

# TRAFFIC CALL



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## AROUND THE KENNELS

Greetings:

I would like to thank you and welcome you to the Hit and Bounce Traffic Net. We are always thrilled to have a new station check in and hope that you will return and check in as often as you can.

Perhaps you are finding us again after a hiatus. If so, it is good to hear from you again. HBN has a long history dating back to 1930, founded by Ben White, W4PL. It may be the oldest running CW net still in existence.

The members are known as traffic hounds or arfers. At the end of a transmission we use the calling sign of friendship, ARF, just in case you were wondering.

You can find out more about our net on the internet. You can Google the name of the net, and it will take you to our web site. I think that you will find it very interesting. There is a lot of information on it, and hope you enjoy it. We have a newsletter that is sent out quarterly by either email or snail mail. If you want to get on the mailing list, please contact me. My email address is good on QRZ.com. or you can get me on the net.

If you are interested, we also have a slow net that airs at 0700 AM, Eastern time. The net is growing and we now have at least 3 more Canadian stations checking in.

As Manager of the net, I extend a hearty welcome to you and hope that this will be the beginning of a long lasting friendship.

I hope all of you have checked your antennas by now for the long winter ahead.

On different note, please send either Sis or me something to put in Traffic Call. Besides what Sis might conjure up and Bill, W2MTA sending The ongoing book, plus the stats for the nets, that is it. I know you don't want to hear my ramblings on, and how much can I write to keep your interest? C'mon gang, send us anything of interest.

Take care and 73. ARF.

Mark Rappaport, Net Manager

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### Silent Key W8RTN

#### Lee Tippett

Age 94, died Saturday, December 1, 2012 at Kith Haven Nursing Home. Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Wednesday,



December 5, 2012 at Rossell Funeral Home, Rev. Teresa Peterson officiating. Burial will follow at Flint Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4 - 9:00 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice . Mr. Tippett was born in Houghton, Michigan on May 31, 1918, the son of Joseph and Myrtle (Fuge) Tippett. He married Margaret McFadden in Flint on July 17, 1942. Lee was a Veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army as Lieutenant Colonel. He had been employed by Buick Motor Division for 37 years, retiring in 1974. He was a member of Genesee Lodge #174, Bay City Consistory, Elf Khurafesh Shrine and the Genesee County Radio Club. He was a Ham Radio operator for 60 years (W8RTN). Surviving are: his wife, Margaret Tippett of Flushing; two sons, Barry and wife Carmen Tippett of Allouez and Douglas and wife Debra Tippett of Waynesboro, VA; two grandchildren, Holly and husband John Hodgkin, Jennifer and husband Michael Herrmann; five great grandchildren, Maggie, Colin, Emily, Skye and Andrew; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Althea Whitehead of Falmouth, MI.

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## **RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD HAM**

### ***A journalistic history of the life and times in the Amateur Radio world of WINJM - by George Hart, WINJM***

#### **CHAPTER 35B - Geo and WERS (Continued) Geo continues his newest duties at Headquarters**

Once initial guidelines were set up, after what seemed interminable negotiations with and between innumerable government agencies, FCC came out with a set of Rules and Regulations for the War Emergency Radio Service.

This was not an Amateur Service organization and its R & R were not a part of the Amateur Radio Regulations (Part 12). Licenses were issued to the local governments (towns, boroughs, cities or counties) under officer thereof as trustee and administered by a communications officer and a radio officer. The latter was the head honcho of the assigned WERS operations.

WERS operators had special permits, for which holder must have either commercial license or amateur operator license of any grade. All operation was restricted to band 112-115 Mc. The detailed regulations would be too wordy to include here, but from the very beginning it appeared that amateurs would do most of the organizing, operating and the building of equipment for this new civilian defense

system. So naturally the League, meaning mostly I, were heavily involved. And I was involved that is, at both a local, county, state and the federal levels.

I was not actually a leader at any of these levels. In my local Newington group the leader was Radio Aide Charlie McLeod, WIAVN. We operated under the auspices of the licensee, which was Hartford County; but I remember that a dispute arose as to whether a town or city within county could be licensed independent of county licensee.

