

**August 2021**

# 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 Co. Health Department**  
**Lower Level, Negaunee Township.**  
**Date: Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021**  
**Time: 7:00 PM**

**CLUB OFFICERS, 2021**  
Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK  
VP: Greg Hanson KI8AF  
Treas. Mike Beltz KD8JIR  
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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

It was nice to have such a good turn-out at the HARA picnic last week. With such a long shutdown because of COVID-19 it was nice to meet and talk to everyone in attendance.

Over the past months we have had programs on Winlink, satellites, fox hunting, and the various digital modes that continue to be a part of Amateur Radio. Some digital modes such as FT8 and WSJT-X have been the mode of choice accounting for up to 60% of contacts. The use of these digital modes use less spectrum, low power, and you don't need a fancy antenna. I use an inverted L about 20 feet above ground with good results.

**73, Lou, KG8NK**

## V.E. TESTING:

**September 11, 2021**     **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 at [ki8af@arrl.net](mailto:ki8af@arrl.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. **You must have an FRN and provide a valid email address.** *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).

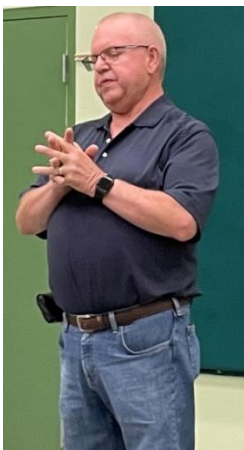
## The Business

### HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

From HARA Secretary Lee, KD8PJC:

The HARA picnic held at the Sands Township Hall on August 5 was attended by a record 38 people, 25 who were licensed. Special thanks to Sheri and Lou for preparing the hot dogs and brats and all.

Ham of the Year was awarded to Greg KI8AF. His service to the club and ham community is much appreciated!



President Lou, KG8NK, welcomed everyone.



HARA Ham of the Year Greg, KI8AF, receives a nice callsign jacket.



Good food shared by good friends!

## Friday Lunch is back!



Left side: Judi, KE8LRW, John ex-N8RSE, Jim, N8NAV, Dave, KD8DRF (hiding), Greg KI8AF  
Right side: Don, N8HDT, Tom, KC8OND, Bill, KD8ZEG, David KE8PND, Fred, KD8JIP

## Happenings!

The following is a list of local events that, as of press time, are happening:

- Ore to Shore Mountain Bike Epic – August 14, 2021 in/around Marquette. Contact Eric, N8RRZ, 906-227-1314
- Tahqua Trail Run – August 14, 2021 in Tahquamenon Falls State Park. Contact Dave Dake, KC8QZG
- Northwoods Hamfest – August 21, 2021 in Tomahawk, WI. Contact Al Russ, KD9LJS
- Marquette Marathon – September 4, 2021 in Marquette. Contact Eric, N8RRZ, 906-227-1314
- LeDemi Grand Marathon – September 18, 2021 in Munising/Grand Island. Contact Allen Augustyn, W8FYZ
- Lake Superior Rally – October 15&16, 2021 in Marquette. Contact Fred Anderson, N8BTS, 906-250-1813

## **UP Hamfest August 7, 2021**



Dave, WA8DOF, had some great deals!



### **HARA 10-meter Net**

Some months ago, the club established a weekly get-together on 10 meters. The original intent was to give those Hams with a Technician-class license a chance to gain experience on HF SSB. Since that time, it has grown into a combination rag-chew, Health & Welfare and generally an old-fashioned good time! We continue to have a good showing of “regulars” and visitors! With the Cycle 25 (hopefully) increase in propagation, 10 meters appears to be hopping. 28.400 MHz is a calling frequency, so we have decided to move our net to 28.396 on Friday nights at 7:00 pm local time. Net control is usually Greg, KI8AF. Because it is a local net, you don’t need to run much power or have a big antenna installation to be heard. So finish your Friday fish fry early and join us on 10 meters! We look forward to hearing you!

