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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: **Thursday June 3, 2010**
Time: **7:30 PM**

CLUB OFFICERS, 2010

Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK
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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

ARRL Field Day June 26th & 27th
4th July Parade
Ore To Shore Bike Epic
International Lighthouse Weekend

HARA Field Day and Picnic

HARA will be holding Field Day/Picnic activities on June 26th and 27th, but YOUR participation is necessary to make it a success. That's right, a club or organization can only function if members take an active part and here is your chance.

We will be utilizing the Ishpeming Township Fire Hall/Community Center just west of Ishpeming. While some of the details haven't been worked out we are trying to schedule operators now. We plan on having two HF stations (1 CW and 1 Phone).

1. In order to make better use of operators and not have someone standing around complaining "they couldn't operate", we'll stick to the schedule if someone has signed up for a particular time slot. If there is a rig not in use when you arrive please feel free to jump in and operate until a scheduled operator arrives for his/her shift.
2. We'll operator around the clock (for our 24 hour event) if there is enough interest, but if no one volunteers to operate through the night in all likelihood we'll fold up shop.
3. Hopefully our actual operating will begin at 2:00 PM local on Saturday and run to 2:00 PM Sunday (once again if there is enough interest). (The exact setup time hasn't been arrived at yet and will be announced by the setup/takedown chairman).
4. We'll schedule at 2 hour time slots but feel free to sign up for as many as you like. If we have any conflicts they can be addressed well in advance if you sign up now. It will be first come first serve so sign up now.
5. If you have a Technician level license please feel free to join us. What better time to get involved with HF. Hopefully this will encourage you to work toward General and Extra class. Sign up for a time slot; I'm sure they'll be someone there to assist you.
6. I know this might seem early to commit but if this is to be a success, then now is the time to commit. The earlier we can formulate a plan the better off we should be. Drop me an email.
Greg KI8AF, Field Day Operations Chairman

V.E. TESTING:

- 06/12 **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
- 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 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. First off, belated May birthday wishes to Jeremy KD8FPH, sorry we missed you. Birthday Wishes for the month of June go to: Charlie N8SLH, Bruce KB8RJV, Paul K8VLD, Carol KC8PYC, Larry WD0BCF and Ken N8FDI.

What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

Interesting - educational- video's..... <http://www.myamateurradio.com/>
Where are all the Hams?..... <http://hams.mapmash.com/hammap.php>

Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association Minutes May 6th 2010

- Meeting called to order
- **Officer roll** call, all officers are present
- **Meeting agenda** was approved motion by Rich N8GBA second by Bruce KG8YT
- **Secretary's report** approved motion by Mike KE8IL second by Ralph N8HXG
- **Treasures report** attachment was provided and approved
- **Committee reports** by Rich N8GBA
- A new antenna for the 27 machine to be installed
 - The 440 machine at the 27 site has failed Paul KB0P will repair
 - The 64 machine needs new duplexers, not operating up to par
 - A rack mounted Bird watt meter, and a portable watt meter was donated to the club by Jim W8QQE
- The windows program for the new repeater is now functional, Greg KI8AF also obtained the USB cable for the lap top, to program the repeater
- Nothing much is happening on ARES/ RACES
- Lou mentioned that the Michigan Wisconsin boarder repeaters may be working on some linking procedures
- **Old business** Lane WD8PJA has made the deposit for the Ishpeming township hall for field day Lane is going to coordinate the picnic Greg needs people to sign up for operating hours.

SIGN UP NOW it's do or die, please sign up!
A sheet was passed for a chair person for setup, a chairperson for picnic, and a chairperson to sign up operators. Lane WD8PAJ volunteered to do the picnic; Greg KI8AF will circulate an operator sign up sheet.
- Rich N8GBA only has one name so far for Ham of The Year, if you have someone in mind be sure to let Rich know.
- Sled dog race will be worked on after Lou gets back from Dayton. He will be getting with the various people to start work on the race.
- **New business** Testing will be the 12th of June at the health center.
- Boy scouts will be having a 100 year anniversary at the tourist park in Marquette they would like us to set up a ham station demonstration.
- Aspin Ridge School asked if we could setup a HF and two meter station for a demonstration on the 13th of May.
- The trailer with the generator has been set up by Norm W8NWO and Rich N8GBA mounted the tool box to the trailer and checked out the generator. The equipment was also moved to another storage building with better access. The new equipment will also be added to the insurance policy. Some modifications are being added to the trailer to accommodate antenna masts.
- Richard N8GBA has the paperwork to bring our raffle license up to date for our next swap and shop. The new license will allow us to have bigger prizes.

- The shuttle program at the middle school is on its last trip on June 2nd for just a few hours, and then that will be the last session. Only about four people will be needed for this last mission.
- Newberry club may have a swap in October, they want to let us know to generate some interest
- There may be some towers available for repeater sites Rich N8GBA has been working on the possibilities and will get back to us when more information is available.
- \$25.00 will be sent to the ARRL scholarship fund in Howard Schweppe jr. K8OV's name. Howard was a member of our club; he passed away April 27th 2010.
- 50 – 50 drawing won by Pete KC8YTX
- Meeting adjourned

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.

With Regret

.....I must inform you of the passing of Bob Weingartner W8AXI. Bob was a long time club member and will surely be missed.

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



Dayton Photos! A transmitting tube from a WWII battleship. W8PT meets our K8PT. Below Bill N8NRG enjoying a little something to eat along with John N8RSE and Bob N8PKN.



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



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