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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 n8nav1@charter.net Club info, membership, dues, etc. can be found on our website at www.qsl.net/k8lod

MONTHLY MEETING:
Marquette Co. Health Department
Lower Level, Negaunee Township
Date: **September 7, 2023**
Time: **7:00 PM**

CLUB OFFICERS, 2023
Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK
VP: Greg Hanson KI8AF
Treas. Mike Beltz KD8JIR
Sec. Scott Machalk WU8H
Board Members:
Fred Mouser KD8JIP (Past Pres.)
Jim Belles, N8NAV (EC)
Dave Thomas KD8DRF

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REPEATERS
With the proliferation of local and regional repeaters, it is no longer feasible to list them individually. However there is an extensive list – and map – contained in the HARA website at www.qsl.net/k8lod.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

After about 20 years of involvement with HARA and most of that time as President, it's time for me to step back a bit. I've enjoyed my time as President but now it's time for new leadership to come in. At September's meeting there will be nominations for new officers. Here's your chance to get more involved and take HARA into the future.

73, Lou, KG8NK

V.E. TESTING:

September 9, 2023 *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. You MUST preregister at least by the Tuesday evening preceding the Saturday test date. Contact Rich N8GBA at 249-3837, n8gba@att.net or Greg KI8AF at ki8af@arrl.net.*

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. **You must have an FRN and provide a valid email address.** *Please contact the individual(s) listed to confirm date(s), location(s), etc.*

Note: Other clubs in the area may offer license testing. For a listing you can go to the ARRL website at arrl.org. Click on *Licensing, Education, Training*, then *Getting Licensed*, and then *Find An Exam Session*. You can search by zip code or other criteria.

HARA's Monthly Meeting Programs

NOTE: The Club is always looking for Ham Radio-related programs of interest to the membership. If you have something in mind, please contact VP Greg Hanson @ ki8af@arrl.net.

The Business

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION Monthly Meeting

No club meeting in August due to the annual picnic.



Friday Lunch is back!
(meet in the back room at Big Boy at 11:00 am)



Front row: Brad, KE8TPS, Dave, WD8PAK, Bruce, KH6IK, Judi, KE8LRW, Jim, N8NAV, Lou, KG8NK, Dave, KD8DRF
Back row: Brian, Mqt. Co. EM, Marge (XYL of Bill), Bill, KE8KCA, Fred, KD8JIP, Troy, KE8MMF, Sam (XYL of Troy), Don, N8HDT, Greg, KI8AF

Happenings!

The following is a list of local events that, as of press time, **are** happening:

- Marquette Marathon – September 2, 2023. Stay tuned for details.
- HARA (Regular) Club Meeting - September 7, 2023 @ Marquette Co. Health Department.
- HARA Swap & Shop – September 16, 2023 @ Negaunee Township Hall (see flyer below).



HARA 10-meter Net

Some months ago, the club established a weekly get-together on 10 meters. The original intent was to give those Hams with a Technician-class license a chance to gain experience on HF SSB. Since that time, it has grown into a combination rag-chew, Health & Welfare and generally an old-fashioned good time! We continue to have a good showing of “regulars” and visitors! With the Cycle 25 (hopefully) increase in propagation, 10 meters appears to be hopping. 28.400 MHz is a calling frequency, so we have decided to move our net to **28.396** on Friday nights at 7:00 pm local time. Net control is usually Greg, KI8AF. Because it is a local net, you don’t need to run much power or have a big antenna installation to be heard. So finish your Friday fish fry early and join us on 10 meters! We look forward to hearing you!

HARA Club Picnic 2023



President Lou, KG8NK, looks like he's ready to eat!



VP Greg, KI8AF, sneaking up for seconds?



The 2023 Annual HARA Picnic was held at the Sands Township Hall on Thursday, August 3rd. There was a good crowd with 32 attending! Good food and great fellowship. I hope to see you next year. 73!

A Note about Photo Submissions

A couple of things to keep in mind when submitting photos to be published in the Standing Wave:

1. We always prefer shots of Hams in action over those just depicting random people or scenery.
2. We'd love to include captions to go along with the photo. So please identify the individual Ham(s) as well as the activity. THANKS!

Challenge

2023 CQ DX Marathon

January 1 – December 31, 2023

For details, see the DX Marathon website at www.dxmarathon.com.

Volunteers On The Air

January 1 – December 31, 2023

For details, see:

<https://www.arrl.org/volunteers-on-the-air>.



News

from the desk of N8NAV



Last month I mentioned the upcoming annual ARRL-sponsored Simulated Emergency Test (SET), usually held in October. If you are an ARRL member and subscribe to QST magazine, you hopefully noticed the 2022 SET results in the July issue. On page 68 were listed two sets of scores from the Upper Peninsula (if you recall, we ran our own exercise and also participated in the statewide exercise). These are the first listing for us that I can recall in a very long time and it is because of **YOUR** ARES participation. Well Done! I will have more definitive information on the 2023 event as the date gets closer. If anyone has a scenario that they would like to try, please let me know.

