

UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



HAM OF THE YEAR

K8UHF – Jim Hein, Jr.
Dimondale, MI

HAM OF THE MONTH

KC8EHR – Clint Hannahs
Eaton Rapids, MI

AUGUST 2023

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

You will notice two sets of Net Stats this month. Because we had to produce the July Newsletter early in the month of June, we could not include the June Net Stats so here they are below along with the July Net Stats. We should be back on schedule now. Dawn and I were camping in July and the Web Master also had travel plans so things got a little out of sync.

We are always looking for stories and things of interest to put in the Newsletter so be sure to send me your pictures and stories. The most interesting articles seem to be articles about what you are doing and pictures of your project. It's always fun to talk about these on the Net.

NET STATS

June 2022: Check-ins 925 – Traffic 38
June 2023: Check-ins 635 – Traffic 39

High Check-ins: NS8S 30

Sunday Noon Net High Check-ins: KD8KCV
10,7,11,9

NET STATS

July 2022: Check-ins 981 – Traffic 38
July 2023: Check-ins 729 – Traffic 45

High Check-ins: KC8ZMN 30

Sunday Noon Net High Check-ins: KD8KCV
11,11,11,12,13

JULY'S HAM OF THE MONTH

Frank Surhigh – KS8N – Holly, MI

Name and Call: Frank S. Surhigh – KS8N

Birthdate and Place: July 10, 1936 in Hamtramck, MI

Education: Attended St. Florian School from 1st to 12th, Macomb County Community College, degrees in Aircraft Maintenance and General studies. RETS for radio, television and electronics.

Employer(s)/Type of Work: Worked for Ford Motor Co. as a pipefitter, retired in 1997. Worked at Berz Macomb Airport as a mechanic until it closed in 2001.

Military Service (If Any): Served in U.S. Army for two years. Stationed in Germany as a radio teletype operator, detached to a German Panzer unit in Marburg, Germany.

How did you get into Ham Radio: My younger brother joined a radio club at St. Florian High School, and I followed him in learning CW and got my ticket in 1959 (and then I got drafted!).

Spouse/Family: Married in 1968, widowed in 1993. Married a Yooper in 1995, Judi, born and raised in Marquette. Still going strong!

Other Hobbies & Interests: Interested in Model Aircraft, active in music. I play guitar, violin and banjo at the local senior center each week. Love of flying, former owner, pilot of a Cessna 170A and a 1946 Stinson Voyager and I have 100 hours in gliders/sailplanes. Loved sailing, being on the water.

Any other interesting info or experiences: Since 1995, Judi and I have traveled all over the United States on road trips, hitting almost all the states. We have cruised to Alaska, been to Hawaii, but our best trip was a 15 day cruise that took us from Buenos Aires, Argentina, around the bottom, past Cape Horn, and up Santiago, Chile. We moved from Michigan to Colorado Springs, CO, which is where I got my glider training, and we moved to Galveston Island, TX for 4 years. Hurricane Ike hit our home in 2008 and afterward we moved back to Michigan for good.

I enjoy adding to the Net and hearing all the latest news.



RAPID RIVER HAMFEST – AUGUST 5, 2023

Aileen Gagnon – WA8DHB – Kipling, MI

Saturday, August 5, 2023, 9 AM to 1 PM – U.P. Net meeting at 10 AM
 American Legion Hall - Sponsored by the Delta County Amateur Radio Society
 \$5.00 Admission
 Tables are \$5.00 and can be reserved by calling Dave Pomgren at 906-280-9710
 Setup is Friday from 5-7 PM and Saturday from 7-9 AM.

NEWBERRY HAMFEST/SWAP

Jeannie King – KE8MZU – McMillan, MI

The Luce Amateur Radio Society (LARS) held its annual Hamfest and swap meet on Saturday, June 10th, at the Luce County Fairgrounds. Tower Electronics was our main vendor, and we had a pretty good turnout, in spite of the rain that we had that morning. U.P. Net members who were at the Hamfest but didn't make the picnic were: W8SOO Ken, W8RLJ Rick and Corky, WG8W Rod and Brigitta.

On Friday evening, as the tradition goes, we had our cookout/picnic for the club and for those folks who traveled to attend the swap and stay in the area overnight. This is a great time, eating and getting better acquainted with those radio friends and their partners. The following U.P. Net members were there for the picnic: K8DSS Ed and Susan, K8SKY Skye and Kathy, N8LOU Lou, N8NJY Tom and Sharon, and KC8GTE Kelly and KE8MZU Jeannie.

We hope to do it all again the second Saturday of June 2024, and we hope to see you there!

