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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 or 381, 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:

HARA Monthly Meeting

Marquette Co. EOC

Conference Room

Date: July 9, 2026

Start: 7:00 PM

CLUB OFFICERS for 2026

Pres: Tom Perry KE8TPT

VP/EC: Scott Machalk, WU8H

Treas: Mike Beltz KD8JIR

Sec: Josh Cadotte KF8DNQ

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Lou Gembolis KG8NK (Past Pres.)

Jim Belles, N8NAV (Retired EC)

Dave Thomas KD8DRF

Greg Hanson, KI8AF

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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



You will note that the July meeting has been changed to the second Thursday, 9 July, to avoid conflicts with the 4th of July festivities.

We have made a couple of decisions in the last few months to reduce our monthly bills. One was to donate the trailer so we can get a smaller/cheaper storage unit. The trailer is gone and we are on a waiting list for a smaller unit. We are also contemplating moving our P.O. Box out of Marquette to save money. The cost in Marquette keeps going up and is SIGNIFICANTLY more expensive than other local post offices. We will make a decision on this topic at the July business meeting. Be there!

Another topic of discussion at the July meeting will be the disposition of club equipment that has been sitting in storage for as long as I have been a member. It hasn't been used for many years, 6 plus that I know of. I am recommending that we sell it to club members. How and when we will do that will be decided by the membership at the July meeting. Be there!

We will also be voting on a proposed change to our bylaws. The initial notification of the proposed change was made at the April meeting as required by our current bylaws. The proposed change is to establish an "organization/business membership" to HARA. This will be a non-voting membership and will cost \$200 per year. The intent of this change is to provide a mechanism to allow for those organizations/businesses that want to support HARA to do so. It may allow a tax benefit for those that do join as an organizational or business member. Be there!

I will make the business meeting as short as possible, but we need to make some decisions. After the business meeting we will have a demonstration on building EFHW antennas. The goal is to actually build a couple and test them. It should be educational.

V.E. TESTING:

September 12, 2026 *Marquette: 10:00 am eastern time, (arrive by 9:45 am) Marquette County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) conference room. The EOC is located across the parking lot from the Health Department.*
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.

There are new procedures for license testing recently implemented. If you need assistance, please contact Greg, KI8AF.

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 Scott Machalk @ smachalk@gmail.com.

The Business

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION May 7, 2026

May was another in the series of non-business get-togethers. There were 11 members present. Scott, WU8H updated some HamClock Pi's and Jim Salzwedel, KF5KAI from the Marquette National Weather Service office provided our annual Skywarn storm spotter training.

Josh K7SDN2, Secretary

Special Note from Treasurer Mike

The Marquette Post Office was/is going through a renovation. The HARA club post office box has changed from 1183 to 381. Post office officials have assured Mike that either number will get the mail to him.

A Note on Field Day from Greg, KI8AF

HARA will host a FD activity.

When: Saturday June 27th, 2026

Time: Noon (+/- for set up, etc.)

Where: Ishpeming Township Hall (pavilion area) 1st come 1st serve so lets hope no one else has plan for then.

We will bring our 3500 watt generator as there is no commercial power available.

We will furnish hotdogs, buns, and condiments as well as water.

Bring your own drink if desired.

Would be nice to bring a dish (salad, chips, cookies, etc.) to pass but remember we will also be eating outside on the picnic tables.

Don't forget you radio gear.

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 (SK), 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:

- S. Milwaukee ARC Swapfest, July 11, 2026 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Oak Creek, WI (see info later)



HARA 10-meter Net

Some years 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.

ARRL 250

Ongoing

W1AW portable operation in all 50 states

www.arrl.org/america250-was



ARES News

from the desk of WU8H



Work continues at the EOC. Greg KI8AF and I went up this past week and did some troubleshooting on the HF antenna. We traced the problem to the Antenna itself and ended up taking the antenna down. We are probably looking at replacing it, possibly with an inverted-L end-fed. Stay tuned for updates as we get this resolved. Once we get the antenna situation sorted out, I want to do some testing of the equipment that's up there and see what kind of range we can get. There's also a bit of tidying up that needs to be done there and we will have a pretty nice work station.

SKYWARN spotter training was held during our June club meeting. Jim Salzwedel from the NWS came and gave a very nice presentation. The slide deck has changed quite a bit from last time and there was a lot more information. I think Jim said that there are now over 100 slides in that presentation.



Field Day is coming up on June 27. This year, we will be at the Ishpeming Township office. I'm planning on bringing my ARES go kit to demo that. We've been working on getting the word out to local media to hopefully have more awareness. This is something I hope we can improve on year to year so we can reach more of the "ham curious".

Upcoming Events:

Ore to Shore - August 8

Marquette Marathon - September 5

LSPR - October 9-10

If I'm missing anything, let me know and I'll post it in future columns.

Please turn in your ARES hours by the 5th so I can get the report completed and turned in by the 6th. These numbers get reported to the state so they can see how many hours we put it.

Scott
WU8H
Marquette County ARES EC

Buy, Sell, or Trade

Please advise when items have been bought or sold.

My brother had a Hammarlund Super Pro receiver. I've done a little online research, and it looks to me like this could have some value and be of interest to a radio enthusiast. Therefore, I don't want to just toss it if someone would enjoy having it. I am reaching out to HARA to see if one of your members is interested in that sort of thing and would want it. Thank you. Tom Gill tgill201@gmail.com 715-938-2454, leave voicemail if I don't answer.

