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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. Club info, membership, dues, etc can be found on our website at www.qsl.net/k8lod

MONTHLY MEETING: Marquette County Health Department Bldg., Lower Level, Negaunee Township.
Date: **November 1, 2012**
Time: 7:30 PM

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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/.220 100 Hz PL-Tone Ely Township

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

HARA Christmas Party

Plans are in progress for our annual Christmas Party/Potluck Dinner. The event is scheduled for Thursday December 6th, 2012. It will be held again this year at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Ishpeming. The church hall has been reserved for us. There will be plenty of prizes but you must attend to have a chance of winning. **Once again this year we plan on giving away two HT radios. The first one will go to one of our licensed, paid-up (2013 year) member. The second HT radio will go to one of our younger members. This member must also be a licensed amateur radio operator and also be in school grade K thru 12.**

Please contact Lane WD8PAJ now and let him know you'll be attending and how many family members will be joining you. Remember the more the merrier. Also advice Lane as to what dish to pass you will be bringing.

Date: December 6, 2012

Time: doors open at 5:00 PM, meal served starting at 6:00 PM

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 414 E. Ridge St., Ishpeming

Contact: Lane at 486-8697 or laned@chartermi.net

Remember to bring your table settings, etc.

Also remember to bring a nonperishable item or two for the church pantry to help feed their needy.

V.E. TESTING:

12/08 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 or Greg KI8AF 225-1594, ki8af@arri.net.

01/?? 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

11/03 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

01/12 Gladstone: Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Dave Palmgren - N8DP, 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 November go to: Lee KD8BJC, Pete K8PT, Rita KB8PEM, Lou KG8NK, John W8AT, Blaine KF7HOH, Nick KD8LMV, Don KB8PEL and Bart KC8YGQ.

On The Bands

Phil, G3SWH, has received the following info from the Royal Mail: "Due to declining international mail volumes and electronic substitution, customer demand for International Reply Coupons has been falling dramatically over the last few years. "Overall sales of International Reply Coupons have been very low indeed - on average just 4 per annum bought from each Post Office branch. Therefore, it was no longer commercially viable to maintain the sale of coupons and Royal Mail has taken the decision to withdraw them from sale. "International Reply Coupons have not been withdrawn globally from sale. Under UPU regulations Royal Mail through Post Office Counters is obliged to redeem International Reply Coupons presented having been purchased overseas, but we are not obliged to sell them. However, I can confirm that customers have up to December 2013 to redeem IRCs." Phil states, "This seems to be much more in line with the Royal Mail's responsibilities under their UPU membership. Looks like they're safe until 31st December 2013. It may be that the UPU will change their rules after that date (which would be no bad thing IMHO)."

The 146.820 Repeater

Recently the 146.820 repeater made the airways but not without lots of work from just a handful of members to make this possible. Heavy winds prevented the antenna being mounted on the first attempt but a few days later even with rain the job was completed. The antenna is located on the top of the smaller tower in the picture below. That little black spot about two thirds of the way up is Fred Anderson as he made his way to the top elevation of 340 feet.

A welcome sight for all is Lou KG8NK with lunch.



Rich N8GBA and Fred KD8JIP preparing the repeater cabinet.



Above, Paul KB0P and Rich N8GBA hoisting the antenna up the tower. Below, Paul with a smile working on the feedline.



Rich N8GBA and Norm W8NWD. @#*&\$%^&@!!*?

Wanted.....

Sam KC8FPV is looking for a 50 ohm 200 watt or more dummy load. If anyone is willing to part with one at a minimal price please contact Greg KI8AF.

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 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



Now this interesting photo arrived recently at the editor's desk. We see Dave KD8DRF and his XYL Elma out on the town.

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>

Do you remember when.....



NEWSLETTER

The Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association
of Marquette County, Michigan



- REPEATERS:
- W8JXJ: 146.16/76
- KO8U: 146.31/91

- DIGIPEATER:
- W8OLE: 145.01

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IN CELEBRATION OF AGE AND WISDOM....

Let's meet Burt Watt, K8MQH. Born a mere 100 years ago on December 10th, this Skandia resident has much to offer anyone who takes the time to meet him.

Mr. Watt was first interested in amateur radio through his friend Ray, W8HK. Ray was the type who liked to wind coils and make his own equipment. Even though Burt didn't get into building things like Ray did, the spark of interest ignited; and Burt was licensed in the 1940's.

Burt has some interesting memories about ham radio. Because he and his late wife, Fran, traveled to Florida every winter, Burt was able to have a schedule with someone from Marquette once a week. Well one day, a woman in Florida wanted some traffic passed to Marquette. So, they were all ready to send the traffic at schedule time, and the conditions were bad! In the meantime, someone from Alaska could hear both parties perfectly. So the person from Alaska got the traffic from Florida to Marquette!

Burt also liked to work ham radio on Christmas Day. It seems like he received joy from helping others because he liked working phone patches. One Christmas in particular, he made a contact with a fellow on a plane traveling from Africa. He wanted Burt to make a phone patch to his wife and children in Walla Walla, Washington. Burt thought he could possibly find someone closer, but the man had been trying for two hours. K8MQH (Burt) was his first contact. So, he phone patched them for two hours and got a great kick out of it.

Burt did a lot of DX, QSL cards, and phone patches in his past. Currently, he holds a General class license and works



his Kenwood TS-440. He has daily schedule on 15 or 20 meters.

When asked for advice for young people, he said humbly and simply, "Study the code and get into it".

If you'd like to write to him, his address is:

Burt Watt, K8MQH
352 Co. Rd. 460
Skandia, MI 49885



Christmas / New Years '92 ★★

Paul W. Kaarre

OSPREY, FL. - Feb. 28, 1941 Oct. 5, 2012

Paul W. Kaarre, 71, of Osprey, FL, formerly of Gwinn, MI, died on October 5, 2012 following an extended illness. Born in Chassell, MI, he was a graduate of Republic High School, Suomi College (now Finlandia University), and Northern Michigan University. Paul was a teacher for 31 years, and taught in Warren, MI and the Gwinn Public Schools. Paul is survived by his wife Grace, two sons Douglas and Matthew (Maggie), granddaughter Hawna, brothers Reuben and Norman (Bertha), sisters Miriam Hojnacki and Helen Koski, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters Ruth Mykkanen, Sigrid Rothman, and Verna Kaarre. Paul had many interests throughout his life, including cross country skiing, bicycling, snowmobiling, deer hunting, **ham radio (N8XTB)**, getting his pilot's license, and traveling on his motorcycle. He truly enjoyed music and singing, and sang in the Suomi College Choir, Negaunee Male Chorus, Chorus of the Keys, and many others.



146.820 Repeater Installation. This photo shows Fred at the top of the 340 foot tower mounting the antenna.

Most of us at one time or another has received a few QSL card but nothing like what Pete K8PT has in front of him. Here are DXpeditions cards from his MJ/K8PT, MD/K8PT, V31PT & C6APT operations.



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



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