

**January 2012**  
*Happy New Year*



## 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](mailto:ki8af@arrl.net). Club info, membership, dues, etc can be found on our website at [www.qsl.net/k8lod](http://www.qsl.net/k8lod)

**MONTHLY MEETING:** Marquette County Health Department Bldg., Lower Level, Negaunee Township.  
Date: **January 5, 2012**  
Time: 7:30 PM

### **CLUB OFFICERS, 2011**

Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK  
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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**

Nokie Ski Races: Jan 28, 2012  
Swap'n'Shop: Feb. 4, 2012  
Sled Dog Races: Feb. 17, 18, 19th

## *HARA's Christmas Party a Great Success*

Hank KD8CGJ preparing the coffee



## V.E. TESTING:

**03/10 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(s). Contact Rich N8GBA at 249-3837, [n8gba@att.net](mailto:n8gba@att.net) or Greg KI8AF 225-1594, [ki8af@arrl.net](mailto:ki8af@arrl.net).

**??/?? Hancock:** 9:00am eastern time, ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 400 INGOT STREET, HANCOCK, MI  
Ingot Street is located across from the Quincy hill lookout, just north of Hancock...  
Contact: Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF at (906) 482-7743 if you have questions

**11/06 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

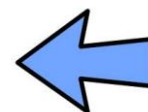
**??/?? Gladstone:** Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Dave Palmgren - N8DP, [n8dp@dcars.org](mailto:n8dp@dcars.org), (906) 428-2271 VEC: ARRL/VEC Location: Gladstone City Hall Main Meeting Room 1100 Delta Ave. Gladstone, MI 49837

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.*

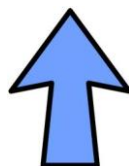
## Birthday Wishes

The "Birthday Wishes" column is now back by request. If you notice an error or your birthday is missed please advise the editor. Birthday Wishes for the month of January go to: Judith W8ART, Don N8HDT, George N8HVT, Rich N8GBA, John W8ZUL, Gary NJ8H, Judy N8ITK and Mike KD8JIR.

# HARA Revises VE Testing Procedures



Effective immediately the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette County has revised its VE testing procedures. **Individuals wishing to test must contact Rich N8GBA (249-3837, [n8gba@att.net](mailto:n8gba@att.net)) or (Greg KI8AF 225-1594, [ki8af@arrl.net](mailto:ki8af@arrl.net)) at least by the Tuesday evening preceding the scheduled Saturday test session date.**





## What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

<http://www.hamuniverse.com/n4jaantennabook.html>

<http://www.ku4ay.net/antenna.html>

[http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS\\_OneYear.php](http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneYear.php)

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/media/set/?set=a.294122707292069.60518.233495793354761&type=3>



Some of the folks that attended the 2011 Christmas Dinner

## On The Bands

### DX Code of Conduct

I will listen, and listen, and then listen again before calling.

I will only call if I can copy the DX station properly.

I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling.

I will not interfere with the DX station nor anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSO slot.

I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call.

I will always send my full call sign.

I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval. I will not call continuously.

I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine.

I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine.

I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine.

When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly.

I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact.

I will respect my fellow hams and conduct myself so as to earn their respect.

Enough said, but remember this pertains to everyday amateur radio operating as well.

#### **DX News!**

The following News is from the HK0NA Malpelo Island DXpedition team.

On December 26th four members from the HK0NA team (HK1N, HK1T, HK6F and HK1MW) have departed from the pier of the Navy Base BAHIA MALAGA aboard the Patrol Boat JOSE MARIA PALAS.

The target of this advanced team called THE FANTASTIC FOUR is to set up all the 11 stations, the 2 camps and wireless network in order to have all ready when the main group arrives on January 21, 2012. To these for brave men who are going to spend more than 40 days on the island and sacrifice the Holidays away of their families, we have to express our admiration and gratitude. <http://hk0na.com/category/latest-news/>

### **EMCOMM and You!**

For those of us that attended CERT training in the past, monthly refresher and additional training will be starting up the second Thursday of each month starting January 2012. You will be contacted.

PR.....Happenings

Our PR committee needs input from each of us if we expect them to do their part in getting the word out about our organization and amateur radio. Please contact a committee member well in advance of a happening. PR committee member is: Lane WD8PAJ [laned@chartermi.net](mailto:laned@chartermi.net) or 486-8697.



## **Volunteering your time Counts!**

Each month many members volunteer their time for club activities some of which might include repeater maintenance, ARES, EOC operations, Life Tracker, newsletter, PR, club business, etc. All these volunteered hours and mileage can be credited to HARA and amateur radio but only if you report them. AEC Dave Thomas KD8DRF reports these numbers monthly. So at the end of each month please contact Dave with services rendered, hours and mileage. Contact Dave at [dlthomas@chartermi.net](mailto:dlthomas@chartermi.net)

Good folks, Good food, and a Good time.







## ***Yaesu's Amateur Radio Division Breaks with Motorola, Changes Name to Yaesu Musen***

After four years under the Motorola umbrella, Yaesu has split from that company. According to Vertex Standard President and Chief Executive Officer Jun Hasegawa, effective January 1, 2012, Motorola will keep the Vertex Standard Land-Mobile Division, while the amateur, marine and air-band will be under the Yaesu Musen banner. The new company will be known as Yaesu USA here in the US.

“This reorganization will allow us to concentrate in amateur, marine and air-band business, which will better leverage and align the strengths of our entire business operation,” Hasegawa said in a press release dated December 27. “We believe that there is an exciting opportunity to evolve our organization to meet the needs of the Amateur Radio, Marine equipment and air band telecommunication industries by continuing to provide specialized services and the highest quality products.”

Hasegawa explained that the new company's name will be Yaesu Musen, “a name our business partners have been familiar with for over 50 years. We are delighted to bring you the legacy of trust, quality and solid customer service that has always been associated with the Yaesu Musen company name.”

While Yaesu Musen will have a new Japanese address, the address and phone numbers -- as well as the US operations and sales organization -- for Yaesu USA will not change. Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV, will remain in charge of Yaesu USA's sales division.

**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>

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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