I received this back on February 12, so I am unsure if it is still available – Ed.

Yaesu FT-757GXII HF Transceiver + FT-757HD Power Supply – Clean, Full Output

For sale is a Yaesu FT-757GXII transceiver paired with the matching Yaesu FT-757HD power supply. Both units are in very good cosmetic condition and fully functional.

Performance:

- Produces full output power on all bands
- Excellent transmit audio (consistent good on-air reports)
- Receiver is very sensitive and hears well across bands

Condition notes:

- Exhibits some frequency drift during warm-up
- Occasional “birdies” heard on receive
- No other operational issues observed
- Based on these symptoms, the radio likely still has original electrolytic capacitors and would benefit from a recap/alignment for optimal long-term stability.

Included:

- FT-757GXII transceiver
- FT-757HD power supply
- Hand mic, power cable

This is a solid, usable classic HF rig as-is, and a great candidate for light restoration if you want peak performance.

Price: \$395 OBO
(Open to reasonable offers)

Bruce, N9MDE
Bruce.n9mde@gmail.com
906-250-9234



Shack Memories

I'm still waiting for someone to share some shack photos. In the meantime, I will continue to use this space to highlight some Ham-related activities.

Coming out of breakfast at the A&M Café in Skandia, my wife, Ann, spotted this vehicle with an impressive antenna array! We returned to the café and found the owner, Jim French, W8ISS from Lincoln Park, MI who was in the area visiting and working the ARRL VHF contest.



Hamvention 2026

As the sign announced, the annual gathering was held at the Green County fairgrounds in Xenia, OH from May 15 to 17, 2026. This year, a large contingent of current and former UP residents attended. So far, the only photos I have are ones that I and Fred, KD8JIP took. If anyone else has photos to contribute, please pass them along. To me, the total attendance did not look that impressive. But the final tally was apparently another record breaker – 37,923! As usual, a good time was had by all!



We are always welcome in Xenia! Just some of the crowd waiting to get through the gate.



You can always count on bad weather!

Some of the flea market. The rain started about 10 minutes later.



Once the rain started, John V. and I headed for the VOA museum.



The building that once housed the Voice of American station in Bethany, OH. It is now an impressive museum and Ham station.



WC8VOA inside the VOA museum.



WC8VOA's impressive antenna farm.



The UP group (less N8DP) enjoy a nice dinner. Pictured left to right: Fred, KD8JIP; Ryan, N8RY; Pete, K8PT; Jim, N8NAV; Don, N8HDT; Greg, KI8AF and John V.



Greg, KI8AF and John V. having a great time!

Parting Thoughts

1. From the ARRL Great Lakes Division:

Subject: The Great Lakes Division Field Day Edition is ready for you to enjoy!

Hey Gang,

There's lots of great new information for you to read from the Section Managers as well as a few great articles that you just won't see anywhere else. So, grab a tall glass of your favorite liquid refreshment, a sweet treat to munch on and relax in that overstuffed easy chair of yours and have a great read!!

https://arrl-greatlakes.org/glnews/2026/06-15-26-radio_waves.pdf

73,

Scott, N8SY

2. More from ARRL:

Subject: Field Day

Hi Folks,

Field Day is fast approaching, so here are some links and suggestions to help make your club's event more successful and fun.

- The main ARRL Field Day 2026 site is here:

<https://www.arrl.org/FIELD-DAY>

- Be familiar with the 2026 FD rules (read them carefully even though it says they are unchanged this year):

<https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2026/2026-Field-Day-Rules.pdf>

- Make sure your clubs FD participation is registered on the ARRL Field Day Locator map. Log In to the ARRL website, go to the link below, and use the "Add a station" link:

<https://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>

- I will burn up the pavement and visit as many FD sites as I can, but won't know to visit you if you don't register.

- Here are some tips and tricks (not specific to 2026):

<https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/Generic/FD%20Really%20Trying.pdf>

Be Safe. Have Fun. We are all ambassadors to our hobby.

73,

aARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Ralph Katz, AA8RK
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3. Subject: Something for you to view

Hey Gang,

I've uploaded a short little video that I'm sure you'll be interested in viewing. It's a message from Senator Ted Cruz about Amateur Radio.

Here's the link... https://arrl-greatlakes.org/Cruz_MSG.mp4

73, and be sure to remember what this weekend is all about.

Scott, N8SY



4. And a contribution from our East Coast correspondent Peter, K8PT:

Subject: Interesting video on more code

<https://youtu.be/rN2Mg1tkBZ0?si=iz-RwE-0744ziWqE>

A. And speaking of Pete, during a Navy reunion trip to Valley Forge, PA Ann and I had an opportunity to enjoy lunch and a visit!



5. More information regarding the South Milwaukee Hamfest (aka Oak Creek):

July 11 – South Milwaukee Amateur Radio Club

<https://southmilwaukeearc.org/2026/05/01/wi9sm-2024-swapfest/>

6. And finally, at some point during our particularly harsh winter my beam developed a “lean”. Thankfully, Brandon, KE8FAX was able to correct it – at least temporarily.



Local Weekly DMR Net

There is a question as to whether this net is still active? I am not personally active on DMR, so I would appreciate someone who is letting me – us – know for sure – Ed.

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.

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 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 or 381, 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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