

**August 2020**



## 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 [n8nav1@charter.net](mailto:n8nav1@charter.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:** Unknown  
**Time:** 7:00 PM

### **CLUB OFFICERS, 2020**

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### **STANDING WAVE**

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### **REPEATERS**

**With the proliferation of local and regional repeaters, it is no longer feasible to list them individually. However there is an extensive list – and map – contained in the HARA website at [www.qsl.net/k8lod](http://www.qsl.net/k8lod).**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



On Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, the HARA Board of Directors held a Zoom meeting to discuss items that needed board attention. Because of the increase of COVID-19 cases in our area, it was felt that this is not a safe time to hold any meetings for a while.

The February Swap & Shop was discussed with the following recommendations:

- The board elected to not have raffle tickets for this event. Last year we made less than \$300, and this year we will have to pay to have the tickets printed.
- Other possibilities to raise funds would be to hold a cook-out like we had at Super One when it is safe or have 50/50 drawings or bucket drawings at the Swap.
- If the COVID-19 virus is still around we may not have this event.

We received an email from NMU concerning our equipment at the .27 repeater site in which they wanted material taken off the tower. Paul, KB0P, spent a week working with NMU and Range Communications.

Without having meetings for a while the board extended the current officers positions for another year or until we can have a regular HARA meeting.

Jim Belles, N8NAV, has been appointed Marquette County EC by the ARRL. Jim will lead our ARES group into the future! Thank you Jim!

Lou KG8NK

## V.E. TESTING:

September 12, 2020 (see below) **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](mailto:n8gba@att.net) or Greg KI8AF 225-1594, [ki8af@arrrl.net](mailto:ki8af@arrrl.net).**

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.*

**Note:** Other clubs in the area may offer license testing. For a listing you can go to the ARRL website at [arrrl.org](http://arrrl.org). Click on *Licensing, Education, Training*, then *Getting Licensed*, and then *Find An Exam Session*. You can search by zip code or other criteria.

## HARA's Monthly Meeting Programs

Future: Greg KI8AF, Antenna Analyzers, Antenna Tuners and Dummy Loads

**NOTE:** The above is a partial list of upcoming programs. The Club is always looking for Ham Radio-related programs of interest to the membership. If you have something in mind, please contact VP Greg Hanson @ [ki8af@arrrl.net](mailto:ki8af@arrrl.net).

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**Amateur Radio Test Session.** We (HARA) do have a licensing test session schedule for Saturday September 12, 2020, 8:30am. The Marquette County Health Department has given us approval to use the facility with some guidelines to follow. We must limit the amount of those attending to 10, up to 6 examinees and 4 examiners. Face masks will be required and we will be practicing social distancing. If you feel ill, please do not attend as obtaining a license right now isn't worth risking your health or that of others. **If you plan on testing you must get a hold of Greg KI8AF at 225-1594 or [ki8af@arrrl.net](mailto:ki8af@arrrl.net) to reserve a spot.** It will be first call/email, first serve. Give him a call if you have questions

## **The Business**

**Due to Governor Whitmer's continuing executive orders regarding group events, monthly HARA club meetings are suspended indefinitely. Stay tuned to the various nets and the Standing Wave for updates.**

## **Friday Lunch is Back!**



If interested in attending, contact Greg, KI8AF, at [ki8af@arrl.net](mailto:ki8af@arrl.net).

## **Emergency Operations Center Antenna Work**

In case you were not aware, we have Ham Radio equipment in the State Police Post in Negaunee, which is the Marquette County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Recently, local ARES members replaced the HF antenna at the EOC.

