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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: **January 6, 2011**
Time: 7:30 PM

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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

Noquemanon Ski Race 1/29/11
Swap'n'Shop 2/5/11
UP200/MNR Sled Dog Races
2/18-19-20/11)

Happy New Year



Welcome 2011! And with a new year is your commitment to help out your club, the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette County. Any club, group, organization or association can only function if it has support from its membership. Please do your part by supporting *HARA*. Annually *HARA* takes part in assisting with many public service events. Please help when and where you can and make this the best amateur radio club not only across the U.P. but across the nation as well.

V.E. TESTING:

03/12 **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

01/22 **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

02/05 **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

01/08 **Gladstone:** Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Howard St. John (906) 428-9476 Email: hsj99@charter.net 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 January go to: Judy W8ART, Don N8HDT, George N8HNT, Rich N8GBA, John W8ZUL, Gary NJ8H, Paul KB8VEP, Bob K8ACT and Mike KD8JIR.

Swap'n'Shop Raffle Tickets

Our annual Swap'n'Shop is scheduled for Saturday February 5th, 2010. Raffle tickets are now on sale. Several members have them to sell. If each member would only buy five dollars worth (6 tickets), that would go a long way in supporting the event. Rich N8GBA and Ralph N8HXG each have a supply of tickets. Contact one of them for a bunch and sell some; that will really help out.

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

Velma's Pumpkin Torte Recipe



Here is the recipe, one of the favorites from the Christmas party.

12-15 Servings

Prep: 25 min. Bake: 20 min. + chilling

Ingredients

CRUST:

- 1-1/2 cups crushed graham crackers
- 1/3 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted



FILLING:

- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 can (15 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin
- 3 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- Additional whipped topping

Directions

- Combine crust ingredients; press into a 13-in. x 9-in. baking pan. In a bowl, combine the eggs, sugar and cream cheese. Beat until smooth. Spread over crust. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until top appears set. Cool on a wire rack.
- Meanwhile, combine the pumpkin, egg yolks, milk, sugar, salt and cinnamon in a saucepan. Cook and stir until mixture is thickened; remove from the heat.
- Dissolve gelatin in water; add to saucepan. Fold in whipped topping. Spread over cooled torte; chill. Garnish with whipped topping. Torte keeps well for several days in the refrigerator. **Yield:** 12-15 servings.

Christmas Party/Dinner 2010

What a great event! What a great turn out! Just fabulous! Lots of great food! These are just a few of the comments that were heard about our recent Christmas party/dinner. By best count we had 46 people attend this year which is the largest gathering we've had in a good many years. Next year lets plan on more attending. There were a good number of door prizes to give away this year and with the help of our official ticket drawer, Christopher Belles here is a list of winners. Jim WB8IEH 50/50 winner take all, Brandon KD8NCY multi-meter, Lynn Rasmussen (Brandon's XYL) Day-Timer Planner, Christopher Belles a hat, Jeremy KD8FPH multi-meter, Sheree KD8EDS flashlight, Justin KD8HOS Day-Timer Planner, Joe AJ8MH Day-Timer Planner, Ann Belles (Jim N8NAV XYL) a hat, Ryan KD8NCZ Day-Timer Planner, Chad KD8LAG \$25 gift certificate from Mama Mia's in Ishpeming, Don KB8PEL \$25 gift certificate from Mama Mia's in Ishpeming, Hank KD8CGJ the Yaesu FT250 HT and Ryan KD8NCZ the Alinco DJ175 HT. Throughout this edition of the newsletter you'll find some photos from the event. Thanks goes to Paul KB0P for being the cameraman.



PR.....Happenings

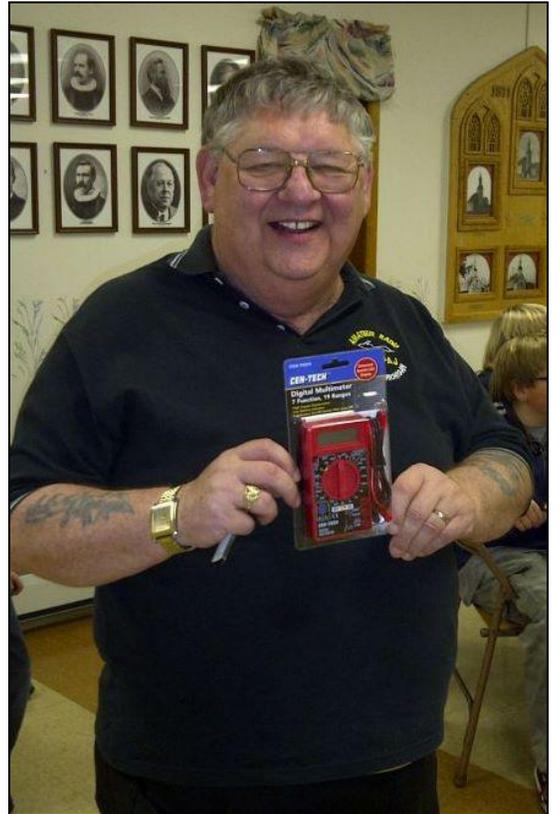
Our PR committee needs input from each of us if we expect them to do their part in getting the word out about our organization and amateur radio. Please contact a committee member well in advance of a happening. PR committee members are: Lee KD8BJC leerowe@charter.net or 346-9278, Lane WD8PAJ laned@chartermi.net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

What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

This is a great one from K8PT, VOACAP Online - <http://online.voacap.com>

HARA Annual Swap'n'Shop

Our annual Swap'n'Shop is scheduled for Saturday February 5th, 2011. Checkout the K8LOD website at www.qsl.net/k8lod/ for more information. If you want reserve a table or two contact John N8RSE at jsveiht@mqtpublicservicegarage.com. Tables are going fast so contact John soon.