#### **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!

#### **Challenge**

At a recent Friday lunch session, an idea was floated about putting together some sort of a monthly challenge for our HARA membership. Some ideas included trying a new band or mode, working a certain number of new states or DX countries, participating in an on-air contest or Special Event. The “prize”, in addition to personal satisfaction, could be something like a certificate (aka wallpaper) and/or your article in the Standing Wave.

Your thoughts and ideas are always appreciated. You can send them to a Club officer or me.



## More UP Hamfest



President Lou, KG8NK and Greg, KI8AF discuss important matters.



It was great to get out and meet people again!



## News

from the desk of N8NAV



If you are an ARRL member and QST subscriber, you probably saw the comments by CEO David Minster, NA2AA, on page 9 of the July 2021 issue. This entire issue was dedicated to EmComm (**Emergency Communications**) and some of David's comments concerning the FCC's five expectations bare repeating:

"Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communications service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications."

"There are a few noteworthy things to unpack from this principle. The first is that it is our responsibility to make sure that the public at large understands the value of amateur radio. This is where our Section Manager and Public Information Coordinators/Officers come in. Social media can also play an important role here. The second point is that amateur radio is voluntary – it is your choice to participate – and it is noncommercial, meaning you're not getting paid, as it is your avocation, not your vocation. The third is that among all the ways we participate in demonstrating the value of amateur radio to the public, providing emergency communications is of particular importance! Every year, there are communities that find themselves in an unexpected disaster situation, with a disruption to commercial communications and/or power systems. Well-trained amateur radio operators respond with an emergency communications capability *when all else fails*."

Areas of the UP have experienced what I would call some significant weather-related events this summer; which brought to my mind **Skywarn**. If you didn't already know, we maintain a Ham station – callsign WX8MQT – at the National Weather Service office in Negaunee. As with many government offices, the NWS facility has been closed to the public. A recent check with them reveals that their office remains closed. Their Warning Coordinator, Matt Zika, KD8EFY, advises the following methods to report weather-related information: A. Call 1.800.828.8002 or B. <https://www.weather.gov/crh/stormreports?sid=mqt>).

We are always looking for new ARES members. If interested, you can download an application from the ARRL website, [www.arrl.org/ares](http://www.arrl.org/ares) and email it to me at [n8nav1@charter.net](mailto:n8nav1@charter.net), or contact me and I will arrange to get an application to you.

Stay safe and enjoy the remainder of summer! 73 de Jim, N8NAV

## **Buy, Sell, or Trade**

**Please advise when items have been bought or sold.**

Lee, KD8PJC, has a fox hunting antenna for sale. No other details provided.

Her contact info: [ldrowe@charter.net](mailto:ldrowe@charter.net)

## **Parting Thoughts**

1. Dale's, WA8EFK, Tales from August 2021:

GREAT LAKES CONVENTION UPDATE: Mark the Date, October 2, 2021, at Knicely Center in Bowling Green, KY. We'll soon publish Special Editions of Dale's Tales with the forum schedules. David Minster NA2AA, ARRL CEO will be the guest speaker at our formal luncheon at 1:00 PM. We will also be presenting our Division Newsletter Awards and the ARRL's Phil McGann award. Following the luncheon, we will hold an initiation for the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong, noting that our ARRL CEO David, NA2AA will at that time be among those initiated into the Order. You do not want to miss this!

2. From Scott Yonally N8SY, Vice Director, Great Lakes Division:

### **HAMFESTING:**

Here is the current listing of Great Lakes Division ARRL Sanctioned Hamfests for 2021. Please note that all are subject to change, so please stay current by checking the sponsoring club's web page before making your travel arrangements. Be sure to invite your ARRL Officials as soon as your date is set. If you club plans to request ARRL Hamfest Sanctioning, they should do so well in advance of the planned Hamfest date, as this allows adequate time for QST Listings. QST announcements require a 3 month lead time. If a swap is cancelled or the date is going to change, please notify ARRL HQ.

