

**JULY 2011**



## 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: **July 7th, 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:  
Past Pres. Paul Racine KB0P  
EC Rich Schwenke N8GBA  
Eric Pellinen N8TEV

### **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**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in Marquette**  
**July 16<sup>th</sup> YMCA Triathlon**  
**August 13<sup>th</sup> Bike Race**  
**Aug 30<sup>th</sup> – Aug 31<sup>st</sup> International Lighthouse**

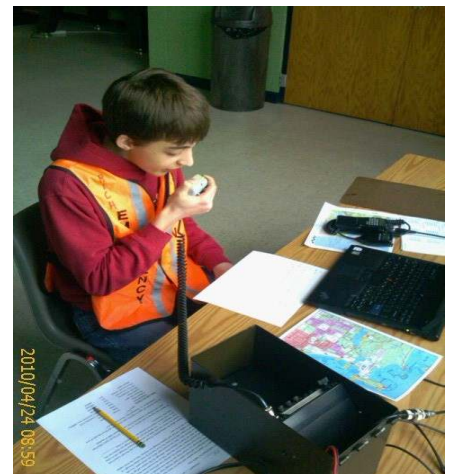
### **Club Member Wins ARRL Scholarship**

**submitted by:**

**Susan, KB8THA**

Jordan Smith, KC8RSW, was recently notified by the ARRL Foundation that he is this year's recipient of the Richard W. Bendickson, N7ZL Memorial Scholarship of \$2000. From information posted on the foundation's web site, it appears that this is one of 60 scholarships awarded nationally for the coming academic year. It's also one of the largest dollar amounts awarded in our region. In addition to academic information, applicants were asked to

verify HAM-related community involvement and activities. Jordan credits the opportunities the club has provided him at various races over the past 10 years as being instrumental in helping him earn this award. He plans to use it toward expenses at Michigan State University in the fall, where he will study physics.



*Jordan Smith, KC8RSW running net control at the 2010 YMCA Fun Run Race*



*Jordan Smith, KC8RSW*

Jordan first became aware of HAM-related scholarships through information from Dave Thomas, KD8DRF. So – thank you, Dave and HARA! For others interested in applying, information must be submitted by Feb. 1 of the year they graduate from high school. Details and applications can be found at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).

## V.E. TESTING:

**09/10 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. Contact Rich Schwenke, N8GBA at 906 249-3837 or e-mail: [n8gba@att.net](mailto:n8gba@att.net)

**07/09 Houghton:** 8:30am eastern time, V.E. Exams at Zion Lutheran Church in Hancock. 400 Ingot St. North on Hwy US 41 (Quincy Hill) near the Lookout turn left on Ingot. Go up about a block. The church is on the left hand side of the street. This is a barrier free entrance for the handicapped. Contact Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF at (906) 482-7743 or email to: [wa8qnf@arrl.net](mailto:wa8qnf@arrl.net) if you have questions.

**08/06 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

**07/09 Gladstone:** Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Howard St. John (906) 428-9476 Email: [hsj99@charter.net](mailto: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>

# **EMCOMM and You!**

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 members are: Lee KD8BJC [leerowe@charter.net](mailto:leerowe@charter.net) or 346-9278, 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)

## **HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**

### **June 2011 Minutes**

All Officers were present – President, Lou Gembolis KG8NK, Vice-Pres. Lane Dawson WD8PAJ, 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 Rich Schwenke N8GBA . All approved the motion.

**Introductions and Attendance:** The Club had 17 members and 3 guests in attendance.

**Secretary's Report** – Mike KD8JIR submitted the May's meeting minutes and it was published in the Standing Wave. Members were asked if any changes were needed. Rich Schwenke N8GBA noted the missed note on the approved purchase of a S.W. meter. No other corrections noted and a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as corrected made 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 May. Our Checking stood at \$576.54 while our money market account was at \$5342.15. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Bill Dowe KC8EWD and seconded by Ralph Watters N8HXG. The motion passed.

**Correspondence** – No new correspondence was received.

### **Committee Reports –**

**Repeaters/Tech.** –Paul Racine KB0P stated the Grand Marais is now fixed but the Munising site has a problem. The new node in Champion is still a plan in progress.

**Ares/Races** - Rich N8GBA stated an E-team exercise is planned shortly. You need to register. Lou Gembolis KG8NK stated the Emergency Coordinators (E.C.'s) through out the UP also need training.

**PR** – HARA is on channel 6 calendar.

### **Old Business –**

**Dayton Follow up** – Everyone had a good time and made it back safely.

**Insurance** – Lane Dawson WD8PAJ research insurance companies, called ARRL and got their input and made

a recommendation that HARA go with Hays Infinity based on cost and past service to others. A motion to go with Hays Infinity was made by Lee Rowe KD8BJC and seconded by Jim Jacobson W8QQE. The motion was approved.

#### **New Business –**

**Testing** – June 11, 2011, 8:30 at our meeting room.

**International Lighthouse** – August 30 & 31,

**Bike Race** – August 13. There is a new check point. We need volunteers to cover the spot.

**YMCA Triathlon** – July 16 – 9am to noon in Ishpeming. Volunteers are needed.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** – July 4 from Noon to 4:30 in Marquette.

