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The Standing Wave

The monthly newsletter of the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette, Michigan. Comments and suggestions can be sent to the club at P.O. Box 1183, Marquette, MI 49855 or to the editor at ki8af@arrl.net. Club info, membership, dues, etc can be found on our website at www.qsl.net/k8lod

MONTHLY MEETING: Marquette County Health Department Bldg., Lower Level, Negaunee Township.
Date: **April 7, 2011**
Time: 7:30 PM

CLUB OFFICERS, 2011

Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK
VP: Lane Dawson WD8PAJ
Sec. Mike Beltz KD8JIR
Tres. Fred Mouser KD8JIP
Board Members:
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EC Rich Schwenke N8GBA
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STANDING WAVE

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REPEATERS

KG8YT, 147.270 / .870 with 100 Hz PL-Tone Marquette
K8LOD, 146.910 / .310 Ishp.
N8RRZ, 146.640 / .040 Gwinn with 100 Hz PL-tone
K8LOD-3.144.390 APRS Digi Mqt

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

Field Day: June 25 – 26
July 4th Parade in Marquette

Ham of the Year!



KG8NK, Lou Gembolis presents KC8EWD Bill Dowe the Ham of the Year Award for 2011 !

Bill Dowe, KC8EWD was presented the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association's "HAM OF THE YEAR" award for 2011. The presentation was made at the March club meeting in Marquette. Congratulations Bill!

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2011 MINUTES

Officers present were – President, Lou Gembolis KG8NK, Secretary Mike Beltz KD8JIR, and Treasurer Fred Mouser KD8JIP

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Lou Gembolis KG8NK. A motion to approve the agenda by Bill Dowe KC8EWD and seconded by Lee Rowe KD8BJC. All approved the motion.

Introductions and Attendance: The Club had 15 members and one guest in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Mike KD8JIR submitted the February's meeting minutes and it was published in the Standing Wave. Members were asked if any changes were needed – no changes were made. A motion to accept the Secretary's Report as published by Rich Schwenke N8GBA and seconded by Pete Kotila KC8YTX. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Fred KD8JIP handed out the accounting for H.A.R.A. for February. He explained the changes in checking and money market were from our Swap & Shop. Even though attendance and table sales were down, our table sales were up and the club made a couple more dollars than last year. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Bill Dowe KC8EWD and seconded by Pete Kotila KC8YTX. The motion passed.

Correspondence – No correspondence was received in February. A Condolence card for the Claire Easley was sent to his daughter in Gwinn.

Committee Reports –

Repeaters/Tech. – Rich N8GBA gave a brief report. We are looking at putting a repeater in Chatham. This would help fill in the area between Marquette/Gwinn and Munising.

Ares/Races - Rich N8GBA stated that all new operators will need training. If you are interested in becoming an emergency operator contact Rich N8GBA at 249-3837. Since all the equipment is the same in every county, once trained, you will be able to operate a station in any county. The biggest hurdle right now is getting all the emergency stations up and running.

PR – Lee Rowe KD8BJC has sent PR information to the Mining Journal, but ???

Old Business –

Dog Sled Race Wrap up - It's was long weekend. Rich N8GBA, Fred KD8JIP, Lou KG8NK and others all weighed in with comments, good and bad, on how the race went. Some changes need to be addressed for next year.

Swap & Shop – All went well.

New Business –

Dayton – Lou KG8NK - If you plan to go, order your tickets from LaneWD8PAJ and they will have to be paid for immediately. \$20.

Ham of the Year – Congratulations to Bill Dowe KC8EWD, HARA's 'Ham of the Year'.

Standing Wave – Our editor, Greg KI8AF, is out of the country. Steve Skauge KD8CCP and Lane Dawson WD8PAJ will cover. Send any information you want in the 'Standing Wave' to Steve KD8CCP at KD8CCP@yahoo.com or Lane WD8PAJ at Laned@chartermi.net.

