

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS

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HAM OF THE YEAR

W8RLJ – Rick Jersey
Petoskey, MI

HAM OF THE MONTH

N8NJY – Tom Musolf
East Tawas, MI

OCTOBER 2019

FROM THE EDITOR----- JIM - K8UHF k8uhf@sbcglobal.net

Can you believe it is already October? We still have a couple Hummingbirds stopping by for a quick drink. The weather is changing fast so we decided camping season is over for us for this year and we will probably just do some day trips instead.

As you have heard me on the air from many different camping parks, I thought I would include a picture of my operating position in the RV. I use a Yaesu FT-991, 100 watts and a Little Tarheel II screwdriver type antenna with a 102” stainless steel whip mounted at the top of the ladder on the back of my Fifth Wheel. Punkin, our cat, is more often than not right on my lap to help out on the radio. He loves listening and I even leave the rig on for him to listen when we are not in the RV.

I’ve checked into the U.P. Net from many locations in Michigan, like Wilderness State Park in Carp Lake, Gun Lake at Yankee Springs State Park, Wilson State Park in Harrison, Duck Lake State Park in Interlochen just to name a few. I think some of the most fun contacts are with other campers at other parks and Hams operating portable activating “Parks on the Air”.

On our last trip when we pulled into our campsite in Interlochen, we noticed a guy wearing headphones, sitting at his picnic table pounding on a key. Then I saw his vertical antenna and license plate on his truck. It was Dave W8DW. We visited a little bit but he was taking his station down in preparation to leave camp and head home the next day. You may recognize Dave W8DW; he was October 2018 Ham of the Month.



If you have something you would like to share in the newsletter please send to me at k8uhf@sbcglobal.net.

Pictures of your shack or special operating conditions are always interesting to others. An article on what you have been doing is helpful. It doesn't need to be fancy or perfectly written. Dawn does an excellent job editing.

NET STATS

Sept 2018: Check-ins 937 – Traffic 38

Sept 2019: Check-ins 880 – Traffic 40

High Check-ins: KC8ZMN 32,32,32,31,33, KC8GTE 35, KE8AHK 31, WA8DHB 31,33

Sunday Noon Net High Check-ins: KD8KCV 13

SILENT KEY

Donald F. Christensen, 93, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019. Don was born in Bay County on Oct. 3, 1925 to Floyd and Della Christensen. He grew up on his parents' farm and graduated with honors from Midland High School, class of 1943. That same year he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps cadet training program and received his commission as an Aviation Navigator at Hondo Air Force Base, TX. Don served his country during World War II in the Eastern Flyin.

While still in the service, he married Alice May Bailey of Midland when stationed at Carlsbad Airforce Base in Carlsbad, NM. Upon discharge, the couple moved to Ann Arbor, where Don received his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan. He completed 33 years of employment with Dow Corning Corporation. While at Dow Corning Don worked on the development of new silicone products and was active in two international organizations, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the American Society for Testing Materials. His career took him to many points across the United States, and as far away as Australia and Japan.

Don was married and widowed twice. He is survived by four children, five great grandchildren and 5 step great grandchildren.

His one and only hobby was Amateur (Shortwave) Radio. He was granted his first FCC license in 1941 with the call sign W8WOJ and later received an honorary call designation of NU8U. Over the years he made two-way radio contact with every country and almost every island in the world. His contacts included such notables as actor Arthur Godfrey, country singer Ronnie Milsap, King Hussein of Jordan, guitarist Chet Atkins and U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater. During times of global weather crisis Don often helped local families establish contact with loved ones around the world when other modes of communication were silenced.

Don was the U.P. Net's April 2019 Ham of the Month. He will be missed by his family, friends and Ham radio buddies.

Note: Some information in this article published in Midland Daily News on Sept. 16, 2019

BILL'S NOTES N8NJA@att.net

I would like to upgrade the U.P. Roster on the website. I need input from net controls and others on the Net. If anyone can supply me the calls of "new" people who have been checking into the Net and also any Silent Keys who should be removed from the list, I would appreciate it.

Also, I am looking for a control box for an AR40 Rotor Control Box. It has 5 screw terminal and was also used on the AR30.

My e-mail is above or you can catch me on the Net. Thanks.

FYI

Would you like to contribute to the support of the U.P. Net website? Donations can be sent to Bill Kelso, N8NJA, at 133 E 6th St., Marion, MI 49665.

The annual charge for receiving a paper copy of the monthly U.P. Newsletter is \$20 per year. This covers postage, printing, paper, etc. You can send a check to me, Jim Hein, K8UHF, at 4833 N. Gunnell Rd., Dimondale, MI 48821.

