

**March 2024**

# 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](mailto:n8nav1@charter.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 Co. Health Department  
Lower Level, Negaunee Township**

**Date: April 4, 2024**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

## **CLUB OFFICERS for 2024**

Pres. Tom Perry KE8TPT

VP: Brad Mattson KE8TPS

Treas. Mike Beltz KD8JIR

Sec. Scott Machalk WU8H

Board Members:

Lou Gembolis KG8NK (Past Pres.)

Jim Belles, N8NAV (EC)

Dave Thomas KD8DRF

## **STANDING WAVE**

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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](http://www.qsl.net/k8lod).**



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The last couple of meetings have been heavy on the business side of running the club. We have caught up on some admin matters that needed to be updated. Now I want to redirect our meetings back to learning about ham radio through programs and projects.

What is the benefit of being a member of HARA and attending meetings? Even though we had some admin type things to take care of, I would rather learn more about ham radio at the meetings. Myself and VP Brad, KE8TPS, don't necessarily know everyone in the club and their knowledge, skills and abilities as it relates to ham radio. This makes it difficult to recruit presenters. So PLEASE step up and teach us something that you know about ham radio. It doesn't need to be high level or "advanced" knowledge. There are a lot of us beginners, that want to learn even the basic information. I personally am a pretty good instructor and am willing to assist anyone in working ahead of time to put together a program/project to present to our members at a meeting. As you know, ham radio has myriad aspects and everyone has their own interests and passions about ham radio. Let's see what we can come up with by putting our collective minds together in this effort to make our meeting fun and informative!

Dates to remember: Field Day, 22 Jun 24; Summer Picnic, 1 Aug 24; Swap & Shop, 21 Sep. We need coordinators for all three events. HELP!

73 Tom KE8TPT [KE8TPT@gmail.com](mailto:KE8TPT@gmail.com)

## V.E. TESTING:

**Stay Tuned 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](mailto:n8gba@att.net) or Greg KI8AF at [ki8af@arrl.net](mailto: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](http://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 @ [barbarajaquesestavez@braxmail.net](mailto:barbarajaquesestavez@braxmail.net)

## The Business

### HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

March 7, 2024

#### Attending:

President – Tom KE8TPT, Vice-President Brad KE8TPS, Treasurer - Mike KD8JIR, Secretary - Scott WU8H, 11 additional members, and 3 guests.

#### President's Comments:

President Tom KE8TPT opened the meeting at 19:00 with introductions.

#### Agenda:

Greg KI8AF added an item to New Business - Hamvention

A motion to approve the amended meeting agenda was made by Fred KD8JIP, seconded by Dave KD8DRF. Approved.

#### Secretary's report:

Motion to approve the February meeting minutes as published in the Standing Wave was made by Scott WU8H, seconded by Dave KD8DRF. Approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report for February was presented to the members by Mike, KD8JIR. Motion to approve by Scott WU8H, seconded by Greg KI8AF. Approved.

### **Correspondence:**

New correspondence included two membership applications and bank statements.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Repeaters:

- Greg, KI8AF reported that all repeaters are working with the exception of the .64 in Gwinn which still needs the new duplexers installed.
- Tom KE8TPT is still working with the insurance company to replace or repair the duplexers.

#### ARES/RACES:

Jim N8NAV is currently out of the area. While he is gone, Marquette Co. ARES business is being handled by AECs Greg KI8AF, Lou KG8NK, Dave KD8DRF and Fred KD8JIP. The state is planning a spring exercise in May. Jim and the AECs will be having a meeting in April to formulate a local scenario. If you have ideas, please let us know.

### **Old Business:**

- Upcoming events: The following events still need coordinators:
  - A. Field Day
  - B. HARA Picnic
  - C. Swap & Shop

Pat W8PTZ suggested that a summary of those positions be published to help potential volunteers decide based on the scope of the task.

