

February 2025

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:
HARA Monthly Meeting
Marquette Co. Health Dept.
Basement Conference Room
Date: March 6, 2025
Start: 7:00 PM

CLUB OFFICERS for 2025

Pres. Tom Perry KE8TPT
VP: Brad Mattson KE8TPS
Treas. Mike Beltz KD8JIR
Sec. Scott Machalk WU8H
Board Members:
Lou Gembolis KG8NK (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

We had an excellent program at the February meeting about repeaters presented by John, N8JI. He sure knows repeaters! Some of his talk went over my head, but I did have a few “ah-ha” moments when I understood something. There were about 22 people in attendance. We don’t have a program set up for the March meeting yet. If we do get one arranged, we will send out an email with details.

We received grant money from two community organizations last year based on our support of community events. At the February meeting we approved a deficit operating budget for 2025. We currently have a balance in our bank accounts, but that won’t last forever. With the decline of the “swap and shops” over the past decade or so, we have lost that source of revenue. We will probably need to rely on grants in the future to meet our operational expense as well as for repairs and upgrades to our systems. HARA currently owns and operates four repeaters across Marquette County. Those systems are 20+ years old and will need to be upgraded at some point in time. Bottom-line, we support the community events with repeaters and Ham Radio operators and the community supports us with grant money. Therefore, please volunteer to support the community events when you can. The future of our club and repeater systems depends on it. Thank you.

73 Tom KE8TP7 KE8TPT@gmail.com

V.E. TESTING:

**March 8,
2025**

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@arrl.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 arrl.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 Brad Mattson @ barbarajaquesestavez@braxmail.net

The Business

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

February 6, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association was held on Thursday February 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Marquette County Health Department, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

In attendance were Tom KE8TPT - President, Brad KE8TPS – Vice President, Mike KD8JIR - Treasurer, Scott WU8H – Secretary, 11 additional members and 4 guests. A quorum was met.

The meeting minutes of the January meeting, as published in the Standing Wave, were approved.

ARES/RACES:

Jim N8NAV reported the following:

- Jim, N8NAV will be stepping down as the Marquette County ARES Emergency Coordinator on March 1st. If anyone is interested in this position, please see Jim.
- The UP200 is coming up. If you volunteer, please send your hours to Jim to include in the monthly ARES report. Also, please take pictures and send them to Jim for the newsletter.

Repeater Committee:

Tom KE8TPT reported that there was no change to the repeater status since the last meeting. Work is continuing on the backup .27 repeater.

New Business:

