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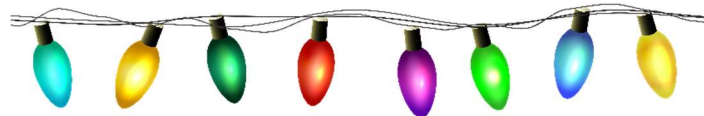


HAM OF THE YEAR

K8UHF – Jim Hein, Jr.
Dimondale, MI

HAM OF THE MONTH

K8YS – Dean Luplow
Marquette, MI



DECEMBER 2023

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

Dawn and I will be retiring from publishing the U.P. Net Newsletter. This is our last issue. It has been a privilege and a lot of fun to do, however, it is time for someone else to take over and continue to keep everyone informed of what is happening. Thank you for reading and sending us all the articles, comments, and compliments.

In addition, the U.P. Net Website is going away after the first of the year. Kelly, KC8GTE, recaps all the changes below in his article. Please read on to see the “Email from Michael Kelso, Webmaster” message following Kelly’s article. Thanks to Michael, it’s a web link to follow and allow you to download the U.P. Net Website information. You can then save it and print it out as you wish.

NET STATS

Nov 2022: Check-ins 1112 – Traffic 42

Nov 2023: Check-ins 971 – Traffic 38

High Check-ins: KC8ZMN 43,39; NS8S 41,38; WV8W 33,34;

KR8P 30,37; KC8GTE 35,34

Sunday Noon Net High Check-ins:

KD8KCV 16,9,14,11

AILEEN GAGNON

Jeannie King – KE8MZU – McMillan, MI

We continue to get updates on Aileen's progress through her daughter, Patti, which I, in turn, inform everyone on the Net. If you'd like to send Aileen a card, here is the mailing address for her. It has to be addressed like this:

Christian Park Healthcare Center
Aileen Gagnon, Room 502B
2415 – 5th Avenue
Escanaba, MI 49829

HAM OF THE MONTH

Dean Luplow – K8YS – Marquette, MI

Name and Call: Dean Luplow – K8YS

Birthdate and Place: 03/04/1951

Education: B.S. Biology, Michigan Technological University; O.D. Michigan College of Optometry

Employer(s)/Type of Work: Optometrist – now semi-retired working 2 days/week. After my first retirement, we RV'd full-time in a 40 foot motorhome for 3 years. I just couldn't give up the profession I enjoyed so much and am fortunate I am able to continue 2 days per week.

Military Service (if any): N/A

How did I get into Ham Radio: There was a local corner store just down the street from my high school and the owner was a Ham with a radio at the back of the store and I was hooked. He became my Elmer and I was licensed in 1968, thanks to his mentorship.

Spouse/Family: Wife, Debbie, and 2 married sons and grandchildren.

Other Hobbies & Interests: Guitar, keyboard, drums, woodworking, biking, sailing and travel.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Kelly King – KC8GTE – McMillan, MI

The U.P. Net Website is closing at the first of the year..... WHAAT!!!!

Now the rest of the story:

I had questions about the pricing for the Website we were being quoted from Kelso Media, so I decided to give them a call and have a conversation to see what was up.

I called and talked with Amber and Michael on Tuesday Oct 24, 2023. What I found out was the Website was started by Bill (N8NJA) back in 2008 as a place where Newsletters and info about the Net could be seen worldwide. Amber and Michael did the Website as favor to Dad, but really have no interest in continuing it since Bill's passing.

After that conversation, I set up a conference call with Aileen (WA8DHB Net Manager), Chris (KC8ZMN 2nd in line Net Manager) and myself (somewhere farther down the line Net Manager) to explain the situation.

The results of that call are as follows:

1. The michupnet.com website will be closed after the beginning of 2024.

However, anyone wanting to peruse the Website and download any of the Newsletters or other content may do so for your own archives.

2. Jim and Dawn will be retiring from the U.P. Net Newsletter with the December 2023 Edition. Continuing forward, if anyone picks up the job of Newsletter editor, the Newsletter will be distributed by email, to do away with any costs involved for printing, postage, etc.
3. Any monies that are left over will go to Aileen for the fund she has for donations to SKs from the group.