FREE ANTENNA AND TOWER

Peter Hansen – W8TWA – Gowen, MI

Time to downsize again. Free antenna and tower for taking it down!

TH7DXX Triband antenna, Tail-twister Rotor, TB2 thrust bearing, 2 inch AL mast, HAX56 Tower.
 The antenna shows a good match on all three bands. Rotor is OK except for a faulty indicator pot strip. Tower is structurally OK but needs paint.

Location is 40 miles NE of Grand Rapids.

Pete W8TWA -- w8twa@sbcglobal.net

HAMFESTS

For complete information, refer to the ARRL Hamfests

www.arrl.org

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

08/05/2023 - U.P. Hamfest 2023

Location: Rapid River, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Delta County Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://K2PL.org>

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

08/27/2023 - 2023 Seaway Swap

Location: Port Huron, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC (EMARC)

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/09/2023 - Grand Rapids Area Hamfest

Location: Wyoming, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Website: <https://w8dc.org/grand-rapids-area-hamfest/>

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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/>

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/17/2023 - Adrian Hamfest

Location: Adrian, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Adrian Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w8tqe.com>

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/23/2023 - BARA Trunk Sales

Location: Berrien Center, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Blossomland Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://W8MAI.org>

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/23/2023 - CMARC HAM FEST

Location: Lansing , MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

**09/23/2023 - Top of Michigan Amateur Radio Club
& Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club Hamfest**

Location: Gaylord, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Top of Michigan ARC Gaylord and Thunder Bay ARC
Alpena

Website: <http://www.nm8rc.org>

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

10/07/2023 - Kalamazoo Hamfest

Location: Kalamazoo, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Kalamazoo SMART Club and Kalamazoo Amateur
Radio Club

Website: <http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com>

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

10/14/2023 - Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest

Location: Muskegon, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication
Services, Inc

Website: www.mcecs.net/Hamfest.htm

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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

08/01/2023 | Oak Park MI 48237-2085

Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC

Location: Oak Park Community Center

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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EXAM SESSION

08/03/2023 | Lansing MI 48911-5322

Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group

Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room)

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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EXAM SESSION

08/12/2023 | Ann Arbor MI 48104

Sponsor: Arrow Communications Assoc

Location: Fellowship Bible Church

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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EXAM SESSION

08/12/2023 | Jackson MI 49201-2230

Sponsor: Cascades ARS

Location: Jackson Carnegie Library

Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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EXAM SESSION

08/12/2023 | Muskegon MI 49445

Sponsor: Muskegon Amt Radio Club

Location: Muskegon Area Amt Radio Council Clubhouse

Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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EXAM SESSION

08/12/2023 | Port Huron MI 48060-4014

Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC

Location: St Clair County Library

Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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EXAM SESSION

08/12/2023 | Traverse City MI 49686-3103

Sponsor: Cherryland ARC

Location: Traverse City District Library

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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EXAM SESSION

08/24/2023 | Battle Creek MI 49017-4867

Sponsor: SMARS

Location: Maple United Methodist Church

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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EXAM SESSION

08/24/2023 | Corunna MI 48817

Sponsor: Shiawassee ARA

Location: James P Capitan Center (Lower Level)

Time: 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

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EXAM SESSION

08/26/2023 | 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)

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EXAM SESSION

09/06/2023 | Livonia MI 48154-3045

Sponsor: Livonia ARC

Location: Livonia Police Department

Time: 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

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EXAM SESSION

09/09/2023 | Wyandotte MI 48192-9999

Sponsor: Motor City Radio Club

Location: First United Methodist Church

Time: 9:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

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EXAM SESSION

09/11/2023 | Harrison Township MI 48045-6506

Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse ARC

Location: Tucker Senior Center

Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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EXAM SESSION

09/16/2023 | Kalamazoo MI 49009-1860

Sponsor: Kalamazoo ARC

Location: American Red Cross

Time: 8:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

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EXAM SESSION

09/16/2023 | 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)

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EXAM SESSION

09/23/2023 | Martin MI 49070-5102

Sponsor: Allegan County ARC

Location: Martin Township Community Building

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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August 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>
		1	2	3	4	5 K8UHF Jim
6	7 KD9TZ Mike and Gail	8	9 W8IBT Debbie KE8GIL Bonnie Helen XYL of WD8PRW	10	11	12 KA8IQJ and Ruth
13	14	15 Lynn XYL of K8RLE	16	17	18 WA8JSF Rick and Lois	19 NS8S Dave and Bonnie KE8GIL
20 N9QPJ Andy and XYL KC8TXK Dick	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 KC8ZMN Chris WG8W Rod and Birgitta KC8AFO	30	31		

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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