

**January 2025**  
**Happy New Year**

## 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](mailto:n8nav1@charter.net) Club info, membership, dues, etc. can be found on our website at [www.qsl.net/k8lod](http://www.qsl.net/k8lod)*

**MONTHLY MEETING:**  
**HARA Monthly Meeting**  
**Marquette Co. Health Dept.**  
**Basement Conference Room**  
**Date: February 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](http://www.qsl.net/k8lod).**



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the time you get this newsletter the Noquemanon Ski race will be imminent or over, 25 Jan 25. The UP200/Midnight Run sled dog race is coming up 14-16 Feb 25. We still need hams for the sled dog race. Please volunteer as you are able to assist with these community events.

Our program for the Feb 25 meeting will be a presentation about repeaters. Our guest presenter/instructor will be John, N8JI, who has a wealth of knowledge in repeater systems. Hopefully the weather will be nice so we get a good turnout for the meeting. John will make his presentation and then field your questions. Hopefully you can attend.

Not to sound like a broken record, but we are always looking for programs for our meetings. A big THANK YOU goes to Mike, KD8JIR for filling in at the last minute to present a program on the RATPAC website at our Jan 25 meeting. What a good resource for information regarding any number of ham radio topics.

Stay warm and see you 6 Feb 25, 1900 hrs at the Health Dept.

73 Tom KE8TP7 [KE8TPT@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:n8gba@att.net) or Greg KI8AF at [ki8af@arrl.net](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:barbarajaquesestavez@braxmail.net)

## *The Business*

### HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

**January 2, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association was held on Thursday January 2, 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, Mike KD8JIR - Treasurer, Scott WU8H - Secretary and 11 additional members. A quorum was met.

The meeting minutes of the November meeting, as posted in the Standing Wave, were approved.

### **ARES/RACES:**

Jim N8NAV reported the following:

- The annual SKYWARN Recognition Day Special Event was held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Three local Hams participated: Bill KE8KEA and Jim N8NAV from home and Gary KD8OXD from the NWS Office. Something like 160 total contacts were made. A good time was had by all!

- Winter is usually a slow period and a good time to get that course work completed.
- The next exercise will likely be the Spring Statewide Exercise in April or May.

## 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 and the next step is to get it programmed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Scott Machalk WU8H, Secretary

Presentation:

Mike KD8JIR gave an interesting presentation on RATPAC ([ratpac.us](http://ratpac.us)).



## *Special Note from President Tom*

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

**February:** Presenter John, N8JI

An overview on repeaters. John has a PowerPoint he will share with us about what a repeater is and its component parts.

## **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:

- Noquemanon Ski Marathon, January 24-25, 2025. Contact Eric, N8RRZ.
- 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](http://www.parksontheair.com).



## **News**

from the desk of N8NAV



The New Year is a time for reflection and resolutions. I have been involved with Emergency and Public Service communications, off and on, since 1974 – a very long time! I have served as the Marquette Co. ARES Emergency Coordinator (EC) since August 2020 and the District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) for the National Weather Service (NWS) office since September 2022. As with all of us, I am not getting any younger! A lot of the current technology is passing me by and I am finding it increasingly difficult to catch up. You can see where this is heading. I feel that it is time to “pass the torch”. I will still gladly participate in these events. I just no longer want to be the person in charge.

So I will be submitting my resignation for the EC position effective March 1, 2025. This will provide time for a replacement to be found and to accommodate a reasonable handoff of duties and responsibilities. I am willing to continue as the NWS DEC unless anyone wants to take that assignment also. If interested, please contact me and I will be happy to provide additional details. It has been my honor and privilege to serve with such a group of outstanding Amateur Radio operators! Keep up the great work!

We are always looking for new ARES members. If interested, you can download an application from the ARRL website, [www.arrl.org/ares](http://www.arrl.org/ares) and email it to me at [n8nav1@charter.net](mailto: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.**

# **Parting Thoughts**

1. From the ARRL Great Lakes Division:

## **ARRL Division News**

### **Great Lakes Division**

Happy New Year and all that stuff!! I hope your Holiday events went well and were filled with the spirit of the Season! Now on to new things for a new year...

Gather 'round the fireplace my fellow radio enthusiasts! It's that time once again to grab a favorite beverage, sit back in that comfy chair and indulge in the juicy tidbits of information found only in the Great Lakes Division newsletter "Radio Waves..."



Go to: [www.arrl-greatlakes.org/glnews/2025/01-radio\\_waves.pdf](http://www.arrl-greatlakes.org/glnews/2025/01-radio_waves.pdf)



2. And from our East Coast correspondent Pete, K8PT:

**Subject: [SJDXA] Please publicize Free Extra Class Course on Zoom starting Thursday, January 16, 2025**

**Reply-To:** Steve Strauss <[steven\\_strauss@yahoo.com](mailto:steven_strauss@yahoo.com)>

If you or anyone you know is interested in attending an Amateur Extra Class licensing course, please pass along the following information, and feel free to publicize it with your radio club or any group you feel would benefit. A free, weekly, live, Amateur Radio Extra Class Licensing course on Zoom will begin on Thursday, January 16, 2025, and will run through Thursday, March 27. There will be 11 sessions. The three-hour sessions will start at 6:30 PM Eastern Time. Sessions will be recorded. Those attending should hold (or be studying for) the General Class Amateur Radio License. These are the classes that we have been holding for years sponsored by the National Electronics Museum. Please publicize this with anyone that you think would be interested. Those wishing to sign up should email [roland.anders@comcast.net](mailto:roland.anders@comcast.net). Thanks.73, Rol Anders, K3RA

regards,  
Steve Strauss

## **Correction and Request**

- Please note the date change for the March 2025 VE Exam on page 2.
- For those participating in the Noquemenon and the UP 200, **PLEASE** take some photos and submit them for publication in the Standing Wave. When you submit, please indicate the identity of individual(s) and location(s). Thank you!

## **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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