

January 2009  
*Happy New Years*



## 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](mailto:ki8af@arrl.net). Club info, membership, dues, etc can be found on our website at [www.qsl.net/k8lod](http://www.qsl.net/k8lod)

**MONTHLY MEETING:** Marquette County Health Department Bldg., Lower Level, Negaunee Township.  
Date: **January 8, 2009**  
Time: 7:30 PM

### CLUB OFFICERS, 2009

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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  
K8LOD-3.144.390 APRS Digi Mqt

### WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

Noquemanon Ski Race: Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>  
contact Rich N8GBA fro your assignment.

Swap'n'Shop: Feb. If you can't help out at the event least buy \$5.00 worth of raffle tickets.

U.P. 200/MNR Sled Dog Races:

## Christmas Dinner

HARA's 2008 Christmas dinner was a great success. We had close to forty people at the gathering and I believe no one went away hungry. There was a great variety of food dishes. It was nice to see so many members and their families attend and enjoying themselves. We hope this might urge more members to attend other club functions as ham radio doesn't always have to mean having a radio in hand (except Peter KC8YTX, see photo), as camaraderie is a big part of the hobby also.

Something new this Christmas dinner was the awarding of door prizes to a few lucky attendees. Joe AJ8MH won the 50/50 winner take all, Ralph N8HXG won a \$50.00 dinner for two from Mama Mia's in Ishpeming, and KD8CGJ's (Hank) daughter won the gift certificate from the 41 Steak House. Other winners included Bruce WB8NJP, Fred KD8JIP and Paula (N8GBA's xyl). A thank you also has to go to Lee KD8BJC. She made sure there was a small gift bag for all of the children that attend.



As mentioned in the first paragraph, Peter holding a HT. Well Peter should be smiling as he was the grand prize winner of a Yaesu VX-170. Lots of us yoopers know of *Tappin' Tommy*, now we have our very own *Smilin' Peter*.

## **V.E. TESTING:**

- 01/21 **Iron River:** 9:00am central time, at the Beef-A-Roo Restaurant in Iron River. NOTE: Pre-registration is required, contact Dan Waters, AA9JG, at 906 265-4240 or e-mail: [dmwaters@ironriver.tv](mailto:dmwaters@ironriver.tv)
- 03/14 **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](mailto:n8gba@chartermi.net)
- 01/24 **Houghton:** 8:30am eastern time, V.E. Exams at Michigan Tech. University in Houghton, MI will be held in the ballroom of DHH (Douglass Houghton Hall at Michigan Tech). Free Parking in Lot #14, front of DHH, across from Wadsworth Residence Hall. Use door #9 on the South-East side of DHH. Contact Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF at (906) 482-7743 if you have questions
- 02/07 **Iron Mountain:** 9:00am central time, (arrive by 8:30am) Dickinson County Library (conference room), contact Mark J. Lewis N8UKD, 412 Fairmount St. Kingsford, Mi 49802
- 01/10 **Gladstone:** 9:00am arrival time with testing beginning at 9:00am, at the Gladstone Public Library. Contact Howard W8HSJ at (906) 428-9476 or [w8hsj@dcars.org](mailto:w8hsj@dcars.org)

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 \$14.00. 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 January go to: Judy W8ART, Bruce K8FIX, Rich N8GBA, Gary NJ8H, Don, N8HDT, George, N8HVT, Mike KD8JIR, Paul KB8VEP, and John W8ZUL.