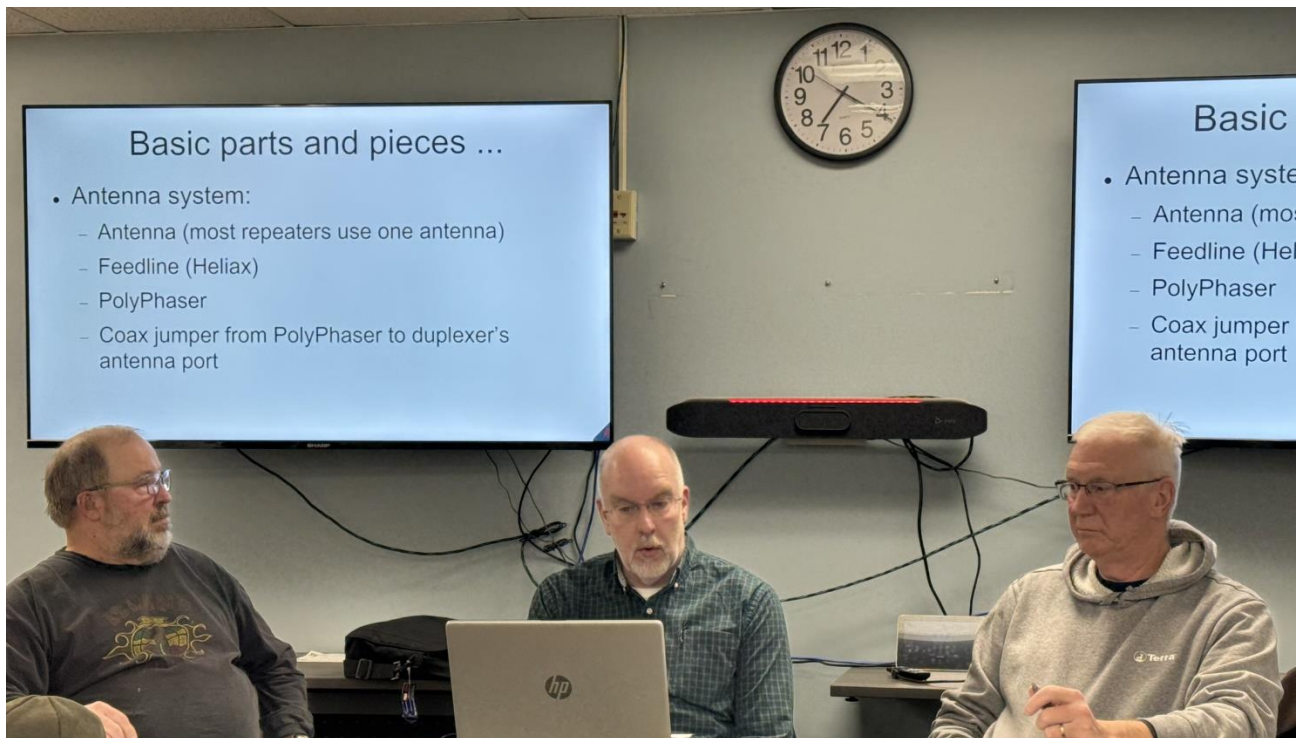
Treasurer Mike, KD8JIR presented a draft operating budget for the year. A motion was made to accept the 2025 budget as presented. Motion approved.

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Scott Machalk WU8H, Secretary

Presentation:

John, N8JI (center between Mike, KD8JIR and Tom, KE8TPT) provided a very informative talk on repeaters.



Special Note from President Tom

As currently available, the below is a listing of Program Presentations:

May: Presenter Matt, KD8EFY

Our annual NWS Skywarn weather observer training.

2025 Club Dues are Due

Treasurer Mike, KD8JIR is gladly accepting your dues renewal! You can renew your membership at one of the club meetings or send your renewal to the club mailbox. The address is listed at the beginning and end of each newsletter.

Friday Lunch is back!

(meet in the back room at Big Boy at 11:00 am)



Left side: Marge (XYL of Bill, KE8KCA), Fred, KD8JIP, Rich, N8GBA, Bill, KD8ZEG, Joe, AJ8MH, Greg, KI8AF
Right side: Bill, KE8KCA, Lou, KG8NK, Judi, KE8LRW, Sheri, KD8EDS, Mike, KD8JIR, Bill, KD8ZMJ, Dave, KD8DRF

Happenings!

The following is a list of local events that, as of press time, are happening:

- UP 200 Sled Dog Race, February 13-17, 2025. Contact Tom, KE8TPT.



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. The group meets on **28.396** (+/- QRM) 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!

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

Parks on the Air (POTA)

Ongoing

For details, see their website at:

www.parksontheair.com.



News

from the desk of N8NAV



Last month in this space I announced that I am stepping down from the position of Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Emergency Coordinator (EC) for Marquette County. I plan to retain my liaison position with our local National Weather Service office and also to remain a member of our local ARES group. As with many things, it is time for someone who has a better handle on the new technologies to take over the reins. It has been my honor to serve as your EC for almost five years!

My resignation takes effect on March 1st. To date, no one has stepped forward. If no one does, the EC position will enter into a “caretaker” status. The local ARES group will remain active and be available to assist state and county officials if/when needed! One more thing to add – while the membership of the local group is made up primarily of HARA members, the EC position is not affiliated with the club. It is an ARRL appointment.

The next big public service event, which will be happening as this issue goes to press, is the UP200 mile sled dog race. After a 2-year drought, we finally have enough snow over the entire course to hold this impressive event which, by the way, I understand is a qualifier for the Iditarod. For those brave souls who are volunteering, PLEASE take some photos of yourselves in action for future publication/recognition. And remember that your “time on station” (including commute) count toward the monthly volunteer hours. So please shoot me an email so that I can include your information in my monthly ARES report.