This controversy was resolved when the FCC arbitrarily issued a WERS license to the Town of Manchester, Conn., independent of Hartford County licensee. FCC contended that the Town of Manchester had met all requirements for licensing and they had no reason not to issue the license and refused to revoke it. OCD though preferred licensing by counties but was not able to enforce this preference. As a consequence, the small cities, towns, boroughs, and the townships all over the country started taking out independent licensees...licensing picture soon became hodge podge.

The League supported OCD position, but only nominally. We took no overt action to try to persuade smaller entities to stay within their county organizations. I wrote an article or two in QST outlining advantages of county organization, but these were informational only, at the behest of OCD not intended as propaganda.

Although active at the national level through QST, and through maintaining contacts in the federal government, I participated on my own time at local level. I remember a request from the state veteran's hospital in Rocky Hill to conduct a class among this hospital's residents to enable them to qualify as WERS operators. I undertook this only with the understanding that the class would not be restricted to hospital residents or veterans. As a result we had an initial enrollment of about forty pupils, which rapidly dwindled to about twenty. Most were people who had no concept of the requirements of communicators even at the commercial third class level, but all of whom were eager to make some kind of contribution to the war effort, an attitude that was typical of the times.

I brought them to third class commercial level competence and quite above it during the six-week course of once-a-week sessions of two hours each, and we thoroughly enjoyed it. At conclusion I received a commendation from the head honcho of the hospital for my efforts. I received no pay or any other kind of compensation except my own self-satisfaction, nor had I expected any.

WERS was never put into effect, and not really a success. Of course there never was a need for a civilian defense effort in this country other than preparedness, so how it would have stood up under an actual enemy attack will never be known. In my estimation,

however, it would not have been very effective mostly because of inadequate handling at the federal level arising largely from controversy between FCC and OCD, the former being part of the congressional or legislative branch, and the latter part of the executive branch, which were often at odds with each other.

WERS continued operation until after Japanese surrender, and then was discontinued. Although largely operated by radio amateurs, it is not an amateur radio success story, principally for the reasons intimated above. Such being the case, it is just as well that it never was officially an amateur radio service.

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*In Next Chapter 36 - George gets Greetings*

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### **Autobiography of W2EAG**

My brother and I got interested in ham radio in 1954 when a boy my age moved next door. He already was licensed, and we were fascinated with what we saw and heard. I learned Morse Code as time went by, but did not get my Novice until I came home on leave from the Navy in May of 1959. My call was WV2FNK.

I scored very well in boot camp in electronics and Morse Code. I was sent to Radiomans' school in Norfolk, Virginia. Being that I had typing and office practice in High School, and also knew the code, I was way ahead of many in the class. I graduated 2<sup>nd</sup> and was copying about 40 wpm. After a year stationed at the Naval Communications Station, Washington D.C.(NSS), I was sent to Little Creek, Virginia to a Tactical Air Control Squadron that was attached to the Amphibious Forces. I remained there until my discharge in 1962.

During my stay in the Navy, I had little time to advance my license. In those days, the Novice was only good for a year, and I was mostly out to sea. I took the Novice over again, upgraded to Tech, then again to General. My call was WB2EAG.

I was not active for a long time as my work prevented me from doing so. I got married in 1964, Our first child was born in 1965, our second in 1969. In 1970 I started to get back on the air intermittently. I had been working in the hardware business, and painting on the side. I was waiting for my appointment as a Firefighter. It came in May of 1971. I had been living at the time, in Portchester N.Y., and was renting an apartment. My parents owned property in Dutchess County. They decided to give us a piece of the property to build on. The house was finished and we moved in July of 1972.

I had over an acre of land, lined with 75 foot trees. Ahhh, antenna supports. First antenna was an 80/40 meter dipole. Later, a tower and yagi was added, and a 160 meter loop. One day I had a QSO with a station in Mass. He asked me if I knew anything about traffic

handling. Saying no, he told me about the New England Novice Net, and invited me to join. He gave me a few pointers and explanations. I listened for about a week and took the plunge. I worked several other Novice nets for a few months until one evening I discovered NYS, the N.Y. State Section net. After about a week of listening, I decided to check in. The rest is history. I was hooked.

