

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR  
W8OWN GEORGE ROUMAN  
BIG RAPIDS MI

HAM OF THE MONTH  
W8PZ DAVE PARKER  
MIDDLEVILLE (GUN LAKE) MI

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Here we are, the month of November. Rifle deer season, Thanksgiving, and Black Friday shopping! Just a note on that, I noticed in the latest catalog from DX Engineering they now have gift cards. That's going on my list.

Big news from this QTH is that the ham shack improvement project is done with all the new construction. Still plenty to do, like put everything back and run new coax and power wires because nothing is in the same place. All this will happen a day at a time. Just very glad to be in the room!

Please note on the birthday calendar the 25<sup>th</sup>. John, W8AT is turning 100 years young!!! John has not been on the air much in the last couple of months, so let's all send a birthday card, QSL card or something to say congratulations on this milestone, and ask him to get on the net on the 25<sup>th</sup> so we can all wish him a very Happy Birthday. His address is John Akkala, 1911 Division St. Apt 5, Marquette MI 48885. Just think the good feeling you will get helping John celebrate this special day.!!!

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

## NET STATS

SEPT 2013 CHECKINS 1230 TRAFFIC 42  
SEPT 2014 CHECKINS 925 TRAFFIC 47  
HIGH TRAFFIC SEPT K8BLL 2 N8BNC 2  
HIGH CHECKINS N8NJA 31

# November 2014

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> <i>WA8THK &amp; XYL</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>  <i>SHIRLEY XYL OF</i> <i>WA8LT</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>  <i>RICH SON OF</i> <i>WA8DHB</i>
<i>16</i>  <i>AA8SN HOPE</i>	<i>17</i>  <i>K8KZG ROMAN</i> <i>KC8QII ANNETTE</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>  <i>W8SPX LEON &amp;</i> <i>XYL</i>	<i>20</i>  <i>GILBERT SON OF</i> <i>AA8SN</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>  <i>NS8S DAVE</i>
<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>  <b><u><i>W8AT JOHN</i></u></b> <b><u><i>100 YEARS</i></u></b>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i>						

## EXAMS

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- **11/11/2014 | Howell MI 48844-9999 Sponsor:** Livingston ARK (LARK)  
**Location:** Livingston County 911 Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **11/14/2014 | Grand Rapids MI 49503-1304 Sponsor:** Grand Rapids ARA  
**Location:** Red Cross Building **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **11/15/2014 | Ann Arbor MI 48109-2121 Sponsor:** UM ARC  
**Location:** Electrical Engineering Computer Science Bldg **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **11/15/2014 | Flint MI 48507 Sponsor:** The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams  
**Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **11/15/2014 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- **11/15/2014 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 Sponsor:** Kalamazoo ARC  
**Location:** Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **11/15/2014 | Midland MI 48640-4474 Sponsor:** Midland ARC  
**Location:** Salvation Army Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **11/19/2014 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 Sponsor:** **Location:** Mills Township Hall  
**Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **11/22/2014 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 Sponsor:** Allegan County ARC **Location:** Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **11/22/2014 | South Lyon MI 48178 Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC **Location:** Witch's Hat Depot  
**Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **11/29/2014 | Sault Sainte Marie MI 49783-82 Sponsor:** Eastern Upper Peninsula AR  
**Location:** Faith Lutheran Church **Time:** 10:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **12/02/2014 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 Sponsor:** Hazel Park ARC **Location:** Oak Park Community Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **12/04/2014 | Mason MI 48854 Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Ingham County Sheriff's Dept **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 12/06/2014 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
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- 12/06/2014 | Muskegon MI 49440-1225 **Sponsor:** Muskegon Area ARC **Location:** Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- 12/07/2014 | Harrison Township MI 48045-348 **Sponsor:** L'Anse Creuse ARC **Location:** L'Anse Creuse High School **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

### HAMFEST

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- **12/07/2014 | LCARC Hamfest/Swap Location:** Harrison Township, MI  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://www.qsl.net/n8lc/>

**01/11/2015 | Hazel Park ARC Swap Location:** Hazel Park, MI  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://hparc.org>

**02/07/2015 | HARA Swap and Shop Location:** Negaunee, MI  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association  
**Website:** <http://www.qsl.net/k8lod/>

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### TIMELY QUOTES

The problem with political jokes is they get elected. ~Henry Cate, VII

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. ~Aesop

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river. ~Nikita Khrushchev

## W1AW Centennial Operations Shift to Rhode Island and Mississippi; American Samoa Operation Continues.....from the ARRL Letter

The ARRL Centennial W1AW portable operations taking place throughout 2014 from each of the 50 states are now in Kansas (W1AW/0) and Washington (W1AW/7). They will transition at 0000 UTC on Wednesday, November 12 (the evening of November 11 in US time zones), to Mississippi (W1AW/5) and Rhode Island (W1AW/1). W1AW/KH8 operations from American Samoa will continue until November 12. So far during 2014, W1AW has visited each of the 50 states for at least 1 week, and by year's end W1AW will have been on the air from every state at least twice.



The ARRL Centennial QSO Party kicked off January 1 for a year-long operating event in which participants can accumulate points and win awards. The event is open to all, although only ARRL members and appointees, elected officials, HQ staff and W1AW are worth ARRL Centennial QSO Party points.

Working W1AW/x from each state is worth 5 points per mode/contact, even when working the same state during its second week of activity.

