

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS

SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
N8GWN JIM ROBB
GAYLORD MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
KB8NOE DICK MCNEAL
CLIO MI

AUGUST 2008

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA

Welcome to August, the Dog Days of Summer. The highlight of this month of course was the U. P. Hamfest in Escanaba! It sure was nice to see some familiar friends and meet some new ones. The trip up there was good, Doug, WB8VOF did a great job of chauffeuring Jim, N8GWN and myself around. We all enjoyed the pleasure of Aileen's company on the way to the Hamfest Saturday morning. The highlights of the U. P. Net meeting was the presentation of the Ham of the Year plaque to Jim, N8GWN, and the presentation of a Hallicrafters "Sky Buddy" Receiver to the Delta County Amateur Radio Society for display in their museum. The radio was donated by John, W8BP in memory of his best friend Bud, W8PLC. A "Sky Buddy" was the first commercial receiver that both John and Bud ever owned. I know they will find a special place to display this radio.

Thanks to the members of DCARS for putting on a great Hamfest and arranging a meeting place for us. I am sure we will be back next year.

After the Hamfest we headed back toward "The Bridge" to the Icebreaker Mackinaw, located in Mackinaw City. I had arranged with John, KC8OAZ to run the Saturday Net from their. As Hams we are so fortunate to be able to have such a great ship to operate from. John started the pre-net, then Jim took over to round up a few more check-ins and at 5 o'clock I got the net started. There was a little trouble with some noise on receive. The guys are working on trying to find the source. Thanks to Mike KD9TZ for helping with relays.

The radio we operated was the one that the Coast Guard had left on board the ship. It was a Sunair RT 9000. Made in the good old USA even. It puts out about 125 watts and worked well. There is a Inverted V antenna for 75 meters and it performed great. I will have pictures from the Mackinaw in the next newsletter. Thanks again to John, KC8OAZ for setting this up and staying late to make the operation possible.

NET STATS JULY 2008
CHECK-INS 999 TRAFFICE 52

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 WB8YAC SHARON	2 W8WOJ & XYL
3	4	5	6	7	8 W8KP BOB	9 W8IBT DEBBIE
10	11 WA8UCS CHUCK	12 KA8IQJ & RUTH	13	14 WR8F RON	15	16
17 W8RAE & JOANNE	18 SUE AA8WS	19 WA9QNN RON	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 RITA XYL OF WA8NOJ	27	28 KB8MCR JIM	29 K8JRO & XYL	30
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EXAMS

09-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** CHERRYLAND ARC **Time:** 1:00PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** HOPE R FRANCISCO (231)941-7262 **Email:** 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

09-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** ARROW COMMUNICATIONS ASSOC. **Time:** 9:00AM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** ROGER F PLACE (734)663-4625 **Email:** MERROGPLACE@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS BUILDING 4624 PACKARD ST ANN ARBOR, MI 48108

09-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** TUSCOLA COUNTY ARA **Time:** 10:30AM (No walk-ins) **Contact:** ROGER D EDWARDS (989)673-5722 **Email:** WB8WJV@BIGTUBE.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** TUSCOLA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT 420 COURT ST BASEMENT OF JAIL PLEASE PRE-REGISTER. CARO, MI 48723

09-Aug-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 **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

09-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** BARANCH CTY AMT RADIO CLUB **Time:** 3:30PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** LARRY CAMP **Email:** WB8R@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** BRANCH COUNTY 911 COMM CTR 141 E CHICAGO RD BASEMENT TRAINING ROOM COLDWATER, MI 49036

09-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** IOSCO CTY AM RAD ENTHUSIASTS **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DAVID N HUFF (989)736-6841 **Email:** W8HUF@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP HALL M-65 WWW.ALCONARADIO.ORG/TEST/ASPX HALE, MI 48739

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

12-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** LIVINGSTON ARC **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** GEORGE BRUCE VAN DAM (313)999-5547 **Email:** BVANDAM@COMCAST.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** LIVINGSTON COUNTY EOC 300 S HIGHLANDER WAY HOWELL, MI 48843

16-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** CASCADES ARS **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** RICHARD H MC GUIRE (517)782-1430 **Email:** DICKKI8C@JUNO.COM **VEC:** [W5YI VEC](#) **Location:** JACKSON DISTRICT LIBRARY 244 WEST MICHIGAN DOWNSTAIRS AUDITORIUM JACKSON, MI 49204

16-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** GENESEE COUNTY RADIO CLUB **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** VERLE D WINNINGHAM (810)629-2633 **Email:** K8VW@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2100 W THOMPSON RD SOUTHERN LAKES BRANCH CAMPUS FENTON/FLINT, MI 48430

23-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** SOUTH LYON AREA ARC **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** CHRISTIAN D ANDERSON (248)437-3088 **Email:** K8VJ@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** WITCH'S HAT DEPOT SOUTH LYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MCHATTIE PARK 200 DOROTHY STREET SOUTH LYON, MI 48178