ARRL and FEMA Sign Agreement: Ham Radio is as relevant as Ever

(excerpt from page 68 of the August 2023 issue of QST) “ARRL member and former FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate, KK4INZ, led the agency when the previous MOA with ARRL was signed in 2014. Fugate said the agreement underscores the importance of ham radio. “By incorporating amateur radio into their emergency plans, FEMA ensures that they have access to a network of trained operators who can establish and maintain communication links when traditional infrastructure fails.” He continued, “This collaboration between FEMA and amateur radio operators allows for more robust and resilient emergency communication capabilities, ultimately contributing to effective disaster response and recovery.””

Like many of us, I get A LOT of spam phone calls on our home landline – a few less on my cell phone. At home we have a generic answering machine message and we usually screen calls if we are home. If we don't recognize the name or number, chances are good that we will let the machine pick up the call. So if you call, PLEASE leave a message and I will get back with you.

We are always looking for new ARES members. If interested, you can download an application from the ARRL website, www.arrl.org/ares and email it to me at n8nav1@charter.net, or contact me and I will arrange to get an application to you.

Stay safe!

73 de Jim, N8NAV

Buy, Sell, or Trade

Please advise when items have been bought or sold.

HARA still has some equipment and furniture that must be sold prior to our move from the Health Department. If interested, contact Greg, KI8AF, at ki8af@arrl.net

Parting Thoughts

1. Somber news from ARRL:

A Message from ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR

Dear ARRL members,

Yesterday, the ARRL Board of Directors completed their second annual meeting. I'm writing to let you know that they made the tough, but necessary, decision to increase the regular membership dues rate to \$59 a year starting January 1, 2024 (see [2024 Dues Rates](#)). Additionally, we have chosen to separate the printed, mailed magazine from regular membership. Members will be able to choose whether they want to add-on a print subscription to any of our magazines including *QST*, *On the Air*, *QEX*, and *NCJ*. All members will continue to have online, digital access to each of these four magazines and the digital archive as part of their regular membership benefits.

This is only the second time in 22 years that ARRL has raised our dues. It is a necessary part of ensuring ARRL is supported so we can continue to promote and fight hard for our Amateur Radio Service, while providing benefits and services for our members that increase your knowledge and enjoyment of ham radio.

To help us make this decision, we invited every ARRL member to participate in a survey in May. Over 20,000 members responded (you can view the survey results [here](#)). We know from the survey results that most of you will find the new rate reasonable, or even ask why we didn't set it higher. We also know that some may find the rate is too high. As I've shared with many of you during my visits at hamfests and conventions, each of us has a responsibility to be active participants, and to support ARRL if we want to increase our ranks and ensure a lasting legacy for amateur radio's future.

You told us that you value ARRL's advocacy efforts, including spectrum defense, standing up to regulators and policymakers, and our work in other areas that defend, promote, and grow amateur radio - including STEM outreach to schools, teachers, and youth. **There is no other organization that is working harder to advance a vision that allows any citizen to explore, develop, and practice radio communications and radio technology.**

Your feedback showed us the many benefits, services, and programs you use - from Logbook of The World, to the work done by the ARRL Lab to test equipment for product reviews. While our magazines topped the list of benefits, many of you also shared that your reading preferences have changed. Some of you prefer print, and increasingly members prefer digital. As a result, for those who prefer print, you will be able to subscribe to *QST* and/or *On the Air* magazine. Again, all members will continue to have access to the digital editions of all four ARRL magazines.

Have you ever heard a Life Member say, "I got a good deal when I signed up for Life Membership 25 (or 30, or 40...) years ago." They're right! They got a good deal, but continuing to serve Life members is not sustainable without making some changes. So, we're going to freeze new applications for the program, not adding any new Life Memberships until we can price the offering to be revenue neutral over its term. And, again, as more members prefer digital, we'll be asking current Life Members to opt-in if they want to continue to receive *QST* by mail.

The cost of doing business goes up every year. During the last couple of years, the costs associated with printing and postage have increased significantly. We've cut and delayed hiring for some positions on our professional staff - one of the smallest teams we've had staffing our headquarters in Newington, Connecticut, in years. We are also continuing to examine other cost-saving measures, but we cannot go further without reducing or eliminating benefits and programs which our members have told us are important to them.

I can assure you that the ARRL Board exercises due diligence and oversight in making sure your association is a good steward of your membership dollars. The reality is that ARRL does a lot - in fact much more than dues cover.

ARRL shares your passion for amateur radio. We are committed to strengthening and growing our community, and protecting our rights to use and experiment on our amateur radio spectrum. We have a 109-year track record that includes YOU as part of that ongoing legacy of support for amateur radio and ARRL.

73

Rick Roderick, K5UR

2. From the August edition of Dale's (WA8EFK) Tales:

We in the ARRL Great Lakes Division have just entered a new election cycle for the offices of Director and Vice Director. It has been my honor and privilege to serve our Division as Vice Director for 4 years and Director for these past 9 ½ years. These years have been educational, very interesting and rewarding. It is however, time to pass the baton. I have chosen to make this my final term on the ARRL Board and in January, step back, relax and do some things for Judy and Dale.