Through the years in New York, I wore many hats for the ARRL. I see no need to list them here. One that I am very proud of is that I founded and Managed the morning session of NYS. I was also active in ARES and RACES. I am a charter member of a club that I helped start.

In 1990 I started thinking about getting ready for retirement. My wife Sandy and I thought about moving to a warmer climate. We had been told by a ham friend of mine about New Bern, N.C. who had moved there. We visited several times and eventually bought a piece of property to build on. We moved there in 1992. We stayed for over five years. We decided to sell and move to Massachusetts to be closer to our grandchildren, that we had not seen very much of. After about 8 years, Sandy retired and wanted to move back to New Bern. We did just that.

I managed the Carolinas Net, CN for a couple of years. As of this writing, I am a member of the Eastern Area Staff, and of course have kept up my ORS appointment. I took over as Manager of the Hit and Bounce Net in 2011, and hope to continue to keep that position.

I have always loved to train others in traffic handling. I wrote a book on the subject, and am fortunate to have had it published and printed by the ARRL. Other aspects of the hobby that I enjoy are dxing, some contesting, and rag chewing. I also like experimenting with antennas. I have been accused by some, of not owning a Mic, but many of you know differently differently.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it. 73 to all.

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### **Independent—well, sort of.**

We recently celebrated Independence Day. We all know the meaning of it. HBN is an independent net, and has been since its conception. What does that mean? To me it means "away from," "free," or "not attached." In the case of HBN, unattached to the ARRL NTS, but only in a manner of speaking.

It is certainly not any kind of deterrent and does not really mean much. There are many kinds of independent nets that have been very valuable to traffic handling over the years. HBN may very well be the longest running CW independent traffic net still in existence. It is a diamond in the rough. It serves a large



area, and has generated huge amounts of traffic. Not only that, I am sure that HBN has also attracted, and helped many stations become better traffic handlers. Therefore, it is important that we keep our tradition alive, not only by our support to the net, but also by using proper net procedures to set good examples to others. Getting new members is important to any net. A strict, but friendly, well run net will do just that.

Being independent does not necessarily mean that we do not abide by the NTS rules. Mostly it means the net can run at whatever time and frequency set forth by the Manager. This actually can be an asset for the net as it can give a traffic handler an extra net to send or receive traffic.

Let us not forget that the purpose of traffic nets is to train and to keep ourselves ready for any emergency, by performing a Public Service, via Amateur Radio Communications. You might say the Public would then be dependent on us in that regard, and gives us the chance to prove our worth.

It is no secret that a net is only as good as its members. HBN is truly blessed in this regard, we have the best of the best. It is my privilege to be able to work with and be associated with all of you. Thank you for your support and dedication to a truly fine independent net. 73, ARF.

Mark W2EAG Net Manager

**ARL FORTY-SIX - 90 years Don, AA8PI will be celebrating. (See page 7)**

**Ben, K8KV** is going to winter in Florida again this year. I guess this means he is feeling better and able to make the trip. Good going Ben.



HBN	MAY	QNI		QTC
W	2EAG	31	VE	144
K	4IWW	30	K	105
KK	3F	27	W	45
WA	4BAM	27	N	40
WD	8PNL	27	KA	39
K	2TV	26	WD	34
WB	8KPE	26	WB	23
W	1KX	25	W	21
W	2MTA	25	KW	19
K	8LJG	23	K	18
W	1WCG	22	W	18
KW	1U	20	N	13
W	8IM	20	KK	12
N	1OTC	19	W	12
N	1GKE	17	W	11
N	4ABM	15	WA	8
KA	8WNO	15	WD	6
N	3SW	12	WB	6
K	4MSG	12	K	4
VE	3GNA	11	K	4
K	8KV	11	WD	4
WD	8Q	11	N	3
W	4WXA	10	W	3
WB	8WKQ	10	K	3
K	3MIY	9	K	3
N	4DY	9	WD	3
K	3IN	8	KT	2
WD	4DNC	7	WB	2
K	1EIR	6	KC	1
WD	8DIN	5	WA	1
N	1BHH	3	N	1
KT	2D	3	N	0
KB	2ETO	3	K	0
WB	9JSR	3	K	0
KC	ØM	2	N	0
N	ØSPY	2	WD	0
WA	3JXW	2	N	0
K	7IFG	2	KB	0
WD	8DHC	2	N	0
AB	1AV	1	K	0
KO	1E	1	AB	0
K	3GHH	1	KO	0
VE	3NUL	1	K	0
W	4VFJ	1	VE	0
N	9KHD	1	W	0
K	9NY	1	K	0
K	9PUI	1	K	0