- A. Mike KD8JIR will work on a summary for Field Day.
- B. Lou KG8NK will work on a summary for the picnic and Christmas party.
- C. Greg KI8AF and Lou KG8NK will work on a summary for the Swap.

- Insurance Claim: Tom KE8TPT is still working with the insurance company to complete the claim. The insurance company has asked for a repair estimate.
- Grant Application: The grant application letter is complete and Tom KE8TPT will start sending applications out.
- Bylaws update: There was discussion over the changes to the bylaws. Most of the changes were minor updates and were accepted but there was a motion to remove the Life Member section. Motion made by Dave KD8DRF, Seconded by Bill KE8KCA. Approved. The changes will be made, and an updated document will be mailed out to the members to be voted on at the next meeting.
- Memorandums of understanding: Dave KD8DRF did not have an update at this time.

### **New Business:**

- Website: There was discussion over possible updates to the web site. One that came up was the ability to pay dues online. Scott WU8H will work with Joe AJ8MH on possible updates.

- Hamvention: If anyone is interested in traveling down to Hamvention (May 15-19) please contact Rich N8GBA as soon as possible.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 19:54 by Scott WU8H, seconded by Fred KD8JIP. Approved.

**Program:** There was no program for tonight's meeting. For next month's presentation, please bring in your handheld radios. This will be a good opportunity for newer hams to evaluate all the options.

If you have an idea for a presentation, please contact Brad KE8TPS at [barbarajaquesestavez@braxmail.net](mailto:barbarajaquesestavez@braxmail.net)

Meeting minutes submitted by Scott, WU8H.

## ***HARA dues are due!***

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:

- ARES Spring Exercise. May, 2024. Stay tuned for details.
- Cadillac Swap. May 8, 2024, 8:00 am to noon. Cadillac, MI. See additional information below.
- Dayton Hamvention. May 17-19, 2024. Greene Co. Fairgrounds, Xenia, OH. Contact Rich, N8GBA if interested.

## Technician License Class

Rich, N8GBA, would like to put together a class to help prospective Hams pass the Technician Class license exam. He is looking at holding the class on Monday evenings over the course of 4 – 6 weeks. The class will be free, but attendees must purchase their own copy of the Technician Class license manual – available from the ARRL at a cost of \$30. If interested, please contact Rich at [n8gba@att.net](mailto:n8gba@att.net).



## 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. The group meets on **28.396** (+/- QRM) 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!

### 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

#### **Parks on the Air (POTA)**

*Ongoing*

For details, see their website at:

[www.parksontheair.com](http://www.parksontheair.com).



# News

from the desk of N8NAV



From Section Emergency Coordinator, Max KE8DON:

We also will be releasing the first 2 new EmComm courses April 1. Basic EmComm and Intermediate EmComm will be live in the ARRL Learning Center April 1. With the new courses being released the legacy courses will be removed April 1. Anyone who is currently enrolled in EC-001 or EC-016 will need to complete these courses by April 1 to receive credit for them. We hope to have Advanced EmComm and ARES Leadership courses complete by early summer.

And finally, we have a new project to assist local ARES groups in recruiting for their local ARES team. We are going to be launching Advertising in ARRL publications and other national publications to recruit new members to ARES. This campaign will lead them to a webpage where they can enter their location and it will provide the contact information for a local ARES team. We want this to provide a much quicker and easier process for them to get plugged in locally. To make this work we need your help. We are now collecting ARES group registrations on our website. This is a one-page form to be filled out by the EC or ARES team leader in each local community. This is very similar to the Club Registration we have been using for some time and will work very similarly to the club look up function we currently have but will be for ARES EmComm groups. The link to the page is: <http://www.arrl.org/ares-group-registration> Please share this link with each of your EC's and local ARES groups to get them to register. Your help in this will benefit each local group and help to support growth in the local community.

