

December 2021

Merry Christmas

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 Club info, membership, dues, etc. can be found on our website at www.qsl.net/k8lod

MONTHLY MEETING:
Marquette Co. Health Department
Lower Level, Negaunee Township
Date: **January 6, 2022**
Time: **7:00 PM**

CLUB OFFICERS, 2022
Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK
VP: Greg Hanson KI8AF
Treas. Mike Beltz KD8JIR
Sec. Scott Machalk WU8H
Board Members:
Fred Mouser KD8JIP (Past Pres.)
Jim Belles, N8NAV (EC)
Dave Thomas KD8DRF

STANDING WAVE
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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

COVID-19 is still a serious threat and Michigan has one of the highest increases in active cases. HARA has shown that we have the ability to adapt and overcome this disease and further our Ham Radio programs. Club meeting attendance is increasing, interesting programs are scheduled, and our annual Swap & Shop is in the planning stage. We are going to need volunteers for this event, including selling tickets at the door, kitchen help, set-up and take down, and working at the club table. The Christmas party was held last week and was a fun event for all that attended.

Have a Merry Christmas and be safe.

73, Lou, KG8NK

V.E. TESTING:

Stay Tuned *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 at ki8af@arrrl.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. 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 Greg Hanson @ ki8af@arrrl.net.

The Business

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION Monthly Meeting (Christmas Party) December 2, 2021

Attending: President - Lou KG8NK; VP - Greg KI8AF; Treasurer - Mike KD8JIR, Secretary - Scott WU8H, 13 members and 11 guests.

Social Hour: 5:30 pm. This being the annual Christmas Party, no formal club business was conducted.

President Lou opened the festivities at 6:30 pm with a welcome to all, followed by Grace by Dave, KD8DRF. An excellent potluck meal and dessert was followed by the 50/50 drawing, won by Gary, KD8QIR. Door prizes were given out to just about everyone who attended. The main prize, an HT, was won by Ann, N1CDG.

A great time was had by all!

Minutes submitted by Scott WU8H

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



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:

- Noquemanon Ski Marathon - January 22, 2022. Contact Eric Smith, N8RRZ.
- HARA Swap & Shop – February 5, 2022 at the Negaunee Township Hall. Contact Fred, KD8JIP. See flyer.
- UP 200 Sled Dog Races - February 17-21, 2022. Contact Paul Racine, KB0P.



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!

HARA Christmas Party — 2021



President Lou, KG8NK, welcomed the group.



The potluck meal was delicious!



Some folks were REALLY pleased with their door prize!



Another door prize winner.



Treasurer Mike, KD8JIR, also won.



**Ann, N1CDG, won the main prize, a new HT!
CONGRATULATIONS!**

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.



News

from the desk of N8NAV



As I pen this article, we are experiencing our first significant snowfall, at least in the Central UP. And it's blowing at a pretty good clip. I expect to lose electricity at some point before it's all done. Boy, it's time like these I wish I would have invested in that standby generator! I do have my HT fully charged and a good supply of alkaline batteries on hand.

Winter time brings numerous operating events. So while it's cold and nasty outside, there are plenty of opportunities to stay nice and dry in the shack.

One of my favorite operating events – mentioned in last month's Standing Wave – is the annual Skywarn Recognition Day. As the name implies, Skywarn Recognition Day is an event that recognizes the hard work that the network of Skywarn Storm Spotters provide. Normally, Hams operate the 24-hour event from the stations situated at National Weather Service offices across the country, including our local NWS station (WX8MQT) in Negaunee. Unfortunately because of COVID concerns, many of the NWS office, including ours, are closed to the general public. So for the past couple of years, the majority of Storm Spotters have been operating from their home stations. The HF bands weren't in great shape, but I was able to contact 12 NWS offices from as far away as Fairbanks, Alaska (temp -30F!) on 20, 40 and 80 meters. Hopefully by next year we will once again be able to utilize our own NWS office for this fun event.

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

Stay safe!

73 de Jim, N8NAV

Buy, Sell, or Trade

Please advise when items have been bought or sold.

No items this month.

Parting Thoughts

1. It is with great sadness that we learned of the recent passing of Fred Anderson, N8BTS. I didn't know Fred as well as many of you. He performed an excellent installation of the Yaesu 2 meter/440 mobile in my 2003 Pontiac Vibe and climbed my tower on a couple of occasions. And I know that he was very active with the Boy Scouts. Our prayers and sympathies go out to Fred's family.

