

**April 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*

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*Club info, membership, dues, etc can be found on our*

**MONTHLY MEETING:** Marquette County Health Department Bldg., Lower Level, Negaunee Township.  
Date: April 1, 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**

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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  
K8LOD-3.144.390 APRS Digi Mqt

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

## *ARRL Field Day, It's a ways off but.....*

While our operating activities will take place outside we have the building and site reserved for ARRL Field Day June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. We plan on making this a club picnic and get together. Right now we need volunteers to step up and fill an operating time slot or two. It is so much easier to organize and run a Field Day if one knows in advance who will be operating and when. There is nothing worse than an individual showing up unannounced and expect to operate when you already have operators scheduled. Its different if the individual is a brand new ham or prospective ham, but it shouldn't be a veteran amateur radio operator from the club that knows better. Please get a hold of Lou KG8NK or Lane WD8PAJ and let them know when you'd be available to operate. Remember the more you invest into any club activity the more you'll get out of it.



## V.E. TESTING:

- 06/12 **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)
- 04/10 **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
- 05/01 **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
- 04/10 **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 for the month of April go to: Mary KB8PEI, Linda KG8JX, Bruce KG8YT, Jon KC8EEE, Claire N8WBI, Randy KG8ZL, Jim W8QQE and Jack N8WAV.

## What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

## 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.

# HARA

## Meeting March 4<sup>th</sup> 2010

1. Call to order By Lou KG8NK
2. Officer roll call, all officers are present
3. Called members roll call
4. President Lou called for approval of the meeting agenda.
  - a. Rich N8GBA made a motion to accept second by Steve KD8CCP
5. Secretary's report was provided by Fred KD8JIP Jim W8QQE was absent at the last meeting Jack N8JRN made a motion to accept, second by Rick N8GBA. The motion passed.
6. Treasures report by Fred KD8JIP. Swap and shop generated income for the club several bills were paid, detail was provided in the report to the club. The report was approved as is.
7. Outside correspondence and mail. None was received.
8. Committee Reports. Repeater and controller are at Anderson Communications being repaired. Some problems have been noted with the 147.27 machine. A new antenna is available, just waiting to get it installed. Installation should take place as soon as weather and climbers are available.

Nothing new in ARES RACES

April 10<sup>th</sup> is a tentative date for the spring time set, Lou will be sending information later. A goal is to send simplex messages all over the U.P. and all the way to Lansing. Some discussions about how we may be able to do this, may be difficult to do at all.

Rich N8GBA mentioned that the new owner of radio stations in Newberry, Munising, and Ishpeming, is interested in doing interviews of the local Ham clubs and their activities. They would also help with fund raisers. There is also the possibility of using their towers for ARES, RACES.

9. Old Business Lou reported that the dog sled race was a success, all stations were covered and no major problems were encountered. Some log problems were noted, but they were just a matter of catching up, the Wetmore site had a few problems getting timely reports, but all were as current as they could be and under control. The problems were unfounded. GPS may be used next year to identify locations of stations. The race may be expanded to 300 miles next year so that it can be used as a qualifier for the Iditarod.
10. New business The hall at Ishpeming Township has been rented for field day and club picnic which will be June 26th 27<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Ham of the year hasn't been done for the last few years do we want to do it again?  
Rich mentioned that we could do a 50/50 raffle along with the swap and shop. We need to act soon because the state is very slow in granting licenses.  
Rich N8GBA mentioned that we have some new members getting on line, so we may want to get a youth net going. QSL cards will be sent out to contacts made during the race Lane WD8PAJ will take care of this. 50/50 was won by KD8CCP.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04.





Nokie Ski race photo to the left, all others are from the recent sled dog races. The photos above attest that the Welcome Center crew was really toughing it!



# Sale, Sale and more to Sell

**SHACK CLEANING SALE- everything reasonably priced-  
Serious inquiries only- make an offer!**

**Collins 30L-1 RE amp  
Collins 75A-3 receiver  
Hallicrafters SX-42 receiver  
Hallicrafters S-38B receiver (black)  
160m 500w homebrew amp by W8AT - one 3-500Z vy nice  
Palomar Engineers Keyer  
MFJ-490 memory keyer  
SGC Smart tuner Model SG-230  
MFJ-16010ST antenna tuner  
Heathkit HD-1250 solid state dip meter  
W2AU 4-1 balun  
small power/SWR meter**

**Please contact me by e-mail [k8pt@arrl.net](mailto:k8pt@arrl.net)**

## **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)

**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. If you have any comments or suggestions please drop me a note. 73 until next month, Greg KI8AF@arrl.net



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PS: I know the newsletter is shorter than normal but lots of irons in the fire this past month, 73 Greg.