

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR

W8RLJ – Rick Jersey
Petoskey, MI

HAM OF THE MONTH

N8DAD – Barry Fisher
Gaylord, MI

JANUARY 2020

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

Well, 2020 is here, and Dawn and I think it's going to be a great year for everyone. 2019 was a little rough on some folks. Early in the year, Bill, N8NJA, told us he had acquired some new health issues and because of that, he decided to turn over the U.P. Net Newsletter publication duties to Dawn and myself so he could concentrate on getting healthy. Bill is doing better now.

We heard about all the rain from everyone. Lots of wind and power outages. Dave, NS8S, reported how his yard is underwater and all the plantings and landscaping are pretty much lost. Brad, KR8P, had a little trip on his new bike that wasn't much fun. Brad is doing better now and ready for the new year. Skye, K8SKY, had successful shoulder surgery and is on the mend. We just heard Dave, KD8KCV, is going to rebuild his radio station and hopefully be back on the air soon. We miss him on the Sunday Noon Net.

We also lost several friends: Chuck, WA8UCS; George, W8OWN; Joe, K8DT (Dirty Toes); Robert, W8RAE; Lyle, KE8BWM; Don, NU8U; David, KB9WAF and William, KD8CPG.

On a good note, Barry, N8DAD, is happy to finally be in his new home, and he is also this month's Ham of the Month. Congratulations, Barry!

Also keep in mind, Windows 7 is close to "end of support"; January 14, 2020 is the date. So, if you want to upgrade your Windows 7 to Windows 10 for free, time is running out. I am happy to report I successfully upgraded two of my three Windows 7 machines to Windows 10. My old notebook was not so successful and had to revert back to Windows 7. Lucky for me the Windows 10 upgrade package also included a way back to Windows 7. Whew!

NET STATS

Dec 2018: Check-ins 1141 – Traffic 39

Dec 2019: Check-ins 1133 – Traffic 36

High Check-ins: KC8ZMN 35,37,37,31; KC8GTE 38; KE8AHK 32,31,38; WA8DHB 31,38

W8WR 36,33; N8BNC 31,32,32,35; NS8S 35,35,42,40

Sunday Noon Net High Check-ins: W8RLJ 18,19

A LITTLE YEAR-END TRIVIA

If you joined the U.P. Net on December 31, 2019 or even if you happened to miss it, it was the last Net of the month, the last Net of the year AND the last Net of the decade! Won't happen again until the end of 2029.

JANUARY'S HAM OF THE MONTH

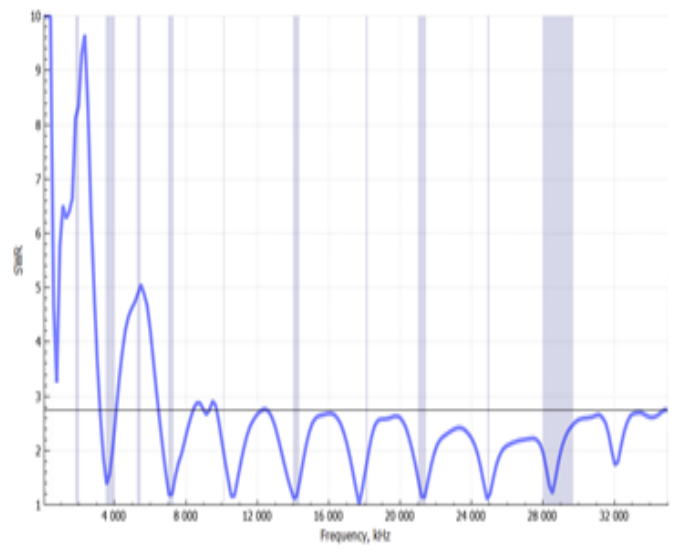
Barry Fisher – N8DAD – Gaylord, MI

I am very proud to be a part of the U.P. Net and happy to be a Ham of the Month member again.

We live about four miles west on M-32 from I-75 out of Gaylord, MI. We just purchased this home which we helped build through Habitat for Humanity of Otsego County. My wife and I put in around 350 hours required for this home. It's taken us about a week to get things pretty much put away.

I have been involved in Ham Radio since about 1990 but never got licensed until December, 2000 as KC8PWL through my Elmer, Mark Marsh, WF8R. I also run an 80-10m RCforbs, remote hams station. It is private but if any of you would like access, please address me at my QRZ e-mail address, and I would be happy to give access.

Currently I run a 130' 80-10m end fed horizontal wire from (myantennas.com). It's only up at 20' and I use 100 watts. As you can see on my SWR graph across the bands it works very well. In the spring/summer I will put up my 50' Rohn 25 tower and put up many other antennas, including my 2meter antenna to get into the Cadillac repeater.



DECEMBER'S HAM OF THE MONTH

Wayne S. Hamilton – KB3KCJ – Brownsburg, IN

I was born November 29, 1948 in Clarksburg, West Virginia. I have some college being close to an Associate Degree in Criminology. I am retired on Social Security and retired from the United States Air Force. I served twenty (20) years in the United States Air Force and retired in 1986.