We are always looking for new ARES members. For now, 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.

73, Jim, N8NAV

Buy, Sell, or Trade

Please advise when items have been bought or sold.

Nothing in the shopping cart this month.

HARA on TV!

For those who happened to be watching WZMQ 19 News on Monday (February 10, 2025), you might have noticed a segment on the 6:00 pm newscast (a shortened version repeated at 11:00 pm) interviewing our own club president Tom, KE8TPT concerning the importance of Ham Radio for the upcoming UP200 sled dog race. During the segments, you might have noticed another head appearing in some of the shots. Tom was nice enough to point the segment author, John Truitt, to me for “fill ins” of an operating Ham station. For those who missed it, Greg, KI8AF found the below link to an on-line version of the story:

<https://wzmq19.com/news/344577/communication-along-the-route/>

I managed to snap a few photos:



President Tom, KE8TPT being interviewed. Jim, N8NAV at the controls of his station. Channel 19 reporter John Truitt hard at work.

Parting Thoughts

1. From the ARRL Great Lakes Division:

Scott's Stuff...

Wow... Can you believe it, it's gonna' be Groundhog day soon. Yes, this hot story and a whole lot much more can be found inside the Radio Waves newsletter.

Go to: <https://arrl-greatlakes.org/glnews/2025>

Ok... that's going to do it from here this time around. Keep smiling!!

Catch you on the air, in a meeting or at a hamfest!!! Be Radio Active!!!!

73,

Scott, N8SY

Great Lakes Division Director

n8sy@arrl.org

2. More from the ARRL:

From the Michigan Section Manager

Larry Camp, WB8R@arrl.org

517-617-4883

MICHIGAN SECTION NEWS

(Early Bird Edition)

January 29, 2025

Greetings to all who read this. We (the ARRL) are still having difficulties regaining the ability for Section Managers to directly communicate with all ARRL members in the Section via an ARRL portal. In the meantime, we are utilizing the Division Directors ability to send this to all ARRL members. However, this shifts the publication schedule from mid-month to the first of the month.

I will still publish the mid-month column, and it will be available on our groups.io page.

Michigan Hamfest Schedule

Feb 8, 2025 Cherryland ARC Ham Swap, Traverse City, MI (WB8R)

Feb 14, 2025 CMARC Meeting, Lansing MI (WB8R)

Feb 22, 2025 Livonia ARC Annual Swap & Shop, Northville, MI (WB8R)

Mar 23, 2025 Lowell AR Youth Club Hamfest, Lowell, MI CANCELLED

Apr 12, 2025 AC8RC Allegan Mini-Swap, Burnips, MI (K8TB)

Apr 19, 2025 SJCARC Hamfest, Centreville, MI (WB8R)

May 5, 2025 Wexaukee ARC Hamfest, Cadillac, MI (WB8R)

May 16-18, 2025 Dayton Hamvention®, Xenia, OH

Jun 7, 2025 IRA Hudsonville Swap, Hudsonville, MI (K8TB)

Jun 8, 2025 Crossroads Hamfest, Marshall, MI (WB8R)

Jun 15, 2025 Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI (WB8R)

Sep 6, 2025 Grand Rapids Area hamfest, Wyoming, MI (WB8R)

Sep 14, 2025 Adrian Hamfest, Adrian, MI (WB8R)

Sep 20, 2025 Top of Michigan ARC Hamfest, Gaylord, MI (WB8R)

Oct 11, 2025 Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest, Muskegon, MI (WB8R)

Oct 19, 2025 USECA Hamfest, St. Clair Shores, MI (TBD)

By looking at the hamfest listings, Spring can't be all that far away. With warm weather there will come the opportunity to get outside and do things. Field day will be upon us sooner than we think as well as summer vacation schedules.

The column published on the 15th of the month will be my traditional column and will of course have any additional hamfest information. As you can see, neither of the usual Upper Peninsula hamfests in June (Luce County Hamfest) and the Delta County swap in early August, aka Upper Peninsula Hamfest have not yet been submitted.

