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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 Party

Date: December 6, 2012

Time: Doors open at 5PM with meal starting at 6PM

CLUB OFFICERS, 2013

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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

KB0P, 146.820/.220 w/100 Hz Tone
Ely Township

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

HARA Christmas Party

Plans are in progress for our annual Christmas Party/Potluck Dinner. The event is scheduled for Thursday December 6th, 2012. It will be held again this year at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Ishpeming. The church hall has been reserved for us. There will be plenty of prizes but you must attend to have a chance of winning.

Once again this year we plan on giving away two HT radios.

The first one will go to one of our licensed, paid-up (2013 year) member. The second HT radio will go to one of our younger members. This member must also be a licensed amateur radio operator and also be in school grade K thru 12.

Please contact Lane WD8PAJ now and let him know you'll be attending and how many family members will be joining you. Remember the more the merrier. Also advice Lane as to what dish to pass you will be bringing.

Date: December 6, 2012

Time: Doors open at 5PM with meal starting at 6Pm

Location Trinity Lutheran Church 414 E. Ridge St, Ishpeming

Don't forget your place settings, etc. and drinks of your choice.

Also don't forget a nonperishable item or two for the church pantry

V.E. TESTING:

12/08 **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 or Greg KI8AF 225-1594, ki8af@arrrl.net.

??/?? **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

02/02 **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

01/12 **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 Lucille KD8PTE.

What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

73 Magazine, <http://archive.org/details/73-magazine>



HARA Linked Repeater System

If you failed to attend our November meeting or you left early (shame on you), you missed out on a very good explanation as to how our *linked repeater system* operates. Paul KB0P explained what goes on behind the unheard with the 440 linking system that controls the 2 meter repeater system. He also explained his IRLP and Echolink network and how it can be connected into the link as well as how he can connect into other repeaters in the U.P. if necessary.

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

Sunday Night Net Control Operators

1st Sunday/month.....Bruce N9MDE/Justin KD8HOS
2nd Sunday.....Ralph N8HXG
3rd Sunday.....Brandon N8PUM
4th Sunday.....Lucille KD8PTE
5th Sunday.....Justin KD8HOS/Bruce N9MDE

Alternates.....Rich N8GBA and Lou KG8NK

Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association 2 meter Emergency Net Preamble

This is the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Assn 2 meter net held in cooperation with the Marquette County Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

This net meets each Sunday evening at 7 pm. Local time.

The purpose of the net is to handle traffic and generally promote good fellowship among radio operators. It may also be used for drills or training purposes.

Amateurs may also use this time to inform others of equipment they wish to sell trade or need. The price or condition of this equipment may be discussed at this time.

All stations are invited to check in. Stations with traffic, mobiles and stations operating on emergency power will be given preference in transmissions.

After all traffic has been handled, each station will be welcomed for a round of transmissions.

Please give your call, name and location at the beginning of your transmission.

Your net control this evening is _____, my name is _____ and I am located in _____.

At any time during the net, use the proword **Break** for a priority transmission or emergency.

I will now stand by for Formal traffic and formal traffic only. (Pause, any informal traffic or announcements)

I will now stand by for mobiles. And mobiles only.(copy all calls as they check in)

I will now stand by for stations operating on emergency battery power, this includes hand held radios.

I will now stand by any stations to check in.

Start rounds of transmissions in the order they check in, except for mobiles & priorities.

Stand by every 10 minutes for further check ins.

Before you sign the net clear, call the net manger and give your report, # of mobiles, # of battery power and # of base stations, # of traffic handled, and your message number. Each message will count as 1 piece of traffic. Then sign the net clear for general use. Thank all who joined tonight and give your call sign.

Thank you for being net control tonight. Net reports are sent to the ARRL Net MGR.

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 01, 2012 MINUTES

Officers present were – President, Lou Gembolis KG8NK, Vice-Pres. Paul Racine KB0P, Secretary Mike Beltz KD8JIR, and Treasurer Lucille Scott KD8PTE and Past treasurer Pete Kotila KD8YTX.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Lou Gembolis KG8NK with opening remarks. A motion to approve the agenda made by Rich N8GBA and supported by Ralph N8HXG. The motion was approved.

Introductions and Attendance – The Club had 14 members and 0 guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Mike KD8JIR did not get the minutes in the Standing Wave, but he did hand them out at the meeting. There were no corrections. A motion to approve the minutes was by Bill KC8EWD and seconded by Fred KD8JIP. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Past Treasure Peter KC8YTX handed out the treasures report for the month of October and reviewed the income and expenses. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Bill KC8EWD and seconded by Lee KD8BJC. The motion passed.

Correspondence – The club received a letter from John Akkala W8AT and a thank you letter from Alger County Amateur Radio Club.

Committee Reports –

Repeaters/Tech. – Paul KB0P – All the repeaters appear to be working. Need to get to Munising to fix the hum. The .820 repeater is up and running in Ely Twp.

Ares/Races - Lou KG8NK & Rich N8GBA stated nothing new to report.

