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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](mailto:ki8af@arrl.net)  
Club info, membership, dues, etc can be found on our

**MONTHLY MEETING:** Marquette County Health Department Bldg., Lower Level, Negaunee Township.  
Date: **July 1, 2010**  
Time: 7:30 PM

**CLUB OFFICERS, 2010**  
Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK  
VP: Lane Dawson WD8PAJ  
Sec. Jim Jacobson W8QQE  
Tres. Fred Mouser KD8JIP  
Board Members:  
Past Pres. Paul Racine KB0P  
EC Rich Schwenke N8GBA  
Eric Pellinen N8TEV

**STANDING WAVE**  
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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

Marquette's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade  
Ore To shore Bike Epic  
International Lighthouse Weekend

Let the fun begin.....



.....as Rod KB8DNS, Lou KG8NK and Rich N8GBA are headed for the goodies at Hamvention 2010. Throughout this issue I've posted some of the photos from this year's trip to Dayton. HARA was fairly well represented at this year's event. To the best of my recollection there were about sixteen of us and I know for a fact I didn't get to see each of them. Even though a couple of us were somewhat under the weather it didn't stop us from spending a few dollars (or more). A group of us attended a *surface mount buildathon*, each constructing a CW keyer. The event was sponsored by ARCI. We also took part in ARCI's venter night activities and really enjoyed it. Lots of varies QRP and smaller SDR projects were on display. I believe we'll be taking in such activities next year. Yep, plans are underway for Hamvention 2011.

## V.E. TESTING:

- 09/11 **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)
- 07/10 **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
- 08/07 **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
- 07/10 **Gladstone:** Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Howard St. John (906) 428-9476 Email: [hsj99@charter.net](mailto: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 July go to: Jim WB8IEH, Art W8ET, Ralph N8HXG, Tom KC8OND, Terry N8TES, Norm W8NWD and David KC8QZG.

3<sup>rd</sup> annual YMCA **Teal Lake Triathlon** is coming Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Your help is needed. A handful of amateur radio operators are needed in support of the activities for the event. This would be another good event for our younger hams to take part in. For more information please get a hold of Jim W8QQE at 486-6626 or [jfjacobson@yahoo.com](mailto:jfjacobson@yahoo.com)



Fred KD8JIP at the surface mount buildathon. Dayton 2010

## S.K. Enterprise Project ..... Fly's its final missions June 2, 2010

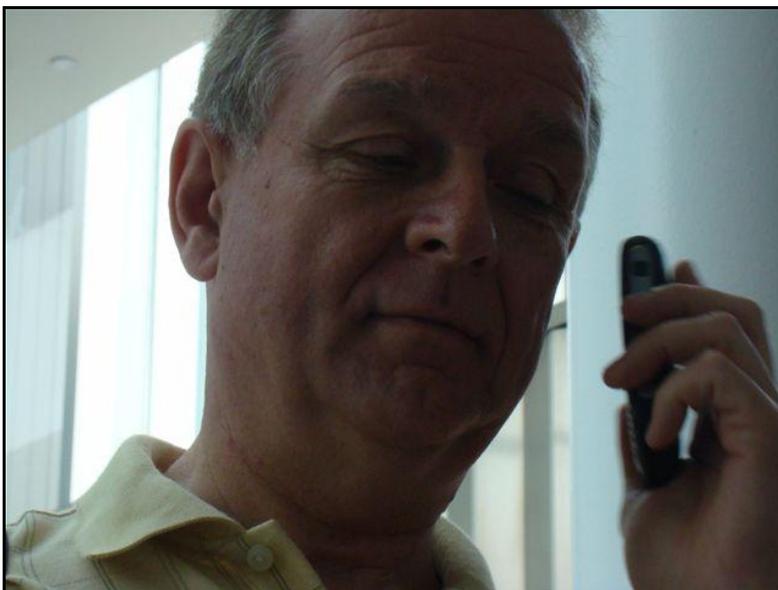


He was there for the first launch and likewise there for its final mission. Back in 1987 Stu KD8DRD, then a teacher along with others from the Marquette School system not only had a dream but saw it come to be, as they launched the S.K. Enterprise. Through the years hundreds of students have been fortunate enough to experience somewhat of what it might be like for real astronauts.



### 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.



Dayton 2010. Don N8HDT doing a bit of dictation, maybe about the repair kit (offered at Hamvention) shown above.

