

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8KP BOB WITTLA
BRUCE CROSSING MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
KA8FFM VINCE TARNOWSKI
IRON RIVER MI

AUGUST 2011

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Here we are in the dog days of summer. August is usually our hottest month. Lets hope that after July That is not true. We need cool weather and rain, lots of rain. I have never seen the Muskegon River That runs south of town here so low. This weekend was the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, I bet those guys had to walk and carry their canoes in places. The best part of August is the U.P. Hamfest in Escanaba on August 6th. Right now I plan on being there, but everything in my life now is subject to change at the last minute.

Band conditions on 75 meters sure are changeable from day to day. Sometimes real good and sometime real bad, and sometimes real good and bad at the same time. I got on 160 meters a one night a few weeks ago and was amazed how good it was. I had been on 75 talking with John W8BP and some of the other guys at 7 p.m. and went to 160 at 8 p.m. 160 was better than 75 had been by a ling shot, go figure. Oh well that's what keep this hobby interesting.

I should have left this page as I typed it with no spell checker, then you could see what taking drugs can do to you. Sorry no Net Stats this month Aileen sent them and I misplaced them. That's also what drugs can do for you. Also the Michigan NTS is not available on line and I couldn't get them from there. See you in Escanaba I hope.

NET STATS
2010 JUNE CHECKINS TRAFFIC
2011 JUNE CHECKINS TRAFFIC
JUNE HIGH CHECKINS
HIGH TRAFFIC

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August 2011

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> <i>W8WOJ & XYL</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>KC8TBU BILL</i>
<i>7</i> <i>KD9TZ & GAIL</i>	<i>8</i> <i>W8KP BOB</i>	<i>9</i> <i>HELEN XYL OF</i> <i>WD8PRW</i> <i>W8IBT DEBBIE</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <i>WZ8UCS CHUCK</i>	<i>12</i> <i>KA8IJQ & RUTH</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>W8RAE & JOANN</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>N9QPJ & XYL</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> <i>KB8MCR JIM</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> <i>KC8ZMN CHRIS</i>			

EXAMS

- 08/02/2011 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 **Sponsor:** Hazel Park ARC
Location: Oak Park Community Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins Allowed)
- 08/04/2011 | Mason MI 48854-9999 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group
Location: Ingham County Sheriff's Dept **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/06/2011 | Muskegon MI 49440-1233 **Sponsor:** Muskegon Area AR Council
Location: American Red Cross Bldg **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/06/2011 | Traverse City MI 49686-4256 **Sponsor:** Cherryland ARC
Location: Salvation Army Bldg **Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/12/2011 | Grand Rapids MI 49503-1304 **Sponsor:** Grand Rapids ARA
Location: Red Cross Building **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/13/2011 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC
Location: St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 08/13/2011 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 08/17/2011 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 **Sponsor:** Prescott Testing Group
Location: Mills Township Hall **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/20/2011 | Jackson MI 49204-9999 **Sponsor:** Cascades ARS
Location: Jackson District Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/20/2011 | Fenton/Flint MI 48430-9798 **Sponsor:** Genesee County Radio Club
Location: Mott Community College **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/20/2011 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 **Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/25/2011 | Corunna MI 48817-1230 **Sponsor:** Corunna VE Team
Location: American Red Cross **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 08/25/2011 | Battle Creek MI 49014-4011 **Sponsor:** SMARS
Location: Masonic Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

08/27/2011 | South Lyon MI 48178 **Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC
Location: Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Hamfest/Convention

- 08/06/2011 | UP Hamfest 2011 **Location:** Escanaba, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Delta County Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.dcars.org/>
- 08/14/2011 | Lapeer County Swap and Shop **Location:** Lapeer , MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association
Website: <http://w8lap.com>
- 08/21/2011 | Seaway Trunk Swap **Location:** Port Huron, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan Amateur Radio
- 08/27/2011 | SARA Swap & Trunk Sale **Location:** Owosso, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Shiawassee Amateur Radio Association
Website:
http://www.w8qqq.org/docs/SARA_Trunk_Sale_2011_full_page.pdf

09/10/2011 | GRAHamfest 2011 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest)

Location: Wyoming, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Grand Rapids ARC
Website: <http://www.grahamfest.org>

From Jim WB8IEH.....