**Jordan Smith Scholarship** – This is an ARRL Scholarship. Students check out the requirement and see if you qualify.

**Newberry Shop ‘n Swap** – June 11 in Newberry. 9am to noon.

**UP hamfest** – Coming up in August.

**50/50 drawing** – Congratulations to Fred Mouser KD8JIP.

**End of Meeting** – A motion to conclude the meeting was made by Dave Thomas KD8DRF and seconded by Bill Dowe KC8EWD. The motion was approved.

**Post Meeting Program** – A fox hunt was set up and several of us found out how to use directional location antennas. Fun program – Thanks everyone.

**Future Meeting Programs – July.** Digital Modes.

### ***FCC Seeks to Raise the Fee for Vanity Call Signs***

From:

#### ***ARRL Letter for May 5<sup>th</sup> 2011***

The FCC released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* ([NPRM](#)) on May 3, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$13.30 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$14.20 for 10 years, an increase of 90 cents. The FCC is authorized by the *Communications Act of 1934 (as amended)* to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. Instructions on [how to comment](#) on this *NPRM* are available on the FCC Web site.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 14 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 *Report and Order*). In 2007, the Commission lowered the fee from \$20.80 to \$11.70. The FCC said it anticipates some 14,600 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year, collecting \$207,320 in fees from the program.

#### **Vanity Fee Due for New, Renewal Applications**

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal five years ago.

Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1996 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, however. That's because Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1993. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the [ULS](#) and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.



## **ARRL Processes License Renewals, Including Vanities**

The **ARRL VEC** will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vasity renewals continue to be free for ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC.

The ARRL VEC will handle vanity license renewals for ARRL members for a small fee (license renewals for members with non-vasity call signs are free). Visit the **Call Sign Renewals or Changes** web page for complete instructions on how to have the ARRL renew your license for you or for how to do it yourself. License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the **ARRL Amateur Radio License Renewal web page**. The [FCC's forms page](#) also offers the required forms.

## ***ARRL's Emergency Communications Advisory Committee Moves Forward with MDEC Plans***

From:  
***ARRL Letter for June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011***

At the 2007 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors, the ARRL National Emergency Response Planning Committee -- led by then-ARRL Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN -- presented a report to the Board that outlined how the League should respond to emergencies. One of the key concepts proposed by the committee was the Major Disaster Emergency Coordinator (MDEC) appointment. The idea was to have a manager who would coordinate Amateur Radio operations, operators and resources in supporting served agencies during a major disaster relief operation when Section and Regional ARES® assets are overwhelmed, similar to operations performed in the Hurricane Katrina response. The MDEC's line of authority would be derived from the ARRL's Emergency Preparedness Manager -- currently Mike Corey, W5MPC -- and would parallel the affected area's Section Managers. The MDEC position was envisioned to be a continuous appointment, but would only be active when called upon by the Emergency Preparedness Manager.

The ARRL Emergency Communications Advisory Committee (ECAC) -- established at the 2010 Annual Meeting -- is currently drafting appointment protocols and requirements for the MDEC. As presently conceived by the committee, there will be several MDECs geographically arranged by each ARRL Division. The geography, and hence the actual MDEC headcount, is being determined at this time. The committee will report its recommendations and draft appointment guidelines to the ARRL's Programs and Services Committee.

The report recommended that the MDEC be responsible for the "establishment of an as-needed emergency communications structure -- the Disaster Field Team -- designed to fulfill served agency requests and/or augment the existing Field Services structure established by the Section Manager." The Disaster Field Team (DFT) would be assembled from the ARRL national ARES® database. The purpose of the DFT would be to provide support for the infrastructure of relief organizations bringing resources into the disaster zone, and cannot be served by the local Field Organization. The MDEC function has been tested in exercises with served agencies and ARES® with success.

ECAC members are exceptionally qualified and recognized members of the Emergency Communications community. ECAC members include: Chairman Dale Williams, WA8EFK (Great Lakes); Jim Cross, WI3N (Atlantic); Bill Niemuth, KB9ENO (Central); Jim Zahradnicek, KD0S (Dakota); Jim Coleman, AI5B (Delta); Jim Mezey, W2KFV (Hudson); Reynolds Davis, K0GND (Midwest); Dave Colter, WA1ZCN (New England); Gordon Grove, WA7LNC (Northwestern); James Latham, AF6AQ (Pacific); Charlie Miller, AE4UX (Roanoke); Jeff Ryan, K0RM (Rocky Mountain); Rick Palm, K1CE (Southeastern); Grant Hays, WB6OTS (Southwestern); Glen Reid, K5FX (West Gulf), and Doug Mercer, VO1DTM (Radio Amateurs of Canada). The Board liaison is Mickey Cox, K5MC, and the ARRL HQ liaison is Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, W5MPC.

**Fox Hunting Demonstration after the June Meeting: (photos by Lee Rowe KD8BJC)**













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

**Steve**

**[KD8CCP@yahoo.com](mailto: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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