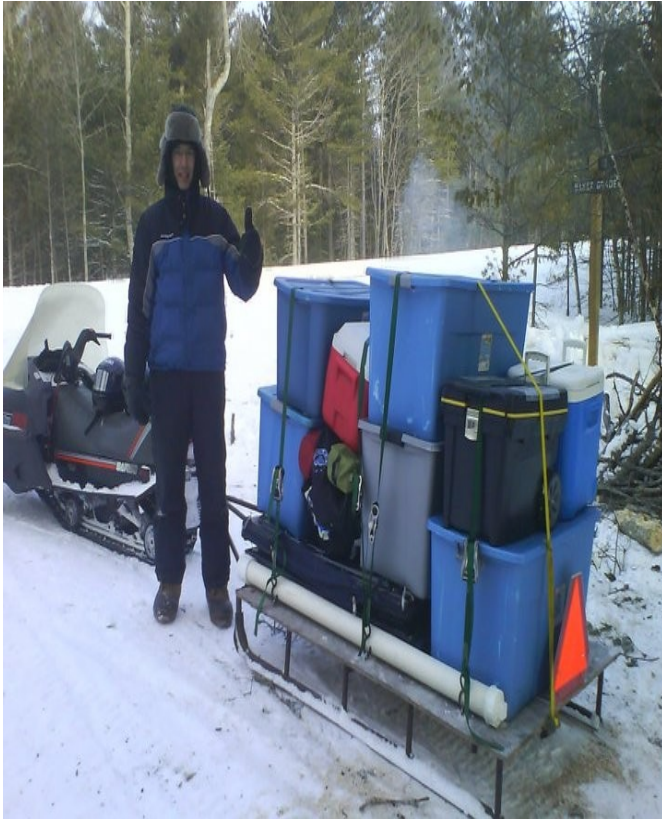
50/50 – Congratulations to Lee Rowe KD8BJC.

End of Meeting – A motion to conclude the meeting by Bill Dowe KC8EWD and seconded by Steve Skauge KD8CCP. The motion was approved.

Post Meeting Program – Lou Gembolis KG8NK presented a slide presentation on DX Contesting. He also brought in a nice portable multi frequency antenna.

Future Meeting Programs – **April**, Operating a HF station. **May**, Sky warn training.
June, Building Antennas. **July**, Working Satellites
August, Digital Modes. **Sept.**, HF Propagation

Kingston Lake Pictures:



Kingston Lake Headquarters



KC8QZG, Dave



KD8MAD, Zach

V.E. TESTING:

06/11 Marquette: 8:30am eastern time, (arrive by 8:00am) Marquette County Health Dept. Bldg, U.S. 41 just east of the Michigan State Police Post. Contact Rich Schwenke, N8GBA at 906 249-3837 or e-mail: n8gba@chartermi.net

04/09 Houghton: 8:30am eastern time, V.E. Exams at Michigan Tech. University in Houghton, MI will be held in the ballroom of DHH (Douglass Houghton Hall at Michigan Tech). Free Parking in Lot #14, front of DHH, across from Wadsworth Residence Hall. Use door #9 on the South-East side of DHH. Contact Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF at (906) 482-7743 if you have questions

05/07 Iron Mountain: 9:00am central time, (arrive by 8:30am) Dickinson County Library (conference room), contact Mark J. Lewis N8UKD (906) 776-1553, 412 Fairmount St. Kingsford, MI 49802

04/09 Gladstone: Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Howard St. John (906) 428-9476 Email: hsj99@charter.net VEC: ARRL/VEC Location: Gladstone City Hall Main Meeting Room 1100 Delta Ave. Gladstone, MI 49837

Please arrive one-half hour early for test sessions to give time to process applications. Testing applicants should bring the following items with them: Two pieces of I.D. one being a photo I.D., Original license and one clear copy of their license if applicable, Completed form 605 (one will be provided if you don't have one), pencils, calculator and the test fee of \$15.00. Please have the correct fee as examiners do not carry change. *Please contact the individual(s) listed to confirm date(s), location(s), etc.*

HARA membership? New member or need to renew your membership? Dues can be mailed to the: Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association, P.O. Box 1183, Marquette, MI 49855. Dues annual rate structure: Single \$15.00, Family \$20.00, Associate \$10.00, Family associate \$15.00, Student \$7.50. More information and an application form is available at <http://www.qsl.net/k8lod/membership.html>

Plan on going to Dayton Hamvention 2011? Need a three day entry ticket?

