

December 2023
Merry Christmas

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: **January 4, 2024**
Time: **7:00 PM**

CLUB OFFICERS for 2024
Pres. Tom Perry KE8TPT
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Treas. Mike Beltz KD8JIR
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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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! The year 2023 is almost in the history books and we look forward to the club activities in the coming year. We had 29 people attend the Christmas party on December 7th. A big THANK YOU to Don, and his wife Carolyn, for coordinating the party. It was a lively crowd. Greg and Lou entertained us all with the raffle and door prize drawings.

Looking forward into the next year we have a couple of community activities that we support, so mark your calendars and volunteer as you are able. First is the Noquemanon Ski Marathon in January. The second is one of our biggest supported events of the year, the UP200/Midnight Run sled dog races in February. I will be sending out more info separately on how to sign up for the UP200/MNR.

Food for thought; it has been suggested to me that we provide a Zoom or teleconference feed of our monthly meetings for those who are unable or unwilling to attend. This will be on the agenda for the January meeting, so bring your thoughts and ideas.

Lastly, my main priority for the upcoming year is to seek grant money for maintenance and life cycle replacement of our repeater system equipment. If you know of an agency or organization that provides such grants, please let me or one of the executive board members know. Please don't tell me 3 days before the grant application is due. Given enough lead time we can put together a well thought out application to increase our odds of receiving the grant.

73. Tom KE8TP7

V.E. TESTING:

March 2024 *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 Brad Mattson @ barbarajquesestavez@braxmail.net

The Business

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Christmas Party
December 7, 2023

No business meeting. Twenty-nine members and guests attended.
(If any has photos to share, please send them to me – Ed.)

HARA dues are due!

December marks the end of the year for your HARA club dues. In order to renew your membership, you can attend one of the club meetings or send your renewal to the club mailbox. The address is listed at the beginning and end of each newsletter.

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



Left side: Marge (XYL of Bill, KE8KCA), Fred, KD8JIP, Rich, N8GBA, Bill, KD8ZEG, Joe, AJ8MH, Greg, KI8AF
Right side: Bill, KE8KCA, Lou, KG8NK, Judi, KE8LRW, Sheri, KD8EDS, Mike, KD8JIR, Bill, KD8ZMU, Dave, KD8DRF

Happenings!

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

- Noquemanon Ski Marathon – January 26-27, 2024. Stay tuned.
- UP200 Sled Dog Race/Midnight Run – February 16-28, 2024. Contact Tom, KE8TPT for details.



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! **10-meter propagation is really hopping, so let’s hear you on the air!**

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



Skywarn Recognition Day

The Skywarn program is a joint ARRL/National Weather Service (NWS) partnership where Hams provide weather information services to their local NWS office. If you attend the May/June club meetings, you're likely to hear one of the NWS employees, usually Matt, KD8EFY, provide a detailed explanation. The first Friday in December celebrates that partnership with an operating event known as Skywarn Recognition Day (SRD). During the 24-hour event, NWS offices from across the country are on-the-air offering opportunities for contacts.

This year, I operated as WX8MQT, the callsign assigned to our local NWS office. During the roughly 9 hours of operation, I managed to make 141 SSB contacts that included 17 other NWS offices across several states. SRD is a fun special event (not a contest) that shows our support to a vital partnership useful in times of weather-related emergencies. I will attempt to be more diligent in advertising next year's event to give even more Hams the opportunity to participate!

SRD is just one of the events available for local, including ARES members, Ham participation. 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.

73 & Merry Christmas de Jim, N8NAV



Antennas at the NWS office.



Dave, KE8LRX at the controls of the station at the NWS office.

Antenna Projects

It has been suggested that the best time to install an antenna is during the winter months. Below are a couple of pics of intrepid club members accomplishing this task.



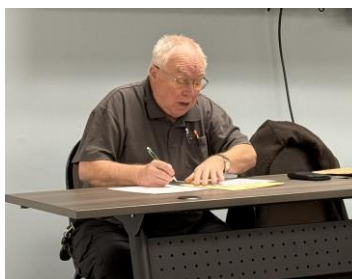
Greg, KI8AF up a tree.



Greg & Dave, KD8DRF confer over the installation of Dave's new end-fed dipole.

Welcome to our new General!

HARA welcomes new General-class licensee Paul, KE8WWQ. Paul tested at our session in December. Our next license test will be held in March 2024.



Buy, Sell, or Trade

Please advise when items have been bought or sold.

Nothing in the shopping cart this month!

Parting Thoughts

1. From Dale's Tales for December:

Greetings, welcome to "Dale's Tales" for December, 2023.

60 Meter update. ARRL filed additional Comments to the FCC's ET Docket No. 23-120 relating primarily to the power levels proposed for the 60 meter band earlier this week. These supported our original position and the 3450 comments filed by you. (Thanks for doing that). Reply comments will be due on this item on Dec. 28 and will include responses to the previously filed comments. It is a long and perhaps arduous process, but it does provide input from all sides of the issue and an opportunity to respond and hear from both sides.

