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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:

Christmas Dinner/Party

Date: Dec. 4, 2008

Time: 6:30 PM (Doors open at 5:30pm) Trinity Lutheran Church

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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

Mark your calendars now.....so you'll be available to help out.

Skywarn Recognition Day, 12/5/08

January HARA meeting **1/8/09**

Noquemanon Ski Race, 01/24/2009

Swap'n'Shop, 02/07/2009

U.P. 200/MNR, 02/20, 21&22/2009



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Note the new location where the Christmas Dinner/Party will be held.

HARA's Christmas Dinner/Party

Thursday December 4, 2008

Trinity Lutheran Church

414 E. Ridge St, Ishpeming

Doors open at 5:30, meal serving to start at 6:30 pm.
Don't forget your table settings and drinks. Also please bring a nonperishable item or two for the church pantry.

If you didn't sign up for the event your not to late. Just show up with a dish to pass along with table settings.
We'll be glad to see you there.

V.E. TESTING:

12/18 **Iron River:** 7:00pm central time, Iron River Lutheran Church (after club meeting)
NOTE: Pre-registration is required, contact Dan Waters, AA9JG, at 906 265-4240
or e-mail: dmwaters@ironriver.tv

12/13 **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

*?/?/? **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

*?/?/? **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

*?/?/? **Gladstone:** 9:00am arrival time with testing beginning at 9:00am, at the Gladstone Public Library.
Contact Howard W8HSJ at (906) 428-9476 or w8hsj@dcars.org

*(Don't have an updated exam calendar for the up coming year (2009) yet.

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 \$14.00. Please have the correct fee as examiners do not carry change.

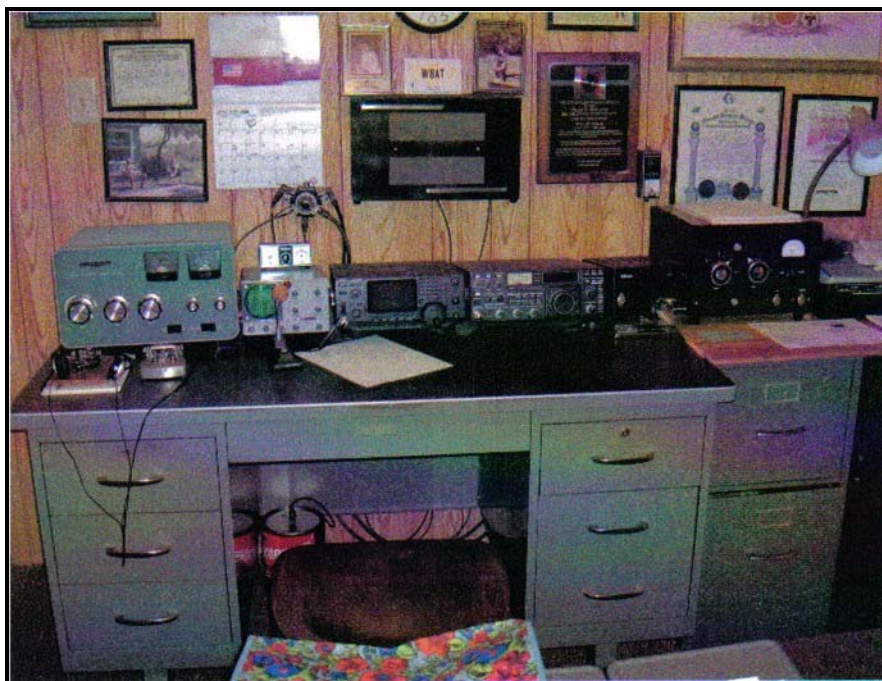
Please contact the individual(s) listed to confirm date(s), location(s), etc. **The ARRL VEC announced that as
of January 1, 2009, the fee to take an ARRL Volunteer Examiner (VE)-administered Amateur Radio
license exam will increase by \$1, from \$14 to \$15.**

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 December go to: Susan KB8THA, Fred KC8BAK, Pat
AB8RE, Gary KI8DJ, Betty N8HVS, Mike KC8QWO, Dave KD8DRF, Kurt KD8IVK and John KG8JW.

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, and Mark KD8FPK mcampbell@chartermi.net or 906-273-0099 or cell 906-458-8877.



Another neat shack! Here is John W8AT's shack.