2. Our own VP, Greg, KI8AF, provided some additional information regarding upcoming local events:

- First off the Noquemanon Ski Races will be held January 22nd, 2022. Eric N8RRZ is the Ham Radio coordinator. Please contact Eric if you are willing to help out. This event being held in the dead of winter it is nice to have at least two Ham Radio operators at each location for both safety and comradery.
- Second is our annual Swap & Shop scheduled for Saturday February 5th. Fred KD8JIP is the coordinator and needs your help in making this a successful event for your/our club. Staffing includes the front table, club table, kitchen staff, raffle, announcer, maybe a couple of floaters. He is looking for your help for 4 to 5 hours, one day out of the year to help support the club. Get a hold of Fred and volunteer. Contact info: fmouser@gmail.com
- And then there are the sled dog races. The annual UP 200 and Midnight Run races are scheduled for February 18, 19, and 20th. This event requires lots of help and a good deal of coordination. Paul KB0P has coordinated the Ham Radio operations for several years now and will do likewise again for the 2022 races. Besides all the regular Ham volunteers he gets assistance from, more are always needed. Paul is looking for a younger Ham (at least somewhat younger than him) in learning the coordinating and running HQ communications. Paul's contact info: kb0p@kb0p.com

3. From the December edition of Dale's, W8EFK, Tales:

- HAMVENTION: After a two year hiatus, the Dayton Amateur Radio Assn. has everything in gear to bring us back to the major ham radio event in the world. And it all happens here in the Great Lakes Division. It is major, it is local, and we all can step out and support Hamvention by being there. Go for all three days or go for one day, just be there! See the super-sized ham radio flea market, visit the vendor booths and see the latest and greatest radio products, attend the forums and get updated on that-is-happening-now in ham radio. Get those plans in place to attend in 2022.
- Do you have a child that is preparing for college? Are you touring campuses and working on that mountain of paperwork to help pay for tuition? Are they applying for scholarships and are looking for more of them? Hey, have you looked at the scholarships being offered through the ARRL? Applications for the 2022 ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program are being accepted now through December 31, 2021. Scholarship recipients will be notified in May 2022 via USPS mail and email.

All applicants must be active, FCC-licensed amateur radio operators [NOTE: Active foreign amateur radio operators are eligible for the ARDC Scholarships]. All applicants must submit a completed online application.

NEW THIS YEAR: The ARRL Foundation is utilizing a new Scholarship Management Platform for the 2022 ARRL Foundation Scholarships. Applicants will no longer choose which scholarships they would like to apply for; instead, the new software will match the applicants with all of the scholarships they qualify for. Transcripts and any additional required documents must be submitted WITH the application and not emailed separately as was done in the past. A number of scholarships require additional documents, such as a letter of recommendation from a sitting Officer of an ARRL-affiliated club. Applications without accompanying transcripts and additional required documents (if applicable) will not be considered. The ARRL Foundation Scholarship Committee will review all applicants for eligibility and award decisions. Want more information? Here's a link to get you started...

<http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-program>

- ARRL's YouTube channel is really getting some great videos for your club to share. Have you looked at the ARRL Learning Network lately? There's a ton of great videos there for any ARRL member to view. Hey, I've shown a video that Joe Carcia, NJ1Q does where he takes a complete tour around W1AW showing you everything that's there to several clubs around here and it was a real eye opener for them. If you've never been to Newington, this is a great way of seeing W1AW like you've never seen it before. ARRL has also launched a series of amateur radio Technician-class license video courses. These videos help lead viewers through The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual. The videos supplement the manual and provide an overview of the sections you will be studying, along with a few videos on how things actually work. This is an excellent way for your instructors to get that extra bit of help in teaching this material.
- Here is the current listing of Great Lakes Division ARRL Sanctioned hamfests through mid 2022. 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.

2021/2022 Great Lakes Div. ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest calendar. Please feel free to reproduce and publish in your local Club Newsletter, please, with credit to the source.

ARRL Sanctioned Hamfests through June 2022:

12/4/2021 - Fulton Co Winterfest, Delta, OH
12/5/2021 - L'Anse Creuse Swap, Troy, MI
1/16/2022 - SCARF Hamfest, Shade, OH
1/23/2022 - Hazel Park Swap, MI, location to be announced
2/5/2022 - HARA Swap, Negaunee, MI
2/12/2022 - Cherryland, Traverse City, MI
2/26/2022 - Livonia Swap, Livonia, MI
3/5/2022 - Cave City, Cave City, KY
3/13/2022 - NOARS Winter Hamfest, Elyria, OH
4/19/2022 - Cuyahoga Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
5/20 to 5/22/2022 - Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH
6/4/2022 - Fulton County, Wauseon, OH
6/5/2022 - Flying Beers Hamfest, Ferndale, MI
6/18/2022 - GMARC Trunk Swap, Shelby Twp, MI

If your 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.



HARA SHOP & SWAP

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

WHEN: Feb 5th, 2022

TIME: 0900 TO 1300

WHERE: NEGAUNEE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

DIRECTIONS: West on Hwy 41 then **Left at *Flashing Yellow Light*** to South on Hwy 35 for about ¼ mile on right.

Enjoy lots of Ham Stuff, Door Prizes and Some Refreshments

Entry fee \$5.00 at the door

For further information contact: Fred E. Mouser KD8JIP

email fmouser@gmail.com or Cell Phone: 906-360-3326

For Information regarding reservation of tables, contact: Fred Mouser at above email. The sooner the better!

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 at 7:00 pm.

The DMR net meets on our local KB0P DMR repeater and/or the U.P. Michigan Talk Group. Lucille KD8PTE is usually net control, although she has recently been experiencing some radio problems and Dave, W7DEG, has stepped in to help!

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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