Lane WD8PAJ will gladly order a ticket for you but because of rule changes in regards to ordering them in advance he needs your reply and your money well in advance.
Advance ticket price is \$20 or pay \$25 at the door and wait in line to get it.

**Lane needs your money (\$20) by March 31st. NO money means NO ticket.
Contact Lane at 486-8697 if you want a ticket.**

Public Service: After Devastating Earthquake, Japan's Radio Amateurs Provide Communications Support.

From:

The ARRL Letter, March 17, 2011

After the 8.9 earthquake that struck near Sendai, Japan at 2:46 PM JST (0546 UTC) on Friday, March 11, the island nation is trying to recover. Soon after the earthquake -- which the US Geological Survey is calling the largest to hit the island nation in 140 years -- Japan has been rocked by tsunamis and power outages caused by trouble at a nuclear power station. Reports from Japan tell of phone and Internet service still up in most parts of the country. Even so, the Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL) -- that country's IARU Member-Society -- has asked that 7.030 MHz be kept clear for emergency use. Other reports are asking that these additional frequencies be kept clear: 3.525, 7.030, 7.077, 7.087, 7.097, 14.100, 21.200 and 28.200 MHz.

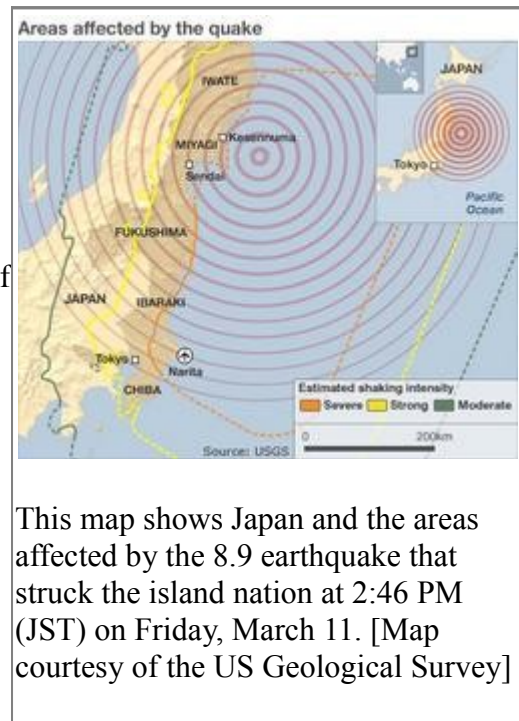
JA1RL, the JARL HQ station -- along with other amateurs throughout the island nation -- is maintaining the effort to support the disaster relief operation, according to IARU Region 3 Secretary Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP. "In less damaged areas, the electric power supply is being restored gradually and local amateurs have started to establish stations at shelters," he said. Yamamoto said that JA1RL continues to operate as an emergency traffic center on 7.030 MHz, as well as 2 meters and 70 cm. It is receiving and reporting news from Japanese amateurs who are in the affected area. Using battery power or small generators, Japanese stations are active and are using various frequencies to exchange rescue and disaster relief operation information with JA1RL and others.

"While 3.525, 7.030, 7.043 and 7.075 MHz have been mentioned as in use, it's wise to keep those -- and all of the Center of Emergency frequencies -- clear of normal and non-urgent traffic," said IARU Region 3 Disaster Communications Committee Chairman Jim Linton, VK3PC, who added that there is no call for additional foreign radio amateurs in Japan.

