

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS

SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
WB8VOF DOUG ALMQUIST
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HAM OF THE MONTH
N9QPJ ANDY
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AUGUST 2009

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

What can I say besides it was great to see everyone in Escanaba. There sure was a good representation of the U P Net at the Hamfest. Even the number of “trolls” was impressive. I am sure a good time was had by all and maybe better time by others.

I know GWN, VOF, OAZ and NJA sure had fun. The trip was very nice and even educational. We learned you can't talk on your radio unless the microphone is plugged in. Also even if you have a GPS in your vehicle you might almost miss an exit. Other facts learned on this trip are that N8OSD can train mosquitoes to only bite people from the Lower Peninsula, and N8GWN have a secret desire to open a tourist information booth in Escanaba. Oh, and one other thing, some people really get excited if they think they forgot to pay their motel bill. Me, I just enjoyed the ride. We covered over 700 miles round trip and I did not have to drive 1 foot of that. Thanks to Doug for doing such a great job of getting us there and back safe and sound. Also thanks to Tony for finding us a great place for Friday night fish.

We also stopped by the DCARS Ham Radio Museum and telegraph office after the swap. They are to be congratulated on such a great facility. It is a must see for any Ham visiting the U.P.

We stopped at the Icebreaker Mackinaw on the way back and ran the Saturday net. They sure have a great set up there for Ham Radio. The visitor count for that day was over 300 people. I am sure glad they are doing well so the Mackinaw can stay there for a long, long time.

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2009 JULY CHECKINS 1112 TRAFFIC 56

2008 JULY CHECKINS 999 TRAFFIC 52

JULY HIGH TRAFFIC N8NJA 10 CHECKINS N8GWN 42 WB8VOF 41

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> <i>WB8YAC</i> <i>SHARON</i>
<i>2</i> <i>W8WOJ & XYL</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>W8KP BOB</i>
<i>9</i> <i>W8IBT DEBBIE</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <i>WA8UCS CHUCK</i>	<i>12</i> <i>KA8IQJ & RUTH</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> <i>WR8F JOHN</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>WA8RAE & JOANNE</i>	<i>18</i> <i>AA8WS SUE</i>	<i>19</i> <i>WA9QNN RON</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> <i>RITA XYL OF</i> <i>WA8NOJ</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> <i>KB8MCR JIM</i>	<i>29</i> <i>K8JRO & XYL</i>
<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>					

EXAMS

08-Aug-2009

Sponsor: CHERRYLAND ARC **Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact:** R HOPE 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

14-Aug-2009

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

15-Aug-2009

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

15-Aug-2009

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

18-Aug-2009

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 LANSING, MI 48910

19-Aug-2009

Sponsor: PRESCOTT TESTING GROUP **Time:** 6:30PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: DALE E MONDEAU (989)873-6920 **Email:** 2HAMITUP@VERIZON.NET
VEC: [W5YI VEC](#) **Location:** MILLS TOWNSHIP HALL 2441 GREENWOOD RD
SKIDWAY LAKE PRESCOTT, MI 48756

22-Aug-2009

Sponsor: CORUNNA VE TEAM **Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: THOMAS E CARPENTER (939)277-2262 **Email:** KI8AS@CHARTER.NET **VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: BAKER COLLEGE WELCOME CENTER 1020 SHIAWASSEE ST
OWOSSO, MI 48867

22-Aug-2009

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

27-Aug-2009

Sponsor: CORUNNA VE TEAM **Time:** 7:00PM (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

05-Sep-2009

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

8 Aug 2009	+	ICARE Swap & Shop Iosco County Amateur Radio Enthusiasts http://w8icc.com Talk-In: 146.640 (no PL tone) Contact: Clifford Dolliver, N8HA 3636 F-30 Glennie, MI 48737 Phone: 989-735-3186 Email: n8ha@centurytel.net	Hale, MI Plainfield Township Hall <u>220 North Washington (M65)</u>
9 Aug 2009	+	Seaway Trunk Swap Eastern Michigan Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 146.72 Contact: Bob Herbert, K8WMW 819 Tunnel Street Port Huron, MI 48060 Phone: 810-982-1561 Email: k8wmw@arrl.net	Port Huron, MI Vantage Point Maritime Center <u>51 Water Street</u>
16 Aug 2009	+	Swap and Shop Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association http://www.w8lap.com Talk-In: 146.620 (PL 100) Contact: Bill Miller, KD8VP PO Box 12 Hadley, MI 48440-0012 Phone: 810-797-5329 Email: kd8vp@arrl.net	Lapeer, MI Lapeer County Center Building <u>425 County Center Drive</u>
22 Aug 2009	+	SARA Swap & Trunk Sale Shiawassee Amateur Radio Association http://www.w8qqq.org Talk-In: 147.02 +.600 (PL 100) Contact: Don Warner, WB8GUS 10008 Lehring Road Byron, MI 48418 Phone: 810-266-4897 Email: wb8gus@arrl.net	Owosso, MI Baker College Welcome Center <u>1309 South M-52</u>

FROM THE UP HAMFEST ESCANABA 2009



LEFT TO RIGHT TONY NUR, SKYE SKY, BILL NJA, CINDY JSI, JOHN OAZ, BOB, BNC, JIM HSM, CLIFF NVI AND JIM GWN PLUS TWO K9DOG



EVERYBODY WAS GLAD TO SEE JOHN, W8BP AT THE HAMFEST

MORE FROM ESCANABA 09



SOME OF THE GOODIES AT THE DCARS MUSEUM IN ESCANABA



ON THE ICEBREAKER MACKINAW, IS THERE AN ANTENNA IN THERE?