We encourage planners to get your swap listed as soon as possible to ensure that there are no other swaps requesting that date (first come, first served). We do allow for two swaps on the same day if they are:

1. of moderate size or smaller, and
2. are at least 100 miles apart. Truthfully, these two UP swaps meet the size and distance requirements for pretty much everywhere in the Lower Peninsula, but delay in registering may not allow time for attendees

planning time for travel, potentially reducing attendance.

The Delta County date (normally the 1st Saturday in June) already has a down-state competitor (Hudsonville swap near Grand Rapids).

I will publish this information with updates on the 15th via the section's Groups.io utility.

Travel Safely

Best 73,

Larry, WB8R

3. And even more from the ARRL:

Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act Re-Introduced

Legislation Will Increase Communication Options During Natural Disasters

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Roger Wicker, R-Miss., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and Representatives August Pfluger, R-Tex., and Joe Courtney, D-Conn. announced their joint re-introduction of legislation in the Senate and House to restore the right to Amateur Radio operators to install the antennas necessary to serve their communities.

Homeowner association rules often prevent Amateur Radio operators from installing antennas at their homes even though Amateur Radio has proven to be essential in emergencies and natural disasters such as hurricanes when other means of communication fail.

“Mississippians should have access to every possible means of warning for natural disasters, including amateur radio operators. In an emergency, those warnings can mean the difference between life and death,” **Senator Wicker said**. “The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act would remove unnecessary roadblocks that could help keep communities safe during emergencies like tornadoes, hurricanes, and fires.”

“When disaster strikes, amateur radio operators provide vital, often life-saving information, which shouldn’t be hindered by prohibitive rules or confusing approval processes. The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act eliminates obstacles for ham radio enthusiasts, allowing them to continue their communications and serve their communities in the face of emergencies,” **said Senator Blumenthal**.

“Natural disasters and other emergency situations that hinder our regular lines of communication are unfortunately unavoidable, which is why we must bolster our emergency preparedness by removing the barriers amateur radio operators often run into when installing antennas. Amateur radio plays a vital role in public safety by delivering critical information to people at all times. My district is home to dozens of amateur radio operators ready to volunteer in the event of an emergency, and I am proud to lead this legislation,” **said Congressman August Pfluger**.

“As we know from recent natural disasters, amateur radio operators in Connecticut can be a critical component of disaster response and emergency management. It is in our communities’ best interest that we give them the capabilities to operate at the highest level, and with the re-introduction of this bill, we’ve taken a strong step in that direction,” **said Congressman Courtney**.

Background:

The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act of 2025 (H.R. 1094 and S. 459) would require homeowner associations to accommodate the needs of FCC-licensed Amateur Radio operators by prohibiting the enforcement of private land use restrictions that ban, prevent, or require the approval of the installation or use of Amateur Radio station antennas. Homeowner associations have often prevented installation and use of such antennas through private land use restrictions. This has hindered voluntary training for emergency situations and blocked access to necessary communications when disaster strikes.

Among other provisions, this legislation would:

- Prohibit homeowner association rules that would prevent or ban Amateur Radio antennas;
- Specify an approval process for installing Amateur Radio antennas;
- Provide a Federal private right of action to Amateur Radio operators in disputed cases.

On behalf of America's Amateur Radio licensees, Rick Roderick, the President of The American Radio Relay League, re-confirmed the ARRL's full support for the passage of the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act of 2025 and extended his thanks and appreciation to Senators Wicker and Blumenthal and Congressmen Pfluger and Courtney for their unflagging leadership of the bi-partisan effort to support and protect the rights of all Amateur Radio Operators.

The text of the House version can be found at this [link](#).

4. A lot of Hams utilize electronic sources (LoTW, ClubLog, etc.) for their contact confirmations. A few of us still subscribe to the "old school" paper QSL cards. For us few, the ARRL's outgoing and incoming QSL Bureaus are an economical – if not particularly speedy – method of confirming QSOs. Each USA call district has a separate incoming QSL Bureau. Some states, like Michigan, divide these responsibilities further. In January I received the below correspondence from the group that handles the letter **N** (N8NAV). I include it for informational purposes only (Ed.):

"Up until now, the ARRL reimbursed Bureau managers for expenses to maintain a Post Office box and forward QSLs received from the ARRL and foreign bureaus to its sorters. Although some bureaus were notified in July of this change it was never confirmed 100% until December of 2024 from Sharon Taratula from the ARRL.