## Lighthouse Weekend

August 20-22, 2010 is the annual Lighthouse weekend where amateur radio operators operate from lighthouses and lightships communicating with other operators throughout the World.

**This is not a contest**, so you can take your time and talk with another station as long as you want. This is a good time for Technicians to get the flavor of HF. We will be operating from our local lighthouse near the Coast Guard Station.

The basic objective is to promote public awareness of lighthouses and lightships, promote amateur radio and foster goodwill.

Two years ago as a Technician I had my very first contact on HF and Pete K8PT asked me if I knew where the station was located that I had talked with. I told him I did not, and he told me Bogota, Columbia. That was a real thrill for me.

Pete has put together a good description of our participation in the annual event. See <http://www.qsl.net/k8lod/light.html>.

If you are interesting in working this event, please call Dave KD8DRF at 249-5488 or e-mail [dlthomas@chartermi.net](mailto:dlthomas@chartermi.net) to schedule time(s) that you want to operate.

The schedule starts at 8:00 p.m. on 8/20 and closes at 4:00 p.m. on 8/22. We will have two rigs running. We will operate as many hours as we have operators. In other words, we are not committed to be on the air all the time.

We could also use help in setting up and tearing down. Set up would be after lunch at Bonanza on 8/20 and tear down on 8/22 at 4:00 p.m., or when we have run out of operators for that day. Let's have some fun and support this event!

Dave Thomas KD8DRF



Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

### 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](mailto:dlthomas@chartermi.net)



Here are a couple of photos from Hamvention 2010 depicting some of what one might see. Please no questions.

## Scouting Outing

While some of us were working hard and spending money or OPM\* at Hamvention a few were left with some other amateur radio duties, that of assisting with a scouting event held at the Tourist Park in Marquette.



Pictured (L to R) Peter KC8YTX, Bill KC8EWD, Michael KD8JIR, and Carl KD8MAE.

## HARA Ham of the Year.....and well deserved



Norm W8NWD receiving Ham of the Year award from Lou KG8NK

At HARA's June meeting Norm W8NWD was presented the Ham of the Year award for 2010. While he was indeed surprised on receiving the award, it very well deserved for him. Norm is one of those "out of sight, out of mind" kind of guy. He is always there when the club needs help and doing what needs to be done. One of the big projects he took on without fanfare or hoopla was cleaning the 27 repeater building and site. He is still goes to the 27 repeater site as well as the 91 repeater making sure things are in order and nice and clean. Thanks Norm and Congratulation on a award well deserved.

## Hara June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010

### Minutes

- **Approval of the agenda** for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 motion by Norm W8NWD, second by Bill KC8EWD motion passed.
- **Introduction of officers**, Fred KD8JIP absent and excused. Followed by introduction of members present.
- **Ham of the year award** was presented to Norm W8NWD in recognition of all his hard work on behalf of the club and technical committee
- **Secretary's report.** Motion to approve by Bill KC8EWD, second by Jack N8JRN motion passed.
- **Treasurer's report.** Fred absent and excused.
- **Correspondence** none received
- **Committees**
- **Repeaters and Tech.** Greg is working on a new spare, not up yet he purchased a cable to use for programming.
- **ARES RACES** Rich N8gba is not present; Lou KG8NK reports that equipment is out on bids, each county will have 2M and 440 capabilities. Equipment grant also for the airport is in progress.
- **Field day** Lane WD8PAJ will contact news paper and radio outlets to announce our field day and picnic.
- **Greg** KI8AF has the signup sheet for operators. If you want to operate please let Greg know when you would like to participate.
- **Board of directors report** The Board met to establish a budget for this year. The minutes of that meeting are attached.
- **Raffle Tickets** Lou KG8NK has submitted the paper work required.
  - **Shuttle** Program has more than likely had its last flight; the budget for the shuttle has been eliminated.
  - A discussion followed for the loan and use of club equipment by the members. A deposit will be required, and will be refundable when the equipment is returned in good condition. A policy needs to be written.
  - 50/50 drawing won by Bill KC8EWD
- Motion to adjourn by Jack N8JRN second by Lane WD8PAJ





John N8RSE, this one is still available. What a bargain!

**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. 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

\*offer people 2 money



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Oh, here is Fred KD8JIP still working with those "surface mount" capacitors.