

August 2026

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 or 381, Marquette, MI 49855 or to the editor at n8nav1@charter.net Club info, membership, dues, etc. can be found on our website at www.qsl.net/k8lod

MONTHLY MEETING:
Marquette Co. EOC
Conference Room
Date: September 3, 2026
Start: 7:00 PM

CLUB OFFICERS for 2026

Pres: Tom Perry KE8TPT
VP/EC: Scott Machalk, WU8H
Treas: Mike Beltz KD8JIR
Sec: Josh Cadotte KF8DNQ
Board Members:
Lou Gembolis KG8NK (Past Pres.)
Jim Belles, N8NAV (Retired EC)
Dave Thomas KD8DRF
Greg Hanson, KI8AF

STANDING WAVE

Editor, Jim Belles N8NAV
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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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Good morning all. As always, it has been a busy and fast summer. We had 19 people attend the August meeting/picnic at the EOC. The venue worked well so we will probably also have the Christmas dinner there if it is available.

There is currently a silent auction going to dispose of excess operational club equipment. Paid up HARA members only are eligible to bid. Information was sent out by email and there should be info further down in this newsletter.

I will be out of the country September 3 – 19. Scott will preside at the September meeting as well as provide the President's Message for the September Standing Wave. September is nomination time for next year's officers. More nominations can be made in October before we vote on the officers for next year. If you are interested in serving as an officer or on the executive board, don't be shy, step up and self-nominate!

Upcoming events that HARA supports include: Marquette Marathon, September 5; Lake Superior Performance Rally (LSPR), October 9-10 Oct; UP200/MNR, February 12-14 20 27.

Concerning the UP200/MNR, this will be my last year coordinating Ham Radio operators for that event. I have done it for the last 4-5 years. It is someone else's turn. We (myself and Paul, KB0P) have developed a pretty big email list of potential hams. We also have a good assignment spreadsheet to hand off to the next coordinator. If you are interested in assuming the coordinators position, we can work together this year as a transition. Let me know. BUT I am definitely done after the 2027 race.

73 Tom KE8TPT KE8TPT@gmail.com

V.E. TESTING:

**September
12, 2026**

Marquette: 10:00 am eastern time, (arrive by 9:45 am) Marquette County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) conference room. The EOC is located across the parking lot from the Health Department.

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 at ki8af@arrl.net.

There are new procedures for license testing recently implemented. If you need assistance, please contact Greg, KI8AF.

Note: Other clubs in the area may offer license testing. For a listing you can go to the ARRL website at arrl.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

NOTE: The Club is always looking for Ham Radio-related programs of interest to the membership. If you have something in mind, please contact VP Scott Machalk @ smachalk@gmail.com.

The Business

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION August 6, 2026

The annual HARA Picnic was held at the Marquette County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). There was no business meeting held. Nineteen (19) members attended and a good time – and good food – was had by all! See photos below.





Friday Lunch is back!
(meet in the back room at Big Boy at 11:00 am)



Left side: Marge (XYL of Bill, KE8KCA), Fred, KD8JIP, Rich, N8GBA, Bill, KD8ZEG, Joe, AJ8MH, Greg, KI8AF
 Right side: Bill, KE8KCA (SK), Lou, KG8NK, Judi, KE8LRW, Sheri, KD8EDS, Mike, KD8JIR, Bill, KD8ZMJ, Dave, KD8DRF

A Note from Vice President Scott, WU8H

HARA is cleaning out the storage bin and getting rid of equipment we don't use. This equipment is listed below. This equipment is available via silent auction. If you are interested in bidding on an item, send me an email at smachalk@gmail.com with the item name and the amount you would like to bid. Bidding will close at midnight September 2 and winners will be announced at the September 3 HARA meeting.

This auction is open to HARA members only.

If you are interested in an item and would like to see more pictures, let me know and I have a few I can send.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

Scott

WU8H

HARA VP



Lot 1: \$700 starting bid
Kenwood TS-570S Radio
Pelican 1650 Case
Astron RS-20A Power Supply
MFJ-434 Voice Keyer
RIGblaster Nomic Interface
Heil HC-5 Headset
Daiwa CS-201 Antenna Switch



Lot 2: \$500 Starting Bid
Kenwood TS-570S Radio
Pelican 1650 Case
Kenwood PS-50 Power Supply
Kenwood HS-5 Headphones



Lot 3: \$100 starting bid
Kenwood 241A Radio
Astron RS-20a Power Supply



Lot 4: \$Free
Motorola VHF repeater



Lot 5: \$100 starting bid
Uniden Bearcat BC796D Scanner.
Accessories shown are included but the Pelican case is
being sold separately.



Lot 6: \$50 Starting Bid
Pelican 1450 Case

Happenings!

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

- Marquette Marathon, Saturday, September 5, 2026. Contact Eric, N8RRZ.
- Lake Superior Performance Rally (LSPR), October 9-10, 2026. Contact Tom, KE8TPT



HARA 10-meter Net

Some years 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. The group meets on **28.396** (+/- QRM) 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

Parks on the Air (POTA)

Ongoing

For details, see their website at:

www.parksontheair.com.

ARRL 250

Ongoing

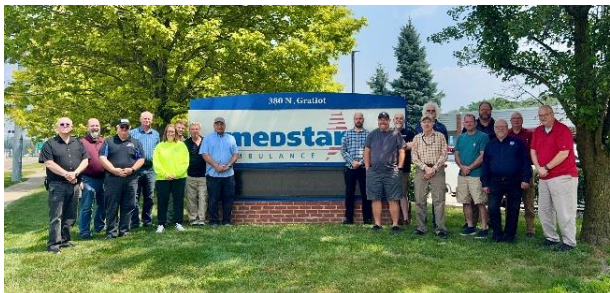
W1AW portable operation in all 50 states

www.arrl.org/america250-was



ARES News

from the desk of WU8H



On July 18-18, I headed down to Macomb County (Sterling Heights) to take AUXCOMM AUXC training. The course was for 2 days and it was a very good class. I was pleasantly surprised.