ATTENTION ALL XYLS

What is your XYL doing while you play radio? We're all curious! Ask your spouse/significant other to write up a short story about themselves. Include their hobbies and maybe a picture. E-mail any information to Jim, K8UHF, at k8uhf@sbcglobal.net. Thanks!

AN XYL STORY

Dawn Hein – XYL of Jim Hein, Jr – K8UHF

I haven't strayed too far from home. I was born in Lansing, MI but lived in Grand Ledge, MI during my childhood and graduated high school there. Jim and I currently live in Dimondale....only 10 miles from Grand Ledge!

My working career was 40 years with a fortune 500 Company... Auto-Owners Insurance Company. I worked several jobs before Auto-Owners including a golf pro-shop, department store and a tool and die corporation. I retired in 2006 from Auto-Owners as Vice President of Life/Health/Annuity Services.

Jim and I have been married for 24 years. For our silver anniversary next year, we're planning a trip to Mackinac Island. We honeymooned there in 1995, and have only been back a couple times, but this time will be very special. We love to camp in our fifth-wheel and travel around Michigan so we'll be camping near the island in the lower peninsula. Who knows, we may even venture up into the U.P. crossing the Mighty Mac.

When Jim is playing radio, I'm either reading, knitting or making greeting cards. Knitting involves making cradles for Bridget's Cradles who gives them to hospitals. Most of the greeting cards I make are donated to Cards for Soldiers. This organization sends handmade cards to soldiers where they are stationed so they can send cards back home to their friends and family. In addition, each month I send cards to women with cancer through The Lydia Project who supports women and girls with various services.

We have a cat, Punkin, who loves to listen to Ham radio. He's active in the U.P. Net; usually sitting on Jim's lap. He also assists me with the U.P. Net Newsletter. Such a help!



ATTENTION: ALL HAMS OF THE MONTH/YEAR

When you receive your certificate from Chris, KC8ZMN, and your crown from Kelly, KC8GTE, please take a "selfie" holding your certificate and sporting your crown. E-mail it to Jim, K8UHF, at k8uhf@sbcglobal.net. Please include a short bio about yourself or use the Member Profile questionnaire (see below). We will include this information in the next Newsletter; that way we all can get to know you a little better.

ARRL Thanks Official Observers as Volunteer Monitor Program is Set to Debut

As the September 30 date for the closing of the Official Observer (OO) program nears, ARRL has expressed deep appreciation to the hundreds of volunteers who gave their time as Official Observers to help preserve the integrity of the Amateur Radio bands.



The Official Observer program has served the Amateur Radio community and assisted the FCC Enforcement Bureau for more than 85 years. The OO program is giving way to the new Volunteer Monitor ([VM](#)) program, established as part of a formal partnership between ARRL and the FCC. ARRL and the FCC signed a *Memorandum of Understanding* ([MOU](#)) earlier this year that establishes the Volunteer Monitor program as a successor to the Official Observers. The first Volunteer Monitors should be in place and ready to begin their duties this fall.

"Thank you for your dedication and service," ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, said. "It was the good work of the OOs over many years that laid the foundation for the FCC to recommend this new agreement for enforcement." The FCC proposed the program following the closures of several FCC regional offices and a reduction in field staff.

Last February, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, who once handled Amateur Radio enforcement for the FCC, was named to oversee the development and implementation phases of the Volunteer Monitor program.

Under the new VM program, volunteers trained and vetted by ARRL will monitor the airwaves and gather evidence that could be used to correct misconduct as well as to recognize exemplary on-air operation. ARRL will refer instances of flagrant violation to the FCC for action, in accordance with FCC guidelines, and the FCC will give priority to enforcement cases developed by the VM program.

Official Observers were invited to apply to become Volunteer Monitors, and many did. The requirements for being a Volunteer Monitor include:

- Ability to utilize state-of-the-art receiving equipment and to access no-cost remote receive sites; strong writing and communication skills
- An understanding of the importance of thorough documentation
- Basic word processing and data entry skills
- The ability to send such information, including recordings, to ARRL electronically. Applicants must also be ARRL members, have no history of FCC enforcement action, hold a Technician-class or higher license, and been licensed for at least 3 years.



Applicants underwent a training and certification program administered by ARRL and were vetted by ARRL through at least one oral interview and a preliminary evaluation by ARRL staff. Volunteer Monitors will serve 3-year terms at the pleasure of ARRL.

The objectives of the Volunteer Monitoring Program include improving and promoting knowledge and compliance of FCC Amateur Radio Service rules, extending and preserving the tradition of self-regulation and self-administration of the Amateur Radio Service by volunteers, and enabling the FCC Enforcement Bureau "to more efficiently and effectively utilize its resources in enforcing the Communications Act and Commission rules," according to the *MOU*.

