

**May 2013**



## 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: **May 2, 2013**  
Time: 7:00 PM



**Program: Storm Spotter/Skywarn Training**

### **CLUB OFFICERS, 2013**

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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  
KB0P, 146.820/.220 w/100 Hz Tone Ely Township

### **WHAT'S NEXT FOR US**

**April 15, 2013**

### **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

**What is Wilderness Protocol?** In the April issue of CQ's Amateur Radio there was a commentary on the use of the Wilderness Protocol and back-country EMCOMM procedures. Many amateur radio operators have never heard of or utilized this emergency procedure. As stated in the article the purpose of Wilderness Protocol is to help radio operators to obtain help for themselves or others in distress when outside of other means of communications. With many of us involved with outdoor activities and utilizing hand held radios, some areas cannot reach various repeaters.

At this time Wilderness Protocol recommends five simplex FM amateur frequencies: 146.520, 52.525, 223.5, 446.0, and 1294.5 MHz. These frequencies should be monitored every three hours at the top of the hour from 7 a.m. To 7 p.m. This would be the time zone in your current area. When traveling I can't remember even monitoring simplex! Also consider joining HARA's emergency net at 7:00 p.m. Sunday nights on 147.270. This is a great time to practice using your radio, especially new amateur radio operators.

Note:

HARA monthly meeting start time changed to 7:00pm for the May meeting because of Storm Spotter Training. See you there.

## V.E. TESTING:

06/08 **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 225-1594, [ki8af@arri.net](mailto:ki8af@arri.net).

10/05 **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

??/? **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

07/13 **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 May go to: Mark, KF8RV, Peter KC8YTX, John N8RSE, LeRoy N8WQG, Rick W8LHT, Bob N8XAE, Paul KB0P, Jeremy KD8FPH and Delan KD8FPO.

## What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

END FED 6 – 40 Meter Multiband HF Antenna [http://www.earchi.org/92011endfedfiles/Endfed6\\_40.pdf](http://www.earchi.org/92011endfedfiles/Endfed6_40.pdf)

VE7CC's program to monitor the web cluster <http://ve7cc.net/default.htm#prog>



Joe AJ8MH's shack and take note of some of the DX Century Club certificates he's received.

## 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)



**With the Dayton Hamvention close at hand, you are invited to:**



Shop until you drop!



Get in some rest and relaxation!

OR



Eat healthy??? Well, let's say eat goooooood!

## Congratulations in order for the Carlson's



It's also good to see some of their friends and other people get into amateur radio. Thanks to the HARA members for doing the General study class that Jeremy found to be very helpful. Thanks to HARA and DCARS members for the VE.



Today (04/13/2013) Jeremy and I went to Gladstone to test to upgrade our ham tickets. Jeremy went from Technician to General Class. I went from Advanced to Extra. Justin took his General in September and upgraded to Extra a few weeks back here in Negaunee. We are very proud of the boys and happy to see them involved in this great hobby.



Here is a story about my General Class testing back in Neenah when we lived there. The General required 13 WPM of Morse code. Someone graded it and said I did not pass it. So I took it again. And again the person said I did not pass it. I was sure I passed it the first time so I asked someone about it. Come to find out I passed it both times because the VE had used the wrong key both times! 73's Bruce N9MDE

# HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

## APRIL 04, 2013 MINUTES

Officers present were – President, Lou Gembolis KG8NK, Secretary Mike Beltz KD8JIR, and Treasurer Lucille Scotti KD8PTE. Vice-Pres. Paul Racine KB0P was excused.

**Meeting was called to order** at 7:30 pm by Lou Gembolis KG8NK. A motion to approve the agenda made by Norm W8NWD and supported by Bill KC8EWD.

**Introductions and Attendance** – The Club had 13 members and 0 guests in attendance.

**Secretary's Report** – A motion to approve the minutes as published in the Standing Wave was made by Bill KC8EWD and seconded by Peter KC8YTX. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasure Lucille KD8PTE handed out the treasure's report for the month of March and reviewed the income and expenses. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Fred KD8JIP and seconded by Peter KC8YTX. The motion passed.

**Correspondence** – HARA received a letter of notification of the Wexauke Amateur Radio Club's 51st annual **Cadillac Amateur Radio and Computer Swap**. It will be held on May 4th, at the Cadillac Junior High School in Cadillac, Michigan. Admission is \$5.00 and doors open at 8:00am.

### Committee Reports –

**Repeaters/Tech.** – Lou KG8NK reported for Paul KB0P that all the repeaters appear to be up and working. We do have a new repeater from NMU for the 146.82 in Ely Twp. & with new duplexers we approved last month, the .82 should really perform well.

**Ares/Races** - Lou KG8NK and Greg KI8AF stated they met at the State Police post. There is a push to put all emergency organizations under one roof, called Aux Comm. There are some problems that need to be worked out but this setup should help in getting grant money for needed items. It would be a state wide organization and the other organizations (Ares/Races, etc...) would belong to it.

**PR** – No report from the committee. Lucille KD8PTE volunteered to put our next meeting date in the Marquette Monthly. Lou KG8NK is planning to put together a form letter to solicit donations from other organizations.

### Old Business –

**Class/Testing** - Greg KI8AF stated the classes went good. We have 3 or 4 new hams. Several took the tech and general tests. At least one took the extra. Next test is planned for June 8th. We need to get them into HARA and participating in the club.

### New Business –

**Dayton Hamfest** - No report

**Picnic - August** - We need a committee to plan the event. Any Volunteers???

**Newberry Hamfest** - The hamfest will be June 8th. HARA does have a free table. What do we have for the table?? And who will be there?

**Storm Spotting** - Our next meeting on May 02 will be our annual Storm Spotting program. Start time is 7:00pm.

**50/50 drawing** – Congratulations to Andrew KD8SCC.

**End of Meeting** – Motion to conclude the meeting at 7:56pm by Bill KC8EWD and seconded by Fred KD8JIP. The motion was approved.

**Post Meeting Program** – Karl AC8MB had a very interesting presentation on 'Impedance Matching'. It was a great program. We definitely need to have him do more presentations for the club.



# Dayton area scouting report as of April 24th

Lots of green grass and tomatoes have been planted



Next stop Dayton, all aboooooard!

**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. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. 73 until next month, Greg KI8AF@arrl.net



***“Remember to look forward and be positive”***

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