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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.

Christmas Party/Dinner

Date: **December 1, 2011**

Time: 6:00 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 with 100 Hz PL-tone

K8LOD-3.144.390 APRS Digi Mqt

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

HARA Christmas Party and Dinner

Our annual Christmas Party/dinner is scheduled for Thursday December 1, 2011. The Trinity Lutheran Church hall has been reserved and all we need is your presence there to help make it a success.

Please contact Lane WD8PAJ and let him know you are attending, along with any family members. Advise him of the food dish you plan on bringing to pass.

If you'll have any younger children attending would you please let Lane know their age and sex.

Remember that we have several door prizes. There are two grand door prizes for paid-up (2012 dues) licensed club members. You can renew your membership at the dinner. One grand door prize will be for a member from the general membership and the other grand door prize for a student (K-12) member.

Lane's contact info: 486-8697 or laned@chartermi.net

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2011

Time: doors open at 6:00pm, meal starting at 6:30pm

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 414 E. Ridge St., Ishpeming

Bring a dish to pass.

Don't forget your table settings and drinks that you may prefer

Also a few canned goods for those in need this Christmas season

Please remember to contact Lane and let him know you and your family will be attending.

Lane's contact info: 486-8697 or laned@chartermi.net

V.E. TESTING:

12/10 **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

01/?? **Hancock:** 9:00am eastern time, ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 400 INGOT STREET, HANCOCK, MI
Ingot Street is located across from the Quincy hill lookout, just north of Hancock...
Contact: Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF at (906) 482-7743 if you have questions

02/?? **Iron Mountain:** 9:00am central time, (arrive by 8:30am) Dickinson County Library (conference room), contact Mark J. Lewis N8UKD (906) 776-1553, 412 Fairmount St. Kingsford, MI 49802

01/?? **Gladstone:** Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Dave Palmgren - N8DP, n8dp@dcars.org, (906) 428-2271 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 December go to: Susan KB8THA, Pat AB8RE, Dave KD8DRF, Gary KI8DJ, Betty N8HVS, Mike KC8QWO, Bruce KH6IK, John KG8JW, Pam KD8KMN and Sam KD8NDB.

What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

Know much about Beacon signals? Here is a novel idea and it might help you catch some of that rare DX. Check out this site about reverse beacons reporting. <http://www.reversebeacon.net/index.php>

Hot air anyone? No, not someone that continually gabs on the air. Check out this site for more information. <http://ltaprojects.com/ham.html>



On The Bands

Ten meters has been open with lots of eager DXers looking to make contacts here in the United States. Technician Class Licensees have privileges on 10 meters. Technicians can operate from 28.300-28.500 MHz using SSB. With 10 meters open the way it has been you don't need to be running much power, often ten watts is more than enough. Now is the time to get your feet wet, find out what you've been missing and then study for your upgrade.

Amateur Radio Technician Class

Do you know of a family member or friend that is interested in obtaining an Amateur Radio license? Now is a great time. The Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette County will be hosting Technician (entry level) classes starting Monday January 9, 2012. Classes will be held in the basement level of the Marquette County Health Department Building in Negaunee Township. Classes are expected to run about eight weeks. A testing session will follow the classes so one can obtain an amateur radio license. Please contact Rich at 249-3837 as advance registration is required.

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 member is: Lane WD8PAJ laned@chartermi.net or 486-8697.

Volunteering your time Counts!

Each month many members volunteer their time for club activities some of which might include repeater maintenance, ARES, EOC operations, Life Tracker, newsletter, PR, club business, etc. All these volunteered hours and mileage can be credited to HARA and amateur radio but only if you report them. AEC Dave Thomas KD8DRF reports these numbers monthly. So at the end of each month please contact Dave with services rendered, hours and mileage. Contact Dave at dlthomas@chartermi.net

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER 2011 MINUTES

The officers present were – President, Lou Gembolis KG8NK, Secretary Mike Beltz KD8JIR, and Treasurer Pete Kotila KD8DRF. Vice-Pres Paul Racine KB0P (excused).

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Lou Gembolis KG8NK. A motion to approve the agenda by Greg Hanson KI8AF and seconded by Ralph Watters N8HXG. All approved the motion.

Introductions and Attendance: The Club had 20 members in attendance.

President's Comments – For everyone including Techs, the 10 meter is wide open and the radio is fairly reasonable in price. Also our Swap 'n Shop raffle license has been denied twice. The State has new requirements and is asking for document upon document. It's getting very difficult to get a raffle license.

