

# UPPER PENINSULA NET NEWS

## SERVING THE WESTERN GREAT LAKES



### HAM OF THE YEAR

K8UHF – Jim Hein, Jr.  
Dimondale, MI

### HAM OF THE MONTH

AC8AY – Dave Peck, Jr.  
Gaylord, MI

## SEPTEMBER 2023

FROM THE EDITOR-----JIM - K8UHF [k8uhf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k8uhf@sbcglobal.net)

Dawn and I are back from our two-week trip up to Wilderness State Park in northern lower Michigan just west of Mackinaw City. We stayed in Harrison at Wilson State Park for a couple days on the way up and again on the way home. We got to hit all our favorite restaurants in Harrison: Jackpine Restaurant, Momma Cillie's Pizzeria, Sheri's Diner (for a huge omelet), Bud Lake Bar and Restaurant.

In Mackinaw City we had Scalawags Whitefish, Momma Mia's Pizza, and Audies Restaurant. We tried a new place to us called Jose's Cantina in St. Ignace. It was pretty good. Lots of shopping too; not so much buying.

We also made sure to visit Kelly and Jeannie in the U.P. They made us a very good Whitefish lunch while we swapped stories for a few hours.

In rereading this article, it seems to suggest all we did was eat! I also spent time in Lake Michigan swimming in very cold conditions; took my breathe away. Dawn got me a snorkel and mask set; that was fun!

After we got back home, THE big storm hit us a couple days later. We were out of power and internet for six days. We had one tree fall on our roof and several others were down. We have been cleaning up for days. We are almost back to normal now. Time to get the wire antennas back up and play radio!

## NET STATS

Aug 2022: Check-ins 858 – Traffic 45  
Aug 2023: Check-ins 738 – Traffic 37

High Check-ins: None

Sunday Noon Net High Check-ins:

KD8KCV 12,12,13,13

## ATTENTION PRE-NET AND NET CONTROLS

**Jeannie King – KE8MZU – McMillan, MI**

I would like to compile, for Aileen and the Pre-Net and Net control operators, the contact information for each of us so that in an emergency, scheduling change or substitute situation a call could be made.

Please call me at 906-293-8956 or e-mail at [ke8mzu@gmail.com](mailto:ke8mzu@gmail.com). This list will only be shared with Aileen, Pre-Net and Net control operators. Thank you.

## AUGUST'S HAM OF THE MONTH

**Clint Hannahs – KC8EHR – Eaton Rapids, MI**

**Name and Call:** Clint Hannahs – KC8EHR

**Birthdate and Place:** June 5, 1977 – Lansing, MI

**Education:** Architectural Drafting & Applied Science

**Employer(s)/Type of Work:** Carpenters Union Local 1004 Hausman Steel – Drafting / Engineering

**Military Service (if any):** Regretfully – No

**How did you get into Ham Radio:** Tae-Kwon-Do Instructor, Mark Filonczuk – N8UMX, had an H.T. in class during Skywarn Activation

**Spouse/Family:** Ginger Hannahs (wife), 4 children (Brent – passed, Gavin – Married to Whitney with two sons, Blake & Mackenzie – attends Hope College

**Other Hobbies & Interest:** Hunting/Fishing. Artist – placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> in several contests (made all conference in Art); studied Tae-Kwon-Do for 11 years. I impersonated Elvis Presley for several years (about 15 years) .... Mostly for fund raisers, benefits, etc.

**Any other interesting info or experiences:** I was the E.C. (emergency co-ordinator) for about 10 years for Lansing & Ingham County.

## SEPTEMBER'S HAM OF THE MONTH

### **Dave Peck, Jr. – AC8AY – Gaylord, MI**

**Name and Call:** David Earl Peck, Jr. – AC8AY previous KG4AY/KD8FRB

**Birthdate and Place:** September 20, 1977 Ludington

**Education:** Johannesburg Lewiston HS, Northern Michigan University, North Central Community College, Redstone Arsenal Army Depot

**Employer(s)/Type of Work:** State of Michigan, Michigan's Public Safety Communications System as a Radio Technician (10 years), previous DOD electronic tech, School Bus Driver, Radio Shack, Meijer, Silversmith Inc, Preston Feather Building Centers, Northern Diecast, K-Mart, Wolohan, Burger King, Treetops

**Military Service (If Any):** 2000-2022 Michigan Army National Guard, while there, three years wildland firefighting, responded to the Floods in 2020, deployed to GTMO, did three weeks in Germany.

**How did you get into Ham Radio:** While working at Silversmith Inc, they were using 800Mhz 1 watt radios to pass along 128K data packets. Fella training me would use an omni, if they did not work a 3 element yagi, then a 13 element yagi, then various mast heights. I figured there was a rhythm and reason. And use Ham Radio to help get me some education. 2006 got both my tech and Gen ticket, and the following year passed my extra. Most interesting place have done Ham Radio was GTMO, and my favorite moment was relaying voice traffic to a niece on a sailing vessel near St. Martin Island and her uncle in the South eastern states (I wanna say Tennessee).

**Spouse/Family:** Married to Peggy since Dec 2004. My daughter, Kaila, is 22 and has recently made me a Grandpa. Jacob is my son, just turned 18. You all know my old man KD8KCV.

