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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: **5, 2012**
Time: 7:30 PM
Program: **Digital modes w/FL Digi**

CLUB OFFICERS, 2011
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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

Upcoming HARA Public Service Activities

No doubt you can help out somewhere! You can see that we are very busy for the next couple of months. And while I know it is summer and it can be a short season and everyone has plans and tries to get as much as possible crammed into such a short time frame, it would be nice if you could volunteer for even one event.

The **4th of July** parade in Marquette could use some help. Please contact Dave KD8DRF to volunteer a couple of hours.

The Negaunee triathlon is scheduled for **July 21st** and you can contact Jim W8QQE for more information and to help out.

August 11th in the annual Ore To Shore Bike Epic and as always lots of help is needed. Contact Rich N8GBA and he will gladly accept you volunteering.

The Marquette Trail Run is scheduled for **August 18th**. Please get a hold of Lou KG8NK and he can fill you in.

We are also **looking for hams to assist with net control** for the Sunday evening net on 27. Jim WB8IEH will be leaving the area very soon and it will take several of you to fill his shoes. If we could get 8 or so to volunteer one would only need to be net control about once every two months. Contact Rich N8GBA or Lou KG8NK.

Annual HARA Summer Picnic

Heads up, our annual picnic is scheduled for **Thursday August 2nd** and more information will be forth coming in the very near future. But mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on a great time.

V.E. TESTING:

- 09/08 **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 225-1594, ki8af@arrrl.net.
- 10/13 **Hancock:** 9:00am eastern time, ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 400 INGOT STREET, HANCOCK, MI
Ingot street is located across from the Quincy hill lookout, just north of Hancock...
Contact: Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF at (906) 482-7743 if you have questions
- 08/04 **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
- 07/14 **Gladstone:** Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Dave Palmgren - N8DP, n8dp@dcars.org, (906) 428-2271 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 K8ET, Ralph N8HXG, Bill N8NRG, Les WA8LE, Terry N8TES and Norm W8NWD.

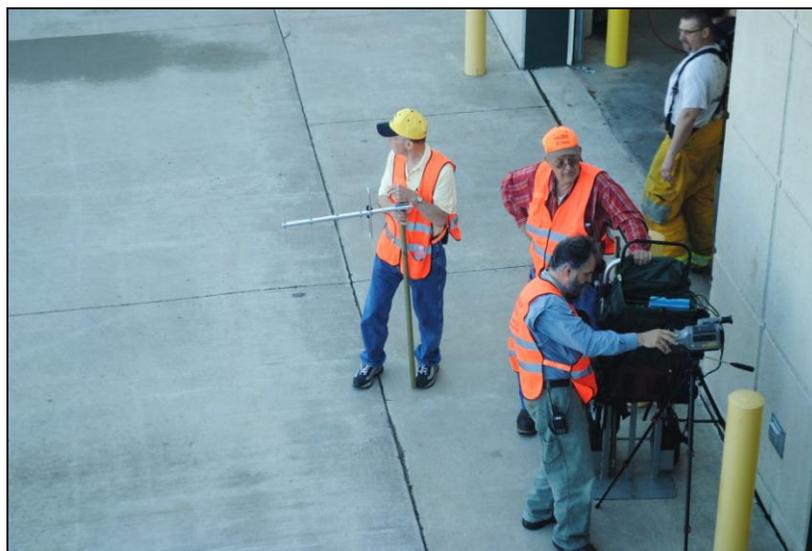


What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

Battery University: Learn About Batteries, <http://batteryuniversity.com/learn/>

Solar Activity and Propagation from our AJ8MH, <http://webpages.charter.net/aj8mh-radio/solaractivityrept.html>

EMCOMM and You! >>>>> Sawyer Airport Emergency Exercise



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 member is: Lane WD8PAJ laned@chartermi.net or 486-8697.

HARA Members Awarded/Rewarded



Life Membership Certificate awarded to Jim WB8IEH

Life Membership Certificate awarded to John W8AT



Life Membership Certificate awarded to John W8BP



Jim WB8IEH was awarded a plaque of appreciation for his many years as net manager and net control for the weekly Sunday evening two meter net. Thank you Jim!

The 2012 Model A Convention

Ahooga! Several Model A cars passed me as I stood alongside the highway, waving, each one blowing their horn as they putted by. “These are beautiful cars”, I dreamed about simpler times, wondering what it was like back in the late 1920's and early 1930's when these vehicles were brand new and state of the art. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 19, 20, and 21, members of the HARA (Marquette County), the Keweenaw radio clubs, and the Iron Mountain radio club volunteered their time to operate



Chad Racine KD8LAG, one of the many amateur radio operators that assisted with the event.

check points for the tours that were organized by the **Superior A's**, the local chapter of the **Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA)**.

The 2012 MAFCA Convention was held in the U.P., and over 300 Model A vehicles converged on the Marquette area to celebrate and show off the historical Model A. Edsel Ford II (great grandson to Henry Ford) even showed up for the event. During the week-long convention, the **Superior A's** organized a tour to Alberta, Pequaming, and Kingsford, allowing the owners of the Model A's to tour their vehicles through the central U.P. to visit historical Ford sites. Amateur Radio operators were asked to assist with these tours by setting up check points along the routes to insure that each Model A reached their destination, safely.

The 3-day touring event went well, and all the amateur radio operators that participated had a wonderful time. Radio headquarters was set up at the Blimpie Restaurant, and the starting line for the tours was across the street in the parking lot of the Country Lanes bowling alley, both located in the Country Village in Ishpeming. Each day from 8:00 AM to noon, groups of Model A's left Ishpeming to travel 1 ½ hours to their destination, at a speed of 45 MPH. Each group consisted of an average of 12 Model A vehicles and they left the start line in 20 minute intervals. Each group was identified by a letter and as each group passed the many checkpoints along the way, the hams reported back to radio headquarters the amount of Model A vehicles that passed their point. We did not lose any cars along the way and did not have to dispatch repair teams to retrieve broken down Model A's--all went well.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, using 2 meters, HQ operated on the 147.270 MHz repeater (the “27” repeater) and the hams in Baraga County operated on the 146.880 MHz repeater (the “88” repeater). The 27 repeater system and the 88 repeater were linked together for the event via the Internet, using Echolink. Despite a minor technical complication, this link worked fairly well and proved reliable. On Thursday, HQ continued to operate on the 27 repeater and an attempt to link in the 146.850 MHz repeater in Iron Mountain (the 85 repeater) was made, but there was a technical issue, which would have been problematic. So, Paul, KBOP operated a relay station at his home in Ishpeming, and all radio traffic between the 27 repeater system and the 85 repeater was manually relayed back and forth. This worked well.

I would like to thank everybody who participated in this special event; a one-time event for our area. The organizers of the **Superior A's** *express their gratitude and share* their appreciation to all of you. Once again, we amateur radio operators were able to provide a useful service to those in need. To us, operating a radio and communicating seems trivial at times, but to those who are not familiar with amateur radio, they are amazed by what we can do, and on such short notice. Thank you.

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

On The Bands

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. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. 73 until next month, Greg KI8AF@arrl.net



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