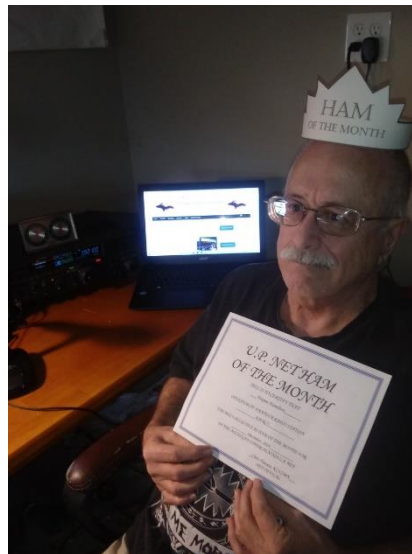
How did I get into Ham Radio? It was almost by accident. Many years ago, as a kid, I went out for Halloween Trick or Treating. I came to one house and knocked on the door and inside the house I went to, the gentleman was there by himself, but I could hear voices. I asked him where were the voices coming from. He showed me an entire wall of Ham Radio equipment. I carried on a short conversation with him and realized that while I was definitely interested, the money that he had invested was totally out of reach for a poor kid in Appalachia West Virginia.

Years passed and I always wanted to be a Ham. I was an on-and-off CBer later and went to a friend's house in Mifflinville, Pennsylvania to purchase a used frequency counter. He got me really interested in Ham Radio and said he would help me get my ticket. Finally got my Technician License and right after that I got my General Ticket and then my Extra Class Ticket. It took me six months to go from Technician Class to Extra Class which was awarded in 2007.

My spouse and I were married 38 years; she passed away in June of 2013. I have six children.

Other hobbies and interests: I don't have other real hobbies and enjoy being a part of some of the nets. I am Net Manager for the Coastal Carolina Net, a member of the Delaware Traffic Net and the Indiana Traffic Net. I am proud and honored to be a part of the Upper Peninsula Net.

I have made contacts in just about every country except for the Asian Continent and Hawaii in my time. I really enjoy helping new and old Hams in any way that I can. I tinker around restoring crashed computers. Being retired I have a lot of time on my hands.



I would like to express my thanks for this great honor.
God Bless and 73 Wayne

HAM PROFILE

Aileen Gagnon – WA8DHB – Gladstone, MI

U.P. Net Manager

I was born April 28, 1930 in Gladstone, MI. I attended school here leaving high school in the 11th grade.

Worked at Busy Bee Restaurant, Ben Franklin 5 & 10, Dehlins Drug Store, and a grocery store in Minneapolis, MN. I also did housework.

I started listening to Ham Radio in 1960. In 1962, I was first licensed in April and learned about the U.P. Net by listening. There was only the Sunday Noon Net until 1965. We also had a U.P. YL Net for many years. My first husband was also a Ham, K8ZAS. He became a Silent Key in 1963.

In 1965, the U.P. evening net was started by W8ZAL. Managers back then were new every year; voted by Net members. I was voted in 1976 and stayed until 1999. Hope, AA8SN, took over then and she asked me to resume on January 27, 2009 as she was too busy and didn't have the time to devote to manager duties. I have been there ever since.

My current spouse is Melvin. He has 3 children of his own. I have a daughter of my own and we have 1 son together. He has 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. I have two grandchildren, Jordan and Travis.

I don't have any other hobbies. We used to have a huge garden, about half an acre, when I used to can all the vegetables. My daughter, Patti, has lived with us for the last six years. For 20 years, I have volunteered at our local library for children's story hour.

FROM PETER HANSEN – W8TWA

Jim, I read your plea for pictures of classic radios in the December U.P. Net Newsletter. Here is a picture of my Collins 75A4 and 32V2. The 75A4 is all original; the 32V2 is a restoration

73 Pete W8TWA



Check out Pete's QRZ page to see more of his picture history of old radios.
Thank you, Pete, for answering the call!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The U.P. Net needs you! It has been mentioned that it would be nice to have a few more people take on the role of Net control and/or Pre-Net control to give the regulars a break. If you have time and are interested, contact any of the Net controls and find out what you can do to help out. Thank you.

