



Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette County
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THE STANDING WAVE

May, 2018



MONTHLY MEETING: MQT
County Health Dept. Bldg.,
Lower Level, Negaunee Twp.

Date: *May 3rd, 2018, next
meeting June 7th*

Time: *7:00 PM at MQT
County Health Dept. Lower
Level*

CLUB OFFICERS, 2018

*Pres. Lou Gembolis, KG8NK
V.P. Rich Schwenke, N8GBA
Sec. Michael Beltz, KD8JIR
Treas. Rodney Wallberg
W8GRI*

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Greg Hanson - KI8AF
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Baraga County**

HARA membership? New member or need to renew your membership?
 Dues can be mailed to the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association, PO
 BX 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 (**
<http://www.qsl.net/k8lod/membership.html>



VE Test Session June 9th

Marquette: 8:30 A.M. EST, (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 225-1594, ki8af@arrrl.net.**

Les W8MSP is an official ARRL DXCC Card Checker and will be attending the
 Newberry, Mi Hamfest on June 9, 2018. Make sure you follow the proper online
 ARRL procedures for having your cards checked. The cards must be registered
 and with the proper paperwork before he can check them. More info on this can
 be found on the ARRL website at thsi link. [http://www.arrrl.org/online-dxcc-
 application](http://www.arrrl.org/online-dxcc-application)

Suggested by Bill Dowe, KC8EWD **“The Radio Amateur's Code...The Radio
 Amateur is” CONSIDERATE...**He/[She] never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen
 the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...He/[She] offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs,
 the IARU Radio Society in his/[her] country, through which Amateur Radio in his/[her]
 country is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...He/[She] keeps his/[her] station up to date. It is well-built and
 efficient. His/[Her] operating practice is above reproach.

FRIENDLY...He/[She] operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice
 and counsel to beginners; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of
 others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or
 community.

PATRIOTIC...His/[Her] station and skills are always ready for service to country and
 community. - adapted from the original Amateur's Code, written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in
 1928. source: (<http://www.arrrl.org/amateur-code>)

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 Comments and suggestions can be sent to the club at P.O. BX 1183, Marquette, MI 49855
 Or to the Editor at jimsalzwedel@yahoo.com Club info, membership, dues etc. can be found
 on our Website at www.qsl.net/k8lod. Annual membership dues can be sent to club address.*



AGENDA May 3, 2018

1. President – Opening Remarks/approval of the agenda.
2. Introductions
3. Secretary's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Correspondence
6. Committee Reports:
 - A. Repeaters/Tech
 - B. ARES/RACES – New Training coming!
 - C. PR
 - D. Other
7. Old Business:
 - A. Emergency Trailer
 - B. ARES-RACES training
 - C. Testing date?

New Business

- A. Field Day – June 23-24
- B. Bike Race
- C. Motocross June `7th? Need 8-10 operators
- D. Airport Emergency Drill – June 23rd

50/50 Drawing

Adjournment

Program – Storm Spotting training

MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.!

If you have an article or something which you may Think will be of interest to the club membership please get it to me. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Thanks! 73's KF5KAI



To Upgrade or Not To Upgrade...

I am normally a fairly low-key guy. I can get passionate about an issue, especially Ham Radio. But I am usually just not very demonstrative (your \$5 word for the day).

As I was perusing my May issue of QST, an article on page 9 caught my eye. Apparently the ARRL has filed a petition with the FCC to expand the operating privileges of Technician-class licensees in the 80, 40 and 15 meter bands. The full text of the proposal is at

www.arrl.org/TechnicianEnhancement.

Those of you who have read my previous articles know that one of my personal Ham Radio interests is chasing DX. As the holder of a General-class license, I am often frustrated by DX stations who seem –to me – to hang out just below the cut-off of my frequency range, particularly when it happens to be one of the few times I can actually hear them! The standard response to my plight has been, “you want more band space and operating privileges, upgrade your license”!

Now, I can give you the laundry list of excuses of why I haven’t upgraded – work, family, test anxiety, etc. All of these things certainly play their part. But the truth of the matter is, if I wanted it bad enough, I would study, pass the test and get my Extra-class ticket. And I know that there are members of our local Ham community that would help me do so, if I asked.

So let’s get back to the article. As most of us know, the current Technician-class replaced the Novice-class as the “entry level” Ham Radio license in 2000. Technicians are currently permitted SSB voice privileges in a segment of 10 meters. As I read it, The ARRL contends