**Other Hobbies & Interests:** Christian Motorcycling, Photography, fishing, geocaching, World of Tanks (Video game).

**Any other interesting info or experiences:** I sound the Shofar at Church and currently a Bus driver. I have been going to Mt Hope here in Gaylord since March of 2005. I have had a Bible mentor since 2006. I do enjoy a good bourbon and occasionally a cigar. Folks have said I have good information on places to eat up here. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay is generally much older than people think. We have been there since 1898. It is largely used as a dee-water fueling station. There is a High School, an Irish Pub that has a One-eyed Jamaican who might as well be a pirate because every good story should have a pirate. The McDonald also will sell you rice if you ask. It's not on the menu. While there, I did earn my 1000# club status. It's a one rep total of bench press, squat, and deadlift. I did 1105, and to be honest, is the entry club to say you are strong. These days I hope the heaviest thing I have to pick up will be my grandson, Maverick.

## VERTICAL ANTENNA INSTALL

### **Kent Babcock – N8RKD – Arcadia, MI**

Last year I was complaining to my friend Dave, NS8S, about my lack of DX success. My 132 foot doublet at around 30 feet coupled with living in an RF black hole wasn't able to get too much more than the continental U.S. Dave suggested that the low doublet has a rather poor takeoff angle for distant stations and that perhaps a vertically polarized antenna might be in order. He had a Hy-Gain DX-88 vertical antenna for sale that handles 80 through 10 meter bands and will also do 160 meters with an add-on kit. I searched the couch cushions,

emptied the piggy bank, cashed in all my returnables and headed for Dave's QTH. We loaded up the sections of antenna in my car and had just enough room between the tailgate and windshield for the longer pieces.

I'd already picked out the location for the new antenna, leaving adequate room for the necessary radials.

I found a 6 foot length of pipe in my junk pile Inventory, dug a hole and drove it in with a T-post driver, filled the remaining hole with a couple bags of QuiKrete and let it set up while I kluged a tilt over mount, materials also gleaned from my inventory. After all, why buy something for \$X when I can make it myself for \$2X?? I stole the idea from Dave's vertical mount and here are the results.



The aluminum channel at the right side of the picture was drilled and tapped for 1/4-20 bolts and would function as the radial attachment point. Using two long lag bolts, I measured and cut the required radials



The visible radials were secured on top of the sod with lawn fabric staples and by this spring were completely covered.

Performance results are truthfully inconclusive. Sometimes the dipole still works better. The most fun came from fabricating the tilt mount, and the antenna requires no tuner action on 20 meters.

## RAPID RIVER SWAP UPDATE

### Jeannie King – KE8MZU – McMillan, MI

The Rapid River Swap, sponsored by the Delta County Amateur Radio Society, was held at the American Legion on Saturday, August 5th. KC8GTE Kelly and myself, KE8MZU, attended. We met up with N8LOU Lou and his wife Deb, and we got to meet KN8N Larry from Kalamazoo, who made the trip up hoping to meet some of the folks. There were only seven people with tables (some had two tables), and only one HF rig for sale. Some of the sellers had been at the Newberry swap in June.

We proceeded to an open room for the U.P. Net meeting at 10 AM, and there were only KC8GTE, KN8N and KE8MZU, so we didn't conduct any type of business. I don't believe that the swap was very well attended; I don't know an attendance figure, but it might not be very high. There was a very nice lady in the kitchen who had made food for sale; I sure hope people bought some of it.

## HAMFESTS

For complete information, refer to the ARRL Hamfests

[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

#### 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/>

[Learn More](#)

#### 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://W8MAL.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](http://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

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 | [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

09/09/2023 | [Lansing MI 48911-5322](#)

**Sponsor:** Ingham County VE Group

**Location:** Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room)

**Time:** 11:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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### EXAM SESSION

09/09/2023 | [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

09/09/2023 | [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

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

09/17/2023 | [Adrian MI 49221-8709](#)

**Sponsor:** Adrian ARC Hamfest

**Location:** Building at Lenawee County Airport

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

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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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### EXAM SESSION

10/03/2023 | [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

10/05/2023 | [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

10/07/2023 | [Kalamazoo MI 49048-5822](#)

**Sponsor:** KARC

**Location:** Kalamazoo Cty Fairgrounds Expo Ctr

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

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10/14/2023 | [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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## 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 Ron – OM of AA8SN K8JRO Gerry
3 WG8W Rod	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 W8KPU Robb and Susan	8	9
10	11 N9CE Alan	12 N8BNC Bob	13	14	15 WB8ZLNQ Linda	16 WD8DCA Leo
17	18	19	20 KF8QW Norm	21	22	23 W9GRI Rod K8DSS Ed and Susan
24 AB8N Joe KD8KCV Dave and Kim W8RNB Lee and XYL Gayla	25	26	27 Susan – XYL of K8DSS	28 W8ING Mike and Sue K8IRC Bart	29 K8BLL Al	30

**If you would like your birthday or wedding anniversary noted in the calendar, please e-mail your information to [k8uhf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k8uhf@sbcglobal.net)**



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