HBN JUNE	QNI		QTC
W 2EAG	29	K 8LJG	99
WA 4BAM	28	KA 8WNO	66
KA 8WNO	27	WD 4DNC	57
K 4IWW	25	N 1OTC	39
K 8LJG	25	W 1WCG	33
W 2MTA	24	WB 8WKQ	30
W 1WCG	23	KW 1U	22
W 1KX	22	W 2EAG	21
K 8KV	22	K 8KV	20
K 2TV	20	W 1KX	11
KX 8B	19	K 2TV	10
W 8IM	19	WD 8Q	9
WB 8KPE	19	N 3SW	9
KW 1U	18	KK 3F	7
N 4DY	15	KT 2D	7
WD 8Q	15	WA 4BAM	6
N 1GKE	12	K 1EIR	5
N 1OTC	12	WB 8KPE	4
KK 3F	12	W 4WXA	3
N 4ABM	11	WD 8DHC	3
WD 4DNC	11	N 9AUG	3
WB 8WKQ	10	K 4IWW	2
K 4MSG	9	W 2MTA	2
N 3SW	8	K 4MSG	1
WD 8PNL	8	WD 8PNL	1
KT 2D	7	K 3IN	1
W 4WXA	7	W 4DLZ	1
KB 2ETO	6	KX 8B	0
K 3IN	6	W 8IM	0
WD 8DHC	6	N 4DY	0
N 9AUG	6	N 1GKE	0
K 4OSO	5	N 4ABM	0
K 1EIR	4	KB 2ETO	0
N 0SPY	3	K 4OSO	0
KO 1E	3	N 0SPY	0
W 4TY	3	KO 1E	0
W 4VFJ	3	W 4TY	0
N 1BHH	2	W 4VFJ	0
K 3MIY	2	N 1BHH	0
W 4DLZ	2	K 3MIY	0
WD 8DIN	2	WD 8DIN	0
AB 1AV	1	AB 1AV	0
K 1BTD	1	K 1BTD	0
K 7IFG	1	K 7IFG	0

HBSN MAY	QNI	QTC
AB1AV	2	0
K2TV	18	1
K3IN	7	0
K7IFG	3	0
KB2ETO	16	0
KCØM	1	0
KK3F	23	9
KT2D	8	0
N1GKE	8	0
N1JX	23	0
N1TF	5	1
N4DY	2	0
N9KHD	1	0
NM1E	1	0
VE3GNA	13	35
W1KX	18	4
W2EAG	24	10
W8IM	9	3
WA3JXW	8	4
WA3QNT	1	0
WA4BAM	13	4
WB2GTG	8	3
WB8WKQ	1	10
WD8DHC	1	0
WD8Q	10	3
WS4P	1	0

HBSN MAY	TOTALS	HBSN	JUNE
QNI	225	QNI	239
QTC	89	QTC	46
QSP	—	QSP	46
QND	755	QND	747
Sess	30	Sess	30

Avg TFC/session: 3  
Rate: .118 msg/min

HBN JUNE	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
QNI	513	501	498	502	451
QTC	472	487	738	640	554
QSP	461	459	722	598	523
QND	997	996	1074	934	898
Sess	30	30	30	30	30
HBN JULY	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
QNI	501	506	524	506	520
QTC	416	495	594	584	594
QSP	410	485	582	545	546
QND	1009	1048	978	1008	958
Sess	31	31	31	31	31