PR – Lane WD8PAJ stated the radio stations and the paper have been doing a good job on getting our club information out.

Old Business –

Christmas Party - Lane WD8PAJ still wants names to sign up. He will make suggestions on what to bring. Doors open at 5:00, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00.

Raffle Up-Dates - Lou KG8NK - We went to the county commission and they approved us as a charitable organization. Now we need the State of Michigan to approve all our paperwork.

Sunday Night Net - NCS are still needed, although members are stepping forward to handle the job when needed.

Sky Warn Recognition Day - Bill KC8EWD reported that it will be the 30th of November. Sign up and enjoy some DXing. Only 4 did it last year.

Alger County Amateur Radio Club - Greg KI8AF wanted to know if we sent them a letter about them fulfilling the stipulations on our donation. Lou KG8NK and Paul KB0P will compose a letter stating our concerns.

New Business –

New Repeater - Paul KB0P inform us that the repeater should be on the air tomorrow. The frequency will be 146.820 and has a 100 hz tone. It will be linked to our repeaters.

Swap 'n Shop - First week-end in February. (Feb.02, 2013)

John Akkala W8AT - Greg made a motion to temporarily use the club's extra feed line to connect John's HF radio to an antenna at Brookridge. After a discussion, the motion was seconded by Rich N8GBA. The motion was approved.

Northern Center for Lifelong Living - Fred KD8JIP belongs to the NCLL and was approached to put on a program on ham radios. It was suggested to have a program on Saturday of the Sled Dog race where the members can see what hams do at an event. Fred will work on logistics.

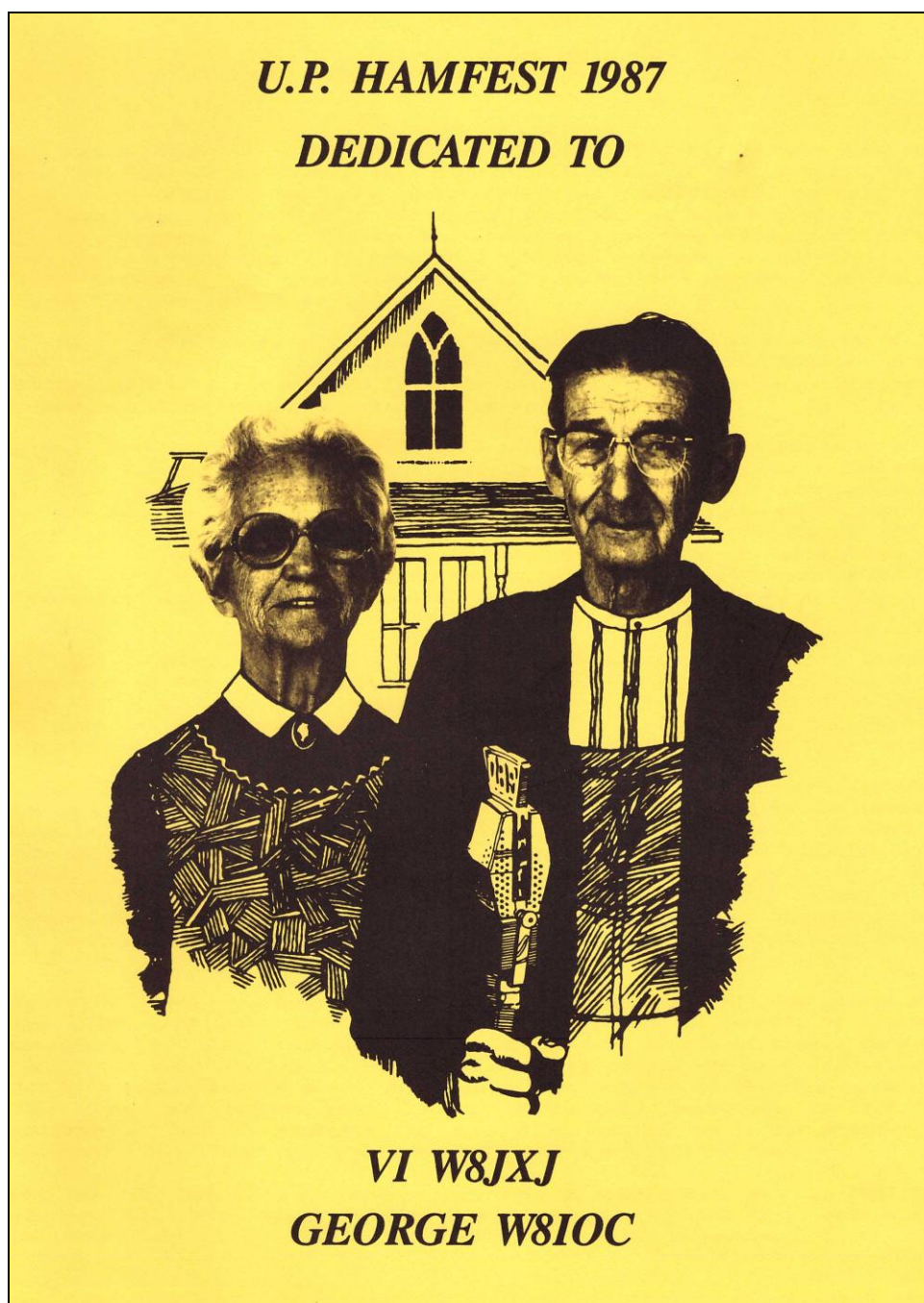
Thank You - Rich N8GBA requested a thank you letter be sent out to Jane Ryan (widow of Randy Ryan N8MOT) for the donations she made to our club.

