

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8WR LARRY ALMAN
GREENVILLE MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
KB8W DAN MILLER
LAURIUM MI

MAY 2016

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The month of May, the flowers bloom, the leaves come on the trees, and you have to mow your lawn. (did mine for the first time April 27). Also you can start to plan what Hamfest you want to attend this year. With 5 coming up in May and June you should be able to find one or more near your QTH. The first one is Cadillac, Saturday May 7th, with the U.P. Net meeting scheduled for 10:00 A.M., where we will have the announcement of the new Ham of the Year, hope to see you there!

Also time to start to get at those antenna projects you have been planning all winter, get that wire and aluminum up in air and make some contacts. Myself, I am hoping for a good sporadic E season on six meters this year. I am looking to add to my grid square count and pass 200 hundred this year. I have a feeling some of the hf bands won't be all that good this summer, so if you have six meters on your radio, put an antenna, even a simple dipole will work well, and have some fun when the band opens up.

Have you considered operating any of the National Parks on the Air event this summer? Here is your chance to be "rare DX". Several National Parks and Lake Shores and Trails in Michigan to choose from and you can set your own Operating schedule. Here are some websites to check-out for more information on operating from these areas.

(<http://www.arrl.org/NPOTA>). <http://qsl.net/kd8dku/LightUptheTrail.htm>.
<https://www.nps.gov/noco/learn/management/trail-partner-organizations.htm>

Also you can contact the section manager, Larry, WB8R at wb8r@arrl.org. with questions about how to obtain permission from a park, trail or lakeshore in Michigan.

UPPER PENINSULA NET WEBSITE [www. michupnet.com](http://www.michupnet.com)

NET STATS

MARCH 2015 CHECKINS 1031 TRAFFIC 45

MARCH 2016 CHECKINS 1020 TRAFFIC 43

HIGH TRAFFIC N8BNC 2 W8WR 2

HIGH CHECKINS KC8ZMN 43

MAY 2016

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSEAREIS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> <i>JUDY XYL OF</i> <i>W8HTK</i> <i>K8MXC & SANDY</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> <i>W8HTX JIM</i> <i>WA8UCS & VALERIE</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> <i>WA8DVD & XYL</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> <i>KATHLEEN XYL OF</i> <i>N8NJA</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>W8WR LARRY</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
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<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>				

EXAMS

- **05/01/2016 | Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615 Sponsor:** NQ8A Testing Group
Location: Church of Christ Bldg Rear **Time:** 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - **05/07/2016 | Alma MI 48801-1504 Sponsor:** Gratiot County ARA **Location:** Alma College, Swanson Academic Center, Lecture Hall 113 **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - **05/07/2016 | Cadillac MI 49601-1824 Sponsor:** Wexaukee ARC/Cadillac Hamfest
Location: Cadillac Junior High School **Time:** 10:30 AM (No walk-ins)
 - **05/07/2016 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - **05/13/2016 | Grand Rapids MI 49503-1304 Sponsor:** Grand Rapids ARA
Location: Red Cross Building **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 - **05/14/2016 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc.
Location: American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More
- 05/14/2016 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/14/2016 | Monroe MI 48161-9770 Sponsor:** W8OTC **Location:** Good Shepherd Church
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/14/2016 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC **Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/14/2016 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club
Location: Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/18/2016 | Livonia MI 48154-3045 Sponsor:** Livonia ARC **Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library
Time: 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 05/18/2016 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 Sponsor:** none **Location:** Mills Township Hall
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 05/21/2016 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch
Time: 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)

05/28/2016 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 Sponsor: Allegan County ARC Location: Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

05/28/2016 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 Sponsor: Kalamazoo ARC Location: Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**05/28/2016 | South Lyon MI 48178 Sponsor: South Lyon Area ARC Location: Witch's Hat Depot
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**

06/02/2016 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

06/07/2016 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC Location: Oak Park Community Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

06/10/2016 | Grand Rapids MI 49503-1304 Sponsor: Grand Rapids ARA Location: Red Cross Building Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

HAMFEST

**05/07/2016 | Cadillac, Michigan Hamfest Location: Cadillac, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Wexauke Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://www.wexaukeearc.org/>**

**05/14/2016 | Chassell, Michigan Hamfest Location: Chassell, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Copper Country Radio Amateur Assn. & Keweenaw County Repeater Assn.
Website: <http://kcra-mi.net/>**

06/11/2016 | LARS Hamfest Location: Newberry, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Luce Amateur Radio Society Website: <http://www.w8nby.com>

**06/18/2016 | Midland Hamfest Location: Midland, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Midland Amateur Radio Club Website: <http://w8kea.org>**

**06/19/2016 | Monroe Hamfest Location: Monroe, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Monroe County Radio Communications Association Website: <http://www.mcrcra.org>**

**07/16/2016 | Lowell AR Youth Club Hamfest Location: Lowell, MI Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club Website: <http://www.k8lhs.club>**

Frustrated Funding, Breached Secrecy Foiled North Korea DXpedition, Group Leader SaysFROM ARRL WEBSITE

A co-leader of the recent VP8STI/VP8SGI “**Intrepid DX Group**” DXpedition, said this week that what he called “a surprising lack of support and lack of funding from some of the world’s paramount DX foundations” thwarted his group’s plans to mount a DXpedition to North Korea. In “**The P5DX Story**” posted on April 25, Paul Ewing, N6PSE, said that years of negotiations had finally yielded a written invitation from the Democratic Peoples Republic of North Korea (DPRK) — the most-needed DXCC entity — to operate there.

“We had hoped to be the first large DXpedition with clear and unambiguous proof that we were active within the country and with real evidence of permission,” Ewing said in announcing the DXpedition’s cancellation.