Secretary's Report – The minutes of October's meeting was published in the Standing Wave. Members were asked if any changes were needed. No corrections noted. A motion to accept the Secretary's Report as corrected made by Norm W8NWD and seconded by Rich Schwenke N8GBA The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Pete KD8DRF with the help of past treasure Fred KD8JIP gave HARA an accounting for October. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Lane WD8PAJ and seconded by Ralph N8HXG. The motion passed.

Correspondence – No new correspondence was received, only correspondence with the State of Michigan on raffle information. President, Lou KG8NK told the Treasurer Pete KD8DRF to send a donation to the ARRL Scholarship in memory of Wayne Weingarten W9VKI.

Committee Reports –

Repeaters/Tech. – Norm W8NWD stated the .27 repeater has been winterized and the Gwinn repeater has been repaired (\$250). We have to check on insurance coverage on the repairs.

Ares/Races - Rich N8GBA stated a national exercise is coming up on Nov. 15. The computer has been repaired and has been taken over to the State Police Post. It still needs to be set up.

PR – Lane WD8PAJ with the help of Lee KD8BJC will be contacting and working with certain people in the media to make sure our information gets hopefully twice a month.

Old Business –

Committees – Because of our clubs by-laws and a constitution, we need to fill our committees. Volunteers are needed.

Sky Warn – Sky Warn recognition day is Friday Dec. 2 at 7pm. Please sign up. The HF radio will be warmed up and ready to operate.

New Business –

Christmas Party – The HARA annual Christmas party will be Dec.1 at 6pm. at Trinity Lutheran Church (Ishpeming). Serving begins at 6:30pm. Don't forget the can goods as a donation. Contact Lane WD8PAJ (486-8697) if you plan to attend.

Testing – Rich N8GBA stated the testing is still the 2nd Saturday of December (10th) and it starts at 8am sharp.

Amateur Radio Class – Rich N8GBA stated classes are planned to start on Jan.9 (time to be determined) at our monthly meeting room.

Linking Issue - Paul has been corresponding with the Iron Mtn club testing the link with the .27 The Iron Mtn. Club will have to approve the link if they want it to be permanent. More later.

Swap 'n Shop – February 4th at the Neguanee Township Hall.

Ski Race – Rich N8GBA is looking for volunteers.

Dog Sled Race – Greg KI8AF and Lou KG8NK will be going to the meetings to coordinate where the volunteers need to be and what we need to do. The race has changed for both the mid-night run and the U.P. 200.

50/50 drawing – Congratulations to Lee KD8BJC.

End of Meeting – A motion to conclude the meeting at 8:10pm was made by Bill KC8EWD and seconded by Rich N8GBA. The motion was approved.

Post Meeting Program – Since Paul KB0P could not be here tonight, Lou Gembolis KG8NK showed his new 'shorty' antenna and Norm W8NWD showed his new hand held. Thank you both for filling in on such short notice.



SKYWARN Recognition Day



The 13th Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day Special Event will take place Saturday, December 3, 2011 UTC (local date/time start is Friday December 2nd at 8:00 pm), .SRD is co-sponsored by the ARRL and the National Weather Service as a way to recognize the commitment made by Amateur Radio operators in helping to keep their communities safe. According to SRD Coordinator David Floyd, N5DBZ, Amateur Radio operators can visit their, working as a team to contact other hams across the world throughout the 24 hour event.

There is still time to sign up and operate from the local NWS Office. Contact Matt Zika KD8EFY or Robin Turner KC8TII at 475-5212.

60 Meters Update

SB QST ARL ARLB024

ARLB024 FCC Releases New Rules for 60 Meters

On November 18, the FCC released a Report and Order (R&O), defining new rules for the 60 meter (5 MHz) band. These rules are in response to a Petition for Rulemaking (PRM) filed by the ARRL more than five years ago and a June 2010 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). In the R&O, the FCC replaced one of the channels in the band, increased the maximum authorized power amateur stations may transmit in this band and authorized amateur stations to transmit three additional emission designators in the five channels in the 5330.6-5406.4 kHz band (60 meters).

The Amateur Radio Service in the United States has a secondary allocation on 60 meters. Only those amateurs who hold General, Advanced or Amateur Extra class licenses may operate on this band. Amateur stations must not cause harmful interference to -- and must accept interference from -- stations authorized by any administration in the fixed service, as well as mobile (except aeronautical mobile) stations authorized by the administrations of other countries.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE CHANGES HAVE NOT YET TAKEN EFFECT. These new rules will take effect 30 days after they are published in the Federal Register. The ARRL will announce on its website when the rules are published. Additional information can currently be found on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-releases-new-rules-for-60-meters>.

EMCOMM and You!

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>

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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