On The Bands

DXing from the “other side” By B Peter Trembl

When it starts getting cold in the U.P. and the snow starts falling I tend to run to my shack & turn on the amp to warm up or I starting thinking of warm places where I can operate- “as” the DX!

DXing from the other side is completely different from calling the DX station from the states. In the U.S. you tend to compete in the pileups with the BIG boys and to be successful you need a very good antenna, a good receiver, some degree of skill and experience and power always helps.



Being the DX is completely different. You can have simple antennas, a decent receiver (with good filtering), high power is not necessary but a higher degree of skill is required. You become the object of the dozens, or hundreds of stations calling you all at the same time. It can be intimidating but it also can be a hoot. It gets in your blood. It’s like endorphins; when you exercise...you always seem to want more.



Well, with that background I decided to be on the DX end this fall and find a place to operate where a foreign license could be easily obtained, it would be warm and sunny and where it wouldn’t be to difficult (or costly) to travel . Mary, my xyl, (KB8PEI) would be accompanying me so I wouldn’t be operating all day long but mostly at sunrise and sunset which left lots of time for fun in between.

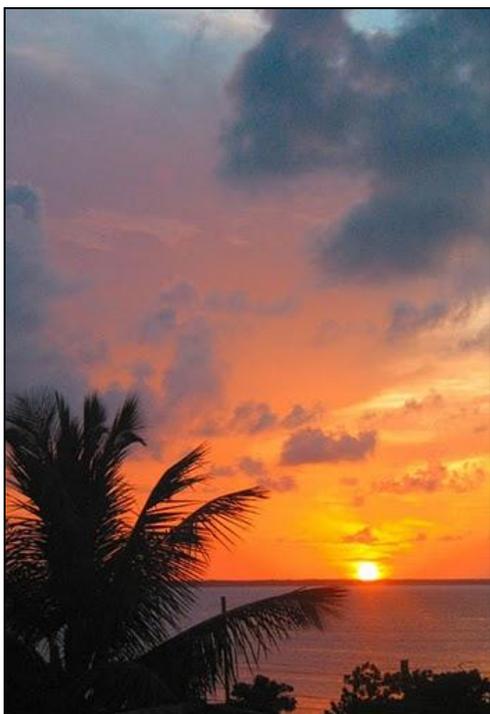
I settled on the Bahamas. The northern Bahamas are only 200 miles off the coast of Ft. Lauderdale. After searching the web, I found the Sand Dollar Villa in Treasure Cay, Abaco Island, Bahamas <http://www.sanddollarvilla.com/> and I e-mailed the owner and made our arrangements. I then applied for a Bahamian license and received-C6APT-and the flight arrangements were a breeze.

I packed up my trusty laptop, travel radio (FT-900AT) and my travel antennas were a Force 12 Sigma-GT5 (vertical dipole) and 30 meter end fed wire antenna. My power supply is an Alinco DM-330MV and I also threw in a few bathing suits and a pair of Tevas and we were ready to go.

The flight out of Marquette to Treasure Cay was uneventful and easy. The owner had a taxi waiting for us for a 7 mile ride to the Villa. We left Marquette in the mid 20's and arrived about 5 p.m. the same day where the temp was about 80...sweet.



I set up the radio the next morning and it only took an hour or so to get it up and running. I was surprised that sunrise conditions were not good and the bands didn't open for a couple hours after sunrise. No problem as R&R was the order of the day. Working stateside was a snap and I had some nice runs of Europeans and Japanese. I worked mostly CW and a smattering of SSB. My totals were 1316 QSO's in 62 countries and 28 zones. Most of my QSO's were made from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. ESDT.



The Commonwealth of Bahamas is made up of 29 islands, 661 Cays and 2387 Islets (rocks). Abaco is one of the larger islands. The local people are white Bahamians, black Bahamians and Haitians. The cloistered area where we were was made up of 120 villas that are generally owned by retired Americans. They have their own police force and it was very safe.



Through a neighbor, a retired teacher, we had an opportunity to work in the local primary school for an afternoon. We helped bring them a Christmas party which was funded by the American retirees. This was a state school but very religious which was very surprising. The children all wore uniforms and were extremely well behaved and friendly. They don't have much at all and some are hungry. This was a real eye-opener but we are now able to help going forward through our retired teacher friend.

I wore shorts and Texas every day as the weather was wonderful and surprisingly it was more laid back than the U.P. We sure would like to return for another visit someday.

The trip back to the U.P. ended up taking three days because of the BIG winter storms in the Midwest. Coming home to two feet of snow and 13 degrees was a chilling experience.

Now a week later my log has been uploaded to LOTW (logbook of the world) and C6APT QSL cards have been ordered (see attached) and QSL's from all over the world are ending up in my mailbox. The mailman thinks I have some kind of scam going.

I'm already thinking of where I can go next...any ideas?

73, Good DX,
Pete-K8PT/C6APT



Skywarn Recognition Day 2010

While the event started out somewhat slow for WX8MQT things did pick up as propagation improved. WX8MQT made a total of 73 contacts and out of that total 26 contacts were with other NWS stations participating in the Skywarn Recognition Day event. Bill KC8EWD made contact with another special event station that weekend, that being N4WIS USS Wisconsin, Battle Ship BB64.



HARA 2011 Activities.....Clip and Post

January 29th Noquemanon Ski Race

February 5th Swap'n'Shop

February 18th, 19th, 20th UP200/MNR

June 25th and 26th Field Day *

July 4th Parade in Marquette

August 13th Ore To Shore Bike Races

August 19th, 20th, 21st International Lighthouse Weekend*

(I may of missed an event or two in error but this is a good start for you to start marking your calendar.)

*If enough interest is shown by the membership

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 *and another year*. 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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