Now that the training is complete, it's time to start completing my task book so I can become a state-certified AUXC. I have 6 months to start the task book, then 2 years to complete it once it's started. If anyone is interested in this training or wants more info on it, let me know. There is an interest list and, if we were to get enough people interested, we could get them to hold a class in the UP.

We are still working on the antenna at the EOC. Construction has started on a new antenna and we have a plan. We're hoping to run that plan by the County the week of Aug 17 and then we can get to work. Once we get that up and working, I'll set up a schedule to do some testing. I'll keep everyone informed once I'm ready to get that going.

The Fall SET is rapidly approaching. As soon as I get the plan form the State, I'll begin working with my AECs and EM to put a plan together. I welcome input from anyone on the ARES team. If there's specific training or practice you'd like to see, please let me know.

Upcoming Events:

Marquette Marathon - September 5

ARRL Nationwide Simulated Emergency Test (SET) - October 3

LSPR - October 9-10

Noquemanon Ski Marathon - January 22-23, 2027

UP200 - February 11-15, 2027

If I'm missing anything, let me know and I'll post it in future columns.

Please turn in your ARES hours by the 5th so I can get the report completed and turned in by the 6th. These numbers get reported to the state so they can see how many hours we put it.

Scott
WU8H
Marquette County ARES EC

Buy, Sell, or Trade

Please advise when items have been bought or sold.

Nothing in the cart this month, but please see the good deals above that the club is offering.

Ore to Shore – 2026

The 27th annual Ore to Shore Mountain Bike Epic was held on Saturday, August 8, 2026. As tradition has it, the Hams of HARA provided communications support along the multiple race courses. Some statistics from the event – approximately 2,300 competitors, over 350 registered volunteers, 55 road crossings/road closures and 8 aid stations. Unfortunately I was more focused on the bikes than on my camera! If any of the Ham volunteers have photos that they would like to share, please send them to n8nav1@charter.net and I will include them in a future newsletter.

Shack Memories

If you missed the opportunity to visit the Marquette County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the HARA club picnic, below is a photo of our very nice radio room at the facility. As Scott mentions in his article, we've still got some work to do to make it fully operational.



Parting Thoughts

1. From the ARRL Great Lakes Division:

Subject: The Great Lakes Division News – Special Edition!

Hey Gang,

I've got some very special news that I just couldn't wait any longer to tell you about...

So, grab a big glass of whatever makes you feel good, a sweet snack from your pantry and sit back in your easy chair and have a great read!!

https://arrrl-greatlakes.org/glnews/2026/07-24-26-radio_waves.pdf

73,

Scott, N8SY

2. And another one from Scott:

Subject: The Great Lakes Division News – August Has Arrived Edition!

Hey Gang... The latest edition of Great Lakes Division newsletter is ready for you to read. There's lots of new information that you just can't get anywhere else inside and if you didn't already know... You can even save a copy on your favorite computer, tablet, phone, OR print it off and give a copy to a friend!

So, let's celebrate summer with a big frosty glass of iced tea or whatever makes your taste buds feel good, a special sweet snack to munch on and sit back in your easy chair under the shade of a big old tree and have a great read!!

https://arrrl-greatlakes.org/glnews/2026/08-01-26-radio_waves.pdf

73,

Scott, N8SY

3. More from ARRL:

Subject: Fall Ham Camp / Livingston Amateur Radio Klub

Here is an event you might want to know about.

What: Fall Ham Camp

Sponsor: Livingston Amateur Radio Klub W8LRK / LARK

Dates: Saturday 9/12 – Thursday 9/17/2026

Location: Bishop Lake Recreation Area, Campground - Lower

Visitors Welcome. Come for all or part

Requires an annual DNR Passport or Michigan State Park entrance fee for entry.

<https://midnrreservations.com/create-booking/results?resourceLocationId=-2147483629&mapId=-2147483599&searchTabGroupId=0&bookingCategoryId=0&startDate=2026-09-12&endDate=2026-09-17&nights=3&isReserving=true&equipmentId=-32768&subEquipmentId=-32765&partySize=1&searchTime=2022-01-21T15:46:00.693&-32761=1,0,1>

To participate, just reserve a campsite and let Rich W8VS (below) know which site you have.

Set up your radio equipment and have fun!

Wine Tasting: Monday afternoon 9/14 around 6:30 courtesy of Mark, KB8SW and Bill, WA8HEA.

Pancake breakfast: Tuesday 9/15 9:00AM courtesy of Mark, K8MST and Daryl, K8DCS:
pancakes, sausage, OJ, syrup and butter

Donations Welcome.

Interference is normally not a problem.

For more information, contact:
Rich Barker W8VS, Brighton
810-360-5747 call or text
parabarker@gmail.com

73 de Ralph AA8RK
aa8rk@arrl.org

Local Weekly DMR Net

I have been informed that this net is indeed still active under the guidance of Karen, KE8TXB.

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 at 7:00 pm.

The DMR net meets on our local KB0P DMR repeater and/or the U.P. Michigan Talk Group.

Repeater: 442.200 MHz receive/447.200 transmit U.P. Michigan Talk Group: 31268

And of course, don't forget the Marquette Co. 2-meter Net @ 7:00 pm on the K8LOD (147.27, 100 Hz tone) repeater!



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 or 381, 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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