ALL HAMS OF THE MONTH/YEAR

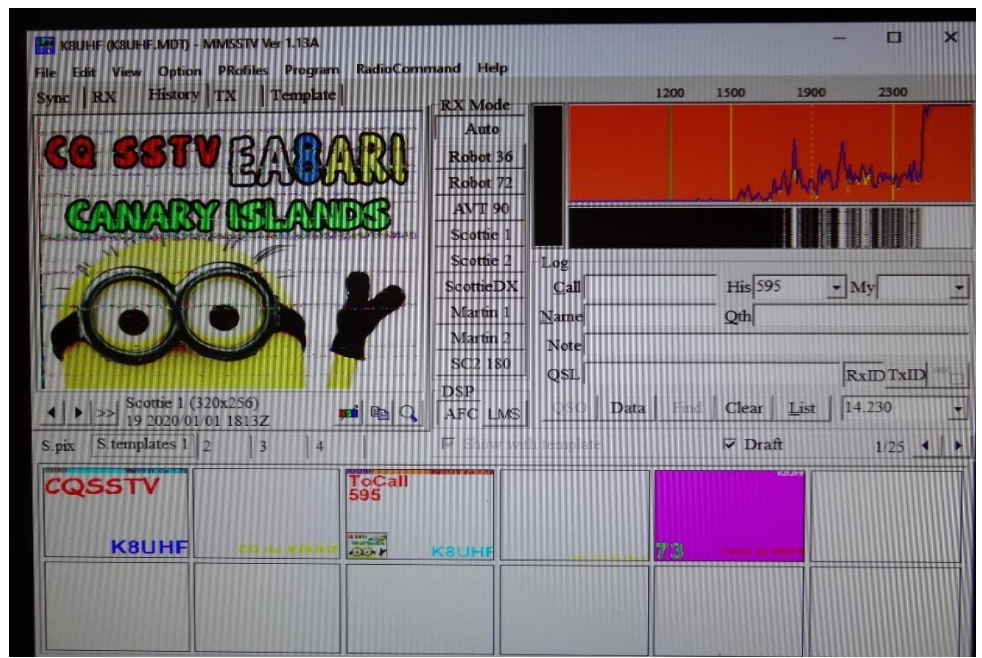
When you receive your certificate from Chris, KC8ZMN, and your crown from Kelly, KC8GTE, please take a “selfie” holding your certificate and sporting your crown. E-mail it to Jim, K8UHF, at k8uhf@sbcglobal.net. Please include a short bio about yourself or use the Member Profile Questionnaire. We will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

SLOW SCAN TV (SSTV)

Jim Hein – K8UHF – Dimondale, MI

Does anyone else play with Slow Scan TV?

Here is a snapshot of one of the hundreds of pictures I have copied over the years. This was received on 20 meters on New Year’s Day 2020. Station information: Flex 1500, rotatable dipole, MMSSTV software.



UPDATE

Jim Hein – K8UHF – Dimondale, MI

The U.P. Net Member Profile Questionnaire has been updated. The new version is below. A few new questions have been added specifically about your Ham Radio experience and the U.P. Net. Please take advantage of this new questionnaire by filling it out and sending it to me at k8uhf@sbcglobal.net. Attaching a picture of you or your shack would be great. If you do not have computer access or prefer to mail the information to me, please do so at 4833 N. Gunnell Rd., Dimondale, MI 48821. We all enjoy reading about us Hams.

U.P. Net Member Profile Questionnaire

Your Name and Call Sign _____

Birthdate and Place _____

Education _____

Employer(s) and Type of Work _____

Military Service (if any) _____

How and when did you get into Ham Radio _____

When did you become involved in the U.P. Net _____

How did you learn about the U.P. Net _____

Spouse/Family _____

Hobbies and Interests _____

Any other interesting information or experiences _____

January 2020

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3 Kathy XYL of K8SKY	4
5	6	7	8 N8DP Dave	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 N9QPJ Andy	20 N8HLH and XYL	21	22 NK8V and Lyn	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Cindi N8JSI daughter of N8BNC	31	

HAMFESTS

For complete information, refer to the ARRL Hamfests

www.arrl.org

Jan 19, 2020

Hazel Park ARC's 54th Swap & Shop

Madison Heights, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.hparc.org>

Feb 1, 2020

HARA Annual Swap-N-Shop

Negaunee, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://www.qsl.net/k8lodmichigan>

EXAM SESSIONS

For complete information, refer to ARRL –
Licensing, Education and Training
www.arrl.org

Jan 4, 2020

Franklin Township Office, Hancock, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins allowed

Jan 4, 2020

Mt. Clemens Salvation Army Corps (rear entrance),
Mount Clemens, MI
7:30pm – Walk-ins allowed

Jan 8, 2020

Livonia Police Department, Livonia, MI
7:00pm – No Walk-ins / Call Ahead)

Jan 11, 2020

Washtenaw Red Cross Building, Ann Arbor, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins allowed

Jan 11, 2020

Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room),
Lansing, MI
11:00am – Walk-ins allowed

Jan 11, 2020

St Clair County Library, Port Huron, MI
10:00am – Walk-ins allowed

Jan 11, 2020

First United Methodist Church, Wyandotte, MI
9:00am – Walk-ins allowed

Jan 14, 2020

Livingston County EMS, Howell, MI
7:00pm – Walk-ins allowed

Jan 18, 2020

H&C Burnside Senior Center, Coldwater, MI
10:00am – Walk-ins allowed

Jan 19, 2020

UCFW Hall, Madison Heights, MI
10:00am – Walk-ins allowed

Jan 25, 2020

Kalamazoo County Sheriff Dept, Kalamazoo, MI
8:30am – Walk-ins allowed

Feb 1, 2020

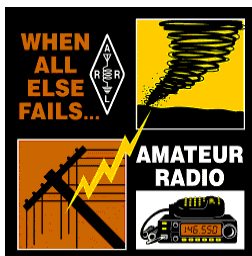
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Feb 4, 2020

Oak Park Community Center – Oak Park, MI
7:00pm – Walk-ins allowed

Feb 6, 2020

Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room),
Lansing, MI
7:00pm – Walk-ins allowed



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