



THE STANDING WAVE

April, 2018

MONTHLY MEETING: MQT
County Health Dept. Bldg.,
Lower Level, Negaunee Twp.
Date: April 5th, 2018, next
meeting May 3rd
Time: 7:00 PM at MQT
County Health Dept. Lower
Level

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No meeting minutes published in this issue.

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 at <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@arri.net.

Dayton-Xenia Ham Trip

For those who are planning to go to Dayton-Xenia this May. I need to know who is going and also to send Rich N8GBA your ticket money, the price is \$22 advance, \$27 at door. This needs to be done by April 30th, any after that date will be returned unopened.

I have eight rooms available with 6 filled at the Suburban Extended Stay on Germany Lane, Beavercreek... Just off Colonel Glenn. We are about 12 miles from the fair grounds in Xenia and a pleasant drive on country roads from the motel.

Here is a text link you may want to keep up on the HAMvention....

Get Hamvention Alerts – text: Hamvention18 to 888777

Less than 65 days to go!

73 Rod W8GRI

The monthly newsletter of the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette, MI. 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.

After reading the article Reflections by Jim Belles, N8NAV in the recent issue of the Standing Wave, I was struck by Jim's overview and personal reflections about several of our local Silent Keys who made impressions on him. His article prompted me to take pen in hand or, in this case, keyboard and share my own memories of some local hams that influenced my ham radio career and life.

My start in ham radio began in 5th grade when my teacher, Bea Shortridge W8MMB, offered to teach several students the Morse code for a Boy Scout Merit Badge. That learning experience motivated me along with encouragement from Mrs. Shortridge to take the Novice test which included a 5 words per minute (wpm) code test and a 25 question test. That experience led to a now lifetime hobby. I've now been licensed continuously for over 60 years. Another ham who influenced my ham radio interest was John Sincock, W8CSI. John, now a silent key, was the first ham to demonstrate ham radio to me on the air. We had contacts with a ham in Germany and one in California. Quite an experience for an eleven year old. In the spring of 1958, John administered my Conditional license exam. The Conditional license was actually the General Class license administered by mail by another ham. John was a prolific builder and his HF amplifiers were much sought after. Others who were instrumental in my early years were Mike MacDonald, K8EYR, a Navy veteran attending NMU. Mike helped me build my first rig – a Heathkit DX-40 transmitter. Another was Paul Lupton, W8UEF who was a high student at Bishop Baraga High School and taught classes to kids interested in becoming ham radio operators. As my interest in operating CW increased, I was influenced by the

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From Rich Johnson - Cont.

talent/skill of John Akkala, W8AT who had been a ship's sparks on the Great Lakes. Marge Pettee, W8OGY was an excellent CW op and contester. She demonstrated the first electronic keyer to me.

Electronic keyers are now part of most HF transceivers. There were many other hams who contributed much to the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association and ham radio in general. Those will be topics for future articles. **W8YV**

From Jim Belles - N8NAV

Cleanliness is next to ...

I have been accused, on more than one occasion, of being a pack rat. I know that I am not alone in that distinction. You just never know when that stray knob, spring, or screw may come in handy. I once heard a saying, "if a cluttered desk is indicative of an active mind, what is an empty desk indicative of"? So, needless to say, my radio operating area is less than pristine. I have some pals that I speak with on a fairly regular basis – one I haven't seen in over 20 years, the other I've never met. I keep promising to send them pictures of my shack, but can just never get around to cleaning it up to the point that they don't think I am a total slob. To add insult to injury, my dear XYL has commented on numerous occasions that my desk would qualify as a FEMA disaster area! This case was brought home this past weekend during the CQ Worldwide SSB contest. Now, I am what most people would classify as a "casual" contest operator. I'm not in it to win. I don't even submit my logs for scoring. I am primarily on the hunt for new DXCC countries or exotic call signs that look cool in my logbook. So it wasn't even until the end of our weekly 10-meter net, when I was taking a leisurely stroll through the bands, that I heard a reference to the upcoming contest. I immediately

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checked my handy CQ Amateur Radio Calendar And there it was. So it was now time for me to go into “contest mode”; which, for me, means finding a pen, my logbook and a pad of scratch paper. These essential tools were, of course, buried under a pile of debris which included a model of the USS Constellation (CVA-64) - on which I had briefly served in 1974 – which was under restoration on the desk. And, which of course, contained scads of incredibly small and mission-critical parts. You can see where this is going. In the process of gently moving the model to get to my scratch pad, the flight deck tipped and those miniscule pieces went in a hundred different directions! The aircraft carrier transited to a new – and equally cluttered – location. The contesting tools were recovered. And I am pleased to report that I worked three new countries during the contest. My next task is to find a flashlight and a magnifying glass and for me to proceed on a recovery mission in search of missing aircraft. And one of these days – to clean my operating desk!

Happy DXing! 73 de Jim, N8NAV



Les, WA8LE

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