

**September 2010**



## 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: **September 2, 2010**  
Time: 7:30 PM

### **CLUB OFFICERS, 2010**

Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK  
VP: Lane Dawson WD8PAJ  
Sec. Jim Jacobson W8QQE  
Tres. Fred Mouser KD8JIP  
Board Members:  
Past Pres. Paul Racine KB0P  
EC Rich Schwenke N8GBA  
Eric Pellinen N8TEV

### **STANDING WAVE**

Editor, Greg KI8AF  
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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**

### ***What in the World is this?***



### ***Anyone listening to our younger members?***

If not, then you should be! The Smith and Salo youngsters are on the air conversing regularly. They're mostly on the 97 repeater for convenience but then most of us are members of that repeater association. It is just great to hear them on the air and making use of their ham license and privileges. They always seem to have meaningful discussions whether using their HTs or working out of a basement or closet station. Listen in, join in, and you may learn something as I did recently. I learned a bit about the Toledo War. Thanks Adam.

73,  
Editor

## V.E. TESTING:

- 09/11 **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@chartermi.net](mailto:n8gba@chartermi.net)
- 10/09 **Houghton:** 8:30am eastern time, V.E. Exams at Michigan Tech. University in Houghton, MI will be held in the ballroom of DHH (Douglass Houghton Hall at Michigan Tech). Free Parking in Lot #14, front of DHH, across from Wadsworth Residence Hall. Use door #9 on the South-East side of DHH. Contact Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF at (906) 482-7743 if you have questions
- 11/06 **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
- 10/09 **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.*

## 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. Belated August birthday wishes to Jordon KC8RSW. Now for September we wish the best to Eric N8RRZ, Chuck W8GEV, Steve KD8CCP, Ted KB8HLZ, Pat KB8PEN, Rod KB8DNS, Jim N8NAV, Dwight W8ABX, Mike KE8IL, Dennis WD8OKJ, Fred N8TBS, Mary KB8CRK, Stu KD8DRD, Fred KD8JIP, and Brandon N8PUM.

## What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

Here is a very interesting site about SDR. You can actually listen to live signals on the air and more than one person can listen to different signals. WebSDR on seven bands at: <http://websdr.ewi.utwente.nl:8901/>

## 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.

## **H.A.R.A.**

Meeting minutes August 5, 2010

Call to order, agenda Lou KG8NK called meeting to order and made opening remarks. Introduction of members.

Additions to agenda, New business, Extension Cords needed – Motion to buy from Rich made - motion approved.

Treasures report reported by Fred approved

Correspondence – Card received from Eleanor Weingartner thanking club for sympathy card for her husband BOB WEINGARTNER – W8AXI. Card read to group by LANE DAWSON – WD8PAJ.

Committee Reports:

Nothing new at this time.

ARES RACES nothing new at this time.

Testing next testing session will be on September 11, 2010

Light House needs RADIO OPERATORS – FRIDAY 8PM TILL SUNDAY 8PM.

HAM FEST ESCANABA – This coming Weekend.

Raffle tickets Information received more to be done to implement program.

Bike race we need volunteers August 14<sup>th</sup>

The club needs the vests to be returned, only two left. If you have one please return it. We may have to purchase new ones.

We need people to put on programs at our club meetings, get involved!

50 / 50 was won by Lane Dawson – WD8PAJ

### **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

## **Reminder..... Club Dues are Due**

HARA's calendar year starts September 1<sup>st</sup> and with that annual membership dues are due. There are still a handful of members that haven't paid for their 2010 membership dues and now 2011 is upon us. For those that pay their dues every year, thank you. Please pay your dues as soon as possible. Dues payment can be sent to the clubs mailing address. Fee membership rates: Single \$15.00, Family \$20.00, Student \$7.50, Associate \$10.00 and Family Associate \$15.00.

## Lighthouse Weekend 2010

Here is a brief wrap of our weekend.

Thanks to Fred Mouser, Greg Hanson, Bruce Anderson, Dick Burke and Jim, Ann and Christopher Belles for set up and tear down. I really appreciate their efforts. Without them we could not have had this event. Also thanks to the Maritime Museum and the U.S. Coast Guard which graciously allowed us to use the lighthouse facilities.

