January 2022 Happy New Year





The monthly newsletter of the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette, Michigan. Comments and suggestions can be sent to the club at P.O. Box1183, 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

Editor, Jim Belles N8NAV Distribution, Greg KI8AF

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

I wish all of you a Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that it's 2022 and I am looking forward to having a great year pursuing adventures in Amateur Radio.

HARA is alive and well with January and February being very busy for our members. In the next two months we have the ski race, dog sled race, and our annual Swap & Shop. Please consider volunteering to help out with these events.

Our attendance at club meetings is increasing, and we are planning many interesting programs following each meeting.

Hope to see you there.

73, Lou, KG8NK

V.E. TESTING:

Stay Tuned

March 2022 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 Greg Hanson @ ki8af@arrl.net.

The Business

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION January 6, 2022

Attending: President - Lou KG8NK; VP - Greg KI8AF; Treasurer - Mike KD8JIR, Secretary - Scott WU8H, 9 members and 1 guest.

President Lou KG8NK opened the meeting at 1900 hours with a presentation of the OpenSpot 3 Digital Hot Spot he recently acquired.

Greg KI8AF added item E to the new business section of the agenda. A motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by Rich N8GBA, seconded by Fred KD8JIP. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve by Greg KI8AF, seconded by David KE8PND, to accept the December 2021 treasurer's reports as presented. Approved.

Correspondence: Three items were received in the mail. All three were membership applications/renewals.

Committee Reports:

Repeaters:

- Repeaters are working well, but we still are experiencing some possible problems with the .82 system. Sporadic results on that repeater were reported by multiple members. Greg KI8AF thinks that the cable for the 440 link may need to be replaced.
- DMR was down for 3 days but is back up now.

ARES/RACES:

- Jim N8NAV, our EC (Emergency Coordinator), reported that there aren't any exercises on the horizon so it would be a good time to get that online course work done. **See information on page 6**.
- If you are interested in becoming an ARES member, contact Jim.

Old Business:

• Lou reminded everyone that the budget for 2022 will need to be completed soon. We will likely have a meeting with the officers to hash that out in the near future.

New Business:

- The Noquemanon Ski Marathon is happening soon (January 21st 22nd, 2022). Contact Eric Smith if you are interested in helping.
- Paul, KB0P, will be coordinating for the UP 200 sled dog races. (February 17-21, 2022). He sent out a set of pdfs with time slots needing volunteers. The pdfs contain locations and expected durations for each location. Some of the members stated that they hadn't received that email. Greg KI8AF said that he would forward it to the members.
- The Swap & Shop is moving ahead and is scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2022. Fred, KD8JIP, reported that we had 21 tables so far (6 of those are club tables). The volunteers are pretty much covered but there is still a need for some alternates. A vendor is scheduled to come but that is contingent on potential health issues. Set-up will be Friday, February 4 at 6:30pm and should take about an hour or so. If you are interested in helping set up for the event, just show up at the Negaunee Township Hall at 6:30 and Fred will put you to work.
- Greg, KI8AF, recommended that, if the local schools are closed the day of a scheduled monthly meeting, members should pay close attention to their email for a possible cancellation of that month's meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 1930 hrs by Mike, KD8JIR, seconded by Fred, KD8JIP. Approved.

Program: Jim, N8NAV, gave an excellent presentation on QSL cards and "old fashioned" QSLing.

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!



Early in December we had a GREAT turn-out for our Friday lunch! Pictured are Pam (attached to Joe), Don, N8HDT, Bill, KD8ZEG, Rich, N8GBA, Greg, KI8AF, David, KE8PND, Fred, KD8JIP, Judi, KE8LRW, Paula (attached to Rich), Dave, KD8DRF, Jim, N8NAV and Joe, AJ8MH. All are cordially invited to join us!!!

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



Winter appears firmly in control of the Upper Peninsula. Many of us "older folks" deal with UP winters by either escaping to warmer climates or hibernating in the house/shack. I tend to follow the latter path, although this year we are planning on taking a winter break. ARES activity is also taking a winter break, although it ALWAYS pays to keep an eye on our unpredictable weather.

For those hardy souls who stick it out in the UP there are still opportunities to practice your operating skills. Two events that come to mind are the Noquemanon Ski Marathon and the UP200 Sled Dog Race. Specifics on these events are contained in other areas of this newsletter and Ham Radio help is always needed and appreciated. And there are the weekly 10-meter net on Friday evening at 7:00 pm local and the weekly DMR and 2-meter emergency nets at 6:30 and 7:00 pm, respectfully, on Sunday evening.

For the more studious among us, winter presents an excellent opportunity to complete required ARES/Auxcomm coursework, such as the Incident Command System series of on-line courses (ICS 100, 200, 700, 800) available at https://training.fema.gov and/or the ARRL's Emergency Communications (EmComm) training courses available at www.arrl.org/ares (and then click on Emergency Communications Training courses). Remember to forward a copy of your completion certificate(s) to me so that I can update your ARES file.

And if you are not currently an ARES member, 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.

Here's wishing you a Safe and Happy 2022!

73 de Jim, N8NAV

Buy, Sell, or TradePlease advise when items have been bought or sold.

Wanted to Buy

A small (compact) HF transceiver in good working order (Kenwood TS-50, etc.) that I can use for portable/vacation-type operations.

Contact: Jim, N8NAV

n8nav1@charter.net

Parting Thoughts

1. There has been a lot of discussion during Friday lunch and on the 10-meter net about the utility of antenna work during the winter months. There are those who suggest that antennas perform MUCH better when erected, or modified, during the coldest months of the year. The debate continues...





Howard, N8MOS (SK), Greg, KI8AF, and Jim, N8NAV (then NH6CN/8) take a break from a winter antenna project to pose for the camera.

- 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: pwracine@gmail.com



3. Our East Coast correspondent, Pete, K8PT, offered the following sentiment:



4. Page 5 above mentions coming up with an on-the-air club challenge. Pete's local club, SJDXA, came up with the following that we would like to also give a try. Good Luck!

ANNOUNCING THE NEW WINTER CHALLENGE FOR 2022!

We are calling this THE WINTER ALPHABET CHALLENGE!

The official start date is January 1, 2022 (0000 UTC). The end date is March 31, 2022 (2359 UTC).

Rules:

Work one (1) station whose call (prefix) begins with a different letter of the alphabet. Exception: There are NO calls that begin with the letter Q (Quebec). So the Wild Card for Q is any station beginning with a number (#).

There is an EXCEL FILE attached to the newsletter that you can use to update your records.

There will only be certificates for those who accomplish the complete challenge!

Submit your completed log sheets to Greg, KI8AF at minqtham@gmail.com by April 15, 2022.

Have fun!

5. 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. On a personal note, I just obtained motel reservations for our small group at a motel in Fairborn – about 10 miles from Xenia. I tried to get closer, but NO JOY! If you are attending, I would HIGHLY recommend that you get your room reservations ASAP! – Ed.



HIAWATHA AMATFUR 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 KD8IIP

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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