As the W8 Incoming QSL Bureau Manager, I am appealing to 8th area users to help the Bureau in its time of greatest financial need. I am also contacting other radio clubs in the W8 District and appealing for their help as well.

The W8 QSL bureau is not part of any club. The WC8VOA club in West Chester OH provides a room for sorting and does not charge for its use. The club members graciously sort the cards. Until now I relied totally on the ARRL to pay for the expenses of the PO Box, shipping and supplies.

My total expenses for 2024 amounted to approximately \$1100.00 which is about 7/10 of a cent per ARRL member.

From January through December of 2024, we processed over 210 pounds of cards which represents approximately 32,000 QSLs and forwarded them to the W8 Bureau sorters in several shipments. After learning about the possible change in ARRL reimbursement policy, adjustments were made to lower these expenses by reducing the number of QSL shipments per year. In addition, shipping labels purchased from pirateship.com have been used

exclusively, saving 60% of USPS retail shipping costs.

Given the above, I hope you will consider donating at least \$10-\$25 (or more!) to jump start a wider donation drive that will follow and be directed toward W8 QSL Bureau users and clubs in the 8th area.

Donations to the W8 Incoming QSL Bureau should be sent to: **8th AREA QSL BUREAU**, PO Box 307 West Chester OH 45071-0307. You can also use Paypal , w8buro@gmail.com

If you need another payment method, please contact me at N8DX@ARRL.net

Also, if you are a W8 QSL Bureau user and are dissatisfied with the ARRL's action to stop reimbursement of Incoming QSL Bureaus, you are encouraged to contact your ARRL Division Director and make your feelings known.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact me directly."

Jack Shirley, N8DX

ARRL Eight Call Area Incoming QSL Bureau
N8DX@ARRL.NET

5. At the February club meeting, our very own Scott, WU8H offered to create a HARA *Discord* account. For those who were not in attendance, below is the Wikipedia blurb on *Discord*:

Discord is an instant messaging and VoIP social platform which allows communication through voice calls, video calls, text messaging, and media. Communication can be private or take place in virtual communities called "servers". A server is a collection of persistent chat rooms and voice channels which can be accessed via invite links. Discord runs on Windows, macOS, Android, iOS, iPadOS, Linux, and in web browsers.

For anyone interested in joining the HARA *Discord* group, please drop Scott an email at: smachalk@gmail.com

6. It has been suggested that since I am looking for an EC replacement, I should provide some additional information about the position. Below is from the ARRL website:

The ARRL Emergency Coordinator (EC) is appointed by the Section Manager (or at the SM's discretion, the SEC may make the appointment).

The ARRL Emergency Coordinator is the person responsible for the ARES group at the local level. Working with local community officials, the Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC), and other field appointees, the EC leads his or her local ARES group through the planning, preparedness, and response phases.

Requirements

Technician-class license or higher; full ARRL membership, and achievement of Level 3 qualifications. (Must, within the period of 1 year, from the issuance of this document or appointment as EC, whichever comes later, or such further time period as authorized by the SM, complete all of the requirements for Level 3 qualification.)

Responsibilities

- Promote and enhance the activities of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) for the benefit of the public

as a voluntary, non-commercial communications service.