Thanks everyone who participated in the recent ARRL Director Election. It was nice to see a fairly good turn-out. These elections typically result in about 30% of the members participating - never the desired number, but we should always work towards improving that participation.

Winding it down. After serving 9+ years as your ARRL Director and three as Vice Director, I am preparing to get back to playing radio. The technical side of this great hobby has always been my passion and I am really looking forward to resuming some projects that have been shelved for quite a while. Actually, just to clear the workbench will be a major accomplishment. My thanks go out to all of you for your support for these recent years in my serving the League. It has been a worthwhile experience for me and I hope that my contributions over these years prove beneficial to the League and amateur radio. The ARRL has faced some serious challenges and your Board has worked diligently to improve services to our members, reduce operating expenses and insure the longevity of the organization. This last term for me ends at midnight December 31. On January 1, Director-elect Scott Yonally N8SY will take the helm of the Great Lakes Division. I'll be able to squeeze out one more edition of Dale's Tales before things close. As time will have it, that will fall part way through this holiday season, so let me take this opportunity right now for Judy and me to wish you all the very best for this wonderful time of the year.

73, Dale Williams WA8EFK Director Great Lakes Division wa8efk@arrl.org

2. Comments from your ARRL Vice-Director Scott, N8SY:

Merry Christmas; Mele Kalikimaka; Joyeux Noël; Frohe Weihnachten; Feliz Navidad; Buon Natale; Feliz Natal; Vrolijk kerstfeest; Craciun fericit; Wesolych swiat Bozego Narodzenia; God Jul; Veselé Vánoce or however you may pronounce it, Christmas is just 24 days away! Have you been good little girls and boys? I sure hope so, and I hope that you get everything on your list as well! Did you survive turkey day? You know... that one day above all others that you eat everything in sight, including the dishes, tablecloth and if you're really hungry, you'll even go after the dog's food bowl and then sit back with your pants unbuttoned in your recliner chair complaining that there's no leftovers and you'll have to make a run to the store for some snacks! Anyway, I hope that you and yours had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you remembered to give a very special thanks to those in uniform that keep us safe all year long.

I want to thank everyone who took the time to vote in the Great Lakes Division election. Whether you voted electronically or with a paper ballot, your voice has been heard loud and clear and I promise to do my very best to represent YOUR voice at every Board meeting.

Our good friend Jack Shirley, N8DX who is our QSL card sorter manager for the 8th call area is asking for some help. He needs an " I " card sorter. This is a really fun job to do, but it does take some dedication. You just need to be aware that you are sorting QSL cards for everyone that has the suffix of " I " in their call sign and they would like to have their cards sent to them in a timely fashion, just like you would want them to be sent to you. If you have an interest in doing something like this, send Jack an email at: w8buro@gmail.com I'm sure he'd like to hear from you. It would be a help if you are in Southwest Ohio, but I'm sure he won't be picky if you aren't. Oh, and to have a club pick this up as a club project would be great as well. Give it some thought, this gives you a good project that everyone in your club can help do.

I am happy to inform you that the scholarship application process is now open. There is a link on the ARRL homepage in addition to the link on the scholarship page. More than 100 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$25,000 will be awarded in 2024. Hey, this is FREE money for your kids to go to college on! How many kids do you know that couldn't use a helping hand with their college tuition? All applicants must be active, FCC-licensed amateur radio operators and all applicants must submit a completed online application no later than January 10, 2024, at 12pm. Go to: <http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-program> The ARRL Foundation will be utilizing the same Scholarship Management Platform for the 2024 Scholarships that has been used for the past several years. Transcripts and additional required documents must be submitted WITH the application and not emailed separately. A number of scholarships require additional documents, such as a letter of recommendation from a sitting Officer of an ARRL-affiliated club. Applications without accompanying transcripts and additional required documents (if applicable) will not be considered. The ARRL Foundation Scholarship Committee will review all applicants for eligibility and award decisions. Awards are mailed directly to recipients' schools.

73, Scott Scott Yonally N8SY Vice Director Great Lakes Division N8SY@ARRL.ORG



3. From our East Coast correspondent, Pete K8PT:

Important Hamvention Announcements 12.08.2023:

1. The 2024 Hamvention General Chairman Jim Storms AB8YK and the Hamvention team are pleased to announce the ARRL will be holding its National Convention at Hamvention in May 2024! Hamvention Organizers and ARRL leadership have been busy working out joint activities. There will be more information about this joint venture soon.
2. We are pleased to unveil our 2024 logo and theme. The theme is 'Expanding our Community'. This is in support of the growth of Amateur Radio worldwide.
3. It is time to submit award nominations, Amateur of the Year, Technical Achievement, Special Achievement, and Club of the Year. See the website for details.
4. We want to remind everyone to purchase their tickets and make their room reservations early to avoid the rush. Please reference our website for more information. www.hamvention.org.