Thanks

Kelly KC8GTE

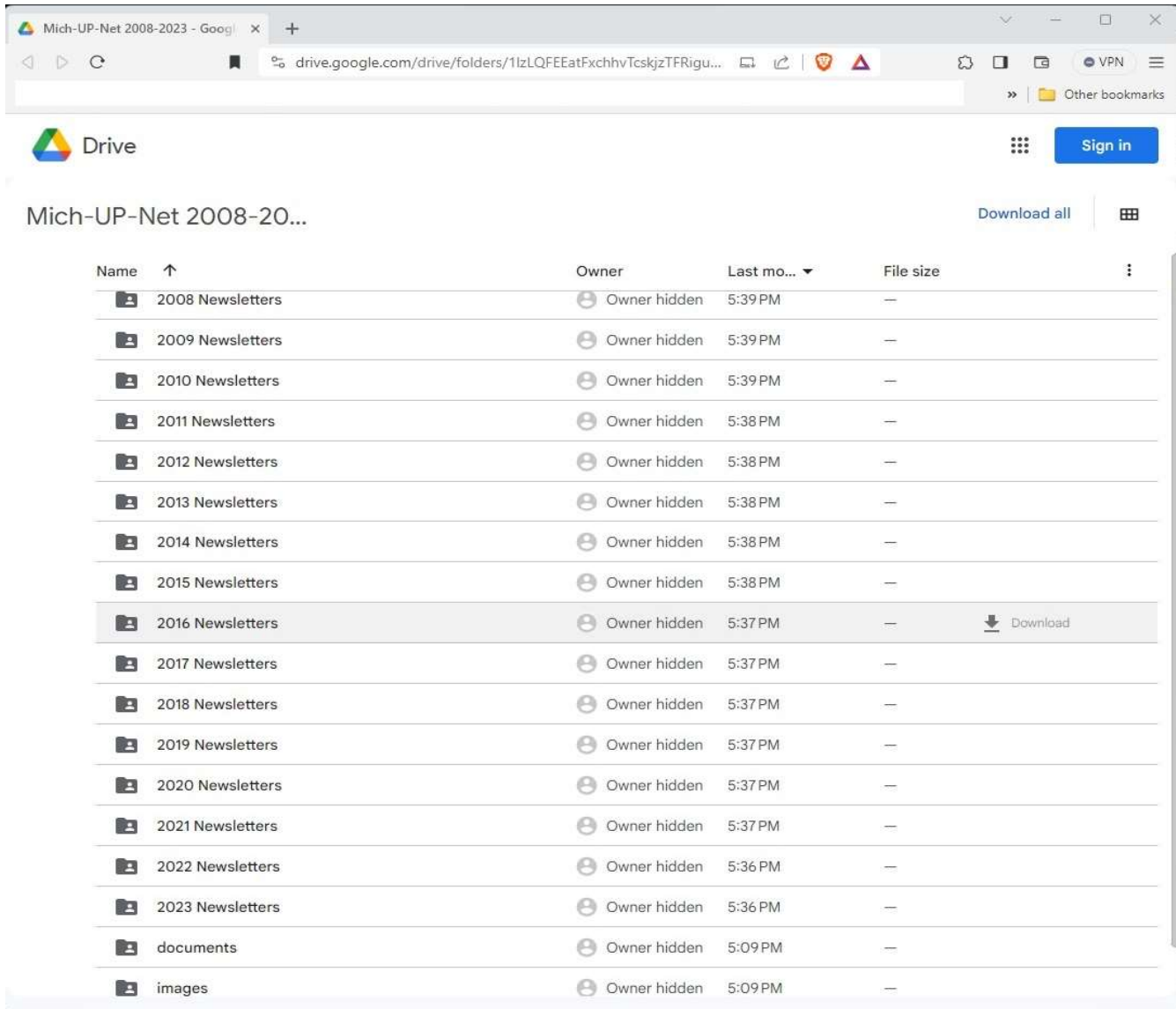
Email from Michael Kelso, Webmaster

Hi Again Jim,

I will be downloading all the content (mostly Newsletters) from michupnet.com and saving in a public Google Drive folder. I can't guarantee it will be available at this location forever but should be for the foreseeable future. I'll plan to have all the content there by December 1st. If you would like to include this link in your December Newsletter or distribute via email, please feel free to do so.

