

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR
W8OWN GEORGE ROUMAN
BIG RAPIDS MI

HAM OF THE MONTH
WA8DHB AILEEN GAGNON
KIPLING MI

SEPTEMBER 2014

FROM THE EDITOR-----BILL, N8NJA bkn8nja@att.net

September, back to school time, harvest time and the transition month between summer and fall. First a BIG congratulations to Aileen our Ham of the Month. She should have the honor at least once a year for all she does for the net. It was nice to see her and meet Patty at the swap in Escanaba.

The 75 meter band seems to be improving some. There will still be good days and bad days I am sure. It really can be a lot different at different times of the day. I am on 3.906 in the mornings and the band can be real good, everybody S-9 or better then at 5 p.m. it will be amazingly bad. Then a couple of hours later at 7 p.m. it will have improved again.

I hope to get to the U. P. toward the end of September to see some color and enjoy the crisp fall air, not too crisp I hope. So watch out I may stop in for an eyeball QSO.

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NET STATS

JULY 2013 CHECKINS 1015 TRAFFIC 42
JULY 2014 CHECKINS 925 TRAFFIC 46
HIGH TRAFFIC JULY KD8KCV 2 N8GWN 2 N8NJA 2
HIGH CHECKINS N8NJA 27 K8BLL 27 W8WR 27

September 2014

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> <i>RON OM OF AA8SN</i> <i>K8JRO GERRY</i> <i>KC8NVI CLIFF</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>KC8JLC & RITA</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <i>N9CE ALAN</i>	<i>12</i> <i>N8BNC BOB</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>WB8ZNQ LINDA</i>	<i>16</i> <i>WD8DCA LEO</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>KF8QW NORM</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>KB8DNS ROD</i> <i>K8DSS & SUSAN</i>	<i>24</i> <i>AB8N JOE</i> <i>KC8KCV & XYL</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> <i>SUSAN XYL OF</i> <i>K8DSS</i>
<i>28</i> <i>W8ING & SUE</i>	<i>29</i> <i>K8BLL AL</i> <i>K8IRC BART</i>	<i>30</i>				

EXAMS

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- **09/09/2014 | Howell MI 48844-9999 Sponsor:** Livingston ARK (LARK) **Location:** Livingston County 911 Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/12/2014 | Grand Rapids MI 49503-1304 Sponsor:** Grand Rapids ARA **Location:** Red Cross Building **Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/13/2014 | Ann Arbor MI 48108-1516 Sponsor:** ARROW Communications Assoc. **Location:** American Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/13/2014 | Mason MI 48854 Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Ingham County Sheriff's Dept **Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/13/2014 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999 Sponsor:** Motor City Radio Club **Location:** Glenwood Methodist Church **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/14/2014 | Adrian MI 49221-9999 Sponsor:** Adrian ARC Hamfest **Location:** Lenawee County Event Grounds **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/17/2014 | Prescott MI 48756-9108 Sponsor:** **Location:** Mills Township Hall **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

- **09/20/2014 | Flint MI 48507 Sponsor:** The KT8Q & W8ACW VE Teams **Location:** Baker College of Flint-Tech Center **Time:** 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/20/2014 | Ionia MI 48846-8512 Sponsor:** ICARPSC **Location:** Ionia Central Dispatch **Time:** 6:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- **09/20/2014 | Kalamazoo MI 49001-4156 Sponsor:** Kalamazoo ARC **Location:** Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept **Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
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- **09/27/2014 | Allegan MI 49010-1524 Sponsor:** Allegan County ARC **Location:** Allegan General Hospital - Basement Cafeteria **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/27/2014 | Sault Sainte Marie MI 49783-82 Sponsor:** Eastern Upper Peninsula AR **Location:** Faith Lutheran Church **Time:** 10:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
- **09/27/2014 | South Lyon MI 48178 Sponsor:** South Lyon Area ARC **Location:** Witch's Hat Depot **Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
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- 09/28/2014 | **Harrisville MI 48740-9999** **Sponsor:** Alcona County AR Group **Location:** Alcona County EMS/EOC Building **Time:** 1:00 PM (No walk-ins)
- 09/28/2014 | **Saint Joseph MI 49085-8615** **Sponsor:** NQ8A Testing Group **Location:** Church of Christ **Time:** 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/02/2014 | **Mason MI 48854** **Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group **Location:** Ingham County Sheriff's Dept **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/04/2014 | **Mount Clemens MI 48043-2217** **Sponsor:** SAROF **Location:** Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance) **Time:** 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 10/04/2014 | **Muskegon MI 49440-1225** **Sponsor:** Muskegon Area ARC **Location:** Red Cross Building **Time:** 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
- 10/07/2014 | **Oak Park MI 48237-2085** **Sponsor:** Hazel Park ARC **Location:** Oak Park Community Center **Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
- 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)

