

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
KD8KCV DAVE PECK
GAYLORD MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
K8BLO CHARLIE BURGSTHALER
KALAMAZOO MI

JULY 2018

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

The month of July, real summer, celebrating the birth of our republic, and vacation time! Well July is starting out hot as a firecracker. I really do not like this kind of weather, give me a 10 degree bright sunny day in February, instead of 90 plus and high humidity! This is when I would really like to be in the U.P along the shore of one of our great lakes to catch the cool breeze. Yesterday I was running the net and looking at 94 degrees on my thermometer and Pete, W8TWA says the weather buoy in northern Lake Michigan says 68. I would have liked to been next to that buoy!

While Al was gone, Aileen sent me the member profile form from Mike, WB8VDC, which I misplaced for a while, now found, and his profile appears this month. While I was putting this together, I saw that Mike first got interest in ham radio by contact with Tom Elegert and Hank Olson. I had not thought of those two individuals in a long time. They were good friends with my good friend Bud, W8PLC. Any time Bud and I would visit his cabin in Rapid River Tom and Hank would come over for a steak fry. Seeing those two names sure evokes some memories of great times with Bud, Tom, and Hank at the cabin. This experience kind of got me thinking, if you had a good friend who was a regular on the net and is no longer with us, maybe you would like to celebrate their life with a profile or some experiences you had with them. Write it up and send it to me. Email is above and address is on the last page of the newsletter.

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

NET STATS

MAY 2017 CHECKINS 994 TRAFFIC 45
MAY 2018 CHECKINS 850 TRAFFIC 40

July 2018

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>W8TWA PETE</i>	3 <i>WD8DHB & MELVIN</i> <i>W8ING MIKE</i>	4	5 <i>KC8WKN MARY ANN</i> <i>WX8Y DON</i>	6 <i>WB8IEH JIM</i>	7
8 <i>NK8V BOB</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 <i>N8HBZ JIM</i>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>W8NWD NORM</i>	31 <i>LYNN XYK OF NK8V</i>	<i>AUG 2</i> <i>W8WOJ & XYL</i>	<i>AUG 7</i> <i>KD9TZ & GAIL</i>	<i>AUG 9</i> <i>HELEN XYL OF WD8PRW</i> <i>W8IBT DEBBIE</i>	<i>AUG 11</i> <i>WA8UCS CHUCK</i>

EXAMS

- 07/07/2018 | Hancock MI 49930-9999 **Sponsor:** CCRAA **Location:** Franklin Township Office **Time:** 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- 07/10/2018 | Gaylord MI 49735-9822 **Sponsor:** Top of Michigan ARC **Location:** Gaylord Regional Airport **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/10/2018 | Howell MI 48855-8703 **Sponsor:** Livingston Amateur Radio Klub **Location:** Livingston County EMS **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/11/2018 | Livonia MI 48154-3045 **Sponsor:** Livonia ARC **Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library **Time:** 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 07/14/2018 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/14/2018 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/14/2018 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC **Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **07/21/2018 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 Sponsor: Kalamazoo ARC Location: EOC of Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**
- 07/21/2018 | Monroe MI 48161-9770 **Sponsor:** W8OTC **Location:** Good Shepherd Church **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/22/2018 | Benton Harbor MI 49022-9999 **Sponsor:** NQ8A Testing Group **Location:** Church of God **Time:** 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/28/2018 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 **Sponsor:** Allegan County ARC **Location:** Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/28/2018 | Lansing MI 48911-7207 **Sponsor:** Central Michigan Amt radio **Location:** Holt Christian Church **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 07/28/2018 | South Lyon MI 48178 **Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC **Location:** Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/02/2018 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 08/04/2018 | Muskegon MI 49440-1233 **Sponsor:** Muskegon Area AR Council
Location: American Red Cross Muskegon **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

08/07/2018 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor: **Hazel Park ARC** Location: **Oak Park Community Center** Time: **7:00 PM** (Walk-ins allowed)

- 08/11/2018 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/11/2018 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Location:** St Clair County Library
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

08/11/2018 | Traverse City MI 49686-3103 Sponsor: **Cherryland ARC**
Location: **Traverse City District Library** Time: **1:00 PM** (Walk-ins allowed)

HAMFEST

- **07/21/2018 | Gladwin Area ARC Hamfest** Location: **Gladwin, MI**
Type: **ARRL Hamfest** Sponsor: **Gladwin Area Amateur Radio Club**

07/21/2018 | GMARC Trunk Swap Location: **Shelby Township, MI** Type: **ARRL Hamfest** Sponsor: **General Motors Amateur Radio Club**
Website: <http://www.gmarc.org>

07/28/2018 | Central Michigan ARC Hamfest **Location:** Lansing, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.centralmiarc.com/outdoorhamfest.php>

08/04/2018 | U.P. Hamfest 2018 **Location:** Escanaba, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Delta County Amateur Radio Society

08/12/2018 | Seaway Trunk Swap Location: **Port Huron, MI** Type: **ARRL Hamfest**
Sponsor: **Eastern Michigan Amateur Radio Club**
Website: <http://qsl.net/ke8bit>

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**I MADE INQUIREY ABOUT RON, W8ILS TO JEFF, W9GY. HERE IS JEFF'S
RESPONES: Hi Bill, Ron is at the Lighthouse rehab facility in Hancock,
where they are monitoring the healing of his broken knee and leg. Its been
about 2 weeks since I visited him...took some ham magazines, etc.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND RON A CARD THE ADDRESS IS:
RON SALVELA, THE LIGHTHOUSE NURSING AND REHAB
CENTER, 1400 POPLAR ST, HANCOCK MI 49930-1121**



When I transmit, my
feedline does this! Is
that ok?