50/50 drawing – Congratulations to Lucille KD8PTE.

End of Meeting – Motion to conclude the meeting at 8:20 by Bill KC8EWD and seconded by Lee KD8BJC. The motion was approved.

Post Meeting Program – Paul KB0P had a presentation on how repeaters work and linked together. Very informative - thanks Paul

Do you remember when.....



What's Ham Radio Mean to You?

Most hams have their preferences when it comes to ham radio. Some might enjoy chasing DX or just rag chewing. Others enjoy the chase using only CW and running QRP while other load up the QRO and make contacts. Still others might enjoy just getting on 2 meters. And believe it or not some don't use any of the privileges granted them once they obtained their amateur radio license.

This all leads up to one ham radio operator in particular and the few hams from the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association that helped him out. John Akkala W8AT is 98 years young and has been a ham radio operator for 80 years. He is one of the original members of our Association, even before it became affiliated with the ARRL. Recently John moved into Brookridge Heights Assisted Living and thought his amateur radio days might be over but, with the blessing from the facility administrator this was not to be. John already had his HF gear on hand but needed some type of antenna. The first attempt, a short HF antenna installed in the facility attic failed to work properly. Lane WD8PAJ learned of John's situation and advised Greg KI8AF of his predicament. As luck would have it, our monthly club meeting was to be held with a day or two, John's situation was mentioned and on Saturday two days later an antenna was going up for him.



John W8AT



Fred KD8JIP in the swamp & working a line



*Rich N8GBA, Bruce KG8YT, John W8AT, Lucille KD9PTE, Greg KI8AF
Missing from the photo is Ralph N8HXG and Fred KD8JIP (photographer)*

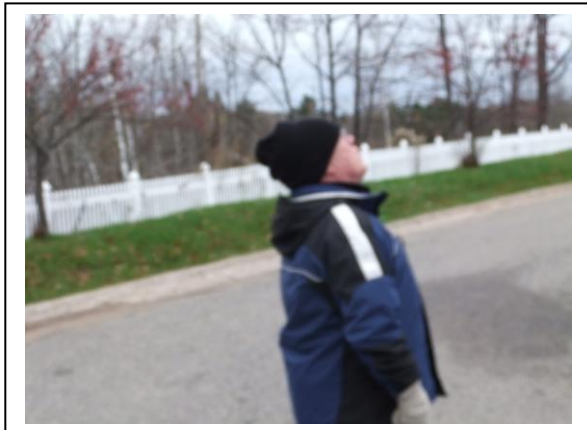
PS: John is on the air. He is checking into the U.P. Net regularly and well as communicating with his friend in Bemidji, MN. Some CW contacts include several from the west coast and at least one from Japan. John said he never expected for the project to be completed so soon and wants to thank all those that made it possible for him to be back on the HF bands.



John W8AT



Greg KI8AF and Rich N8GBA



Fred KD8JIP looking for help!



Greg KI8AF

What does ham radio mean to some of us?

Not only getting on the air but helping out a fellow ham in his time of need.

On The Bands

International Reply Coupons

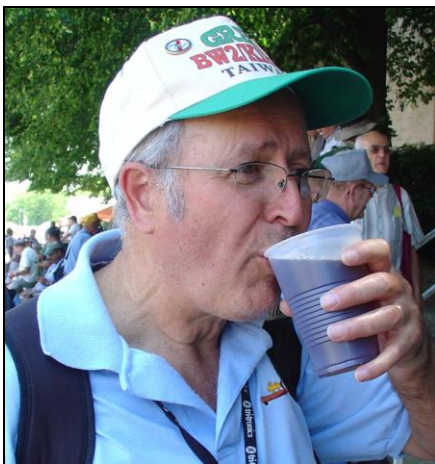
Due to low quantity demand by customers, the Postal Service proposes to discontinue the sale of international reply coupons. The Postal Service will continue to exchange (redeem) international reply coupons purchased in foreign countries and presented at U.S. Post Office facilities.

The prices and fees proposed in this notice, if adopted, would become effective concurrent with any domestic prices adopted as a result of the current proceedings before the Postal Regulatory Commission (Docket No. R2013-1). All regulatory changes necessary to implement this proposal are provided below.

Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act [[5 U.S.C. 553](#)(b), (c)] regarding proposed rulemaking by [39 U.S.C. 410](#)(a), the Postal Service invites public comment on the following proposed revisions to the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM), incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See [39 CFR Part 20.1](#).

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. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. 73 until next month, Greg KI8AF@arrl.net



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