

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8OWN GEORGE ROUMAN
BIG RAPIDS MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
K8CPA CHUCK ADKINS
LINCON PARK MI

FEBRUARY 2015

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Here we are in February, shortest month of the year and sometimes the most brutal weather wise. Of course we all await the arrival of the ground to see if Spring is just around the corner.

One nice thing about February in the U.P. and the northern lower peninsula, February brings the first hamfest of 2015. The Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association holds theirs on the 7th in Negaunee and the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club has theirs the next weekend, the 14th in Traverse City. I have attended both of these in the past and they have both been good for me. I will not be at either of these this year because I will be in Arizona and plan on attending the Yuma Hamfest of February 21. This is sometime referred to as the "Dayton of the West" so I will see if it lives up to this description. For those of you in the southern part of the state there is the Crossroads Hamfest on March 14. This is also known as the Marshall Swap, but this year is being held in a new location in Kalamazoo. I know this swap has suffered some since moving out of the school in Marshall. The new location is going to be larger and have more parking, so maybe it will make a comeback.

So shake off old man winter, and get to one of these Hamfest and have fun, find some goodies and have an eyeball QSO with some friends!!

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NET STATS

DECEMBER 2013 CHECKINS 1600 TRAFFIC 52

DECEMBER 2014 CHECKINS 1300 TRAFFIC 54

HIGH TRAFFIC DECEMBER 4 WB8VOF 2 N8BNC TWICE W8WR 3 TIMES WA8DHB ONCE
HIGH CHECKINS KC8ZMN 40

February 2015

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <i>AC8AR JEAN KD8CPG BILL</i>	4 <i>N8KJC JOE</i>	5	6 <i>N8GWN JIM JORDAN GRANDSON OF WA8DHB</i>	7
8 <i>WB8VOF & MARRY ANN KC8WKN</i>	9 <i>WB8VOF</i>	10	11 <i>MELVIN ON OF WA8DHB</i>	12	13	14 <i>W8SKS STAN KC8JCL ART</i>
15 <i>WB8ZNR STEVE</i>	16 <i>W8YV RICH</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

EXAMS

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- **02/05/2015** | Lansing MI 48911-5322 Sponsor: Location: Lansing Fire Station
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **02/07/2015** | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 Sponsor: SAROF Location: Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/07/2015 | Muskegon MI 49440-1225 **Sponsor:** Muskegon Area ARC **Location:** Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- 02/14/2015 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/14/2015 | Holland MI 49423-3407 **Sponsor:** Holland ARC **Location:** American Red Cross
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/14/2015 | Traverse City MI 49684 **Sponsor:** Cherryland ARC **Location:** Immaculate Conception School – Gym **Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/18/2015 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 **Sponsor:** **Location:** Mills Township Hall
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/21/2015 | Flint MI 48507 **Sponsor:** The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams **Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/21/2015 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 **Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch
Time: 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 02/26/2015 | Battle Creek MI 49017-4867 **Sponsor:** SMARS **Location:** Maple United Methodist Church **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/26/2015 | Owosso MI 48867-9999 **Sponsor:** Corunna VE Team **Location:** Baker College Welcome Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 02/28/2015 | South Lyon MI 48178 **Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC **Location:** Witch's Hat Depot
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

- 03/07/2015 | Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217 **Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/14/2015 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 **Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/14/2015 | Lansing MI 48911-5322 **Sponsor:** **Location:** Lansing Fire Station **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 03/14/2015 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 **Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club **Location:** Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

HAMFEST

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

02/14/2015 | 42nd Annual Amateur Radio Swap & Shop Location: Traverse City, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Cherryland Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.cherrylandarc.com>

02/15/2015 | Livonia ARC Swap-N-Shop Location: Livonia, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Livonia Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.livoniaarc.com/index.php?page=swapshop>

03/14/2015 | Michigan Crossroads Hamfest and Radio Swap Location: Kalamazoo, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.w8df.com/hamfest>

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town he planned to visit on his Vacation. He wrote: I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who wrote: SIR: "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, Silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, Your dog is welcome at my hotel. And, if your Dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."

