

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
W8OWN GEORGE ROUMAN  
BIG RAPIDS MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
WA8JSF RICK ANDERSON  
HOUGHTON MI

OCTOBER 2014

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October, time for pretty leaves, Halloween, and the first snowfall. (let's skip that one) October is that month that can be beautifully kind or dark and mean, usually a mixture of both.

Better get the last minute antenna projects finished up and or course the wood pile topped off. I would like to get a forty meter vertical up before the ground freezes. The bands are like the weather, in transition, some days very good and other days very bad. Took a listen on 160 meters the other night and signals were good but still a lot of QRN and other noise. I would say 75 meters is better overall. The checkins should start to pickup, but we will also start to lose some of the people who head South.

Took some pictures when I was in the U.P., but have not figured out how to get them off my phone yet. I have pictures of the famous felines on the net, Buddy at the home of WA8DHB and Rusty at the QTH of W8KP. I think we should have a pet pals issue of the newsletter, so please send me pictures of your animal friends, dogs, cats, birds, horses, or even the squirrel outside your window. Email address is above on this page. Please send jpeg formats and we will see what I can put together.

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

## NET STATS

AUG 2013 CHECKINS 1298 TRAFFIC 53  
AUG 2014 CHECKINS 1000 TRAFFIC 50  
HIGH TRAFFIC AUG W8BUD 5  
HIGH CHECKINS KC8ZMN 27

# October 2014

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <i>K8SKY &amp; KATHY</i>	4 <i>CORKY XYL OF KC8TU</i>
5 <i>NANCY XYL OF N8GPW</i>	6	7	8 <i>HELEN XYL OF W8OWN  KA8IQJ ED</i>	9	10 <i>W8SAX GERRY</i>	11
12	13 <i>WD8DCA &amp; LEEANN</i>	14	15	16 <i>RITA XYL OF KC8JLC</i>	17 <i>KN8N &amp; DONNA IN MEMORY OF KC8TBU BILL</i>	18 <i>WA8RNB LEE</i>
19	20	21	22	23 <i>N8GWN &amp; FRANCIS</i>	24	25 <i>WA8RAE BOB</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31	

# **FACTS ABOUT OUR WONDERFUL GREAT LAKES**

**From Jim, WB8IEH**

- 1. Lake Superior is actually not a lake at all, but an inland sea.**
- 2. All of the four other Great Lakes, plus three more the size of Lake Erie, would fit inside of Lake Superior.**
- 3. Isle Royale is a massive island surrounded by Lake Superior. Within this island are several smaller lakes. Yes, that's a lake on a lake.**
- 4. Despite its massive size, Lake Superior is an extremely young formation by Earth's standards (only 10,000 years old).**
- 5. There is enough water in Lake Superior to submerge all of North and South America in 1 foot of water.**
- 6. Lake Superior contains 3 quadrillion gallons of water (3,000,000,000,000,000). All five of the Great Lakes combined contain 6 quadrillion gallons.**
- 7. Contained within Lake Superior is a whopping 10% of the world's fresh surface water.**
- 8. It's estimated there are about 100 million lake trout in Lake Superior. That's nearly one-fifth of the human population of North America!**
- 9. There are small outlets through which water leaves Lake Superior. It takes two centuries for all the water in the lake to replace itself.**
- 10. Lake Erie is the fourth-largest Great Lake in surface area, and the smallest in depth. It's the 11th largest lake on the planet.**
- 11. There is alleged to be a 30- to 40-foot-long "monster" in Lake Erie named Bessie. The earliest recorded sighting goes back as early as 1793.**
- 12. Water in Lake Erie replaces itself in only 2.6 years, which is notable considering the water in Lake Superior takes two centuries.**
- 13. The original publication of Dr. Seuss's The Lorax contained the line, "I hear things are just as bad up in Lake Erie." Fourteen years later, the Ohio Sea Grant Program wrote to Seuss to make the case that conditions had improved. He removed the line.**
- 14. Not only is lake Erie the smallest Great Lake when it comes to volume, but it's surrounded by the most industry. Seventeen metropolitan areas, each with populations of more than 50,000, border the Lake Erie basin.**

- 15. During the War of 1812, the U.S. beat the British in a naval battle called the Battle of Lake Erie, forcing them to abandon Detroit.**
  
- 16. The shoreline of all the Great Lakes combined equals nearly 44% of the circumference of the planet.**
  
- 17. If not for the the Straits of Mackinac, Lake Michigan and Lake Huron might be considered one lake. Hydrologically speaking, they have the same mean water level and are considered one lake.**
  
- 18. The Keystone State was one of the largest and most luxurious wooden steamships running during the Civil War. In 1861, it disappeared. In 2013, it was found 30 miles northeast of Harrisville under 175 feet of water.**
  
- 19. Goderich Mine is the largest salt mine in the world. Part of it runs underneath Lake Huron, more than 500 meters underground.**
  
- 20. Below Lake Huron, there are 9,000-year-old animal-herding structures used by prehistoric people from when the water levels were significantly lower.**
  
- 21. There are massive sinkholes in Lake Huron that have high amounts of sulfur and low amounts of oxygen, almost replicating the conditions of Earth's ancient oceans 3 million years ago. Unique ecosystems are contained within them.**
  
