

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
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Here we are in the month of November. Time for deer hunting, Thanksgiving, and for some, packing up and heading South. One thing we can say about approaching Winter is that the propagation sure has improved!! It sure is nice to be able to hear everyone. Also the checkin counts are starting to rise, which is a good sign. If you are ones of those who will be going "out of range" you might consider looking for one of the remote stations you can use on the internet and give us a call sometime.

Did you get all your antenna projects done yet? I did manage to get up a 40 meter sloper, but that will probably be all the new wire in the air around this QTH.

I have been playing around with A.M. a little on a DX60B. It is nice to hear the "real sound" of radio sometimes. I have not yet reworked a boat anchor A.M. receiver yet. I have several to choose from and even picked up an additional one, Multi-Elmac PMR-7, at the Muskegon Swap. I will not lack for projects this Winter.

Hope to hear some of you portable from deer camp so we get a report on how the hunt for the giant buck is going. Be safe and have fun.

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NET STATS

SEPT 2014 CHECKINS 925 TRAFFIC 47

SEPT 2015 CHECKINS 950 TRAFFIC 50

HIGH TRAFFIC 2 N8BNC

HIGH CHECKINS 32 WB8VOF 30 K8BLL 30 N8BNC

November 2015

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 <i>WA8THK & XYL</i> | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 <i>SHIRLEY XYL OF WA8LT</i> | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 <i>RICH SON OF WA8DHB</i> | 16 <i>AA8SN HOPE</i> | 17 <i>K8KZG ROMAN KC8QII ANNETTE</i> | 18 | 19 <i>W8SPX & XYL</i> | 20 <i>GILBERT SON OF AA8SN</i> | 21 |
| 22 <i>NS8S DAVE</i> | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 <i>SANDY XYL OF K8MXC</i> | 28 <i>ELAINE XYL OF KD8DNS</i> |
| 29 | 30 <i>TERRI FRIEND OF K8BLL</i> | | | | | |

EXAMS

- 11/07/2015 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:03 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Learn More**
- 11/07/2015 | Traverse City MI 49686-3103 **Sponsor:** Cherryland ARC **Location:** Traverse City District Library **Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/08/2015 | Ann Arbor MI 48109-2122 **Sponsor:** University of Michigan ARC **Location:** EECS Bldg North Campus Room 1200 **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/14/2015 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/14/2015 | Harrisville MI 48740-9999 **Sponsor:** Alcona County AR Group **Location:** Alcona County EMS/EOC Building **Time:** 1:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 11/14/2015 | Houghton MI 49931-1200 **Sponsor:** Husky ARC **Location:** Fisher Hall Room 325 **Time:** 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/14/2015 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room) **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/14/2015 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014 **Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan ARC **Location:** St Clair County Library **Time:** 10:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- 11/14/2015 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 **Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club **Location:** Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/18/2015 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 **Sponsor:** **Location:** Mills Township Hall **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/21/2015 | Flint MI 48507 **Sponsor:** The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams **Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/21/2015 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 **Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 11/21/2015 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 **Sponsor:** Kalamazoo ARC **Location:** Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/28/2015 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 **Sponsor:** Allegan County ARC **Location:** Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 11/28/2015 | South Lyon MI 48178 **Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC **Location:** Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 12/01/2015 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085 **Sponsor:** Hazel Park ARC **Location:** Oak Park Community Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 12/03/2015 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Lansing Fire Station
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- 12/05/2015 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 12/05/2015 | Muskegon MI 49440-1225 **Sponsor:** Muskegon Area ARC **Location:** Red Cross Building
Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- 12/06/2015 | Harrison Township MI 48045-348 **Sponsor:** L'Anse Creuse ARC **Location:** L'Anse Creuse High School
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 12/08/2015 | Dearborn MI 48124-3958 **Sponsor:** Ford Amt Radio League K8UTT **Location:** Ford Motor Company-Building 1 Conference Room 13F040 **Time:** 11:00 AM (No walk-ins)

HAMFEST

- 12/06/2015 | LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest **Location:** Harrison Township, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club **Website:** <http://www.n8lc.org>
- 01/24/2016 | Hazel Park W8HP 50th Annual Swap **Location:** Madison Heights, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club **Website:** <http://hparc.org/>

My Favourite Animal

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken."
She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.
I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA.
He said they love animals very much.

I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office.
I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was.
I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.
She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.
Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders."

Guess where the hell I am now...

CAREERS IN HAM RADIO

Sometimes, ham radio is more than just a hobby – in fact, it can be a career. Consider these openings now available for qualified radio amateurs looking to make the most of their talents, skills, interests and professional development.

In Australia, the Wireless Institute of Australia is looking for an executive administrator in its Bayswater, Melbourne location. Applicants should be experienced in working for a nonprofit, community-service membership organization and should have a good understanding of the WIA and amateur radio. The deadline to apply for the job is Nov. 30. For more details on specific job requirements, visit [seek.com](http://www.wia.org.au) or the WIA website, <http://www.wia.org.au>

In the United States, the ARRL is looking for a contest branch manager to work out of league headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. The ideal candidate should have a minimum of five years experience in ham radio contesting, and will be responsible for a team of about 20 log adjudicators, results authors and data entry assistants, in and out of the headquarters building. For more details about the job and qualifications, visit the ARRL website and navigate to the Employment Opportunities page.

