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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.
Date: **Feb 2, 2012**
Time: 7:30 PM

CLUB OFFICERS, 2011

Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK
VP: Paul Racine KB0P
Sec. Mike Beltz KD8JIR
Tres. Peter Kotila KC8YTX
Board Members:
Past Pres.
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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

Swap'n'Shop: Feb. 4th
UP200/MNR: Feb. 17/18/19

HARA's Swap'n'Shop

Our annual Swap'n'Shop is scheduled February 4th, 2012. Same time, same place as always, the Negaunee Township Hall located on M-35, just east of US41. More than every this year, we need you help. We need to you at least make a presence and buy an admission ticket. If you have any items of interest and value that you'd like to donate to the club table we can gladly pick them up in advance by simply contacting John N8RSE at 458-1708.



See you at the Swap'n'Shop, Feb. 4th

V.E. TESTING:

03/10 **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. 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@arri.net.

04/14 **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

02/04 **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

04/14 **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 February go to: Bill KC8EWD, Sheree KD8EDS, Ryan N8RY, Elizabeth KC8BLB, James KC8VJZ, Don AA8FZ, Carl KD8MAE and Raoul W8RDR.

On The Bands

The Breakfast Club Net on Echolink *DODROPIN* Conference is in operation from 7am to about 11am on Monday through Friday. The net control operator for this pleasant gathering of radio amateurs is Don McLain KB8RAD (via NE8K-R). Don is located in Holt, Michigan close to Lansing. I just know that Don would like to hear from the radio amateurs from within the territory of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

73 from Mark KF8RV

MARQUETTE REPEATER ASSOCIATION
ECHOLINK ON 146.97 or 444.800+ REPEATERS

Star key- To check status

C key – To connect to node number (Example C123456)

D key– To disconnect

B keys - Shortcuts (B1, B2, B3 etc)

Use star key to check connect status. If you hear that it is connected just ID and ask if it is being used. If there is no responds then go ahead and make the connect you want, either by using the C and node number you want if you know it or by using B and number for one of the shortcuts I have put in.

To disconnect when you are done just use the D key. This will just disconnect the last connected station. If there was another connected before that you just use D key again and it will disconnect that one. D will disconnect by last repeater connected.

Remember when you connect to wait a few seconds and then ID or make a call for someone like you would normally do on any repeater. Also you will have to learn to leave a pause to let repeaters drop between transmissions.

Here are the shortcuts I put in. Feel free to use them.

- B1- KC8QZG-R NEWBERRY REPEATER
- B2- K8DLM-R IRONWOOD REPEATER
- B3- K6IPC-R HOUGHTON REPEATER
- B4- KB0P-R ISHPEMING REPEATER
- B5- KD8JAM-R CALUMET REPEATER
- B6- W8PIF-R MENOMINEE REPEATER
- B7- WD0BCF HOUSTON, TX AREA LARRY ROGERS (member HARA & MRA)



AA – RANDOM USERS

BB -- RANDOM REPEATERS OR LINKS (BASICLY THESE ARE THE SAME)

When you use these random codes you do not need to know any node numbers to have fun. You will not know where in the world you will be connected too. Treat it like a repeater when you connect and put your call out.

de Mike KE8IL

**HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
DECEMBER 2011 MINUTES**

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm by Lou Gembolis KG8NK

Attendance: The Club had over 50 members and guests in attendance for the annual Christmas Party.

President's Comments – Lou KG8NK welcomed and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and he turned the drawing over to Lane WD8PAJ.

Secretary's Report – None given

Treasurer's Report – None given.

Committee Reports – No committee reports were given.