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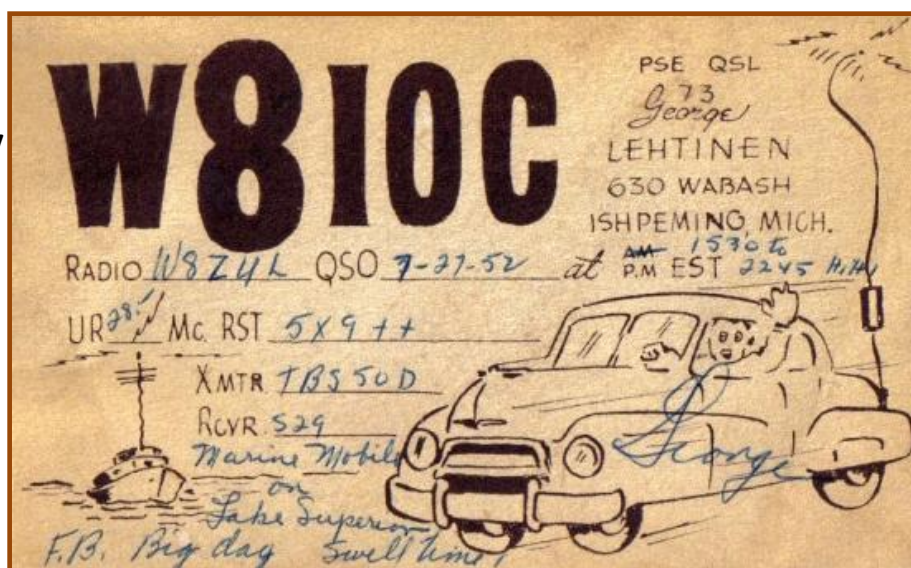
that the license – and therefore the hobby – would be more attractive if additional operating (SSB and digital mode) privileges were granted in the 80, 40 and 15 meter bands.

I'm not sure how I feel about this proposal. On the one hand, additional operating privileges might very well make the Technician license look more attractive to new comers. And, after all, isn't attracting new blood into the hobby one of our goals? But the curmudgeon (sorry, I just couldn't resist another \$5 word) in me thinks, why can't they obtain those additional privileges just like I did – by passing the General (or Extra) class exams?

I guess my opinion is also somewhat tainted by the fact that we offer our local Technicians a chance to practice their SSB skills every Friday night at 7 pm local and very few take us up on that offer. So give the article and/or website a look and see what **YOU** think. As the article states, if you feel a response is appropriate, contact your Division

Director. **And if you happen to pass by 28.400 (USB) on a Friday evening, please join us!**

73 de Jim, N8NAV



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Club Minutes – April 05, 2018



HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Officers present were: President: Lou Gembolis KG8NK; Vice-President: Rich Schwenke N8GBA; and Secretary: Mike Beltz KD8JIR; Treasurer: Lucille Scotti KD8PTE.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by the Lou KG8NK. After several additions to the agenda, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Bill KC8EWD and supported by Fred KD8JIP. The motion was approved.

Introduction and Attendance: The Club had 17 members and 6 guests in attendance.

President's Report: Lou KG8NK did not have a report but let Ted Weldum from the Sands Twp Motorcycle Club give his presentation on the upcoming enduro motor cross race (June 17) and his request for communication assistance from HARA. The course has not been laid out yet but it is being worked on. The race will start at 9am and should finish around 3:30-4:00. Also on Sept 9 there will be a national enduro race. It will be longer and harder than the June race and we will need help on this race also. Ted should have the information on route and locations for volunteers for our May meeting.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary, Mike KD8JIR just came back from Arizona and "Thanks" the person whom took the minutes for February and March. The minutes of March was printed and handed out.

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A motion to accept the minutes as submitted by Bill KC8EWD and seconded by Fred KD8JIP. The motion was approved

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lucille KD8PTE submitted the report for March. A motion to accept the report as submitted was made by Norm W8NWD and seconded by Bill KC8EWD. The motion passed.

Correspondence: We received our Article of Incorporation from the State and a notice from the Post Office that our bulk mailing has been cancelled. (because we didn't use in enough).

Committee Report

A. Repeaters/Tech.- Paul KB0P reported the .82 repeater has been making noise. That needs to be checked out, so we may need a climber. The .91 repeater is off the air because the coax needs to be re-connected.

B. Ares/Races- Lou KG8NK stated that there is no update on training. We are still looking for an Emergency Coordinator to replace Jack Nelson N8JRN

C: PR – Greg KI8AF had no report.

Old Business:

A: Emergency Trailer – Rich has applied for 3 new grants. He doesn't know when he'll hear from them. He still is looking for other grants.

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Don N8HDT volunteered to be on the committee with Rich N8GBA, Fred KD8JIP and Mike KD8JIR.

B: ARES-RACES - Lou KG8NK reported that Alger County AREAS group wants to start an AREAS net using the linked repeater system. The HARA board did not have a problem with it. The Alger group wanted either Sunday afternoon or Tuesday evening. The consensus of the group was that Tuesday would probably be the best especially since HARA's net is on Sunday evening.

C: Repeater – The Yaesu repeater needs to be sent in for the Yaesu technician to repair it. Fred KD8JIP made a motion to send it in. The motion was seconded by Bill KC8EWD and the motion was approved.

New Business:

A: Field Day – Lou KG8NK stated there appears to be no interest in doing it.

B: Bike Race – We need someone to coordinate the bike race on August 11.

C: New Treasurer: Lucille KD8PTE is stepping down from the Treasure's position. We have a person interested in filling the position. Fred KD8JIP made a motion to nominate Rod Wallberg W8GRI to fill the Treasures position for 2018. The motion was supported by Don N8HDT. The motion passed.

50/50 Drawing: Congratulations Paul KB0P.

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Adjournment: At 7:51 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Bill KC8EWD and supported by Gary NJ8H. The motion passed.

Post Meeting Program: Rich Schwenke N8GBA presented a short program on "Tape and other sealers"

Next Meeting Program:
Our annual "Weather Spotter" training.



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