Submitted by Michael Kalter W8CI
Hamvention Spokesperson 2024

4. An article forwarded by our District 8 EC, Pete, K8PND:

Contributed by our Region 8 MSP Emergency Management and Homeland Security Director LT Steve Derusha.

Lessons Learned From A Few Years As The Region 8 District Coordinator

On Auxiliary Communications...

Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) staff are a force multiplier. AUXCOMM personnel are willing and able to provide much more than back-up communications. AUXCOMM is comprised of knowledgeable, dedicated persons who are eager to help in any way that they can. They bring a vast array of experience in a wide range of fields. In region 8, we have trained some of our AUXCOMM persons in debris management and damage assessment. Many of them are retirees who can respond across the region. This deployable force will be invaluable in disaster-stricken communities where local persons are otherwise occupied with other areas of disaster response.

On Debris Management...

If a community waits until a disaster to plan for debris management, they're going to pay for disposal themselves. In a flooding event, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will pay for a large portion of debris disposal *if it is done according to their process specifications*. That includes having a large (several acre parking lot) area to stage debris, separated as vegetation, scrap metal, hazardous, general waste, etc. Communities are wise to train a local team in debris management and have a staging area pre-identified.

When you simply identify an empty lot for people to drop off their flood debris... there will be some legitimate flood debris dropped off, and the lot will immediately get overfilled with everything that everyone has been waiting to get rid of. Everything. Tires. Cans of chemicals. Paint cans. Old gas grills. Everything. When there are some hazardous waste items in a load of garbage, you pay the hazardous waste rate for the whole load. This cost falls on the local community because the FEMA stage/separate plan was not followed.

On Incident Management Teams...

Every upper peninsula county and community will need outside help with an Incident Management Team (IMT) if a significant disaster occurs. We can (and do) train our community leaders, first responders, and local players in Incident Command System, but the fact is that most of our communities are pretty small. When a significant event occurs, most of those persons are busy with their regular positions in dealing with the disaster. We can staff a Unified Command and Operations Section Chief well enough, but we are frequently wanting for the positions of Planning Section Chief and Logistics Section Chief.

EMHSD is in the process of working with locals in developing IMTs that are regional and mobile. My fear is that such a team in Region 8 is not going to be activated enough to remain proficient. During the 2018 Houghton Flood we had an Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) IMT step in. During the 2022 Menominee Paper Fire we had a Department Natural Resources (DNR) IMT step in. Both of those teams did an OUTSTANDING job. EGLE has had some turnover in their IMT personnel and I'm not sure where they currently stand on the position of sending a team to serve a local community. The DNR IMT that responded to Menominee and the EGLE IMT in Houghton hit the ground running and kept the efforts running on a schedule. Both were very much needed.

Bottom line is... If you have a sizeable incident and need an IMT, we can probably get you one.

On Yooper Resilience...

Yoopers are a truly resilient bunch. Through the years we have set up many shelters for relief during forest fire evacuations, flooding, extended power outages, etc. Very few Yoopers show up at a shelter. They stay with family. They stay with friends. They go to their camp. When people are displaced, or can't stay at their homes, we'll always work to set up shelters...but very few Yoopers show up at a shelter.

Also, during the 2018 Houghton flood, there were many homes with mud and debris in their yards and basements. When volunteer groups offered to help muck-out the basement or clean-up the yard, many of the homeowners declined the assistance, telling the volunteers to help those who had more damage.

On EMHSD Subject Matter Experts...

The information that you (and I) need is just a phone call to an EMHSD Subject Matter Expert (SME) away. There is a lot to this job field, and the stakes are high that we get it right. There is far too much information for me to know, so I've come to accept that I cannot know it all...as long as I know who will know the answer to the question at hand.

One positive outcome from COVID is that the EMHSD SMEs became very reachable. I don't completely understand why, but I get someone to answer their phone just about every time I call. (That really wasn't the case when they were all cubicle - all the time.) Very often when I'm talking to an emergency manager, or at a Region 8 Homeland Security Planning Board (R8HSPB) meeting, and questions arise, I put my phone on speaker and call Kim Richmond, Brenna Roos, Deanna Johnston, or whomever has the information we need. EMHSD has very dedicated personnel that make themselves available to locals.

On Takin' Off to Da Great White North...

Everyone wants to come to a meeting, exercise, or training in the UP... unless it's winter. We frequently have guests attend our R8HSPB meetings, such as subject matter experts, emergency management partners, members from other state and federal agencies, trainers, etc. It seems like they'd like to join the meeting via TEAMS during January, February, and March. Hmmmmm.

They would also like to know what time the northern lights come on, and where they can go to see them. I'm not even sure what to say to that.

So, if you're contemplating a trip up north, please consider mid-February. Catch us during a polar vortex (formerly known as regular old February). The kind of cold that freezes the contents of your nose. Please bring lots of cash and spend it all before you leave (tourism is our only sustainable industry). Give me a heads-up that you're coming, and I'll make sure the Northern Lights get turned on for you.

Oh, what the heck – we'll leave them on for your entire stay!

On behalf of the Region 8 EM Community, Happy Holidays to all!!!

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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