (231)941-7262 **Email:** [AA8SN@ARRL.NET](mailto:AA8SN@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SALVATION ARMY BLDG, 2/24 UPGRADES AND TESTS 1239 BARLOW ST MAY ALSO CALL: 231-218-0622 AA8SN@ARRL.NET TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49686

10-May-2008 **Sponsor:** EASTERN MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** ROBERT G HERBERT (810)982-1561 **Email:** [K8WMW@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8WMW@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** ST CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 210 MCMORRAN BLVD PORT HURON, MI 48060

10-May-2008 **Sponsor:** THE GREATER FLINT VE TEAM **Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JEFFREY R PENDER (810)614-6199 **Email:** [K8KZB@K8KZB.COM](mailto:K8KZB@K8KZB.COM) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** BAKER COLLEGE OF FLINT-TECH CENTER G-1050 W BRISTOL ROAD ROOM S-120 REGISTRATION AT 12:30 PM FLINT, MI 48507

10-May-2008 **Sponsor:** LANSING VE TEAM **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** [KB8RADON@AOL.COM](mailto:KB8RADON@AOL.COM) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS 1800 E GRAND RIVER AVE KROPSCHOT ROOM LANSING, MI 48912

10-May-2008 **Sponsor:** MOTOR CITY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DON F NOVAK (734)281-7030 **Email:** [K8THU@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8THU@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** GLENWOOD METHODIST CHURCH 2130 FORD AVENUE (NORTHLINE) WYANDOTTE, MI 48192

10-May-2008 **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

19-May-2008 **Sponsor:** USECA ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOSEPH P KENNEDY (586)977-7222 **Email:** [N8OZ@ARRL.NET](mailto:N8OZ@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [W5YI VEC](#) **Location:** MOUNT CLEMENS ELKS CLUB 179 S MAIN ST S OF CHURCH ST; PRE-REG URGED \$14.00 FEE - EXACT CASH ONLY! MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

24-May-2008 **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-May-2008 **Sponsor:** KALAMAZOO ARC **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** JOHN D TUCKER (269)324-9085 **Email:** [WB8ZVV@ARRL.NET](mailto:WB8ZVV@ARRL.NET) **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT 1500 LAMONT AVE (OFF LAKE ST) BASEMENT MEETING ROOM KALAMAZOO, MI 49001

31-May-2008 **Sponsor:** LCARA **Time:** 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** ROBERT P BESWETHERICK (810)653-3851 **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** 911 CENTER LAPEER, MI 48446

01-Jun-2008 **Sponsor:** NQ8A TESTING GROUP **Time:** 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** LARRY A SCHRADER (269)429-7574 **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** CHURCH OF CHRIST REAR OF PARKING LOT 3550 NILES RD FELLOWSHIP HALL SAINT JOSEPH, MI 49085

03-Jun-2008 **Sponsor:** HAZEL PARK ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DEE D FLINT (248)981-8145 **Email:** N8UZE@ARRL.NET **VEC:** ARRL/VEC **Location:** OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER 14300 OAK PARK BLVD PRE-REGISTRATION URGED CHECKIN @ 7 - TEST 7:30 PM OAK PARK, MI 48237

## HAMFEST

1 Jun 2008 + Chelsea Radio Swap Chelsea Amateur Radio Club <http://www.wd8iel.net> **Talk-In:** 145.450 (PL 100) **Contact:** Frank Pohs, KD8ABW 636 West Main Street Manchester, MI 48158 Phone: 734-945-1915 Email: [frankpohs@hotmail.com](mailto:frankpohs@hotmail.com) Chelsea, MI Chelsea Fair Grounds 20501 Old US 12 Highway

7 Jun 2008 + IRA Good Old Days Hamfest Independent Repeater Association <http://www.w8hvg.org> **Talk-In:** 147.160 (PL 94.8) **Contact:** Kathy Werkema, KB8KZH 3547 84th Street SE Caledonia, MI 49316 Phone: 616-698-6627 Fax: 616-455-1361 Email: [kwerkema@juno.com](mailto:kwerkema@juno.com) Grand Rapids, MI Hudsonville Fairgrounds 5235 Park Avenue

HOORAY FOR LISTERINE!!!! FROM JIM, WB8IEH

### UNIQUE SPRAY FOR MOSQUITOS

The best way of getting rid of mosquitoes is Listerine, the original medicinal type. The Dollar Store-type works, too. I was at a deck party awhile back, and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine, and the little demons disappeared. The next year I filled a 4-ounce spray bottle and used it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes. And voila! That worked as well. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby. During the summer, I don't leave home without it.....Pass it on.