Sister Mary Katherine entered the Convent of Silence.

The Priest said, 'Sister, this is a silent monastery. You are welcome here as long as you like, but you may not speak until directed to do so. '

Sister Mary Katherine lived in the monastery for 5 years before the Priest said to her, 'Sister Mary Katherine, you have been here for 5 years. You may speak two words.' Sister Mary Katherine said, 'Hard bed.' 'I'm sorry to hear that,' the Priest said, 'We will get you a better bed.'

After another 5 years, Sister Mary Katherine was summoned by the Priest. 'You may say another two words, Sister Mary Katherine.' 'Cold food,' said Sister Mary Katherine, and the Priest assured her that the food would be better in the future. On her 15th anniversary at the monastery, the Priest again called Sister Mary Katherine into his office. 'You may say two words today.' 'I quit,' said Sister Mary Katherine.

'It's probably best,' said the Priest, 'You've done nothing but bitch since you got here.'

MYSTREY RECEIVER

Some of us were discussing this little rig on 3672 the other night. I finally got around to taking a few pix of it. It was a \$5 hamfest special probably 25 years ago and I have never fired it up. I bought it cuz it was cute.

Now that I have a nice Heathkit IP-2717 Regulated HV, bias & filament supply, I figured it was time to check it out. I have no info on it but the 2 tubes are a 12AU7A and a EF184-6EJ7. For some reason I cut off the 4c. power cord but I can add that OK. Freq coverage appears to be 3-30 MHz in 3 bands, but not in chronological order....."A" is 11-30, "B" is 4.4-13 and "C" is 3-4.4 and Band C toggle switch merely parallels the 2 sections of the tuning cap. "Range" pot is in series with the S-meter coil and "Bal" pot is yet unknown. Barrier strip on rear apron is marked "A" & "G" presumably for antenna and ground. Phono connector is probably for audio out, phones or speaker yet unknown.

I have never seen plans or an article on this in any magazine or handbook, so I plan to hand write a schematic on it and check specs on the tubes for the DCV input. 4c. power cable is marked gnd, B+, fil and AVC. Certainly not sure at this point what the AVC connection is, maybe some kind of bias voltage. Lafayette S-Meter appears to have connections for lighting as the wires connect up to the tube's filament lines. Ya gotta love that old National dial.

In any event, the little mystery receiver will be fun to play with. Check out the pix attached.....

73 from Rural Glendora, Bob, W8LHP

Can anybody help Bob out with any information on this receiver? I bet it was in some magazine or maybe book at one time I am sure he would be happy to find out a little history on it.