HAIL STONE FROM MUSKALLONG STATE PARK
JUNE 30 2018
OUCH! IF THAT HIT YOU!!!
FROM BARRY, N8DAD

Mike Ettenhofer, WB8VDC, Ann Arbor MI

Mike, like many of the people who check into the net. is a transplanted Yooper. Born in Escanaba in 1943, Mike now resides in Ann Arbor.

Mike's educational life included Holy Name High School in Escanaba, Bay de Noc College, Northern Michigan University, and Henry Ford Trade School. Mike was employed as a tool and die maker for the Chevrolet division of General Motors, and also was an engineering consultant for a firm in Shanghai China.

Mike's interest on ham radio developed in 1973 with the help of two long time U.P hams Tom Elegert, and Hank Olson. I am sure many of our more senior net members remember Tom and Hank. Like many of us, work and family put demands on our time and it took Mike many years to find time for Ham Radio.

Mike and his wife Delores, now deceased, had two daughters, Ann Marie, and Cheryl Lynn, now deceased.

When not working the airwaves Mike enjoys metal working and woodworking. A special time for Mike is when his whole family spends the entire month of July at their cottage on the Stonington Peninsula.

He enjoys all the many friends he has made on ham radio, working some DX, digital modes and QRP. Mike enjoys making wire antennas, and is working on a magnetic loop antenna. His station consist of a FT991A, a FT857D in the mobile and a FT100D for portable work. He enjoys all the bands, HF, VHF, and UHF. The antenna farm is a 50 foot Rohn tower topped with a Mosley CL33 beam, a G5RV configured in an inverted V at 45 feet and a VHF, UHF, 6 meter vertical at 27 feet. Mike wants to thank Aileen and the Net for the honor of being Ham of the Month

Youth Team to be On the Air from Market Reef....From ARRL

06/27/2018

A team of young radio amateurs will be on the air from Market Reef Lighthouse as OJ0C, from July 21 until July 28 and again from August 18 until August 25. The lighthouse is nearly at sea level, and waves have been known to cover the entire reef.

The Finnish Lighthouse Society (FLS) and the Amateur Radio League of Finland (SRAL) in conjunction with OH-DX-Foundation (OHDXF) and DX University (DXU) have organized the first-ever International Youth at Sea (IYAS) cultural exchange-based radio activity, which could become a regular annual event. The 2018 youth team members are Nuuti, OH1UBO; Elias, OH2EP; Otava, OH3OT; Mikael, OH3UAF; Pieter, ON3DI; Florian, OE3FTA, and Ilie, YO3IMD — all 16 to 25 years old.

The young operators will be participating in daily workshops of safety and survival at sea in the remote lighthouse. In addition, they will become familiar with the latest digital modes and, most important, learning how operating the radio efficiently — providing OJ0C contacts and handling pileups. Their instructors are Martti, OH2BH; Henri, OH3JR, and Pasi, OH3WS. QSL OJ0C via OH3JR.

Dayton Hamvention

Attendance at Dayton Hamvention® 2018 was 28,417, according to Ron Cramer, KD8ENJ, Hamvention general chairman, a slight decline from 2017, the first year at the new location, the Greene County Fairground and Expo Center.

He said, "We think people were waiting to hear about the upgrades we made and some did not happen until the very last moment. Many were worried about the mud and were waiting. Lodging was tougher this year with other events taking place in the area."

Preparation for Hamvention 2018 was fine tuned, Cramer said, after critique sessions with committee chairs and input from emails, letters and phone calls from attendees and vendors last year. "From feedback received already this year from guests and vendors, we believe we have been successful and are working hard to prepare for Hamvention 2019. We expect new additions to the show and finer tuning to make sure our guests keep coming back."

Some of the upgrades for 2018 included frame tents that were more stable in the wind and rain. Asphalt millings were used in the Flea Market area to create roads and eliminate mud and will be expanded next year. Changes in onsite parking eliminated some of the muddier areas. Further improvements are planned for 2019.

Other changes received many positive comments. The increase in the number and variety of foods vendors reduced waiting times. Increased seating and shade were well received and planned for another increase next year. The number of Forums was increased with the addition of a new Forum Room. A new Product Showcase was added to highlight new products for the Media and our guests.

Central State University, a local college, opened their dorms for the event, providing a good inexpensive place to stay with breakfast and dinner provided. There was a shortage of rooms this year with the grand opening of the Memphis Belle Exhibit at the Museum of the Air Force but the Greene County and Dayton Convention Visitors Bureaus kept tabs on rooms and helped direct those that called.

Greene County, Xenia Township and City of Xenia have stepped up and been great to work with all year long, Cramer said, " We appreciate their assistance and plan to keep this location as the new tradition. The Greene County Fair Board has been exceptional in making this our new home."

He thanked the 769 volunteers at this year's Hamvention and said they were well trained and tried to make all of the guests welcome. "We thank all who attended this year's show and hope to see you again next year. We already have plans for making next year even bigger and better."

[W8HJR, Friday at 2:48 AM Report](#)

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ONE LINERS FROM BRAD, KR8P.....

Doesn't expecting the unexpected mean that the unexpected is actually expected?

Take my advice — I'm not using it.

I hate it when people use big words just to make themselves sound perspicacious.

Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.



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