

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS

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HAM OF THE YEAR

K8UHF – Jim Hein, Jr.
Dimondale, MI

HAM OF THE MONTH

KS8N – Frank Surhigh
Holly, MI

JULY 2023

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

July is here and that means travel and vacations. This issue of the U.P. Net Newsletter is going to be a little bit different due to summer vacation plans. Mike Kelso, the webmaster, is going to be out during the time we normally submit the Newsletter to him for publication on the website so we have produced it early in the middle of June. Dawn and I also had plans in June that made it hard to meet our normal timeline. The Stats for June and July will be included in the August issue. The Ham of the Month committee sent the HOM information early to help us so it is included in this issue and Mike should be able to get it updated on the website for July. Sorry for any inconvenience.

NET STATS

May 2022: Check-ins 956 – Traffic 40

May 2023: Check-ins 949 – Traffic 40

High Check-ins: NS8S 39,30,32,30; KC8GTE 31
KC8ZMN 34

Sunday Noon Net High Check-ins: KD8KCV 14,6,7,14

HAM SHACK OR STUDIO B?

Editor Note: Remember last month I wrote about waiting to see more revealing pictures? Well, here they are and what a great set of pictures they are. Dave's Toy Box trains have been the topic of discussion on many occasions on the U. P. Net. Dave has done a beautiful job on his Railroad System and sharing these detailed pictures and his story.

Dave Peck - KD8KCV – Gaylord, MI

I model the Chesapeake & Ohio for Progress in the late 60's & 70's. It is N-Scale, 1/160th scale. I have been collecting trains since I was a teen. I have G-Scale, O27-Scale, HO-Scale, N-Scale, Wood Scale (x2) and Coal Scale (made out of Coal). Yes, it will burn.



When I was a boy in Ludington, I could see both RRR yards and the docks where they loaded the Car Ferries from my upstairs bedroom window. I would watch them for hours. On a hot July night, I climbed out my window, sat on the roof with a nice cool breeze watching the trains switching and loading the SS Spartan when my mom caught me, and I didn't do that again.