HAMFEST

- **09/13/2014** | **GRAHamfest** **Location:** Wyoming, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association **Website:** <http://www.w8dc.org> **Hamfest/Convention**
- 09/14/2014** | **Adrian Hamfest** **Location:** Adrian, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Adrian Amateur Radio Club **Website:** <http://www.w8tqe.com/>
- 10/18/2014** | **Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest** **Location:** Muskegon, MI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest **Sponsor:** Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services
- 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/>

AILEEN'S FLOWERS



Time Again to Get Your Qs on Route 66

The 15th annual **Route 66 On The Air** special event gets underway on September 6 (0000 UTC) and continues until September 14 (2359 UTC). The Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club sponsors this Amateur Radio celebration of the historic US highway, sometimes called “the Main Street of America,” fielding 21 special event stations with 1 × 1 call signs (W6A through W6U) in various locations along the approximately 2450 mile roadway. Participants who work at least one of the special event stations are eligible to request, for a modest fee, a commemorative Route 66 on the Air certificate or decal.

The former US Route 66 has a lengthy history, starting in 1926, when the highway began at Jackson Street and Michigan Avenue in Chicago and ended at Seventh Street and Broadway in Los Angeles. In 1936 the road was extended to the intersection of Olympic Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica.

During “The Dust Bowl” of the 1930s, destitute Plains families often used Route 66 to travel to California in search of agricultural jobs there. This westward migration created the initial need for travel services all along the road to the Pacific, and by the 1940s thousands of service stations, motor lodges, souvenir shops, and eateries had sprung up along the road — including the very first McDonald’s restaurant in San Bernardino, California. By the 1950s, US Route 66 also had given rise to a variety of “tourist attractions” too, ranging from the mundane to the bizarre.

The song “Get your Kicks on Route 66” served as the theme for the “Route 66” TV series in the 1960s, shot on location. It featured actors Martin Milner (as “Tod Stiles”) and George Maharis (as “Buz Murdock”) and their adventures traveling the famous road in a Chevy Corvette.

The introduction of the Interstate Highway System was the death knell for US Route 66, and in 1985, US Route 66 officially ceased to exist, although many of the states through which it passes operate sections of the original road as state routes.

More information on the Route 66 On The Air special event, including **suggested operating frequencies**, is available on the Citrus Belt ARC website. **E-mail** for more information. —
Thanks to John Bigley, N7UR/Nevada Amateur Radio Newswire

FOR THE LADIES.....FROM JIM WB8IEH

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, 'What setting do I use on the washing machine?'

'It depends,' I replied. 'What does it say on your shirt?'

He yelled back, ' Notre Dame !'

And they say blondes are dumb...

FROM NEWSLINE.....

NEW GEAR: ICOM PREVIEW 50TH ANNIVERSARY LIMITED EDITION IC-7850

Icom has displayed a pre-release version of what is calling a very special High Frequency and 6 meter radio in celebration of the company's 50th anniversary. Designated as the IC-7850, the radio is based on Icom's IC-7800 but incorporates several circuitry improvements as well as special styling.

Icom says that the IC-7850 will be produced early in 2015 but in very limited numbers. You can download a brochure on this 50th anniversary Icom radio in PDF format at tinyurl.com/new-ic-7850. A short video of the IC-7850 recorded at the Tokyo Hamfaire is on line at tinyurl.com/icom-anniversary-radio (Southgate, others)

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NEW GEAR: YAESU FT-991 KW/50/144/430 MHz TRANSCEIVER

Yaesu has announced the introduction of a new High Frequency, VHF and UHF base station transceiver dubbed the model FT-991. This new transceiver is capable of operating SSB, CW, AM, FM, Packet as well as the company's exclusive System Fusion C4FM Digital Voice mode.

The FT-991 is not yet listed on the Yaesu English language website nor has any pricing been announced. However specifications are available at several independent sites on the World Wide Web including nicktoday.com. You can see a short video of this new transceiver on YouTube at tinyurl.com/n462ksn. (Southgate, others)

MORE FOR THE LADIES.....FROM JIM WB8IEH

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the email folder 'Instruction Manuals'

While creating husbands, God promised women that good and ideal husbands would be found in all corners of the world.....

.....then He made the earth round, and laughed and laughed and laughed.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE U. P. NET MEETING
IN ESCANABA

DOUG WB8VOF

JIM N8GWN

CINDI N8JSI

BOB W8KP

PETE K8PDC

RICH N8OYR

RON K9RSK

BOB N8BNC

LINDA N8ISY

GERRY WT8G

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