In the last issue of the *Standing Wave* John had three items for sale. They sold immediately.

So if you are selling a piece of ham gear or are looking for a particular piece of ham gear, let the *Standing Wave* editor know and he'll get it into the newsletter.

Nice shack John, wish mine was this neat.

Packet goes QRT!

IRON MOUNTAIN AX.25 PACKET GOES DOWN:

The Iron Mountain Group has taken their AX.25 packet radio system out of service, with no plans for putting it back in.

NEGAUNEE PACKET GOES DOWN:

With Iron Mountain gone, Steve, N8MLI is taking his node down in Negaunee. The relaying of packet traffic to points south (via Iron Mountain) was for your convenience. The Nodes there are: N8MLI-7 Node, N8MLI-1 Mailbox, N8MLI-3 Gateway N8MLI-4 IR node: NEGNOD. Thank you Steve, for making this route available to us, and giving us a path out of the Copper Country, through you, and on to Iron Mountain, and down into the Green Bay area, and eventually to the world, in the past. We are sorry to lose this route.

W8FWG-2 SERVICE ENDS:

My own AX.25 packet-data station at Mt. Horace Greeley (W8FWG-2) will also be taken out of service in the near future, (or it may be converted to an APRS node with a beam antenna fixed, and pointed at the Marquette area for the relaying of traffic out of the area)

Marquette's K8LOD-7 Packet Node goes silent:

As of November 11, 2008 HARA's Marquette K8LOD-7 packet node is silent. As reported in the past there are some structural issues with the tower that is utilized for packet operations. Word has been received that this tower will be dismantled in the near future (possible by the time you receive this issue of the newsletter). So the K8LOD-7 has been powered down and the equipment has been removed.

Linking System Upgrade



Fred N8BTS from Anderson Communications is shown here at the 198 foot level (da top) of the tower, checking out the 147.270 repeater antenna. This same day Fred also installed a new antenna for our 440 repeater linking system.

The photo below shows some of the crew as the project was just getting organized. Rich, Lou, Norm, Pete and behind the vehicle is Fred.



Fred making his way up the tower.



147.315 Calumet Repeater goes EchoLink

For those clubs that have Echolink capability, we now have Echo link on our 147.315 MHz repeater (Calumet). Please try a “connect” to us. Our Node Number is: **405654** and you will find the call sign of KD8JAM there, which will connect to the 147.315 MHz repeater up at Keweenaw.

Marquette: Especially take note: Can you link the Marquette/Munising node to our in times of bad weather, and join us on the Friday night SKYWARN Net at 9 pm EST? Give us a try! Other clubs are invited to do likewise.

HARA January Meeting: The first Thursday in January is the 1st so our meeting will be moved to the following Thursday, January 8, 2009.

There is a neat NOVA program regarding fractals and their application in everyday life. There's a chapter that includes the work of N1IR who's done some significant work on fractal designs for ham (and commercial) radios.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/fractals/program.html>

73, Jim N8JSO



HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the November 6, 2008, Meeting

Negaunee, Michigan

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Lou, KG8NK. Jim, WG8IEH, brought in a 1924 Crosley receiver for the members to view.

Club officers present: President Lou, KG8NK; Vice President Lane, WD8PAJ; Secretary Sheree, KD8EDS and Treasurer Lee, KD8BJC. Introductions followed with 15 members present.

An addition was made to the agenda under New Business: Swap and Shop. A motion was made by Norm, KD8BPC, seconded by, Ralph, N8HXG, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by Bill, KC8EWD, seconded by Jim, WG8IEH, to approve the October 2, 2008, meeting minutes. Motion passed without dissent.

Lee, KD8BJC, presented the treasurer's report and noted the January 2009 meeting falls on New Year's Day. The consensus of the group was to move the meeting to January 8, 2009. A motion was made by Greg, KI8AF, seconded by Ralph, N8HXG, to approve the treasurer's report as printed. Motion passed without dissent.

Correspondence/mail: Notice was received from John, W8AT; all three of his items are sold. Information has been received from the Michigan Bureau of Commercial Services – Corporation Bureau regarding new requirements for nonprofit corporations.

Committee Reports:

APRS/Packet/Repeater – Greg, KI8AF, reported APRS is up and running but Packet is going by the wayside. The 27 repeater is working fine. Greg, KI8AF, and Paul, KB0P, will be checking the output of the 440 antenna.