And finally, if you're aiming high, really high, the ARRL is looking for a new Chief Executive Officer to succeed David Sumner, K1ZZ. Sumner is stepping down as CEO next May, and applications for his successor are due no later than Nov. 16. The active radio amateur who is chosen for this position will, among other things, oversee the day-to-day management of the league and its fiscal operation. Applications, cover letters and resumes should be sent to Monique Levesque at ARRL headquarters. She can be emailed at mlevesque@arrl.org

CORONAL MASS EJECTIONS? SUPERSIZE ME!

When massive solar flares -- known as coronal mass ejections -- disrupt the ionosphere, it spells loss of the bands for amateur operators, who can be certain of disastrous QSOs or, more likely, no QSOs at all. But those three letters - C-M-E - actually spell out a more wide-ranging loss - a worldwide immobilization that the White House recently deemed worth bracing for.

Late last month, the Obama Administration released contingency plans that define roles everyone would play - from the largest federal agency to the smallest local business - in the event a geomagnetic storm strikes with epic magnitude.

The official gameplan was drawn up following officials' extensive study of the so-called Carrington Event, a CME that ruptured global communications in 1859 by exploding telegraph lines around the world. Now, with so many nations electrified and connected by technology and various intricate power grids, the impact of a similarly supersized CME could have even more impact, knocking out satellites, GPS measurements and stranding civilization in a world without an operating infrastructure.

Clearly, this is not solely the stuff of science fiction: The most recent instance, on a small scale, occurred Sept. 28. An intense solar flare erupted over South America, with the resulting UV radiation creating a temporary blackout in low-frequency radio communications.

Exactly one month later -- on Oct. 28 -- the Obama administration released its completed plans - the National Space Weather Strategy and the National Space Weather Action Plan. And with that release came the announcement of a global strategy for agencies, nonprofits and individuals everywhere to cooperate and communicate. The release of the plans comes a week or so before the Military Auxiliary Radio System's simulated blackout exercise with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service between Saturday, Nov. 7 and Tuesday, Nov. 10. Timing, it seems, is everything.

THIS IS PRICELESS: ACTUAL PASSPORT APPLICATION LETTER SENT BACK TO STATE DEPARTMENT

Dear Mrs. Ms. Or Sir: I'm in the process of renewing my passport and still cannot believe this. How is it that Radio Shack has my address and telephone number and knows that I bought a cable TV from them in 1987 (23 years ago), and yet, the Federal Government is still asking me where I was born and on what date. For #\$\$%^&* sake, do you guys do this by hand? Ever heard of computers?

My birth date you have in my social security file. It's on EVERY income tax form I've filed for the past 35+ years. It's on my Medicare health insurance card and my driver's license, it's on the last eight damned passports I've had, it's on every stupid customs declaration form I've had to fill out before being allowed off the plane for the last 30+ years. And it's on all those census forms that we have to do at election time. Would somebody please take note, once and for all, that my mother's name is Maryanne, my father's name is Robert and I'm reasonably confident that neither name is likely to change between now and when I die.

Between you and me, I've had enough of this bureaucratic bullshit: You send the application to my house, then ask me for my #*#%*& address. What is going on? You must have a gang of bureaucratic Neanderthal morons working there! Look at my damn picture. Do I look like Bin Laden? And "No," I don't want to dig up Yasser Arafat, for \$%&* sakes. I just want to go and park my ass on a sandy beach. And would someone please tell me, why would you give a damn whether I plan on visiting a farm in the next 15 days? If I ever got the urge to do something weird to a chicken or a goat, believe you me, I'd sure as hell not want to tell anyone!

Well, I have to go now because I have to go to the other end of the city and get another #*#@#^@*@ copy of my birth certificate, to the tune of \$100. Would it be so difficult to have all the services in the same area so I could get a new passport the same day? Nooooo, that would require planning and organization. And it would be too logical for the @&^*^%@% government. You'd rather have us running all over the place like chickens with our heads cut off. Then, we have to find some asshole to confirm that it's really me in the picture - you know, the one where we're not allowed to smile.

Hey, you know why we can't smile? We're totally pissed off!

Signed- An Irate Citizen.

P.S. Remember what I wrote about getting someone to confirm that the picture is me? Well, my family has been in the United States of America since 1776. I have served in the military for something over 35 years and have had security clearances up the ying yang. However, I have to get someone important to verify who I am - you know, someone like my doctor....WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN INDIA!

(EDITORS NOTE: THE SAME GOVERNMENT IS NOW RUNNING YOUR HEALTH CARE !!!!!!!)

What a Ham!

Amateur radio operators (a.k.a. ham radio operators) enjoy communicating with people all over the world. Many of them use Morse code when they transmit messages. Other operators use a microphone. They can send messages during natural disasters when phones, computers, and cell phones do not work.

Find and circle the amateur radio related words in the puzzle. Words may be forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonal.

| <u>Word Box</u> | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| frequency | megahertz | call sign | voltmeter | QSL card |
| radio | hobby | worldwide | transmitter | receiver |
| antenna | Morse code | keyer | power supply | filter |
| repeater | modulation | microphone | signal | operator |
| station | tuner | ham | | |

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BEFORE TIM ALLEN BECAME A T.V. HAM, WE HAD WILL FROM ELF. ELF IS DOING A LITTLE TROUBLE SHOOTING ON WILLIE'S RIG



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