Old Business – No old business was discussed

New Business – No new business was discussed

50/50 drawing – Congratulations to Eric N8RRZ

(1) Ma Ma Mia's certificate – Congratulations to Susan KB8THA

(2) Ma Ma Mia's certificate – Congratulations to Bruce KB8RJV

Youth Alinco ham radio – Congratulations to Jeremy KD8FPH

Adult Alinco ham radio – Congratulations to Rich N8GBA

End of Meeting – The meeting concluded at 7:40pm

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION JANUARY 05 2012 MINUTES

All Officers were present – President, Lou Gembolis KG8NK, Vice-Pres. Paul Racine KB0P, Secretary Mike Beltz KD8JIR, and Treasurer Peter Kotila KC8YTX

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Lou Gembolis KG8NK. A motion to approve the agenda by Dave KD8DRF and seconded by Bruce WB8NJP. All approved

President's Report – Lou KG8NK reported that because of all the paperwork problems with the state of Michigan this year, we will not be having a raffle at our annual Swap 'n Shop. This is very unfortunate because the raffle generates revenue which is much needed to keep our club afloat.

Introductions and Attendance – The Club had 19 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Mike KD8JIR handed out the brief December meeting minutes. They were **not** published in the Standing Wave. Members were asked if any changes were needed – no changes were made. A motion to accept the Secretary's Report as submitted by Dave KD8DRF and seconded by Fred KD8JIP. Motion passed. Also the minutes of the November meeting as published in the Standing Wave were not accepted at the December's meeting. Members were asked if any changes were needed – no changes were made. A motion to accept the November's Secretary's Report as published by Dave KD8DRF and seconded by Bruce N9MDE. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Peter KC8YTX handed out the annual report for H.A.R.A. and an accounting for the 4th quarter. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Rich N8GBA and seconded by Fred KD8JIP. Motion passed. Discussed was ways to reduce the clubs expenses in light of not having a raffle and to generate revenue to offset our anticipated expenses.

Correspondence – We had an e-mail correspondence with the Copper Country Amateur Radio Association. They are trying to restore the .67 repeater on W.E. tower north of M-28 & US 141. (Covington area) They need to get

an employee with Wisconsin Electric to sponsor them. Do we know anyone that will do this? Also we received repeater coordination form.

Committee Reports –

Repeaters/Tech. – Paul KB0P reported the Grand Marais repeater was down. The finals burned out. All of our repeaters are working ok. Escanaba is planning to put up a 440 repeater. APARS system is working. (Packet system). Houghton's .88 repeater is now on Echolink.

Ares/Races - Rich N8GBA Nothing new to report.

PR – No PR people in attendance. Greg KI8AF has contacted TV6 for the radio classes

Old Business –

Filling Committees - Lou KG8NK stated that nothing has been done so far.

Testing Schedule – This event is scheduled for Saturday March 10 at 8:30am. (Be there at 8am) Greg KI8AF & Rich N8GBA reminded anyone taking a test to call Rich at 249-3837 several days prior to the test. If no one calls to take the test, the Volunteer Examiners will cancel the test and will not show up. Several past exams no one showed up and the VE's just sat around.

Radio Classes – Rich N8GBA reported the classes start Monday (9th) night at 7pm.

New Business –

Ski Race – Rich N8GBA reported that they are already 100 skiers ahead of last year at this time. We still need volunteers for the race on Jan.28. Call Rich N8GBA at 249-3837.

UP 200/MNR – Lou KG8NK stated there has been changes to the races. The midnight run will be in Marquette and will start approximately 1/2 hour after the last UP 200 team has left. Lou will have more information at the February 2nd meeting.

Swap 'n Shop – Greg KI8AF reported that setup will be Friday Feb.3 @ 6pm. The Swap & Shop will start Feb.4 from 9am. The cost is just \$4.00. If you have any ham equipment to donate or want a table - call John at 458-1708.

Mass Mailing – There will be a mass mailing to members who have not paid their dues. With the Clubs income being compromised this year, we need everyone's help this year to pay their dues.

New Equipment - Rich N8GBA made a motion for \$108 to pay for a Signal Link. The motion was seconded by Fred KD8JIP. The motion was approved.

50/50 drawing – Congratulations to Steve KD8CCP

End of Meeting – Motion to conclude the meeting at 8:15 by Dave KD8DRF and seconded by Fred KD8JIP. The motion was approved.

Post Meeting Program – Paul KB0P presented a program on loading and getting stated with Echolink. Thank you Paul for this informative presentation.



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

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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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