According to my count, we had 178 contacts from 8:00 p.m. Friday to 1:30 a.m. Sunday. The furthest contacts were two from South America bagged by Rod KB8DNS on different nights.

Way to go Boy!

Thanks also to all the operators that participated. The bands were up and down all weekend. As I have said before, this is not a contest and we had some great conversations with other hams. If you want to have some fun, put this on your calendar for the same time next year.

Dave KD8DRF



What a great location to operate from.



View looking SW from our operating position.

## W8AXI HAM RADIO ESTATE SALE

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**WHERE:** 30 N. Seass Drive, Gwinn, MI

**DIRECTIONS:** approximately one mile west of Little Lake MI on Hwy M-35, Seass Drive is on the south side of M-35 across from a DeCock Propane Gas facility; approximately four miles east of Gwinn MI on Hwy M-35

**FOR SALE:** three Kenwood TS-440S transceivers; two matching Kenwood PS-50 power supplies; one Kenwood TL-922A amplifier; one Kenwood matching SP-430 speaker; one Clear Speech Speaker/Filter; one Johnson Viking Low Pass Filter; one Shure 444D microphone; assorted parts, VOM's; vintage ARRL handbooks; Callbooks; MFJ Code Decoder; one Explorer 14 triband beam; one US Tower 55' crank-up tower; other misc.

Contact either Rich, W8YV at 906 346-5935, [w8yv@arrl.net](mailto:w8yv@arrl.net) or Pete, K8PT at [k8pt@chartermi.net](mailto:k8pt@chartermi.net). We can also monitor 146.58.

**NO EARLY SALES.**

ALSO, do you have something you might want to sell at the estate sale? If so please contact Rich W8YV beforehand. No contact means No sale. Please contact Rich.



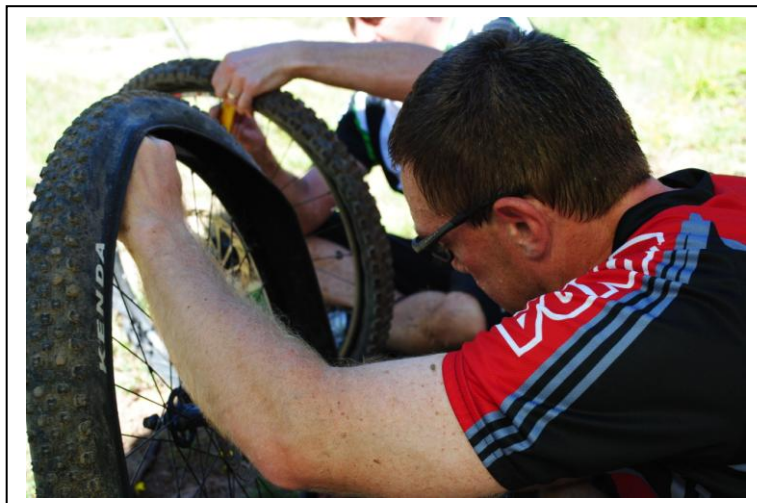


## Ore to Shore Wrap-Up

What a race this year! Between the Hard Rock and the Soft Rock we had 1864 racers. Counting the kids we were well over 2000. At the awards ceremony Scott Mentioned there were 500 kids this year. It was a relatively safe race this year and I thank you all for making it that way. At Lakeview we only saw 40 riders which is low. This is good.

Say, if you have any suggestions or came across any problems that we can work on for next year please email them to me. I will take them to the post race committee meeting and make them known.

Thank you all again for your time and energy that you gave to this community event. It wouldn't be as good as it is if it wasn't for you.



## Ham Radio and the National Weather Service.....

.....In a recent trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, we had the pleasure of visiting the National Weather Service station at Marquette.

Read the rest of the story at QRZ.com,  
<http://qrzlog.blogspot.com/2010/08/ham-radio-and-national-weather-service.html>

By Fred Lloyd, AA7BQ





**What am I? Where am I?**



**I never expected this to pass us by at the Beaver Pond location as we were working the Ore To Shore Bike Epic.**



**Dave KD8DRF and a cyclist enjoying the view from the comforts of home.**

**And what is in the pot? Well what's in it is what makes the trip well worth it.**





And finally the friendly face of Norm W8NWD. The person we are all looking for at the end of the races.

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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