ARES/RACES – Lou, KG8NK, noted many ham magazines are emphasizing Homeland security involving hams. Rich, N8GBA, is the Emergency Coordinator; and Lou, KG8NK, has been the EC Assistant which he will no longer be able to do as he has been appointed District Emergency Coordinator for the entire U.P. Lou, KG8NK, is scheduled to meet with a representative of the State Police in his new role of District EC.

PR – Lee, KD8BJC, stated *The Mining Journal* published the picture of our election of officers..

Technical Committee – Greg, KI8AF, is working toward the goal of having documents and pictures of every repeater system we've got. The assistance of Paul, KB0P, will be needed.

Christmas Party – Lane, WD8PAJ, reported a fairly good response for the Christmas party but some members had problems with the steps at the Negaunee City Fire Hall so the Trinity Lutheran Church has been contacted as in the past. A discussion followed regarding making a donation of cash and canned food to the church. The party will be on Thursday, December 4—be sure to let Greg, KI8AF, know what you will be bringing to the potluck dinner! Lee, KD8BJC, will buy some children's gifts. Greg, KI8AF, will order the HT for a prize at the Christmas party. Greg, KI8AF, moved, seconded by Jim, N8JSO, to hold the Christmas party at Trinity Lutheran Church as long as it does not exceed a cost of \$50. Motion passed without dissent.

147.27 – 440 Antenna – Lee, KD8BJC, and Lou, KG8NK, are still working on the insurance claim for the repeater hit by lightning. It was noted the 440 antenna had to be replaced on the 27 tower, and the money has already been voted on and approved by the club. Greg, KI8AF, took pictures of the climber and will put it in the newsletter.

Sled Dog Race – Lou, KG8NK, reported this is the last year he will be coordinating the hams for this event; and there is a need to get young people involved. The location of the ham operators at race headquarters was discussed. The president of the ham club at Michigan Tech has indicated they will be sending a crew to work the race.

Ski Race – Rich, N8GBA, is working on this; and help is needed.

Skywarn Recognition Day – Bill, KC8EWD, passed around a sign-up sheet for the event on December 5 at the Weather Bureau from 7 p.m. to midnight and then from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. the next day. There will be one HF and two meters.

Swap and Shop – Lou, KG8NK, noted the date for the event is February 7. A discussion followed regarding door prizes and publicity. Lou, KG8NK, will follow up.

- The 50/50 drawing was won by Ralph, N8HXG.
 - The *World Radio* was won by Sheree, KD8EDS.
 - The wooden bookmark donated by Peter, KC8YTX, was won by Lou, KG8NK
 - T-shirts were won by Joe, AJ8MH; Norm, KD8BPC; Bill, KC8EWD; and Bruce, KG8YT.
- Bill, KC8EWD, moved, supported by Jim, WG8IEH, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed without dissent.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheree, KD8EDS
Secretary

You might all know this by now.....

NEWS RELEASE

For release: November 12, 2008

CQ COMMUNICATIONS ACQUIRES WORLDRADIO MAGAZINE

(Hicksville, NY and Sacramento, CA, November 12, 2008) -- CQ Communications, Inc. has acquired WorldRadio magazine, CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA and WorldRadio Publisher Armond Noble, N6WR, announced jointly today. CQ, based in Hicksville, New York, currently publishes CQ Amateur Radio, CQ VHF and Popular Communications magazines. WorldRadio, based in Sacramento, California, has been published monthly since July, 1971, with a primary focus on the human side of ham radio. CQ, a general-interest ham radio magazine best known for its support of DXing and contesting, has been in print since January, 1945.

Armond Noble, N6WR, Publisher of WorldRadio, said that at the age of 74 the time had come for him to retire. "I wanted to be sure that WorldRadio found a good home, and that our readers would continue to be served by an independent voice in amateur radio," Noble said. CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, said, "WorldRadio has filled an important niche in our hobby for nearly four decades. We welcome WorldRadio's readers to the CQ family, and we look forward to meeting their needs for many years to come."

Current plans call for WorldRadio to continue to be published online as part of the CQ family of magazines, with Editor Nancy Kott, WZ8C, continuing in that position. WorldRadio subscribers will also have their subscriptions transferred to CQ magazine. Readers will be notified of details as plans are finalized.

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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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