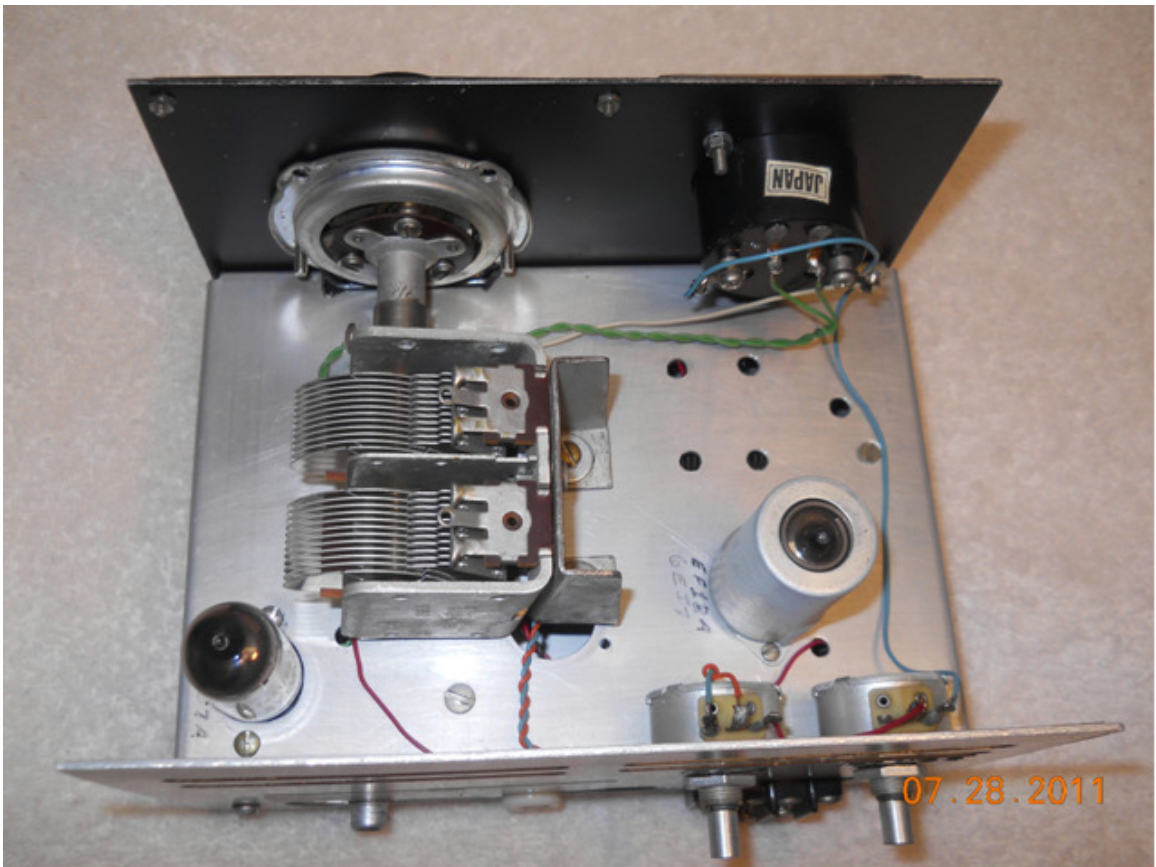
Check out the pictures on the next page.

