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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: **August 6, 2009**
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
K8LOD-3.144.390 APRS Digi Mqt

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

Ore to Shore Bike Epic: Aug. 8th
Rich N8GBA may still need some help. Give him a call.

International Lighthouse Weekend:
Aug. 14/15/16, contact Pete K8PT to help out.

Happenings

We are well into summer and it won't be long before it is behind us and some of us have been extremely busy not only in our personal lives but with Amateur Radio as well. Thanks to those that make the extra effort in giving of their time for HARA and Amateur Radio.

I failed to mention in the July *Standing Wave* that at our June VE test session we had five individuals pass the Technician level exam. Congratulations are in order for KD8LMT Bill, KD8LMV Nick, KD8LMW Jean, KD8LMU Bert and KD8LMS Carol. Also Ryan W8CYA upgraded to Extra class. Well done Ryan.

The last Saturday in June nine members of the club participated in a mock emergency exercise at Sawyer International Airport. Our Amateur Television (ATV) system was put into use and some of those attending from other emergency services were very impressed.

Also on the 4th of July a handful of hams gave up a bit of the day to assist with the parade in Marquette. Nine volunteers again (some of those same from the emergency exercise) made the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association and Amateur Radio look good again. Thanks to all that helped out.

There is more to come and you can help out. Remember the *Ore to Shore Bike Epic* is only a few more days off and I'm sure Rich would appreciate a bit more assistance. And don't forget the *International Lighthouse Weekend* event scheduled for August 14th, 15th and 16th. Pete K8PT has secured the Marquette Lighthouse (lower harbor) for us to operate out of. We are very fortunate to actually operate out of the lighthouse as most stations that participate in the event sit outside or nearby a lighthouse. It's a great view and good time at the lighthouse so call Pete and join in the fun.

V.E. TESTING:

- 08/15 **Iron River:** 9:00am central time, at the Beef-A-Roo Restaurant in Iron River. NOTE: Pre-registration is required, contact Dan Waters, AA9GJ at 906 265-4240 or e-mail: dmwaters@ironriver.tv
- 09/12 **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
- 10/10 **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
- 08/01 **Iron Mountain:** 9:00am central time, (arrive by 8:30am) Dickinson County Library (conference room), contact Mark J. Lewis N8UKD, 412 Fairmount St. Kingsford, Mi 49802
- 10/10 **Gladstone:** Delta County Amateur Radio Society, Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Howard St. John (906) 428-9476 Email: 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 August go to: Bob N8PKN, Bruce WB8NJP, Lane WD8PAJ, Hank KD8CGJ, Richard KD8IZL, Don KC8PYD and Karen KC8UXJ.



Dave KD8DRF at Sawyer Emergency Exercise June 2009 and fire truck laying down water for mock exercise.

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 or 346-9278, Lane WD8PAJ laned@chartermi.net or 486-8697.



Fire fighter prepares at the Sawyer mock exercise. Jordon KC8RSW, Eric N8RRZ and Adam KD8IAX.

Message Had Some Static

On Saturday nights in the early 1950s, my grandfather drove my grandmother and me to the country auction hall for a night of laughs and the chance of finding a few bargains. The auctioneer was a natural showman who used a livestock cane for a gavel.

One night, the auctioneer rummaged through a large cardboard box containing what he called the whatnot collection, noting, "There's some pretty good-looking stuff in here. Why, look here! Here's a receiving set that's in real good shape."

I couldn't believe my ears! The older boys in my neighborhood had bought shortwave radio gear to be ham operators, so I'd made the battery-powered telegraph key and started practicing. I go nervous thinking there were other ham operators in the hall. With just one other bidder as competition, I was overjoyed to get the receiving set for \$1.50. The auctioneer said, "Come up here, son, and get your whatnot collection."

Then he flashed a big grin and said, "And here's that fine-looking receiving set." The hall erupted into hoots of laughter as he pulled out an old, beat up, stainless-steel bedpan.

My grandmother patted me on the shoulder and said, "*Caveat emptor*, son. Let the buyer beware. As we left the hall, my grandmother stopped me from throwing away my "receiving set" saying, "It's a perfectly good bedpan, honey."