OUR FRIEND'S COMMENTS: I tried this on my deck and around all of my doors. It works - in fact, it killed them instantly. I bought my bottle from Target and it cost me \$1.89. It really doesn't take much, and it is a big bottle, ! too; so it is no as expensive to use as the can of spray you buy that doesn't last 30 minutes. So, try this, please. It will last a couple of days. Don't spray directly on a wood door (like your front door), but spray around the frame. Spray around the window frames and even inside the dog house if you have one. Also can be used to dab any bites you receive. It will stop the itching quicker and go away faster

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**PICTURES FROM U. P. NET MEETING  
CADILLAC MAY 3, 2008**



**READ THE SIGN IN THE LEFT HAND CORNER, THIS IS A TEST**



**THE GROUP LISTENS INTENTLY**

## *UPPER PENINSULA NET MEMBER PROFILE BY GEORGE W8OWN*

George Rouman, W8OWN

Born in 1924 and raised in Gladstone in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, I graduated from high school, immediately drafted the next day into the Army Air Corps, sent to basic training at Miami Beach and then to attend radio school at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. That was followed by training on C-47 Troop Carrier Command planes at Sedalia Air Force Base in Missouri and then to action in the Pacific.

After the war my interest in radio was put aside while I attended college at the U of M and at Marquette University. I worked for a short time at a Zenith facility in Chicago where I heard about Amateur Radio Communication, visited the Allied Radio store, (what a fascinating place) and picked up an old pre-war Hallicrafters SX24 receiver. The first ticket arrived in 1952. As I moved to and around several places in the Lower Peninsula through the years, I have always managed to have a station so I could enjoy this hobby.

In 1956 my life was forever enriched with happiness and beauty when I met and married Helen. She may not want to be a radio operator but she supports and encourages my activities in every way as well as listening to those I talk to on the airways including both fixed and mobile operations. Our two grown children and their families live, one in Sparta, Michigan and the other in Westchester, California.

Over the years I have participated in several nets including the Single Sideband Net in its early days when it was surrounded by AM signals, leisurely chased DX, served as a VE since its inception, been active in ARES, RACES and Skywarn activities, built kit rigs including Heathkits, explored packet, and enjoyed rag chewing with friends. Early on I did mostly CW but I have lost the ability to keep it together when sending and have become a real lid. Fortunately, I belong to QCWA where its CW Net members have been willing to put up with my efforts of trying to control hand and mind and have listened faithfully with gritted teeth.

Other hobbies in my life were balsa airplane construction and flying, woodworking, stained glass and photography, especially photo processing.

While I have built some of my gear over the years, my station now consists of an Icom 756 PRO III, an Ameritron ALS-600 amp and a Palstar AT1500CV tuner. My backup rig is a Ten-Tec Jupiter. I do have the usual junk box and my Drake 1A receiver that I keep just for old time's sake. I modified it with a notch filter so I can't say it's pristine. I must admit I miss the old rigs, The National receivers, the Johnson Viking 2, the Central Electronic exciter and amp, the Drake TR7 with all its parts adorning the ham desk, the Collins KWM 2 and like many of you all the adjunct stuff I have cherished over a half century of ham radio. But then again, isn't the new gear wonderful to behold?

EVER WONDER.....

Why you don't see this headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?



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THANKS TO THOSE THAT ATTENDED THE MEETING IN CADILLAC

KG9BI AL	K8LQV DICK & GLORIA	W8NSH DAVE & MARSHA
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STEVE WB8ZNR	BILL W8CBH	DON N8PWU
GERRY WT8G	LINDA N8ISV	KIM W8KIM & JEAN
GRANT W8GEP	LEO WD8DCA	GEORGE W8OWN & HELEN
WAYNE W8GXB	AL W8KIZ	WALT WA8LT
KEN W8NEV	SKYE K8SKY	JIM KB8MCR
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