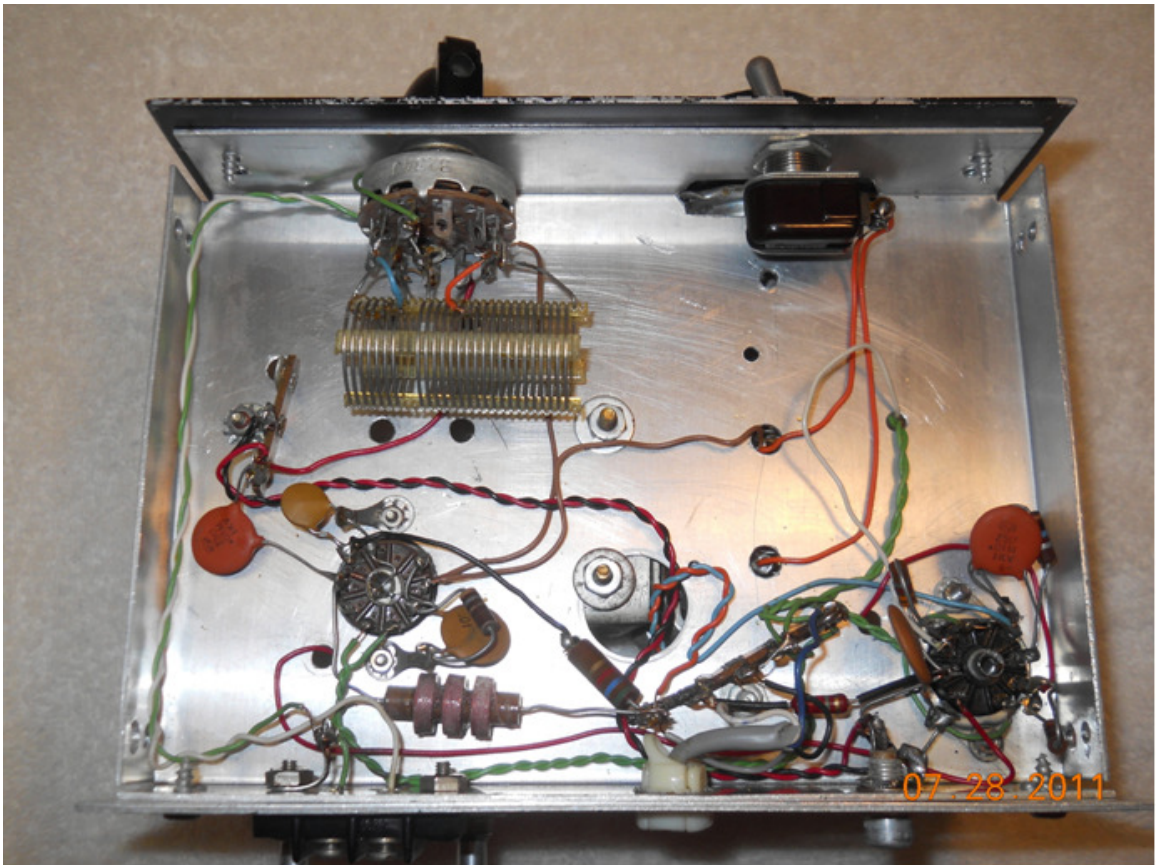
A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look
At TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways
To communicate ideas about God.

Here are some of the results: God is like - > BAYER ASPIRIN > He works miracles.

God is like - > FORD > He's got a better idea.

God is like - > COKE > He's the real thing.





U. P. NET MEMBERS PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

Profiles of members have proven to be one of the most interesting items in the U. P. Net Newsletter. However, it has been difficult to get members to write and submit their own profiles. This simple form makes it easy to gather the basic info. While voluntary, please answer these few questions about yourself and return to: K8BLL AL ROBERTSON
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NAME AND CALL _____

_BIRTHPLACE AND DATE_____

EDUCATION_____

EMPLOYERS/TYPE OF WORK_____

MILITARY SERVICE (IF ANY)_____

HOW DID YOU GET INTO HAM RADIO_____

SPOUSE AND FAMILY_____

OTHER HOBBIES AND INTEREST_____

ANY OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION OR EXPERIENCES_____

FEMA CHIEF PRAISES AMATEUR RADIO

Speaking at a recent forum held at the FCC, FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate described amateur radio operators as “the ultimate back up, the originators of what we call social media.”

Fugate went on to say amateur radio operators operate their own equipment, without pay and in the first critical hours of a disaster are the only communication that works. He went on to say. “I think there is a tendency because we have done so much to build infrastructure and resiliency in all of our others systems, we have a tended to dismiss that role.” “When everything else fails’ Amateur radio is our last line of defense. “ Fugate said that he thinks “we have get so sophisticated and we have gotten so used to the reliability and resilience in our wireless and sired and our broadcast industry and all of our public safety communications , that we can never fathom that they’ll fail. They do They have. They will.”

We Hams have known this for a long time, and so have many Emergency Management Officials. Let’s hope these remarks win over a few more. Our challenge is are we prepared to provide the services these officials need. Can you fill out a NTS Traffic Form, or a FEMA IC213 form? If the need is for digital communications can you do MT63, Olivia, Pactor, or even go old Packet?

The problem with being involved with Emergency Communications is that you spend 99 percent of your time not doing anything. Then you have a couple of exercises a year. The question is, is it worth the investment of your time and money to be ready if needed? I think so and I hope you feel the same.



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