28-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** CORUNNA VE TEAM **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** THOMAS E CARPENTER (517)579-0599 **Email:** KI8AS@CHARTER.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** AMERICAN RED CROSS 712 CORUNNA AVE REGISTER AT 6:30 PM CORUNNA, MI 48817

28-Aug-2008 **Sponsor:** SOUTHERN MICHIGAN ARS **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** GARY P HURT (269)762-0048 **Email:** GAROLD1@HOTMAIL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** MAPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 342 CAPITAL AVE NE BATTLE CREEK, MI 49015

30-Aug-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

02-Sep-2008 **Sponsor:** INGHAM COUNTY VE GROUP **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** DONALD L MCLAIN (517)694-0812 **Email:** KB8RADON@AOL.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** LANSING POLICE DEPT. 3400 S CEDAR ST SMALL CONFERENCE RM DOWNSTAIRS **TECH EXAMS ONLY** LANSING, MI 48910

06-Sep-2008 **Sponsor:** MT CLEMENS SAROF **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** WILLIAM C HEAVER (586)469-6712 **Email:** K8EDS@ARRL.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** SALVATION ARMY CORPS 55 CHURCH ST CORNER SOUTH GRATIOT MAY ALSO CALL: 313-526-5261 MOUNT CLEMENS, MI 48043

06-Sep-2008 **Sponsor:** TOP OF MICHIGAN ARC **Time:** 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** CHAD W JOHNSTON (989)705-9322 **Email:** CHAD@NUWAYSUPPLY.COM **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#) **Location:** OTSEGO COUNTY PUB LIBRARY 700 SOUTH OTSEGO AVE OLD 27 SOUTH MEETING ROOM GAYLORD, MI 49735

HAMFEST

9 Aug 2008 + ICARE Swap Iosco County Amateur Radio Enthusiasts
<http://W8ICC.com> **Talk-In:** 146.640 (no tone) **Contact:** Clifford Dolliver, N8HA
3636 Glennie Road Glennie, MI 48737 Phone: 989-735-3186 Email: N8HA@centurytel.net
Hale, MI Planefield Township Hall [220 North Washington \(M65\)](#)

17 Aug 2008 + 9th Annual Ham & Computer Swap Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association
<http://W8LAP.com> **Talk-In:** 146.620 (PL 100) **Contact:** William F. Miller, KD8VP PO Box 12
Hadley, MI 48440 Phone: 810-797-5329 Email: kd8vp@arrl.net Lapeer, MI Lapeer County Center Building
[425 County Center Drive](#)

6 Sep 2008 + GRAHamfest 2008 Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association <http://www.grahamfest.org>
Talk-In: 147.26+ (PL 94.8) **Contact:** Jack Amelar, NY8D PO Box 3282 Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3282
Phone: 616-897-6885 Email: grahamfest08@w8dc.org Lowell, MI Kent County Fairgrounds
[225 South Hudson Street](#)

CHECK IN AND TRAFFIC
2007 – 2008

MONTH	2007		2008	
	CHECK INS	TRAFFIC	CHECK INS	TRAFFIC
JAN	1321	72	1442	87
FEB	1248	55	1443	64
MAR	1324	85	1389	78
APR	1210	54	1219	79
MAY	1042	92	1175	42
JUNE	929	74	987	56

AS YOU CAN SEE THE NET REMAINS VERY HEALTHY, GREAT WORK EVERYONE

THE USCGC MACKINAW

As I mentioned on the front page, I had a great time operating from the Mackinaw. We are so fortunate that this great ship could be saved and set up as a museum ship. Hats off to everyone who had a hand in saving this ship. Also another hats off to the members of the Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet Counties Public Service Communications Organization who have work so hard to have an active station on the ship.

For more information on the Mackinaw go to this webstie <http://www.themackinaw.org/> and for more information on the Ham Radio station on board go to this webstie <http://www.ccecpsco.org/>

For a QSL card for your contact with the Mackinaw send your card to CCECPSCO, P O BOX 3026, INDIAN RIVER, MI 49749-3026 Please include a SASE for your card return.

**DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW
OUT SO FAR
IT MAY GO HOME
IN ANOTHER CAR.**

BURMA SHAVE

**DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD
TO GAIN A MINUTE
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT**