For more on how radio amateurs in Japan are providing communications support after earthquake, click [here](http://www.arrl.org/news/radio-amateurs-in-japan-provide-communications-support-after-earthquake).
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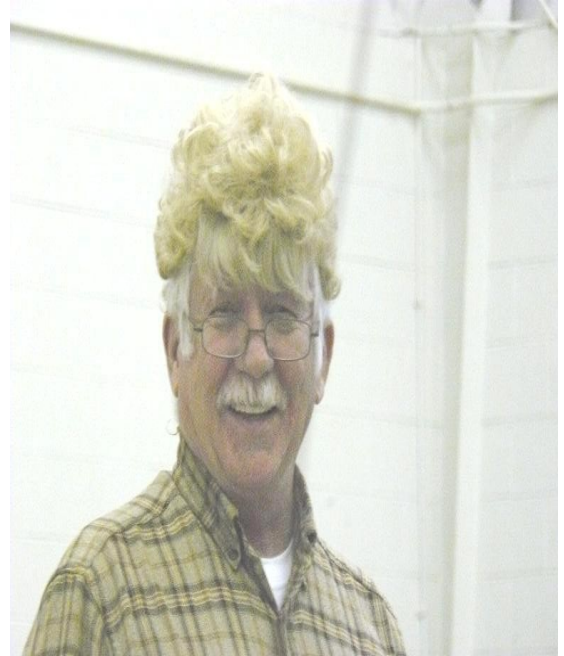
For information on how US amateurs are helping out, click [here](http://www.arrl.org/news/japan-asks-radio-amateurs-to-keep-frequencies-clear-as-country-goes-into-recovery-mode-after-devasta). <http://www.arrl.org/news/japan-asks-radio-amateurs-to-keep-frequencies-clear-as-country-goes-into-recovery-mode-after-devasta>

For more on how Japan, Hawaii and the Western US dealt with the immediate aftereffects of the earthquake and tsunami, click [here](http://www.arrl.org/news/massive-earthquake-hits-japan-tsunami-warnings-issued). <http://www.arrl.org/news/massive-earthquake-hits-japan-tsunami-warnings-issued>



This map shows Japan and the areas affected by the 8.9 earthquake that struck the island nation at 2:46 PM (JST) on Friday, March 11. [Map courtesy of the US Geological Survey]

..... More Swap and Shop 2011 Pictures:



Yaesu, ICOM and Kenwood Issue Statements Regarding Effects of Earthquake on Operations

from:

The ARRL Letter, March 17, 2011

In a letter to the Amateur Radio community, Vertex Standard Chief Executive Officer and President Jun Hasegawa expressed his "sincere appreciation to all of you for your kind words and thoughts about us" after the [devastating 8.9 earthquake that struck Japan last week](#).

Vertex Standard is the parent company of Yaesu. All Vertex Standard employees and their families are safe and unhurt, Hasegawa said, but the company has not been

able to reach many of their dealers and subcontractors who are located on the coast area: "We just hope that they are alive." Hasegawa said that a Vertex Standard factory in Fukushima was damaged in the earthquake. Even though the factory is not located near the coast and the damage was minimal, he said that Vertex Standard has decided to "disable the operation at this moment." Saying that they are working very hard to get the factory back to its normal operation, Hasegawa said that "it may take one to two weeks to restart operation in the Fukushima factory. I would like to ask for your understanding and cooperation at this time."



According to a [press release](#), no one from ICOM is known to be injured. No damage has been reported at ICOM's headquarters in Osaka, or at either of their two main factories in Wakayama; both Osaka and Wakayama are located far south of the most severely affected areas. The branch offices in Tokyo and Sendai, however, did suffer some minor damage. "Most of ICOM's facilities and systems are ready to get back to normal business, but supplier logistics, commuting issues and future

power disruptions will affect our company," the press release said. "It is too soon to tell how big an impact the earthquake and its aftermath will have on ICOM. We appreciate your interest and concern."

"Thankfully, our staff in Japan is safe due to earthquake preparedness and the special construction of our buildings," said Kenwood USA President Junji Kobayashi on [the Kenwood website](#). "Power outages and interruption of mass transit have kept most of Kenwood's staff at home since the earthquake;

however, we expect the infrastructure to improve in the coming week and our operations to fully resume accordingly. We appreciate the concern for our employees expressed by all those who have contacted us." Kenwood's primary office facilities in Yokohama and Hachioji were not damaged, due to their proximity further south and west of the quake's epicenter. Since Kenwood's primary manufacturing facilities are in Malaysia, electronics production is unaffected.



Note: Greg, KI8AF is on vacation for a few months. During his absence I will be doing the newsletter with the help of LaneWD8PAJ. Please send me any feedback, comments or suggestions on the newsletter for April, May and June of 2011.

**Steve
KD8CCP@yahoo.com**

And that's a wrap for another month. Please if you have an article or something which you may think will be of interest to the club membership get it to me. Also if you have any comments or suggestions please get a hold of me. 73 until next month, Greg KI8AF@arrl.net



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