UP NET MEMBER PROFILE

AILEEN GAGNON, WA8DHB
KIPLING, MICHIGAN

NOTE: THE FIRST PROFILE OF AILEEN APPEARED IN A 2003 UPN NEWSLETTER. THIS IS A MORE "EXHAUSTIVE" VERSION USING INFORMATION RECENTLY PROVIDED BY AILEEN.

AILEEN RECEIVED HER LICENSE IN OCTOBER, 1962. HER HUSBAND, K8ZAS, WAS THE MOTIVATION AND HE PASSED AWAY LESS THAN A YEAR LATER IN JUNE 1963. SHE AND HER CURRENT HUSBAND, MELVIN, WERE MARRIED IN JULY, 1965 AND, WHILE NOT A HAM HIMSELF, MELVIN IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF AILEEN'S HAM ACTIVITIES. MELVIN BROUGHT THREE CHILDREN (DAVID, VICKIE, TOREY) AND AILEEN ONE CHILD (PATTI) TO THEIR MARRIAGE AND, TOGETHER, THEY ADDED RICH. AS A RESULT, THEY NOW HAVE NINE GRANDCHILDREN AND NINE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. THE GRANDSONS, PARTICULARLY TRAVIS, 14, AND JORDAN, 17, KEEP THEM BUSY ATTENDING BASEBALL, BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL GAMES PLUS BAND PERFORMANCES.

AILEEN HAS LIVED IN KIPLING ("THAT'S CLOSE TO GLADSTONE AND ESCANABA") SINCE 1953 AND BEEN ACTIVE IN HAM RADIO FOR OVER 40 YEARS. SHE WAS THE UPN MANAGER FROM 1976 TO 1999 AND NOW IS AGAIN SINCE TAKING OVER FROM AA8SN IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. SHE HAS SERVED AS ASSISTANT SECTION MANAGER FOR THREE YEARS AND BEEN A NET CONTROL STATION ON THE UP, MACS, MITN AND UPYL NETS. SHE ESTIMATES SHE HAS CONDUCTED ABOUT 3500 UP NET SESSIONS AS NCS TO DATE. AILEEN ALSO CURRENTLY SERVES AS NCS ON THE QCWA SUNDAY NET ONCE A MONTH AND IS A MEMBER OF THE QCWA QUARTER CENTURY CLUB. SHE SERVES FREQUENTLY AS A UPN BACKUP NCS. IN THE PAST, AILEEN HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE TRAFFIC HANDLER AND STILL IS A RELIABLE OUTLET FOR ESCANABA AREA TRAFFIC.

TOGETHER WITH WD8IXZ, AILEEN STARTED THE UPN NEWSLETTER IN 1983, EVENTUALLY HANDING IT OFF TO AA8SN WHO PASSED IT TO N8NJA, THE CURRENT EDITOR. SHE HAS ALSO ORGANIZED MANY LOCAL HAMFESTS AND BEEN A STRONG PROMOTER OF HAM RADIO IN THE UP. SHE PUBLISHED THE UP HAM DIRECTORY FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS, STARTED THE HAM OF THE MONTH PROGRAM IN 1977, THE HAM OF THE YEAR PROGRAM IN 1981. SHE HAS SERVED AS HOM CHAIRMAN SINCE JUNE, 2006, TAKING OVER FROM K8BLL WHO SERVED AS CHAIRMAN FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. AILEEN WAS HOM IN FEBRUARY, 1978 AND HOY IN 1982. HER CURRENT SHACK IS EQUIPPED WITH A SWAN 500C AND YEASU FT 101 WHICH FEED A DIPOLE ANTENNA.

AILEEN IS AN AVID GARDENER AND USED TO HAVE A LARGE VEGETABLE GARDEN AND CANNED MOST OF THE RESULTING VEGGIES. SHE WAS FAMOUS FOR HER BREAD AND BUTTER PICKLES AND PUT UP HUNDREDS OF QUARTS, GIVING MOST TO FRIENDS AND RELATIVES. IN ADDITION TO THE VEGETABLE GARDEN, SHE HAD BOTH RASPBERRY AND STRAWBERRY PATCHES. FOLLOWING REPLACEMENT OF BOTH HIP JOINTS, ONE IN SEPTEMBER, 2003 AND THE OTHER IN APRIL, 2004, SHE NOW IS CONTENT WITH A FLOWER GARDEN.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING IN ESCANABA

KC8QII	KD8KKU	K8KIS	WB8IEH
ANNETTE	MARILYN	SKIP	JIM
K8BHZ	KC8OAZ	KD8LMV	KD8BPC
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KD8LMU	KD8KW	WA8LT	N8NJA
BERT	GARY	WALT	BILL
N9QPJ	W8CBH	KF9FU	KG8NL
ANDY	BILL	GIL	LOU
KC9HSM	N8BNC	N8JSI	K8BLL
JIM	BOB	CINDY	AL
WD8DCA	WB8VOF	N8GWN	W8ERB
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