BURMA SHAVE

PICTURES FROM ESCANABA

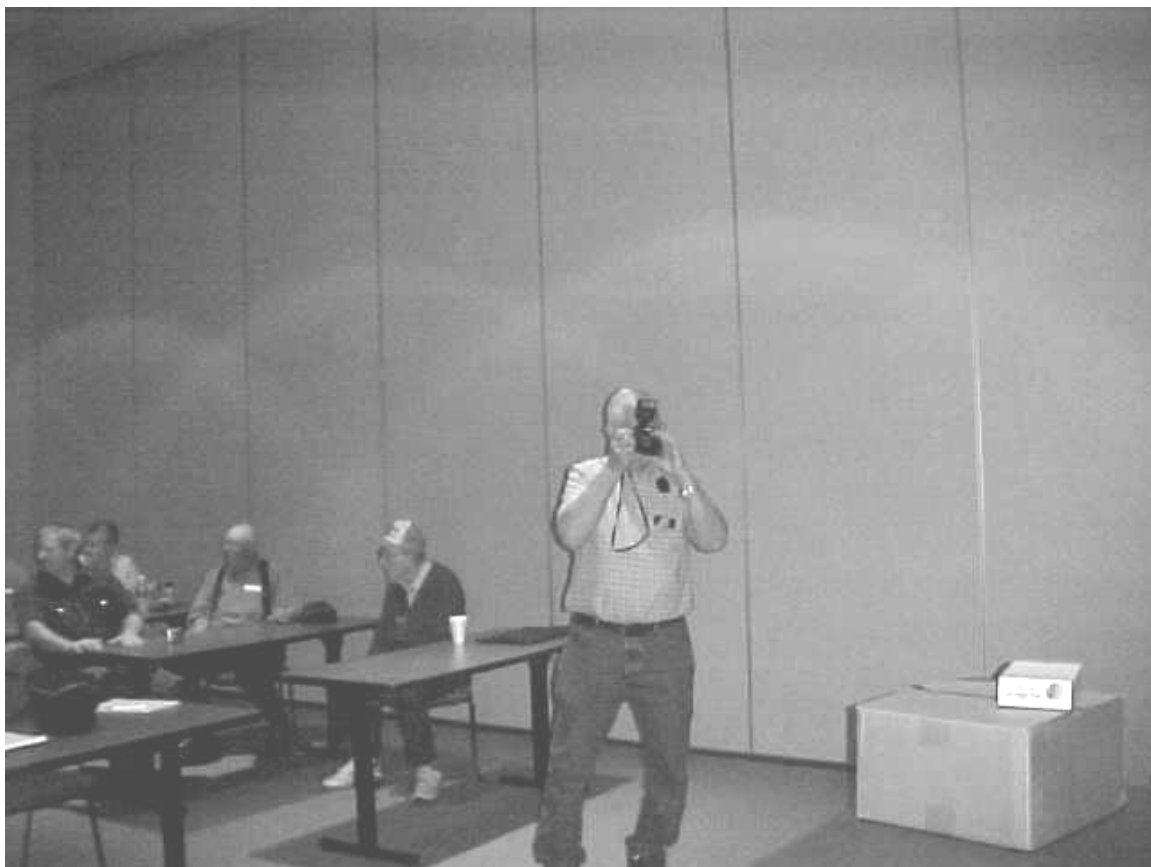


AILEEN AND AL GET THE SHOW ON THE ROAD



THE CROWD TAKES IN ALL THE ACTION

MORE PICTURES



HEY DOUG, WHO'S TAKING WHOSE PICTURE



JIM, N8GWN WITH HIS HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

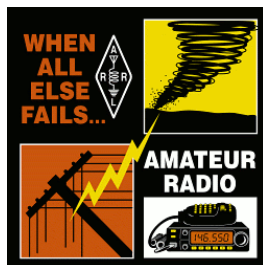
**UP NET MEMBER PROFILE BY AL, K8BLL
WALTER AHO, K8WLT
GLADSTONE, MICHIGAN**

WALT IS A LIFELONG YOOPER, BORN IN SAULT STE. MARIE ON MAY 30, 1944 AND GRADUATING FROM GRAVEAET HIGH SCHOOL, MARQUETTE, IN 1963. HE JOINED THE U.S. COAST GUARD FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL, SERVING FROM 1963 TO 1967. HIS DUTY MAINLY INVOLVED WORKING ON DIESEL ENGINES AND HE ATTAINED THE RANK OF E-6.

WALT HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY KEYSTONE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES OF ESCANABA, A SUPPLIER OF AUTOMOBILE BODY PARTS AND RELATED ITEMS, AS A ROUTE SALESMAN AND TRUCK DRIVER. HIS INTEREST IN AMATEUR RADIO STEMMED FROM HIS FATHER'S INTEREST IN SHORT WAVE LISTENING AND WHEN THE LOCAL RADIO CLUB OFFERED CLASSES, WALT ENROLLED AND OBTAINED HIS AMATEUR RADIO GENERAL CLASS LICENSE.

HE AND HIS WIFE, MARGARET, HAVE TWO SONS, ROGER (KD8GHG) AND MATT, PLUS TWO GRANDSONS, AGES 8 AND 11.

BESIDES HAM RADIO, WALT ENJOYS DEER HUNTING AND FISHING AND DOES SOME WOODWORKING AS TIME PERMITS. HE WILL SOON HAVE MORE TIME FOR ALL HIS HOBBIES AS HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO RETIRING ON JUNE 1st NEXT YEAR.



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