- Manage and coordinate the training, organization, and emergency participation of interested amateurs working in support of the communities, agencies, or functions designated by the Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC)/Section Manager (SM).
- Establish viable working partnerships with federal, state, county, city governmental and/or private agencies in the ARES jurisdictional area that needs the services of ARES in emergencies.
- Identify and work collaboratively with local partners to assess how ARES can assist them with their mission, ensuring partners are aware of the limitations and capabilities of ARES.
- Develop detailed local operational plans, with partner agency officials in the jurisdiction that set forth precisely what expectations are during an ARES activation. Work jointly with partners to establish relationships based on mutual trust and respect. All matters involving recruitment and utilization of ARES participants are directed by the EC, in response to the needs assessed by the agency officials. Technical issues involving message format, security of message transmission, disaster welfare inquiry policies, and others, should be reviewed and expounded upon in the ARES detailed local operations plans.
- Establish local communications networks that run on a regular basis, and periodically test those networks by conducting realistic drills.
- Work with the SEC and District Emergency Coordinators (DECs) to identify potential local shortcomings and define resources that may need to be drawn from adjacent ARES groups in support of a local emergency or disaster.
- Establish an emergency traffic plan, with welfare traffic inclusive, utilizing the National Traffic System (NTS) as one active component for traffic handling. Establish an operational liaison with local and section nets, particularly for handling welfare traffic in an emergency situation.
- Work with other Amateur Radio public service groups, organizations or programs to establish relationships of mutual trust and respect, and a coordination mechanism for the good of the public and Amateur Radio. The goal is to foster an efficient and effective Amateur Radio response overall.
- Work for growth in the local ARES program, making it a stronger, more valuable resource and hence able to meet more of the agencies' local needs.
- Collect and consolidate your activities and activities of your ARES members each month, and submit monthly progress summaries to the Section Emergency Coordinator. Provide timely reporting of emergency and public safety communications rendered in the Section for potential inclusion in ARRL media relations activities.

Recruitment of new hams and ARRL members is an integral part of the job of every ARRL appointee. Appointees should take advantage of every opportunity to recruit a new ham or member to foster growth of Field Organization programs, and our abilities to serve the public.

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, and her assistants do a bang-up job as net control!

Repeater: 442.200 MHz receive/447.200 transmit U.P. Michigan Talk Group: 31268

And of course, don't forget the Marquette Co. 2-meter Emergency Net @ 7:00 pm on the K8LOD (147.27, 100 Hz tone) repeater!



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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Green Bay Hamfest

Saturday May 31, 2025
from 8 'til Noon

At the Our Saviour Lutheran Church
120 South Henry St.

On Green Bay's East Side, just off Main St. at the corner of Deckner Ave. and Henry St.



Entrance tickets \$5 per person

Great Commercial Vendors Featuring Tower Electronics

Your one stop shop for all the radio and antenna accessories that keep your shack on the air.

Wolf River Coils offering a variety of products for mobile, portable, and base station needs.

C3 Electronics providing Bandpass Filters for your favorite HF bands.

OTHER COMMERCIAL VENDORS INVITED

Huge parking lot for trunk sales/tailgating, PLUS plenty of space indoors with tables available for only \$10 a piece! (Parking lot and facility open for set up at 6:00 AM)

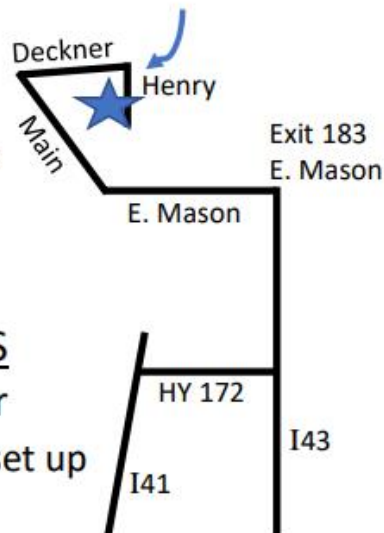
Be part of the fun!

- ✓ Food available on site
- ✓ 50/50 Raffle
- ✓ "Bucket Drawings"
- ✓ Estate Sale Items
- ✓ Meet our ARRL Section Manager
- ✓ Great Door Prizes
- ✓ Commercial Vendors
- ✓ Lots of Vintage Electronics
- ✓ Grand Prize Drawing (Must be present to win.)
- ✓ Trunk Sales/Tailgating
- ✓ FCC License Testing (Registration 8:45; must be registered by 9:00. Testing promptly at 9:00. Contact ks9wi@mail.com prior to May 26 to register.)

Don't miss out!

For more information and to reserve a table or parking lot sales space, contact Todd Clausen, W9GRB, toddw9grb@gmail.com or 414-455-6374.

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