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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: April 4, 2013

Time: 7:30 PM

Program: Taking the mystery out of impedance matching

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

Think Spring

I guess most of us have had enough winter and snow for this year or at least I know I have. Hopefully spring is just around the corner. Hard to believe that all this snow that has piled up came over just the last two months. The picture here was taken of my back yard on January 12th. Hard to believe!



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 or Greg KI8AF 225-1594, ki8af@arrl.net.

04/06 **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

04/13 **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 April go to: Bruce KG8YT, Linda KG8JX, Jon KC8EEE, Randy NZ8U, Jim W8QQE and Jack N8WAV.

What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/radio/>

Test Session Results

Our VE test session of March 9th was very productive as we had three earn Technician licenses, two General class licenses and one upgraded to Extra class.

EMCOMM and You!

ANTENNA RESTRICTIONS

I was looking into moving south to a retirement community, I was told I could not put up an antenna, or wire anywhere. I contacted AARL for some info. It may be important to anyone, young or old. If you move, check out the covenants. However I was told over the phone I could throw a long wire over a tree in the back yard. When I got there they said no. They pointed out article 3 of their prospectus.

3. oral representations should not be relied upon as correctly stating the representations of the park owner or operator. Refer to the prospectus and its exhibits for correct representations.

That's fine, but it cost me lots of money to find out. So just a word of caution to hams young or old, who want to move anywhere, lots of things to research. Before you put down the money and sign the papers check things out.

Jim W8QQE

Query to ARRL

How may we help you? I was looking at buying a house in a +55 community. I just wanted to put a small long wire, and I was told it was illegal. Does the FCC have and guidelines on this?

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James

Before you buy you are going to want to probably review information about CC&Rs - deed restrictions and private covenants. These are private contracts and Home Owners Associations (HOA) and builders can restrict the erection of antennas and support structures. Since they are private contracts the FCC has no role in them. If the restrictions are ordinances imposed by the town or city, that is a different issue and there is a limited preemption known as PRB-1 that states amateurs must be reasonably accommodated. Please understand that PRB-1 does NOT apply to CC&Rs and limitations from HOAs.

I would encourage you to read an article from QST <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/hender.pdf> that will explain the difference and hopefully help you understand the limitations.

Once you review things if you need more information please contact me.

73

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On The Bands

Propagation conditions have been awful recently if you go by what has been reported and written. And if you follow the solar flux numbers you think it wouldn't even be worth turning on the radio. I've turned on the radio somewhat recently and even though there was lots of noise and not many signals there still were contacts to be made out there. Search around from one band to another; try different times throughout the day and don't be afraid to throw out a CQ as maybe everyone is listening waiting for someone to make the first move. As far as DX goes just ask Joe AJ8MH. He is logging those DX contacts and is somewhere around the 300 county count.

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

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MARCH 07, 2013 MINUTES

Officers present were – President, Lou Gembolis KG8NK, Secretary Mike Beltz KD8JIR, and Treasurer Lucille Scott 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 16 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Secretary's Report – A motion to approve the minutes as published in the Standing Wave was made by Lane WD8PAJ and seconded by Rich N8GBA. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasure Lucille KD8PTE handed out the treasure's report for the month of February and reviewed the income and expenses. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Fred KD8JIP and seconded by Bill KC8EWD. The motion passed.

Correspondence –

Committee Reports –

Repeaters/Tech. – Lou KG8NK reported for Paul KB0P that all the repeaters appear to be up and working well.

Ares/Races - Lou KG8NK & Rich N8GBA stated a meeting will be coming up and those involved will be contacted. Some proposed equipment is questionable.

PR – Lane WD8PAJ is still looking for assistance so he can get it to the radio and newspaper. We do have a good relationship with the radio and newspaper.

Old Business –

Sled Dog Race Wrap-up - A Lou KG8NK stated he is glad it's all over. Paul KB0P is expected to head the event next year.

New Business –

Dayton Hamfest - Lane WD8PAJ has 19 going to Dayton.

Testing - Greg KI8AF stated we had at least 6 people planning to test on Saturday, March 9.

Field day - Lou KG8NK was wondering if we were going to have a field day. Expected date is the week-end of June 22 & 23. Anyone interested in heading it?

Mobile Emergency Radio - Rich N8GBA mentioned a need for a new microphone for our mobile emergency radio. A motion to purchase one was made by Rich N8GBA and seconded by Bill KC8EWD. The motion approved.

Repeater duplexers - Rich N8GBA made a motion to purchase new duplexers for the 146.820 repeater. After some discussion, a motion to support was made by Bill KC8EWD. The motion was approved.

50/50 drawing – Congratulations to Fred KD8JIP.

End of Meeting – Motion to conclude the meeting at 8:03 by Bill KC8EWD and seconded by Lane WD8PAJ. The motion was approved.

Post Meeting Program – Lou KG8NK had presentation on Digital contesting.

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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