HBSN	AUG	HBSN	SEP
QNI	234	QNI	243
QTC	58	QTC	71
QSP	52	QSP	51
QND	776	QND	756
Sess	31	Sess	29

**A REMINDER to Net Control Stations for both nets** to please include traffic listed by each station and traffic passed. Eg: W2EAG/6/4, and include it in your totals in your report. Eg: QNI 16/14

**NCS HBSN ROSTER CHANGE**  
**THURSDAY K3IN**

HBN	AUG	QNI		QTC
W2EAG	31	K8LJG	96	
K4IWW	31	N1OTC	59	
WA4BAM	29	W1WCG	47	
K8KV	28	K8KV	36	
W2MTA	27	KA8WNO	35	
W1WCG	25	W2EAG	20	
K8LJG	24	W1KX	15	
WB8KPE	23	WB8WKQ	10	
W1KX	22	K2TV	9	
K2TV	20	KW1U	9	
KA8WNO	17	N3SW	7	
N1OTC	15	WB8KPE	5	
N4ABM	15	WD8Q	4	
KX8B	15	K4IWW	3	
W8IM	15	N9AUG	3	
WD8Q	15	K9NY	3	
N3SW	14	W8IM	2	
N4DY	14	KT2D	2	
KW1U	13	WA4BAM	1	
KB2ETO	12	W2MTA	1	
KK3F	12	N4ABM	1	
K4MSG	11	KK3F	1	
WB8WKQ	8	K4MSG	1	
W4VFJ	6	WD8DHC	1	
N1BHH	4	K1EIR	1	
K7IFG	4	KX8B	0	
K3IN	3	N4DY	0	
WD8DHC	3	KB2ETO	0	
N9AUG	3	W4VFJ	0	
K1EIR	2	N1BHH	0	
KT2D	2	K7IFG	0	
WD8DIN	2	K3IN	0	
KC0M	1	WD8DIN	0	
N1EA	1	KC0M	0	
K3GHH	1	N1EA	0	
WA3JXW	1	K3GHH	0	
K3MIY	1	WA3JXW	0	
N3ND	1	K3MIY	0	
K3RC	1	N3ND	0	
WD8PNL	1	K3RC	0	
K9NY	1	WD8PNL	0	

HBN AUG	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
QNI	474	538	523	476	568
QTC	372	665	466	484	510
QSP	366	644	453	451	482
QND	865	1186	996	924	935
Sess	31	31	31	31	31

HBN SEP	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
QNI	501	484	505	475	531
QTC	498	566	416	611	518
QSP	492	557	412	589	462
QND	968	974	939	960	1015
Sess	30	30	30	30	30

HBSN	SEP	QNI	HBSN	SEP	QTC
W2EAG	26	KK3F	30		
WA4BAM	22	W2EAG	12		
N1JX	21	WA4BAM	6		
W1KX	21	W1KX	5		
WA3JXW	20	WA3JXW	5		
KB2ETO	19	K3IN	5		
KK3F	19	N1TF	3		
K2TV	16	N3SW	2		
WB2GTG	15	KB2ETO	1		
K3IN	15	WD8DHC	1		
K7IFG	7	VE3GNA	1		
W8IM	7	N1JX	0		
KT2D	6	K2TV	0		
WD8DHC	5	WB2GTG	0		
N1TF	4	K7IFG	0		
N3SW	4	W8IM	0		
N9KHD	4	KT2D	0		
N4DY	3	N9KHD	0		
WA4JYX	2	N4DY	0		
WB8WKQ	2	WA4JYX	0		
AA2YK	1	WB8WKQ	0		
VE3GNA	1	AA2YK	0		
WA4JKY	1	WA4JKY	0		
WP4NQA	1	WP4NQA	0		
K9NY	1	K9NY	0		

HBSN	SEP	HBSN	OCT	HBSN	NOV
QNI	243	QNI	292	QNI	336
QTC	71	QTC	51	QTC	77
QSP	51	QSP	50	QSP	67
QND	756	QND	805	QND	814
Sess	29	Sess	31	Sess	67