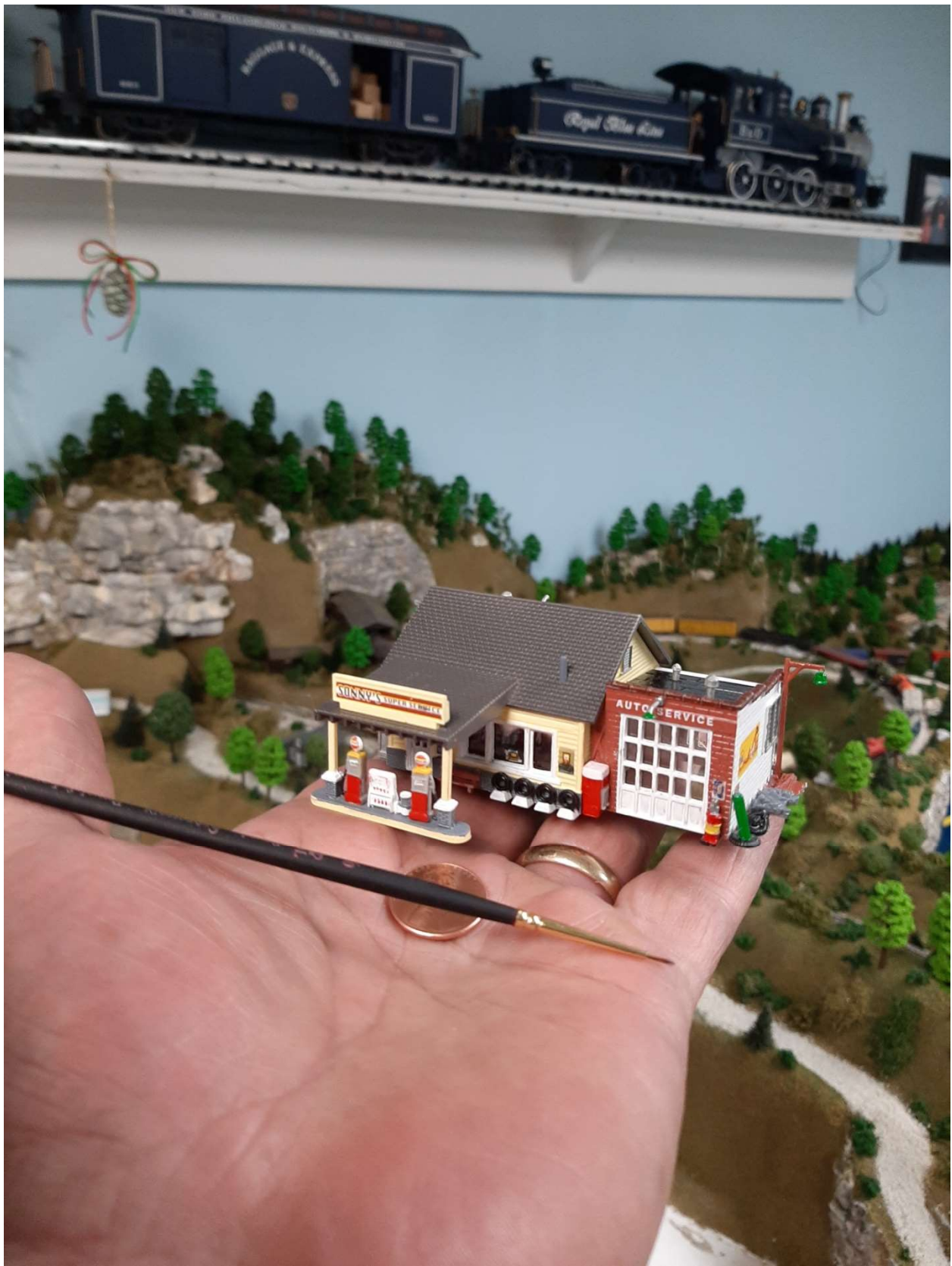
I started out with what is called a "Cookie Cutter Layout". I built tables and covered them with 3/8" plywood. From the drawing I marked and cut all the right of way. Then I elevated the right of ways, the easiest way to change elevations during construction. I laid out the track and run wiring under the tables. I stapled strips of cardboard to give gaps rigidity. I used insulation foam to carve out terrain. It then was covered with plaster gauze and wet brushed to smooth it out. Using a very light plaster called Hydrocal. I wet and covered the

plaster gauze with Hydrocal and smooth it to the shape of terrain needed. Hydrocal is a very light plaster, but you have about 5 minutes and it's setting up. Easy to sand or carve. I also casted all the rocks in molds and died them with pigments and then placed them on the layout. Now I painted it all with a soil color latex. Then comes the Streets and Gravel roads. Brushing the terrain with 10% Elmer's glue and water, I apply the ground cover with a shaker. Then mist the ground cover to hold the grass cover in place. Then you plant the bushes and shrubs with lichen and colored ground foam. Plant hundreds of trees.



Then build and detail buildings or kit bash items where needed (kit bashed. No model exists so you kit bash one out of something). The manufacturing building has a stairway on the outside of the building. I built the stairs the same way you would except this one is built with my trusty tweezers and hemostats. Some of the detail painting is done with a very small brush. That's getting harder but my dexterity is still pretty good.





I have two main lines and I can run two trains at once, and can also run a switcher engine in the yards. With one Kato 8 wheel drive F7 locomotive, I can pull 31 RXR cars up the grade. Any more RXR cars and I need a second engine due to wheel slippage. Then, it's a must to throttle back coming down the decent. If not, you will have a runaway. Ending up with the worse case scenario. "Wheels on the ground".

There are 3 tunnels, 4 bridges, 30 switches. 13 Engines and 114 pics of rolling stock and a bunch of model structures. A couple are pre-assembled gifts. I still have a lot of small detailing to do on some structures, and have fun running long trains.





While running the trains, if there is a radio call, I turn my chair to the right, I'm in my shack. Most model building and train maintenance is done at the work bench. And yes, the Coal engine I got in West Virginia will burn. My favorite engine is the H-8 Allegany by Lima works built for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. The most powerful steam locomotive ever built, approximately 7,500 hp. Our finest diesel locomotives today produce 5,000 hp. But you don't need a crew for each diesel locomotive where you do with steam. Therefore, the demise of steam.