2021 Great Lakes Div. ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest calendar. Please feel free to reproduce and publish in your local Club Newsletter, with credit to the source.

8/7/2021 - Columbus Hamfest, Columbus, OH  
8/7/2021 - MOVARC Hamfest, Bidwell, OH  
8/15/2021 - WARA Tailgate Swap, Warren, OH  
8/21/2021 - GMARC Trunkfest, Shelby Twp, MI  
8/22/2021 - Athens Trunkfest, Athens, OH  
8/28/2021 - Cincinnati Hamfest/Ohio Conference, Cincinnati, OH  
8/29/2021 - Seaway Trunk Swap, Port Huron, MI  
9/11/2021 - Greater Louisville, Shepherdsville, KY  
9/11/2021 - GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI  
9/12/2021 - Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH  
9/18/2021 - Cadillac Hamfest, Cadillac, MI  
9/18/2021 - Richmond Hamfest, Richmond, KY  
9/18/2021 - GMARC Trunkfest, Shelby Twp, MI  
9/18/2021 - CMARC Hamfest, Okemos, MI

9/18/2021 - Mound ARA Swapmeet, Miamisburg, OH  
9/18/2021 - Miami Co Swap Meet, Troy, OH  
9/19/2021 - Adrian Hamfest, Adrian, MI  
9/25/2021 - Paintsville Hamfest, Paintsville, KY  
9/26/2021 - Cleveland Hamfest, Berea, OH  
10/2/2021 - VetteCity/Great Lakes Convention, Bowling Green, KY  
10/16/2021 - Muskegon Color Tour Swap, Muskegon, MI  
10/24/2021 - USECA Hamfest, Madison Hgts, MI  
10/31/2021 - Massillon Swap, Massillon, OH  
11/6/2021 - Grant ARC Hamfest, Georgetown, OH  
12/4/2021 - Fulton Co Winterfest, Delta, OH  
12/5/2021 - L'anse Creuse Swap, Madison Hgts, MI

For the latest detail on regional hamfests, check the ARRL web page at: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>.

3. Hello all,

I'm JB Lewis, KC0LJS, Chief of Communications for Lake Superior Performance Rally 2021, and the event's Net Control Operator.

I would like to start by thanking you and your clubs' respective membership for their participation helping us put on the event in previous years.

This year the event's headquarters has shifted from Houghton to Marquette, with stages in the National Forest surrounding Kenton Friday, and the in area east of L'Anse and Herman on Saturday. We will have several stages at Marquette Mountain as well, both at the beginning of the event and at the end.

Event Details:

Lake Superior Performance Rally

October 14 -16

Volunteer Registration:

<https://www.rallymasterpro.com/workers/index.php?thread=9511ca43>

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It is currently my understanding that HARA's linked system doesn't reach far enough to the West. We have available to us a 2m portable repeater with a standard offset, that appears to be on a frequency that is not in conflict with any local frequencies. We are also planning on having the State 800Mhz radios available as a backup.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, and I will do my very best to get you answers.

JBLewis

4. The Marquette Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K will be held on **Saturday, September 4th**, with the race EXPO/Party. on the 3rd! Registration is now LIVE! The Marquette Marathon runs on a downhill/certified course that is an official Boston Marathon qualifier.

[Marathon Running Half Marathon | Marquettemarathon.net](https://www.marquettemarathon.net)

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## Local Weekly DMR Net

The weekly DMR net starts each Sunday evening at 6:30 pm local time and is finished by the start of the HARA Sunday evening net.

The DMR net meets on our local KB0P DMR repeater and/or the U.P. Michigan Talk Group. Lucille KD8PTE is usually net control.

Repeater: 442.200 MHz receive/447.200 transmit

U.P. Michigan Talk Group: 31268



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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