To earn the "Worked all States with W1AW Award," work W1AW operating portable from all 50 states. (Working W1AW or W100AW in Connecticut does *not* count for Connecticut. Participants must work W1AW/1 in Connecticut.) A W1AW WAS certificate and plaque will be available.

An ARRL Centennial QSO Party leader board shows participants how many points they have accumulated in the Centennial QSO Party and in the W1AW WAS operations. Log in using your Logbook of The World (LoTW) user name and password, and your position will appear at the top of the leader boards. Results are updated daily, based on contacts entered into LoTW.

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### **Food For Thought from jim, WB8IEH**

**If you can get arrested for hunting or fishing without a license, but not for being in the country illegally, you live in a country run by idiots.**

**If you have to get your parents' permission to go on a field trip or take an aspirin in school, but not to get an abortion, you live in a country run by idiots.**

**If your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend trillions more, you live in a country run by idiots.**

# 9 Things Which Will Disappear in Our lifetime. Compelling!!!!

DO YOU AGREE???

Believe it or not, the following 9 Things Will Disappear In Our Lifetime. Whether these changes are good or bad depends in part on how we adapt to them. But, ready or not, here they come!!

## 1. The Post Office

Get ready to imagine a world without the post office. They are so deeply in financial trouble that there is probably no way to sustain it long term. Email, Fed Ex, and UPS have just about wiped out the minimum revenue needed to keep the post office alive. Most of your mail every day is junk mail and bills.

## 2. The Check

Britain is already laying the groundwork to do away with check by 2018. It costs the financial system billions of dollars a year to process checks. Plastic cards and online transactions will lead to the eventual demise of the check. This plays right into the death of the post office. If you never paid your bills by mail and never received them by mail, the post office would absolutely go out of business.

## 3. The Newspaper

The younger generation simply doesn't read the newspaper. They certainly don't subscribe to a daily delivered print edition. That may go the way of the milkman and the laundry man. As for reading the paper online, get ready to pay for it. The rise in mobile Internet devices and e-readers has caused all the newspaper and magazine publishers to form an alliance. They have met with Apple, Amazon, and the major cell phone companies to develop a model for paid subscription services.

## 4. The Book

You say you will never give up the physical book that you hold in your hand and turn the literal pages. I said the same thing about downloading music from iTunes. I wanted my hard copy CD. But I quickly changed my mind when I discovered that I could get albums for half the price without ever leaving home to get the latest music. The same thing will happen with books. You can browse a bookstore online and even read a preview chapter before you buy. And the price is less than half that of a real book. And think of the convenience! Once you start flicking your fingers on the screen instead of the book, you find that you are lost in the story, can't wait to see what happens next, and you forget that you're holding a gadget instead of a book.

## 5. The Land Line Telephone

Unless you have a large family and make a lot of local calls, you don't need it anymore. Most people keep it simply because they've always had it. But you are paying double charges for that extra service. All the cell phone companies will let you call customers using the same cell provider for no charge against your minutes

## 6. Music

This is one of the saddest parts of the change story. The music industry is dying a slow death. Not just because of illegal downloading. It's the lack of innovative new music being given a chance to get to the people who would like to hear it. Greed and corruption is the problem. The record labels and the radio conglomerates are simply self-destructing. Over 40% of the music purchased today is "catalogue items," meaning traditional music that the public is familiar with. Older established artists. This is also true on the live concert circuit. To explore this fascinating and disturbing topic further, check out the book, "Appetite for Self-Destruction" by Steve Knopper, and the video documentary, "Before the Music Dies."

## 7. Television

Revenues to the networks are down dramatically. Not just because of the economy. People are watching TV and movies streamed from their computers. And they're playing games and doing lots of other things that take up the time that used to be spent watching TV. Prime time shows have degenerated down to lower than the lowest common denominator. Cable rates are skyrocketing and commercials run about every 4 minutes and 30 seconds. I say good riddance to most of it. It's time for the cable companies to be put out of our misery. Let the people choose what they want to watch online and through Netflix.

## 8. The "Things" That You Own

Many of the very possessions that we used to own are still in our lives, but we may not actually own them in the future. They may simply reside in "the cloud." Today your computer has a hard drive and you store your pictures, music, movies, and documents. Your software is on a CD or DVD, and you can always re-install it if need be. But all of that is changing.

Apple, Microsoft, and Google are all finishing up their latest "cloud services." That means that when you turn on a computer, the Internet will be built into the operating system. So, Windows, Google, and the Mac OS will be tied straight into the Internet. If you click an icon, it will open something in the Internet cloud. If you save something, it will be saved to the cloud. And you may pay a monthly subscription fee to the cloud provider. In this virtual world, you can access your music or your books, or your whatever from any laptop or handheld device. That's the good news. But, will you actually own any of this "stuff" or will it all be able to disappear at any moment in a big "Poof?" Will most of the things in our lives be

disposable and whimsical? It makes you want to run to the closet and pull out that photo album, grab a book from the shelf, or open up a CD case and pull out the insert.

## 9. Privacy

If there ever was a concept that we can look back on nostalgically, it would be privacy. That's gone. It's been gone for a long time anyway.

There are cameras on the street, in most of the buildings, and even built into your computer and cell phone. But you can be sure that 24/7, "They" know who you are and where you are, right down to the GPS coordinates, and the Google Street View. If you buy something, your habit is put into a zillion profiles, and your ads will change to reflect those habits. "They" will try to get you to buy something else. Again and again.

All we will have left that can't be changed are "Memories." and then probably Alzheimer's will take that away from us too!



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