COPY the link line below then paste it into your browser to go directly to the Website as seen in the example below. (The link below DOES NOT have a direct hyperlink attached)

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lzLQFEEatFxchhvTcskjzTFRiguzs7YF?usp=sharing>



CW MADE EASY ON RCFORBS CLIENT

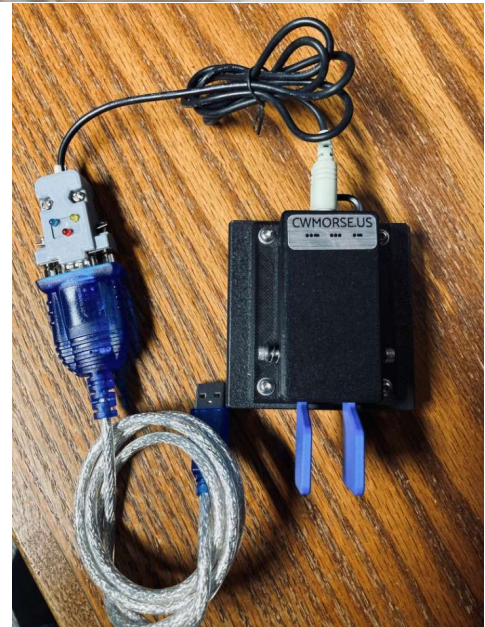
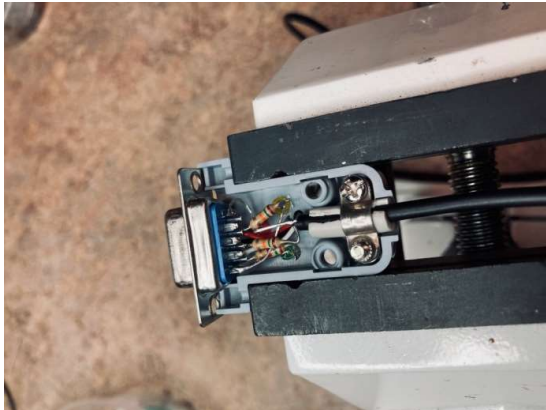
Jim Hein – K8UHF – Dimondale, MI

You've all heard us talk about using RCForbs Remote Hams software. Here is my latest project. This is a little interface I built to make it possible to connect your CW code key or paddles directly to your PC and operate RCForbs Remote Hams Client software in CW mode.

This idea came from listening to Ray, K8RLE, and his "wish I could do this" dreams. Ray is a CW/POTA guy. He operates my station from his remote location in Florida (during some months in the Sunshine state) over the internet. The PTT button I built for him and Larry, W8WR, made one of Ray's dreams come true by making his FM/SSB remote operation more like having a real radio right in front of him. Rather than using his mouse to key the radio, he can easily push the PTT button.

Ray's CW operations have been limited to using preset macro character strings that are sent by a key touch on his PC keyboard or typing the message on his keyboard. This really limits any personal information he can add to each contact. Now with my new "Code Key Interface" he can easily connect his CW paddles directly to his remote PC via USB port and operate remotely just like he is sitting in front of his own real radio at home (in Dimondale, MI). One more of Ray's dreams has come true. You should see the smile on his face!

Pictures show Interface construction, RCForbs Remote Hams Client on PC screen, Guitar Heros Microphone, PTT Button, and Code Key Interface.



This is Ray's remote station in Florida, soon to add his CW key with "Code Key Interface".



My station in Dimondale. Shows one Yaesu FT-991 on two meters and another FT-991A on HF. Both radios are connected to one MINI-PC running RCForbs Server software being used as remote base stations. Also, in this picture, is RCForbs Client software running with USB Mic, USB PTT button, and CW paddles connected with "Code Key Interface". These are live pictures while Ray and I are talking on two meters and Ray is working POTA stations on 30 meters CW remotely from Florida on my FT-991A.