The Intrepid-DX Group announced its “P5 Project” in 2013. After considerable expense and nine visits to North Korea, nothing had paid off until recently. An “emissary” with strong ties to the DPRK and a regular visitor there took an interest, Ewing said. “We renewed our proposal, and the talks continued,” he wrote. “Finally, North Korea agreed to a 10-day Amateur Radio activity with three radios and up to 20 team members. A venue was investigated and approved.” Officials insisted on no advance publicity, and all involved were sworn to secrecy.

“Our last major hurdle was that the DPRK was asking for a very large fee to be paid for the permissions at various government levels and ministries to operate from within the DPRK,” Ewing recounted. The size of the requested fee, Ewing said, prompted him to approach several large Amateur Radio foundations for financial help. “All of our fees would be paid directly to a China-based tour company, and no direct exchange would take place with the North Koreans,” Ewing pointed out. But the group was rebuffed. “I am deeply disappointed that they could not find a way to support our plans,” he said.

Ewing said he and co-leader David Collingham, K3LP, decided they had no other choice but to “drain our own personal retirement savings to provide the bulk of our funding.” Money for various fees as well as equipment and air fare ran into the thousands of dollars. “We purchased roughly \$16,000 in equipment, and we spent almost \$4000 to ship it FedEx to Beijing to our staging area, where it still sits,” he said.

Then, word leaked out, igniting an Amateur Radio media firestorm. “We tried not to comment at all, but the rumors would not go away,” Ewing said. “Finally, we admitted we might be making progress but begged for discretion.” But, he continued, “Things began to spiral out of control.”

A week before the team’s planned departure, Ewing learned that officials had denied him and some other team members permission to enter North Korea, leading to his decision to cancel the entire enterprise. “I could not devote a sizable chunk of my life savings for a project that I could no longer participate in,” he explained. “The financial losses suffered by Intrepid DX and all of our team members are substantial.”

“We had permission. We had a team. We had all necessary equipment staged in Beijing. We had a venue in North Korea. We had flights and hotels to China and the DPRK confirmed,” Ewing summarized. “What we did not have was the support of those we asked to remain quiet, nor the support of anyone we asked for help with funding. This could have been a DXpedition for the record books. But now we will never know.”

In addition to the late 2015 P5/3Z9DX operation and the 2001-2002 activity by P5/4L4FN, the only other approved ham radio operations from North Korea occurred in 1995, when Martti Laine, OH2BH, and two other Finnish radio amateurs demonstrated ham radio by making 20 contacts as P5/OH2AM. In 1999, Laine operated briefly as P51BH, making just 263 contacts.

UP NET MEMBER PROFILE.....EDITED BY AL, K8BLL

GARY HILL, WA9SVW
BERGLAND, MICHIGAN

GARY WAS BORN IN 1949 IN ELGIN, ILLINOIS. HE GRADUATED FROM ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY WITH A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING. HE RETIRED FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS IN DECEMBER, 2013, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AS A RF SYSTEMS ENGINEER.

ABOUT 1965, HE MET A GROUP OF HAMS WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL AND BECAME INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO. HE EARNED HIS NOVICE LICENSE AS A RESULT. HE ALSO ENJOYS WORKING ON HIS HOUSE AS WELL AS FISHING AND RIDING HIS ATV. HIS WIFE, PEGGY, IS A QUILTER AND THEY HAVE THREE ADULT CHILDREN WHO RESIDE BACK IN ILLINOIS.

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Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song, Auld Lang Syne, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

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DAVE FLEMING, NS8S
MONTAGUE, MICHIGAN

BORN IN 1957 IN SHELBY MICHIGAN, FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL, DAVE OBTAINED A DEGREE IN ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY FROM MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE. INCLUDING SERVICE IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE, DAVE HAS HELD A VARIETY OF JOBS IN THE CHEMICAL, DEFENSE AND AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS SOLAR, WIND AND HYDRO POWER PLANTS. HE NOW IS SELF-EMPLOYED DOING CUSTOM-BUILT INSTRUMENTATION AND INTERNATIONAL EXPORT WORK.

IN THE PAST, DAVE LIVED IN NORTHERN CHINA AND MONTEREY, MEXICO WHILE WORKING FOR A THIN FILMS COMPANY.

STARTING AS A SHORT WAVE LISTENER AT AGE 10, DAVE'S UNCLE DWIGHT COCHRAN, WB8WAJ, (SK) AND FORMER UP NET REGULAR, INTRODUCED HIM TO AMATEUR RADIO AT AGE 15. HE RECEIVED HIS NOVICE CALL, WN8SRE, IN JUNE, 1974

A WIDOWER, DAVE HAS A SON, DAVID, WHO LIVES IN THE GREATER GRAND RAPIDS AREA. BESIDES HAM RADIO, DAVE ENJOYS PHOTOGRAPHY, READING, MUSIC, BIKING, HIKING, GARDENING, COOKING, BAKING AND IF THAT IS NOT KEEPING HIM BUSY, FIDDLING WITH AND RESTORING OLD TUBE RADIOS.

DAVE'S HAM SHACK IS EQUIPPED WITH A TEN TEC OMNI 7, KENWOOD TL-922 AMPLIFIER FEEDING FULL WAVE LOOP ANTENNAS ON 80 AND 40 METERS. HE ALSO HAS A COLLECTION OF WHAT HE CALLS "FUN STUFF" INCLUDING A KENWOOD TS-5700 AND TS-830S, A NATIONAL NCX-3 AND NC-303, AND A BARKER & WILLIAMSON 5100B.

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WANT TO GET A LITTLE SMARTER, HERE'S SOME MORE THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW.....

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

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