NNBJ	DAVE	KALKASKA	KA9MAT	BARRY	PLYMOUTH WI
NXBJ	PETE	MARQUETTE	KD8MC	FRANK	NEWAYGO
NBJCP	BILL	REED CITY	WB8MCK	HOWARD	FOSTORIA OH
KNBJDN	HI	WYOMING	WA8MDI	BOB	MASONVILLE
K9JE	BERNIE	EAGLE RIVER WI	WD8MHB	BOB	NEWBERRY
WBJEG	RON	HESPERIA	WD8MJB	JOE	CONWAY
WDBJQR	JOHN	PINCONNING	K8MJK	TOM	ESCANABA
KEBJW	GARY	GREENVILLE	WA8MOH	HANK	BLISSFIELD
WBJWN	TOM	KINGSFORD	K8MQH	BERT	SKANDIA
WBXXJ	VI	ISHPEMING	WA8MVH	JOHN	LUDINGTON
WBXYB	KEN	LANSING	K8MXC	BOB	REED CITY
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KG8K	JOHN	PULLMAN	WB8MWV	JIM	FT WAYNE IN
NW8K	JOHN	MARQUETTE	WA8MZG	GEORGE	GRAND RAPIDS
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KE8KB	BILL	MANISTIQUE	KN8N	LARRY	KALAMAZOO
W9KBI	SMITTY	KENOSHA WI	WB8NB	R J	NEWBERRY
K8KCF	RALPH	MUIR	WB8NGH	BOB	TRAVERSE CITY
W88KEY	PAUL	GREENVILLE	WB8NI	HANK	MANISTIQUE
WB4KFW	HAL	GEORGIA	K8NJ	NILS	MUSKEGON
WA8KHA	GEORGE	GULLIVER	WB8NJP	BRUCE	ISHPEMING
W8KIQ	HUGH	ALMA	WD8NLM	ROLF	ISHPEMING
K8KIS	SKIP	ROANOKE VA	WA8NOJ	BILL	GRAND BLANC
K8KIY	DAVE	GLADWIN	W9NSE	BUD	NEW LONDON WI
KAOKLY	SARGE	WAMEGO KS	WB8NTV	NEIL	ROGERS CITY
W8BKQC	SKIP	ST JOE	WA8NXX	DON	NEWAYGO
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W8BKQF	DON	IRON RIVER	WC9O	BOB	RHINELANDER WI
W8BKUF	BILL	BEAVERTON	W8OAM	DAVE	LOCKRIDGE IA
W8BKUS	WALT	CADILLAC	WD8ODO	STU	LANSE
K88KW	GARY	FAYETTE	WB90HN	FRANK	CHICAGO IL
K8KZG	RAY	FARMINGTON	WB8OKA	AL	MUSKEGON
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NMBL	MEL	GRAYLING	W8OKV	AUBREY	DURAND
N4LAN/8	ELDON	KEWEENAW PEN	W8OLE	TOM	MARQUETTE
W8LDS	SAM	JOHANNESBURG	W90PO	JUD	RHINELANDER WI
W8BLHS	BILL	ONTONAGON	WD8OSE	TOM	STEPHENSON
W8BLHT	RICK	GULLIVER	K8OSF	JIM	HANCOCK
W8BLIP	JIM	WATTON	WD8OWA	BOB	NAUBINWAY
W8LKR	CLARENCE	TRAVERSE CITY	WA8OWB	CHUCK	FARMINGTON HLS
W9LKR	JOE	BENSONVILLE IL	W8OWN	GEORGE	BIG RAPIDS
KC8LL	MARV	TECUMSEH	WA8OZV	BILL	FREDERICK
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W8LOU	BOB	LASALLE	KV9P	DAVE	ALPHA MI
W8LRM	AL	ST JOSEPH	WV8P	GRADALE	CALUMET
WD8LTX	KEN	MAYVILLE	WB8PCE	BUD	ROGERS CITY
WB8LUH	JIM	GAYLORD	K8BPCE	TERRY	ESCANABA
K8BLV	BUD	GRAND RAPIDS	K8PKF	GRAHAM	PENTWATER
WD8LVZ	DAVE	MARION	WB8PKU	CHARLIE	FREMONT
W8LYS	JIM	CURTIS	WD8PLF	BRUCE	FT WAYNE IN