From District Emergency Coordinator, Pete K8PDC:

Please note the AUXCOMM class in Escanaba April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to get the class. It's free! Right in our neighborhood and a valuable credential to add to your amateur radio resume.

Please contact me for the registration information. It would be great to fill the class and show the trolls that we in District 8 have top shelf training too!!

As I write this article, my family is enjoying warmer weather in the southern US. If you need ARES assistance, please contact AECs KI8AF, KG8NK, KD8DRF or KD8JIP. We are always looking for new ARES members. If interested, you can download an application from the ARRL website, [www.arrl.org/ares](http://www.arrl.org/ares) and email it to me at [n8nav1@charter.net](mailto:n8nav1@charter.net), or contact me and I will arrange to get an application to you.

73, Jim, N8NAV

## **Buy, Sell, or Trade**

**Please advise when items have been bought or sold.**

Rich W8YV reports that there is a new Ham in the Gwinn area who is looking for:

- A tower, aluminum or steel, 40 to 60 feet at a reasonable price.

If you can help, please contact Rich at [w8yvrich@gmail.com](mailto:w8yvrich@gmail.com)

Scott WU8H has the following item for sale:

- MFJ-259B Antenna Analyzer

He is asking \$200.00. If interested, contact Scott at [smachalk@gmail.com](mailto:smachalk@gmail.com)

## **Parting Thoughts**

1. Comments from ARRL Director Scott, N8SY:

**The Great Lakes Division Newsletter is now on-line!**

There's lots of great information for you to read. So, grab your favorite beverage, a sweet snack to munch on and sit back in your easy chair and have a great read!!

<https://arrl-greatlakes.org/glnews/2024/03-gldnews.pdf>

73, Scott, N8SY

2. From Greg KI8AF:

**Cadillac Swap**

**May 4, 2024, 8:00-noon**

**Mackinaw Trail Middle School**

**8401 S. Mackinaw Trail**

**Cadillac, MI 49601**

3. A couple from Pete K8PT:

*A. Free downloadable book from K5ND regarding 6 meters. He has a FB website also. Also at Amazon if you want paperback.*

<https://k5nd.net/magic-band-revealed-ebook-download/>.

## B. FREE ON-LINE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATING CLASS

A free, weekly, 3-hour Amateur Radio Operating Class on Zoom will begin on Thursday April 4 and run through June 20 at 6:30 PM Eastern time. The presenters will be various experienced folks in the various subjects.

A detailed syllabus will be published before the classes begin. Attend them all, or any that you like, but you must register for the classes. To receive registration information, contact Rol Anders, K3RA, at [roland.anders@comcast.net](mailto:roland.anders@comcast.net).

Subjects will include:

- All About Operating--A general Introduction
- Amateur Radio Organizations—Local to International
- Ham Radio Awards
- DXing-History and Tips from the Experts
- QSLing-How to get that needed card for DXCC or WAS
- VHF/UHF Weak Signal Work and “Roving”
- Image Operating—Slow Scan and Fast Scan TV
- Remote Station control over internet
- Learning CW in the no-code era
- Digital Modes—From RTTY to FT8 and beyond
- Contesting—How to get started, tips for the beginner and intermediated contester
- Logging Software—What’s available, how to use
- Propagation—A general intro to HF Propagation
- Amateur Satellites—How to get started
- Portable (backpacking) operation—Tips from an expert
- Setting Up a Modern (or not so modern) HF Station
- Lightning Protection and Grounding
- Traffic Handling
- Public Service, Emergency Communications

Thanks,

Rol, K3RA

4. And finally a BIG shout out to our VE team of Greg KI8AF, Scott WU8H, Fred KD8JIP and Brad KE8TPS who held a license test session on March 9<sup>th</sup>. They are very happy to report two upgrades to Extra: John KE8OGT and Grant KD8SKC and one upgrade to General: Mick N8RSC (son-in-law to our own Bruce KG8YT). CONGRATS to all! We hope to hear you on the air!

## 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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