This funny was found on ham radio funnies Facebook page

HAMFESTS

For complete information, refer to the ARRL Hamfests

www.arrl.org

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

12/03/2023 - [LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest](#)

Location: Troy, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.n8lc.org>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

02/17/2024 - [Livonia Amateur Radio Club Annual Swap & Shop](#)

Location: Livonia, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Livonia Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://livoniaarc.com/larc-annual-swap-and-shop>

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

11/25/2023 | [Martin MI 49070-5102](#)

Sponsor: Allegan County ARC

Location: Martin Township Community Building

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

EXAM SESSION

12/02/2023 | [Charlotte MI 48813-9999](#)

Sponsor: Eaton County Arc

Location: Charlotte Church of Christ

Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

EXAM SESSION

12/02/2023 | [Grand Blanc MI 48439-8961](#)

Sponsor: Genesee County Radio Club W8ACW

Location: Holy Spirt Lutheran Church

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

EXAM SESSION

12/02/2023 | [Lake City MI 49651-8865](#)

Sponsor: Wexaukee VE Team

Location: Missaukee Cty District Library

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

EXAM SESSION

12/03/2023 | [Troy MI 48083](#)

Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse Amt Radio Club

Location: Balkan American Community Center

Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

EXAM SESSION

12/05/2023 | [Oak Park MI 48237-2085](#)

Sponsor: Hazel Park ARC

Location: Oak Park Community Center

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

EXAM SESSION

12/07/2023 | [Lansing MI 48911-5322](#)

Sponsor: Ingham County VE Group

Location: Lansing Fire Station #44 (Community Room)

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

EXAM SESSION

12/09/2023 | [Ann Arbor MI 48104](#)

Sponsor: Arrow Communications Assoc

Location: Fellowship Bible Church

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

EXAM SESSION

12/09/2023 | [Jackson MI 49201-2230](#)

Sponsor: Cascades ARS

Location: Jackson Carnegie Library

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

EXAM SESSION

12/09/2023 | [Muskegon MI 49445](#)

Sponsor: Muskegon Amt Radio Club

Location: Muskegon Area Amt Radio Council Clubhouse

Time: 10:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

EXAM SESSION

12/09/2023 | [Port Huron MI 48060-4014](#)

Sponsor: Eastern Michigan ARC

Location: St Clair County Library

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

EXAM SESSION

12/28/2023 | [Battle Creek MI 49017-4867](#)

Sponsor: SMARS

Location: Maple United Methodist Church

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

EXAM SESSION

12/28/2023 | [Corunna MI 48817](#)

Sponsor: Shiawassee ARA

Location: James P Capitan Center (Lower Level)

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

EXAM SESSION

01/13/2024 | [Muskegon MI 49445](#)

Sponsor: Muskegon ARC

Location: Muskegon Area Amt Radio Council

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

EXAM SESSION

01/13/2024 | [Wyandotte MI 48192-9999](#)

Sponsor: Motor City Radio Club

Location: First United Methodist Church

Time: 10:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

EXAM SESSION

01/27/2024 | [Martin MI 49070-5102](#)

Sponsor: Allegan County ARC

Location: Martin Township Community Building

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

EXAM SESSION

02/10/2024 | [Muskegon MI 49445](#)

Sponsor: Muskegon ARC

Location: Muskegon Area Amt Radio Council

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

EXAM SESSION

03/09/2024 | [Wyandotte MI 48192-9999](#)

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Sponsor: Allegan County ARC

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EXAM SESSION

05/11/2024 | [Wyandotte MI 48192-9999](#)

Sponsor: Motor City Radio Club

Location: First United Methodist Church

Time: 10:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

EXAM SESSION

09/14/2024 | [Wyandotte MI 48192-9999](#)

Sponsor: Motor City Radio Club

Location: First United Methodist Church

Time: 10:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

EXAM SESSION

11/09/2024 | [Wyandotte MI 48192-9999](#)

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December 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 KD8CYK Gerry	6	7	8 K8HRO Randy	9 Kim – XYL of KD8KCV W8SKS and Donna
10	11 Donna – XYL of KN8N K8LQV Dick and Gloria	12	13	14	15	16 WT8G Gerry and K8ISV Linda
17 KN8N Larry	18 KD8GFL Gary	19	20	21	22	23 W8TWA Pete and Linda WD8PRW and Helen
24 Christmas Eve	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31  Travis – Grandson of WA8DHB						



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Merry  
Christmas

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