W8LZ	LARRY	MUSKEGON	W9PPX	JOHN	RHINELANDER WI
K8BLZ	JIM	KALAMAZOO	W8PSD	BOB	CHARLEVOIX
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WBPVI	KEN	EAST LANSING	A19U	LANCE	CHICAGO+HURLEY
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NO8Q	BUD	SOUTH HAVEN	K08U	STU	ISHPEMING
NS9Q	MARY	RHINELANDER WI	WABUAA	KEN	SOO
NY8Q	JOHN	CHARLOTTE	WABUCS	CHUCK	LAPEER
WB8Q	BILL	WETMORE	N8UP	RICK	SIDNAW
WABQCW	LARRY	GREENVILLE	W0URI	EARL	FLOODWOOD MN
WABQIS	BUD	GRAND HAVEN	KA9USV	LES	WAUKESHAW WI
WBQJL	GEORGE	MIO	VVVVVVVVVVVV		
WBQOM	ANNE	WEST BRANCH	NK8V	BOB	FENTON
WBQS	JERRY	HARBOR SPRINGS	NO8V	JOHN	ALMA
KABQVH	ED	GRAWN	W8BV	ED	FARMINGTON HILLE
K8QXZ	RAY	TRAVERSE CITY	WB8VDC	MIKE	ANN ARBOR
	RRRRRRRRRRR		WB8VCR	HOWARD	GLADSTONE
NS0R	ELDON	MONTICELLO IA	KABVKX	PAUL	ISHPEMING
W0RAD	WARTLEY	DULUTH MN	K9VVQ	FRANK	GREEN LAKE WI
WDBREC	REX	VESTABURG	W8VWY	MARION	DEWITT
W9RG	BOB	WEST BEND WI	K8VXB	PAUL	PAAVOLA
WABRJH	ROY	WATTON	K8VXC	SMOKEY	IRON RIVER
W0RKN	FRED	CHESTERFIELD MO	W8VXH	JIM	BAY CITY
WDBRMV	DAVID	MUNISING	WWWWWWWWWWW		
WBVVR	KEN	LAKE GEORGE	K8BW	DAN	AHMEEK
WDBRXP	JOHN	ITHACA	NT8W	JOY	ALMA COLLEGE
W4RXT	JOHN	LONG LAKE	NW8W	TED	BIRMINGHAM
KDBRZ	HARVEY	MIO	W88WAJ	DWIGHT	RAPID RIVER
WDBRZE	KEN	ITHACA	KABWJJ	BUD	LAKE
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NU4S	STU	MOUNT AIRY NC	KABWOG	FLOYD	GLADSTONE
KABSAT	FRANK	PELLSTON	K88WW	KEN	KALAMAZOO
W8SDB	CARL	DEWITT	XXXXXXXXXXX		
KBSFF	JERRY	HESEL	KL7XB	CARL	SIDNAW+FL
WA7SKG	MICHAEL	KI SAWYER	KC8XN	LEON	PONTIAC
WBBSKP	DENIS	MANISTIQUE	YYYYYYYYYYYY		
W88WV	BUD	KALAMAZOO	W9YGH	AL	HIGHLAND IN
WB8SYA	WALT	NORWAY	W8YNY	WILLIE	CRYSTAL FALLS
WB8SZI	PAUL	NORWAY	W88YPA	JAKE	GRASS LAKE
	TTTTTTTTTTT		KDBYQ	HOMER	WELLS
NF8T	ED	TRAVERSE CITY	K8YRY	AL	LITTLE LAKE+CLAYTON
WB8TAR	FRANK	LUDINGTON	W8YY	-	MTU HOUGHTON
WA7TBB	LOWELL	LUDINGTON	W8YZ	DAVID	MONROE
W8TBP	SKIPPER	MUSKEGON	ZZZZZZZZZZ		
W8TCY	AL	BRIMLEY+LANSING	W8ZEE	CLARK	BATTLE CREEK
WB8THK	CHUCK	SPRING LAKE	W8ZJA	GEORGE	IRONWOOD
W9TP	PHIL	BARABO WI	KABZKJ	ANDY	PONTIAC
KABTRV	JERRY	CENTRAL LAKE	W0ZM	ART	MINNEAPOLIS MN
KB8TS	KEN	MIO	W8ZNN	AL	GLADSTONE
WB8TTA	PETE	ST CHARLES	KA9ZPP	BILL	CHICAGO
KC8TU	RICK	ST JOE	K8ZRJ	HUT	ALPENA
W8TW	MIKE	BRIGHTON	W8ZZM	RAY	CALUMET