## **PR.....Happenings**

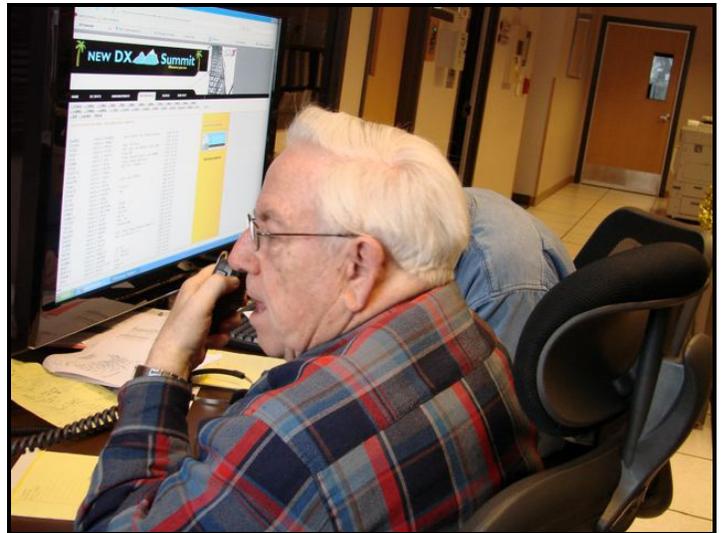
Our PR committee needs input from each of us if we expect them to do their part in getting the word out about our organization and amateur radio. Please contact a committee member well in advance of a happening. PR committee members are: Lee KD8BJC [leerowe@charter.net](mailto:leerowe@charter.net) or 346-9278, Lane WD8PAJ [laned@chartermi.net](mailto:laned@chartermi.net) or 486-8697, and Mark KD8FPK [mcampbell@chartermi.net](mailto:mcampbell@chartermi.net) or 906-273-0099 or cell 906-458-8877.



## Skywarn Recognition Day Event

Thanks to our photographer Lee KD8BJC on the scene at the NWS office to get a couple of pix of Bill KC8EWD and Matt KD8EFY in action.

Below are a few photos from our Christmas party. If you didn't make it you missed a good time. Mark your calendar now to attend our 2009 party; you won't be sorry you did.





**BARBIERE'S** Italian Restaurant

*Mama Mia's*

steaks  
seafood  
chicken  
lasagna  
ravioli  
tortellini  
manicotti  
gnocchi  
spaghetti  
veal  
cocktails and  
beer

Private banquet room available for up to 55 people

- Rehearsals
- Reunions
- Weddings
- Catering available

OPEN  
Mon-Thur 4:00-10:00  
Fri & Sat 4:00-11:00  
Sun 4:00-10:00

207 E. Pearl Ishpeming MI  
**Dine-in or Take Out - 485-5813**

Thanks again to *Barbiere's Mama Mia's* for the certificate. Stop in and say thanks and enjoy a nice meal while you are there.

Also stop in and say thanks to Mike at the *Derocha's 41 Steak House* for the certificate he donated. Grab a nice meal while you are there, you sure won't regret it. Oh, while you are there ask Mike to show you the picture of him and his NHL line with Bobby Hull, you might recognize someone else in the photo.



Dismantling of the tower at Morgan Meadows



## My Early Forays into Radio

My twin brother Warren (W9VKG), and I were born in 1936 and we had an early interest in radio. When we were about 8 years old we had read about radio in my mother's encyclopedia an already obsolete 1920's edition. This encyclopedia described how spark transmitters were used previously for communications. Warren and I having poked round in my grandfather's garage found an old model T ford spark coil. We found that if we hooked it up to a six volt battery that it would product a spark across about 1/2 to 3/4 inch gap.

We lived on the outskirts of a very small (Pop 800) farming village in Wisconsin, called Glenwood "City", which reminds me of our 'International' Airport at KI Sawyer. Grandfather had one cow to keep our family supplied with milk along with a chicken coop (no longer populated). This coop became our illegal sham shack with its own distinct odor. My brother and I managed to climb up on the roof to put up herten antenna about 20 ft long.

After building a key we filled the ether with a band covering the whole frequency spectrum. At least the broadcast band and I am sure the few neighbors that were with in a mile heard also. We heard it at our house which was a couple of hundred yards away from my grandpa's place. I only reveal all this since I think the statue of limitations has ran out.

I have more about our early experiences I if haven't been a completely boor.

Wayne Weingarten (W9VKI)

## For Sale

1-Logitech Quickcam, model Communicate STX for a PC. Brand new. I bought it for my xyl's i-mac and it doesn't work on Macs .Works great for skype. \$35(new \$50)

1- Rigblaster- like new \$45

1- Radio Shack Pro-70 50 channel portable scanner. Freq range- 29-54MHz, 137-174 MHz, 380-512 MHz. Like new-Price negotiable.

Pete-K8PT

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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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