(We have been honored to have Dale make the long journey to many of our Swaps, including the ones held in challenging February weather. We wish him and his family all the best! Ed.)

This remaining year is slightly more than half over and we still have much to accomplish. The Emergency Communications and Field Services Committee, which I chair, is leading the charge for a complete upgrade to the National Traffic System®, radio club activities are getting additional Headquarters support with some new programs under consideration, ARES® improvements continue with new HQ Staff leadership and ARRL received the official invitation and has become a member of the national SAFECOM program.

Your input over these few years has done much to shape the changes in our programs, hopefully bringing them closer to you and your local needs and requirements.

The Board of Directors faced the formidable task of the League's financials and how to best handle the increasing costs of doing business - without cutting services to our members. We have had only 2 increases in dues over the past 22 years and with inflation at or exceeding a compounded 3% per year, some difficult decisions had to be considered. We polled the membership, giving everyone the opportunity to consider the options and comment appropriately. The poll response was in excess of 20,000 members. ARRL Members can view the tabulated poll response at:

<https://www.arrl.org/dues-survey>.

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[President Rick Roderick K5UR has some words to say regarding the dues changes as voted by the Board:](#)

<http://www.arrl.org/member-bulletin?issue=2023-07-23> and as one member put it, "...I can't understand those who are going to "walk" because of a \$10 increase. That's the price of two PL-259 connectors!..."

From Vice Director Scott, N8SY:

I know that the dues increase is on everyone's mind right now. Did we really need to do it or could we have held off another year or two. Believe me when I say that every detail about the need for this increase was discussed, and then re-discussed, and then re-re-discussed. I can tell you from my own observations it wasn't an easy decision for any of the Board members to come to. But a decision was made and my heart and mind tells me that it was the right decision. From all the discussions that I was involved in, it was truly the only real option that we have to keep your ARRL strong and vibrant for years to come.

I was in a discussion with my daughter tonight over these rising costs and she told me that my grandson's Boy Scout dues are \$120 per year and they have an additional charge if they want to receive "Boys Life" which is their equivalent to QST. Wow, that made me stop and really think about how little this increase actually is compared to other non-essential activities that we all do... The increase brings us just a freckle under \$5 per month. Yes, I hear you on having a "fixed" income, so are a lot of working folks. Many of which haven't seen a raise in their paychecks since before COVID hit. Trust me, that was a topic that was discussed in great detail... how this would affect YOU. I feel confident that our Great Lakes Division folks will understand the need and do what they can to support this increase.



3. From our very own Greg, KI8AF:

**Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association
of
Marquette County
Swap & Shop**

Saturday September 16, 2023

We are hoping that summer has been great for you so far and the end of summer is off in the distance but we'd like you to mark your calendar now for our annual Swap & Shop that has been moved to **September 16, 2023**. For ages we held this event in February but plans are to host it annually in the fall.

Other than that everything is the same. Location is the Negaunee Township Hall on M-35 just south of the U.S. Hwy 41 and M-35 intersection. Times are 0900 to 1300. We'll have lots of door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. Refreshments will be available.

Also and as always help will be needed Contact Greg KI8AF at ki8af@arrl.net

Do you need a sales table? If so contact Greg KI8AF at ki8af@arrl.net

4. From our East Coast correspondent, Pete, K8PT:



Think you know all the famous hams - I bet a few of these will surprise you.

youtu.be/mdbiNRjKKFA

8/7/23, 6:08 PM

5. From Lucille, K8PTE:

Interesting web site put together by a ham.

<https://solarham.net/>



6. Ham Clock

On Saturday, July 22nd, Scott, WU8H, held a class on the operational use of a Raspberry Pi in running the Ham Clock program. As you can see from the accompanying photos, the class was informative, appreciated and well-attended. Thanks Scott for a new and innovative tool for our Ham shacks!





7.

A Friend Indeed!



Many of us, myself included, have benefitted from the generosity of Mr. John Veiht! As most of you know, John is an **avid** collector and restorer of “vintage” radios and TVs. A couple of years ago John moved to Ohio, leaving a significant portion of his collection here in Marquette. John recently returned to Marquette with the intent of reuniting with those precious items. When he – and a few of his friends – started this odyssey there was not a clear path across any part of the floor. Over the period of about 10 days it took a lot of sweat, a little blood and a smattering of tears. But you see the finished product – and a happy John – before you. We wish you, and your awesome collection, well John!

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Here is only a small sample of what will be on our club table. I realize it is scheduled down the road somewhat but **please mark your calendar now** so you don't miss it. **Please let your club members be aware of our up coming Swap & Shop.**

Also does anyone need a sales table at our event? Contact Greg KI8AF at ki8af@arrl.net

Local Weekly DMR Net

The weekly DMR net starts each Sunday evening at 6:30 pm local time and is finished by the start of the HARA Sunday evening net at 7:00 pm.

The DMR net meets on our local KB0P DMR repeater and/or the U.P. Michigan Talk Group. Lucille KD8PTE, and her assistants do a bang-up job as net control!

Repeater: 442.200 MHz receive/447.200 transmit

U.P. Michigan Talk Group: 31268



That's a wrap for this month!

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>

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