This article suggested by Dave, NS8S, and taken from the ARRL Website.

CONGRATULATIONS, JEANNIE!

We have a new Ham! Jeannie King, XYL of Kelly King (KC8GTE) passed her Technician Exam on September 14th! Her call sign is KE8MZU. Way to go, Jeannie!

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

Submitted by Brad Hulce – KR8P

Aging seems to be the only available way to have a long life. (Kitty O'Neill Collins)

I've stopped celebrating my birthday (2 days ago) as some friends told me I look good for 84...and I'm 77!
(John Madden)

Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously, and they see their politicians as a joke.
(Will Rogers)

Last night the internet stopped working so I spent a few hours with my family. They seem like nice people.
(Thoughtful teen)

HAMFESTS

For complete information, refer to the ARRL Hamfests

www.arrl.org

- Oct 5, 2019 Alpena Swap
Alpena, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://ThunderBayArc.org>
- Oct 19, 2019 Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest
Muskegon, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc.
Website: <http://mcecs.netDownload/HamfestFlyer2019a.pdf>
- Oct 20, 2019 Hamfest & Amateur Radio Swap and Shop
Kalamazoo, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club & Southwest MI Amateur Radio Team
Website: <http://KalamazooHamFest.com>
- Oct 27, 2019 U.S.E.C.A. Hamfest 2019
Madison Heights, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Utica Shelby Emergency Communications Association
Website: <http://www.usecaarc.com>

EXAM SESSIONS

For complete information, refer to ARRL – Licensing, Education and Training

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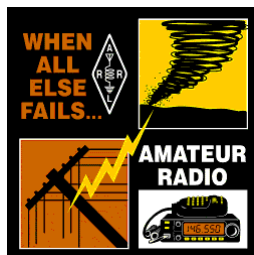
- Oct 1, 2019 Oak Part Community Center, Oak Park, MI
7:00pm – Walk-ins allowed
- Oct 3, 2019 Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room), Lansing, MI
7:00pm – Walk-ins allowed
- Oct 5, 2019 Franklin Township Office, Hancock, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins allowed
- Oct 5, 2019 Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance), Mount Clemens, MI
7:30pm – Walk-ins allowed
- Oct 5, 2019 American Red Cross Muskegon, Muskegon, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins allowed
- Oct 8, 2019 Livingston County EMS, Howell, MI
7:00pm – Walk-ins allowed

- Oct 12, 2019 American Red Cross Building, Ann Arbor, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins allowed
- Oct 12, 2019 Charlotte Church of God, Charlotte, MI
12:00pm – Walk-ins allowed
- Oct 12, 2019 St Clair County Library, Port Huron, MI
10:00am – Walk-ins allowed
- Oct 19, 2019 Baker College of Flint-Tech Center, Flint, MI
9:30am – Walk-ins allowed
- Oct 19, 2019 Jackson Carnegie Library, Jackson, MI
10:15am – Walk-ins allowed
- Oct 20, 2019 Church of God, Benton Harbor, MI
12:30pm – Walk-ins allowed
- Oct 24, 2019 Maple United Methodist Church, Battle Creek, MI
7:00pm – Walk-ins allowed
- Oct 24, 2019 Shiawassee Co. EOC, Corunna, MI
7:00pm – Walk-ins allowed
- Oct 26, 2019 Witch's Hat Depot, South Lyon, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins allowed
- Nov 2, 2019 Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance), Mount Clemens, MI
7:30pm – Walk-ins allowed
- Nov 9, 2019 American Red Cross Building, Ann Arbor, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins allowed
- Nov 9, 2019 Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room), Lansing, MI
11:00am – Walk-ins allowed
- Nov 9, 2019 St Clair County Library, Port Huron, MI
10:00am – Walk-ins allowed
- Nov 9, 2019 Traverse City District Library, Traverse City, MI
1:00pm – Walk-ins allowed

October 2019

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 K8SKY & Kathy W8WOJ Don | 4 Corky XYL of KC8TU | 5 Nancy XYL of N8GPW |
| 6 | 7 | 8 KA8IQJ Ed Dawn XYL of K8UHF | 9 | 10 W8SAX Gerry | 11 | 12 K9RSK Ron |
| 13 N8HLH Joe | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 KN8N & Donna | 18 WA8RNB Lee | 19 |
| 20 W8RLJ Rick | 21 | 22 | 23 K8BLO Charlie | 24 | 25 W8RAE Bob | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Susie XYL of K9RSK | 30 | 31 | | |



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