Michigan Passes, Governor Signs Antenna Accommodation Legislation

01/16/2015

Ten years of work within the ARRL Michigan Section have culminated in an Amateur Radio antenna bill that mirrors the “reasonable accommodation” provisions of the [PRB-1](#) federal pre-emption policy. Michigan Gov Rick Snyder signed the measure, Senate Bill 0493, into law on January 15, creating Public Act 556. Senator Rick Jones sponsored the bill. ARRL Michigan Section Manager Larry Camp, WB8R, said Michigan is the 31st state to have a PRB-1 bill on its books.

“The current PRB-1 Team has been working for 3 years to get this accomplished,” he said. “Our bill endured four votes on its way to becoming law — Senate and House committees and the Senate and House floors. Each vote was unanimous.”

The most pertinent language in the new Michigan law, which comes directly from §97.15 of the FCC Amateur Service rules, states:

An Amateur Radio Service station antenna structure may be erected at heights and dimensions sufficient to accommodate Amateur Radio Service communications. Regulation of an Amateur Radio Service station antenna structure by a local unit of government must not preclude Amateur Radio Service communications. Rather, it must reasonably accommodate those communications and must constitute the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the local unit of government’s legitimate purpose.

The new law also provides for an advisory committee that may be established jointly by the Michigan Section and other state organizations, such as the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Township Association. Camp said the advisory board could become involved at the request of the amateur, the community, zoning board, or representative associations as required. “The purpose of having the Michigan Section and the ARRL named specifically,” Camp said, “is to ensure that the technical information that the advisory committee receives is accurate and pertinent to the questions at hand.”

“The Michigan Section of the ARRL will be available to provide information and training as an ongoing educational effort for communities and their representative organizations,” Camp added.

Camp said the PRB-1 Team believes the advisory committee will be an important tool in situations when community officials know little or nothing about Amateur Radio. “We will be able to provide accurate information and support from the ARRL, as required,” he said. “This committee will help explain the reasons why radio amateurs need to have antennas in the air in order to communicate in an emergency.”

The new law also echoes federal requirements that owners of certain Amateur Radio antenna structures extending more than 200 feet above ground level at the site or that are located near or at an airport must notify the Federal Aviation Administration and register with the FCC.

In addition to Camp and ARRL Great Lakes Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK — who served as an advisor — Michigan PRB-1 Team members included State Government Liaison Ed Hude, WA8QJE; Local Government Liaisons Butch Hedges, KD8NKJ, and Hal Thomas, N8HAL; Webmaster Jay Nugent, WB8TKL; Legal Advisor Raoul Revord, W8RDR, and Public Information Officer Pat Mullet, KC8RTW.

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