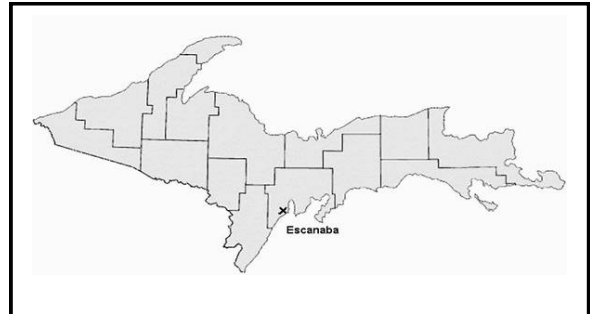
David Hammarstrom Jr.
Hampton, New Hampshire
Reminisce Magazine

August 1st at Escanaba Michigan

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Events include Swap & Shop, Meetings & Door Prizes

Talk in on the 147.15 Repeater (PL tone 100 Hz
Doors open at 9 AM Eastern Daylight Time
Location: The Joseph Heiman University Center
at Bay de Noc College. Parking Lot "D" off of
Danforth Road.



Here is an interesting photo from Dayton 2009.
What in the world is it that you are looking at?



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And here is one of the necessary stops while at the Dayton Hamvention.

On The Bands

ARLX010 WALTER CRONKITE, KB2GSD (SK)

Legendary CBS newsman Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, who held the title of "Most Trusted Man in America," passed away Friday, July 17 after a long illness. He was 92. The avuncular Cronkite anchored the CBS Evening News for 19 years until 1981 when he retired. During that time, he reported on such subjects as the Kennedy assassinations, the Civil Rights movement, the Apollo XI lunar landing, Vietnam and the Vietnam-era protests, the Arab-Israeli Six Day War, Watergate and the Begin-Sadat peace accords.

Cronkite, an ARRL member, narrated the 6 minute video "Amateur Radio Today" (<http://www.arrl.org/ARToday/>). Produced by the ARRL in 2003, the video tells Amateur Radio's public service story to non-hams, focusing on ham radio's part in helping various agencies respond to wildfires in the Western US during 2002, ham radio in space and the role Amateur Radio plays in emergency communications. "Dozens of radio amateurs helped the police and fire departments and other emergency services maintain communications in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC," narrator Cronkite intoned in reference to ham radio's response on September 11, 2001. "Their country asked, and they responded without reservation."

Walter Leland Cronkite was born in St Joseph, Missouri on November 4, 1916, the only child of a dentist father and homemaker mother. When he was still young, his family moved to Texas. "One day, he read an article in "Boys Life" about the adventures of reporters working around the world -- and young Cronkite

was hooked," said his obituary on the CBS Web site. "He began working on his high school newspaper and yearbook and in 1933; he entered the University of Texas at Austin to study political science, economics and journalism. He never graduated. He took a part time job at the Houston Post and left college to do what he loved: report." (<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/07/17/eveningnews/main5170556.shtml>)

In 1963, it was Cronkite who broke into the soap opera "As the World Turns" to announce that the president had been shot -- and later to declare that he had been killed." CBS called it a "defining moment for Cronkite, and for the country. His presence -- in shirtsleeves, slowly removing his glasses to check the time and blink back tears -- captured both the sense of shock, and the struggle for composure, that would consume America and the world over the next four days." One of Cronkite's enthusiasms was the space race. In 1969, when America sent a man to the moon, he couldn't contain himself. "Go baby, go." he said as Apollo XI took off. He ended up performing what critics described as "Walter to Walter" coverage of the mission -- staying on the air for 27 of the 30 hours that astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong were on the moon. In 2006, NASA honored Cronkite by giving him their Ambassador of Exploration Award. "His marathon, live coverage of the first moon landing brought the excitement and impact of the historic event into the homes of millions of Americans and observers around the world," NASA said in a news release announcing the award. Cronkite was the first non-astronaut and only NASA outsider to receive the award. (<http://www.arrl.org/?artid=6130>.)

Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, was Cronkite's radio engineer at CBS for many years. "I had many chances to discuss my favorite hobby, ham radio, with 'the world's most trusted anchor man,'" he told the ARRL. "Gradually, his interest increased, but on finding that he had to pass a Morse code test, he balked, saying it was too hard for him; however, he told me he had purchased a receiver and listened to the Novice bands every night for a few minutes. At the CBS Radio Network, Walter would arrive 10 minutes before we went on the air to read his script aloud, make corrections for his style of grammar and just 'get in the mood' to do the show. In those days Rich Moseson, W2VU, was the producer of a show called "In the News," a 3 minute television show for children voiced by CBS Correspondent Christopher Glenn. On this day, Rich was at the Broadcast Center to record Chris' voice for his show and had dropped by my control room to discuss some upcoming ARRL issues." At the time, Mendelsohn was the ARRL Hudson Division Director. "When Walter walked into the studio, I started to set the show up at the behest of our director, Dick Muller, WA2DOS," Mendelsohn recalled. "In setting up the tape recorders, I had to send tone to them and make sure they were all at proper level. Having some time, I grabbed "The New York Times" and started sending code with the tone key on the audio console. For 10 minutes I sent code and noticed Walter had turned his script over and was copying it. We went to air, as we did every day, at 4:50 PM and after we were off, Walter brought his script into the control room. Neatly printed on the back was the text I had sent with the tone key. Rich and I looked at the copy, he nodded, and I told Walter that he had just passed the code test. He laughed and asked when the formal test was, but I reminded him that it took two general class licensees to validate the test and he had just passed the code. Several weeks later he passed the written test and the FCC issued him KB2GSD." Mendelsohn helped Cronkite make his first Amateur Radio contact: "Having passed the licensing test, Walter was now ready to get on the air. His first QSO was on 10 meters about 28.390 MHz. He was nervous and I called him on the phone to talk him through his first experience. As we talked on the air, a ham from the Midwest come on and called me. Acknowledging him, I asked the usual questions about where he was from; wanting to give Walter a bit of flavor of what the hobby was about. I turned it over to Walter, and following his introduction, the gentleman in the Midwest said, 'That's the worst Walter Cronkite imitation I've ever heard.' I suggested that maybe it was Walter and the man replied, 'Walter Cronkite is not even a ham, and if he was, he certainly wouldn't be here on 10 meters.' Walter and I laughed for weeks at that one."

In 2007, ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, presented Cronkite with the ARRL President's Award. This award, created in 2003 by the ARRL Board of Directors, recognizes an ARRL member or members who "have shown long-term dedication to the goals and objectives of ARRL and

Amateur Radio" and who have gone the extra mile to support individual League programs and goals. Cronkite was selected to receive the award in April 2005 in recognition of his outstanding support of the ARRL and Amateur Radio by narrating the videos "Amateur Radio Today" and "The ARRL Goes to Washington" (<http://www.arrl.org/pio/VTS-video.wmv>.) "It was quite a thrill to make this presentation to Cronkite," Fallon said. "He has long been recognized as the 'most trusted man in America,' so lining our causes to his face, name and voice has been a great help."

Cronkite is the recipient of a Peabody Award, the William White Award for Journalistic Merit, an Emmy Award from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the George Polk Journalism Award and a Gold Medal from the International Radio and Television Society. In 1981, during his final three months on the CBS Evening News, Cronkite received 11 major awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1985, he became the second newsman, after Edward R. Murrow, to be selected for the Television Hall of Fame.

A private memorial service was scheduled for July 23 in New York City. Cronkite will be cremated and his remains buried in Missouri next to his wife Betsy, who passed away in 2005. A public memorial service will be held within the next month at Avery Fisher Hall at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the Walter and Betsy Cronkite Foundation through the Austin Community Foundation (<http://www.austincommunityfoundation.org/>), which will distribute contributions to various charities the couple supported. As Cronkite said on March 6, 1981, concluding his final broadcast as anchorman: "Old anchormen, you see, don't fade away, they just keep coming back for more. And that's the way it is."
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WorldRadio Online

Remember that WorldRadio Magazine that we used to get monthly? We it is still available online. Check out this site for more info: <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/WorldRadio.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. 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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