MAY'S HAM OF THE MONTH

Dennis Tanner – KC8LZK – Howard City, MI

Name and Call: Dennis H. Tanner – KC8LZK

Birthdate and Place: March 29, 1951; Benton Harbor, MI

Education: One year of college

Employer(s)/Type of Work: 26 years at the City of Grand Rapids, MI Master Electrician also as Electrical Inspector

Military Service (If Any): No

How did you get into Ham Radio: Bud Lange – WA8EPO (SK)

Spouse/Family: Lost my wife in 2019; Two girls, Brandy and Kani and grandkids

Other Hobbies & Interests: Camping

HAMFESTS

For complete information, refer to the ARRL Hamfests

www.arrl.org

HAMFEST/CONVENTION
06/17/2023 - [Midland Amateur Radio Club Hamfest](#)
Location: Midland, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Midland Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.w8kea.org>
HAMFEST/CONVENTION
06/18/2023 - [Monroe Hamfest](#)
Location: Monroe, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Monroe County Radio Comm Assoc
Website: <http://mcrca.org/>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION
07/15/2023 - [GMARC Trunk Swap](#)
Location: Shelby Township, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: GM Amateur Radio Club
HAMFEST/CONVENTION
09/16/2023 - [Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association Swap & Shop](#)
Location: Negaunee, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association
Website: <http://www.qsl.net/k8lod/>

EXAM SESSIONS

Please verify the Exam Session has not been cancelled before going.

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

EXAM SESSION
06/15/2023 | [CANCELED Mt Clemens MI 48043](#)
Sponsor: U.S.E.C.A. ARC
Location: Emergency Management & Communications Bldg
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
EXAM SESSION
06/17/2023 | [Midland MI 48642](#)
Sponsor: Midland ARC
Location: Salvation Army Bldg Midland Swap
Time: 10:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
EXAM SESSION
06/17/2023 | [South Lyon MI 48178](#)
Sponsor: South Lyon Area ARC
Location: Witch's Hat Depot
Time: 9:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
EXAM SESSION
06/18/2023 | [Harrisville MI 48740](#)
Sponsor: Alcona County AR Group
Location: Alcona County EMS/EOC Building
Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
EXAM SESSION
06/19/2023 | [Harrison Township MI](#)
Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse ARC
Location: Tucker Senior Center
Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

EXAM SESSION
06/22/2023 | [Battle Creek MI 49017-4867](#)
Sponsor: SMARS
Location: Maple United Methodist Church
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
EXAM SESSION
06/24/2023 | [Garden City MI 48135](#)
Sponsor: Garden City Amateur Radio Club
Location: Ford-Drake Memorial Scout House
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
EXAM SESSION
06/24/2023 | [Grosse Ile MI 48138](#)
Sponsor: Motor City Radio Club
Location: Grosse Ile Centennial Farm Outdoor Pavilion
Time: 10:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
EXAM SESSION
06/24/2023 | [Mason MI 48854-1783](#)
Sponsor: Central Michigan Amt Radio
Location: Raynor Park
Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

EXAM SESSION
06/28/2023 | [Caro MI 48723](#)
Sponsor: Tuscola County ARA
Location: Caro Fire Dept
Time: 6:30 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
EXAM SESSION
07/08/2023 | [Ann Arbor MI 48104](#)
Sponsor: Arrow Communications Assoc
Location: Fellowship Bible Church
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
EXAM SESSION
07/08/2023 | [Lansing MI 48911-5322](#)
Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group
Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room)
Time: 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
EXAM SESSION
07/08/2023 | [Muskegon MI 49445](#)
Sponsor: Muskegon Amt Radio Club
Location: Muskegon Area Amt Radio Council Clubhouse
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
EXAM SESSION
07/08/2023 | [Port Huron MI 48060-](#)
Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC
Location: St Clair County Library
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

July 2023

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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2 W8TWA Pete	3 WA8DHB Aileen & Melvin	4 Independence Day	5 KC8WKN Mary Ann WX8Y Don	6	7	8 NK8V Bob
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 K8RLE Ray	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 K8UHF Jim & Dawn
30 W8NWD Norm	31 Lynn XYL or NK8V					

If you would like your birthday or wedding anniversary noted in the calendar, please e-mail your information to k8uhf@sbcglobal.net



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