HBN OCT	QNI	QTC
W 2EAG	31	VE 3GNA 106
K 4IWW	29	K 8LJG 100
W 2MTA	28	N 1OTC 46
K 8KV	28	W 1WCG 38
K 8LJG	28	KW 1U 34
WA 4BAM	27	K 8KV 30
N 4DY	26	W 2EAG 21
KX 8B	26	WD 4DNC 19
W 1KX	22	WD 8Q 8
N 4ABM	22	WB 8WKQ 8
WB 8KPE	22	W 1KX 6
W 1WCG	20	K 2TV 6
N 0SPY	19	N 4DY 5
WD 8Q	19	N 4ABM 5
KK 3F	17	K 3IN 5
KB 2ETO	15	KK 3F 4
K 2TV	15	W 2MTA 3
W 8IM	15	WB 8KPE 3
KW 1U	14	KT 2D 3
K 3IN	14	N 3SW 3
N 1OTC	13	K 4IWW 2
VE 3GNA	11	WA 4BAM 2
K 4MSG	11	KX 8B 2
N 1BHH	9	K 1EIR 2
W 4VFJ	6	W 8IM 1
WB 8WKQ	6	WA 3JXW 1
K 1EIR	4	WD 8PNL 1
KT 2D	4	K 9NY 1
AA 2YK	4	N 0SPY 0
N 3SW	4	KB 2ETO 0
WD 4DNC	4	K 4MSG 0
K 4OSO	3	N 1BHH 0
K 7IFG	3	W 4VFJ 0
WB 8SIW	3	AA 2YK 0
WA 3JXW	2	K 4OSO 0
WD 8PNL	2	K 7IFG 0
K 9PUI	2	WB 8SIW 0
KO 1E	1	K 9PUI 0
W 4SU	1	KO 1E 0
W 4WXA	1	W 4SU 0
K 9NY	1	W 4WXA 0

HBSNOCT	QNI	QTC
W2EAG	30	W2EAG 11
WA4BAM	28	WA3JXW 8
W1KX	23	WA4BAM 6
KB2ETO	21	WD8Q 6
WD8Q	19	W8IM 6
N1JX	18	W1KX 3
WA3JXW	18	WD8DHC 3
WB2GTG	16	VE3GNA 2
K2TV	15	WB2GTG 1
K3IN	14	K2TV 1
N9KHD	13	K3IN 1
VE3HZQ	12	K7IFG 1
K7IFG	12	KT2D 1
KK3F	10	N1TF 1
KT2D	7	KB2ETO 0
AA2YK	7	N1JX 0
N4DY	6	N9KHD 0
VE3ROY	5	VE3HZQ 0
KO1E	4	KK3F 0
W8IM	4	AA2YK 0
N1TF	2	N4DY 0
VE3GNA	2	VE3ROY 0
WA4JYX	2	KO1E 0
KC0M	1	WA4JYX 0
WB4ZDU	1	KC0M 0
WD8DHC	1	WB4ZDU 0
WB8WKQ	1	WB8WKQ 0

HBSN	NOV	QNI		QTC
W 2EAG	30	W 2EAG	18	
KB 2ETO	27	VE 3GNA	13	
WA 4BAM	27	W 1KX	8	
WB 2GTG	24	WD 8Q	8	
W 1KX	20	WB 2GTG	7	
KK 3F	20	WA 4BAM	5	
N 1JX	19	WA 3JXW	3	
WA 3JXW	19	AA 2YK	3	
VE 3ROY	16	N 3SW	3	
K 7IFG	15	KK 3F	2	
N 9KHD	15	K 3IN	2	
K 2TV	14	W 8IM	2	
VE 3HZQ	13	KC 0M	2	
WD 8Q	13	N 4ABM	1	
K 3IN	12	KB 2ETO	0	
KT 2D	9	N 1JX	0	
N 4DY	9	VE 3ROY	0	
WD 8DHC	8	K 7IFG	0	
W 8IM	8	N 9KHD	0	
AA 2YK	7	K 2TV	0	
VE 3GNA	2	VE 3HZQ	0	
WB 4ZDU	2	KT 2D	0	
KC 0M	1	N 4DY	0	
W 2PWD	1	WD 8DHC	0	
N 3SW	1	WB 4ZDU	0	
N 4ABM	1	W 2PWD	0	
K 4IWW	1	K 4IWW	0	
WD 8PNL	1	WD 8PNL	0	
W 8RF	1	W 8RF	0	