- 22. Lake Huron is the second largest among the Great Lakes, and the fifth largest in the world.**
  
- 23. In size, Lake Michigan ranks third among the Great Lakes, and sixth among all freshwater lakes in the world.**
  
- 24. Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake that is entirely within the borders of the United States.**

**CORRECTION OOPS: 100 million lake trout is NOT 1/5 the human population of the United States. It's nearly 1/5 the human population of North America!  
Even more impressive**

## EXAMS

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- 10/07/2014 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC Location: Oak Park Community Center Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
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- 10/09/2014 | Dearborn MI 48124-3958 Sponsor: FARL Location: Ford Motor Company-Building 1 Conference Room 12C059 Time: 11:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- 10/10/2014 | Grand Rapids MI 49503-1304 Sponsor: Grand Rapids ARA Location: Red Cross Building Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/11/2014 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor: ARROW Communications Assoc. Location: American Red Cross Building Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/11/2014 | Charlotte MI 48813-1031 Sponsor: Eaton County ARC Location: Eaton Cty Sheriff's Dept-EOC Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/11/2014 | Holland MI 49423-3407 **Sponsor:** Holland ARC **Location:** American Red Cross **Time:** 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/11/2014 | Reed City MI 49677 **Sponsor:** Big Rapids Area ARC **Location:** Reed City EOC **Time:** 4:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 10/14/2014 | Howell MI 48844-9999 **Sponsor:** Livingston ARK (LARK) **Location:** Livingston County 911 Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/15/2014 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 **Sponsor:** **Location:** Mills Township Hall **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/18/2014 | Flint MI 48507 **Sponsor:** The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams **Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/18/2014 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor: ICARPSC Location: Ionia Central Dispatch Time: 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 10/18/2014 | Jackson MI 49204-9999 Sponsor: Cascades ARS Location: Jackson District Library Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/23/2014 | Battle Creek MI 49017-4867 Sponsor: SMARS Location: Maple United Methodist Church Results 9 to 16 of 58
- 10/23/2014 | Corunna MI 48817-1448 **Sponsor:** D08 Corunna VE Team **Location:** Shiawassee County Youth Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 10/25/2014 | South Lyon MI 48178 **Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC **Location:** Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/01/2014 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/02/2014 | Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615 **Sponsor:** NQ8A Testing Group **Location:** Church of Christ **Time:** 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/08/2014 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/08/2014 | Mason MI 48854 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Ingham County Sheriff's Dept **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/08/2014 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 **Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club **Location:** Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

## HAMFEST

**10/11/2014** **Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club** Parking Lot Swap Location: Alpena Free Methodist Church 175 Ripley Ave. 9:00A.M. – Noon- Free Admission & Selling Space. Will be held in church basement in case of rain. Coffee and Donuts

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- **10/18/2014** | **Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest** **Location:** Muskegon, MI  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services  
**Website:** <http://www.mcecs.net/Hamfest.htm>
- **10/19/2014** | **Kalamazoo HamFest 2014** **Location:** Kalamazoo, MI  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club & Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team **Website:** <http://kalamazoohamfest.com/>

**10/26/2014** | **USECA Hamfest** **Location:** Madison Heights, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** USECA Amateur Radio Club **Website:** <http://www.usecaarc.com>

FROM NEWSLINE.....

#### HAM RADIO IN SPACE: FIRST FUNCUBE 73 ON 73 AWARD ISSUED

Paul Stoetzer, N8HM, reports that the first 73 on 73 FUNCube award has been issued to Wyatt Dirks, AC0RA. Dirks submitted a list with a total of 74 unique calls worked on AO 73 since September 1st. The award aim is to promote activity on the AO 73 FUNCube satellite. (N8HM)

#### HAM TECHNOLOGY: FREE GREY LINE SOFTWARE

Simon Brown, G4ELI has released a simple Windows program which displays Gray-line, Geomagnetic Indices, Solar Data as well as Sunrise and Sunset times. The program is free of cost and can be downloaded at [tinyurl.com/G4ELI-gray-line](http://tinyurl.com/G4ELI-gray-line) (G4ELI, Southgate)

#### DX

In DX, members of the Radio Club Argentino will activate the special prefix and callsign AY4E from the Argentine exclave Martin Garcia Island in Uruguayan waters between October 16 and the 19th. Operations will be on 160 meters through 70 centimeters using CW, SSB, and the some digital modes. QSL to LU4QQ direct or LU4AA via the bureau.

DL3DRN will be on the air stroke SV5 from Rhodos Island through October 9th. Activity will be holiday style, mostly on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY, QSL via his home callsign, either direct or via the Bureau.

KD6XH will be operational from Samoa as 5W0XH between October 23rd through the 28th. Activity will take place before, during and after the CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest which is slated for October 25th and the 26th. QSL via his home callsign.

K5KUA be on the air stroke 5 from Galveston Island between November 14th and the 16th. Activity will be on CW only as time permits. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau. An online log search will be available on ClubLog.

Lastly VK6MH who also holds the call sign GM4AWB will be active as VK0MH from Macquarie Island between this November through April of 2015. No other information is available at this time.

(This weeks DX news courtesy of OPDX and Southgate News)



## ITEMS FOR SALE

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