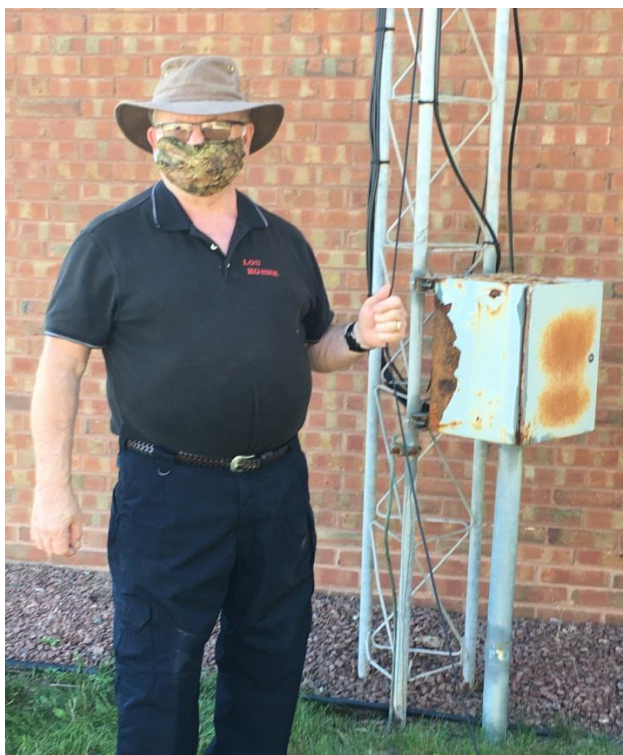


Greg on the tower, as usual.



Lou, Fred and Greg inspect the old wire dipole.





**We all practiced appropriate social distancing – some more than others!**

### **A Note About Photo Submissions**

A couple of things to keep in mind when submitting photos to be published in the Standing Wave:

1. We always prefer shots of Hams in action over those just depicting random people or scenery.
2. We'd love to include captions to go along with the photo. So please identify the individual Ham(s) as well as the activity. **THANKS!**

### **HARA H&W Net**

Please join us for the HARA Health and Wellness Net on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm on the K8LOD 147.27 (100 Hz tone) repeater.

Let us know how you are handling the COVID-19 issue and what you are doing to stay safe!

We are also planning on sending out items regarding Amateur Radio to keep our great hobby going!

Just check-in with your callsign. When it is your turn we will ask for your name, location, and comments.



## News

Effective immediately, I have relieved Lou, KG8NK, as the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Emergency Coordinator (EC) for Marquette County. Many thanks to Lou for doing such a great job in this position for a long time! I was actually an EC while I was stationed in California with the US Navy back in the late 1980/early 1990s. A lot has changed in the ensuing 30+ years and I am slowly getting up to speed.

As those of us who live here know, major emergencies or disasters are – thankfully – rare. However, emergencies can happen even in paradise. According to TV-6, there was an EF1 tornado that touched down in the southern UP in early August. As with life, preparedness is the key!

There is work underway to link all 15 UP counties, as well as form pathways downstate, via Ham Radio. These efforts involve both “conventional” modes such as FM and SSB as well as newer digital modes. As usual with our great hobby, there is something for everyone!

Volunteers are always needed. If you are interested in learning more about the role of ARES in public service, you can check out the ARRL website at [www.arrl.org/ares](http://www.arrl.org/ares). There is even a link to a registration form. Or you can contact me at [n8nav1@charter.net](mailto:n8nav1@charter.net).

## *Parting Thoughts*

1. From the ARRL Members Only Website:

### Ham Swaps Revisited

The amateur community is often a pretty inventive crowd. In addition to the large presentation oriented virtual hamfest, there are some creative events centered on buying and selling gear. I’ve heard a few local 2-meter swap nets becoming active again. Another new twist was an Ohio based club using videoconferencing to display and offer equipment for sale or trade. And of course, there’s always the QTH, QRZ, and E-Bay forums. I would love to hear what you’ve run into.

73

Jim K8JK

2. And a couple of more items from Greg:

8/14/2020, Echolink and IRLP and also the DMR Repeater are back up and running. We had to resolve an internet problem at the repeater site.

Don't forget the regular Sunday evening (7:00pm) 2 meter net and also the Wednesday evening (7:00pm) 2 meter wellness net.

3. Some of us who have been around Ham Radio for a while probably remember the famous, or infamous, Russian Woodpecker. I ran across this item from another group to which I belong. Hopefully, you find it interesting.

<https://www.bbc.com/reel/playlist/the-secret-world-of-spies?vpid=p0864g3r&ocid=ww.social.link.email>



That's a wrap for this month!

**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>

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