HBN OCT	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
QNI	532	553	582	512	549
QTC	465	412	540	637	631
QSP	441	409	514	615	594
QND	927	885	1100	1119	1079
Sess	31	31	31	31	31

From QMN, the Michigan net news:

**HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY DON AA8PI**

*Larry & Doris MacPhee*

Donald MacPhee, a long-time ham radio operator, is celebrating his 90th birthday January 25. Donald was born in 1922 in Beaverton, Alberta, Canada. He moved to Kalamazoo as a small boy with his family and graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School. Don married Averil Harrison and together they had four sons. Don worked as a carpenter. Averil passed away in 2010 and since Don has resided at Park Place Assisted Living in Portage.

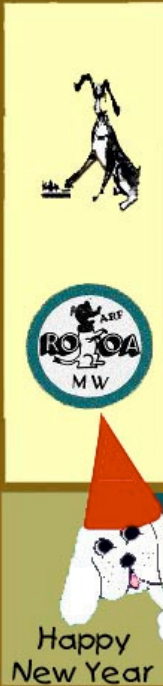
Donald served as a corporal in the US Army during WWII. He trained to be a radio operator using Morris Code and served in Europe. Then in the 1960s he went to a friend's home to help him copy Morris Code. This renewed his interest in radios, and he joined the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club.

He worked his way up the ranks of novice (13 wpm), general, advanced and amateur extra (20 wpm). He received awards for communicating with all 50 United States, 100 countries and all continents. Don is no longer able to participate in his net due to his health, and has donated his equipment to his radio club.

Don is still at Park Place Assisted Living and doing well. With the strokes he has had, his handwriting isn't very good; and when he gets tired, his speech is slurred. He is confined to a wheelchair, but is still sure he will get stronger and be able to walk. His sense of humor and mind are just as sharp as ever. He turns 90 this coming Jan. 25th. He really misses his radio days and remembers all of his radio buddies. Thank you for keeping in touch with him; he appreciates it.

Don MacPhee AA8PI  
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More from QMN at <http://www.michiganet.org/>



**NCS ROSTERS**

<b>HBN</b>		
Monday	W1WCG	Van
Tuesday	W2EAG	Mark
Wednesday	KW1U	Marcia
Thursday	W1KX	Bill
Friday		
Saturday	WBWKQ	Jeff
<b>HBSN</b>		
Monday	Henry	WD8Q
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Bob	K2TV
Thursday	Pete	K3IN
Friday	Bill	W1KX
Saturday	Bob	KT2D
Sunday	Dudley	WA3JXW

**W4SUS AWARD July 2011 to present**  
**N4DY JULY 2011**  
**WA4BAM JAN 2012**  
**W1WCG JULY 2012**  
**W8IM JAN 2013**

**ARFER ADVENTURES?**

Need more input from anyone and maybe get TC back on a regular basis. Every two or three months. Monthly, by the time it goes out, it's time to start another. The only regular reports coming in are from the manager, treasurer and statistician.

Send YOUR story/stories about yourself, your hamming escapades; even photos. Or I'll have to dig out some of the old ones from past issues. Maybe start "recycling" some. I have newsletters from the beginning, when it was called Morning Watch.

Also, if your birthday is not on the list at the website, send that too.

According to the results of a survey from HBN members a few years ago, stats and stories topped the list of arfer favorites. Old telegraph days stories were a big hit. How 'bout it?

-Sis WD8DIN



<b>Treasurer's Report</b>		
<b>Ole, N4ABM, Treasurer</b>		
<b>Balance</b>	<b>7/7/2010</b>	<b>\$273.04</b>
<b>Pd po/pr</b>	<b>7/26/2010</b>	<b>(\$53.37)</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>7/26/2010</b>	<b>\$219.67</b>
<b>WA4SRD</b>	<b>7/27/2010</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>WA3JXW</b>	<b>8/7/2010</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>N9KHD</b>	<b>8/28/2010</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>10/25/2010</b>	<b>\$279.67</b>

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