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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: **March 5, 2009**
Time: 7:30 PM

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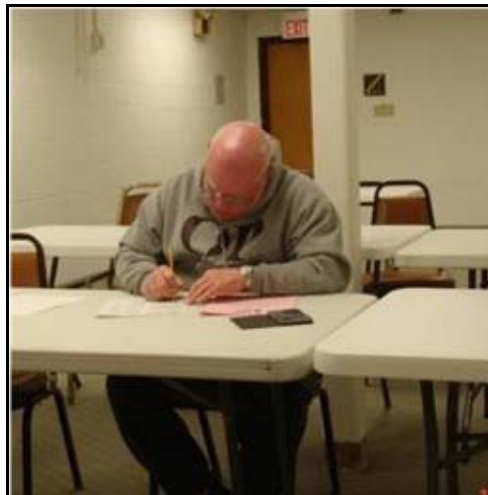
REPEATERS

KG8YT, 147.270 / .870 with 100 Hz PL-Tone Marquette
K8LOD, 146.910 / .310 Ishp.
N8RRZ, 146.640 / .040 Gwinn
K8LOD-3.144.390 APRS Digi Mqt

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

The program at the March 5th HARA monthly meeting will be:
"HF for Dummies: An Introduction to HF Radio." It will have something in it for everybody.

Pot of Gold, An Amateur Radio License



From our December test session, then Technician level Fred KD8JIP had just passed the General class exam and was attempting the Extra class. Congrats to Fred as he passed the Extra also. Way to go Fred.

Our next VE test session is March 14th.

Swap'n'Shop 2009

Thanks to all those that helped with the Swap'n'Shop as well as those that attended. The weather did cooperate this year so folks seemed to hang around longer and visit with each other. That is one great part of a hamfest or swap and shop, seeing some of those faces that you've talked with over the air for the past year. Winners of the raffle are as follows: 1st Place Ryan Foster, 2nd Place Kelly Ross, 3rd places prize moneys to: Eugene Dellangelo, Scott Jarmusch, and Fred Anderson. The club also made a fair profit from the event which goes a long way in supporting our repeaters and other activities. Thanks to Lee KD8BJC for the swap and shop photos displayed throughout this issue of the SW.

V.E. TESTING:

- 03/21 **Iron River:** 9:00am central time, at the Beef-A-Roo Restaurant in Iron River. NOTE: Pre-registration is required, contact Dan Waters, AA9GJ at 906 265-4240 or e-mail: dmwaters@ironriver.tv
- 03/14 **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
- 04/11 **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
- 05/02 **Iron Mountain:** 9:00am central time, (arrive by 8:30am) Dickinson County Library (conference room), contact Mark J. Lewis N8UKD, 412 Fairmount St. Kingsford, Mi 49802
- 04/11 **Gladstone:** 9:00am arrival time with testing beginning at 9:00am, at the Gladstone Public Library. Contact Howard W8HSJ at (906) 428-9476 or w8hsj@dcars.org

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 March go to: Louis KB8QFG, Eric N8TEV, Marty KD8FPI, Graham W8JOM, Joe AJ8MH, John W8BP, Ryan W8CYA and John N8JRN.



Swap'n'Shop 2009



Ham Radio Operators Awarded *The Mining Journal Award*

In part it reads “For exceptional service to the Upper Peninsula Sled Dog Association in the spirit of a community pulling together.” “Volunteering thousands of hours over the twenty years of the race.” “Their tireless, unflinching and selfless dedication have helped make the races safer for the teams and more accessible to the race fans.” Completely taken by surprise while attending the annual U.P. 200 awards breakfast, the award was presented by Jim Reeves, Publisher of The Mining Journal to the entire ham community that has helped over the years.

So whether this was your first year as a ham volunteer, only volunteered once or have been at it since the beginning, this award is for you.

Jim Reeves presented the award to hams in attendance Dave KD8DRF, Rich N8GBA, Lou KG8Nk and Greg KI8AF.



Bill KC8EWD and Dave KD8DRF at Race HQ



Bruce KG8YT and Pat AB8RE whiteout conditions at Deerton



Some of the trail crew/ham radio operators



Trail crew member Jon KD8DRA getting some assistance from Cathy KD8DVM



Lyn KC8GKH doing her annual cookout.



Spectators and the conditions at the welcome center



This might be Lyn KC8GKH on the left. Right are the conditions at the Welcome Center on Sunday.



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, and Mark KD8FPK mcampbell@chartermi.net or 906-273-0099 or cell 906-458-8877.

ARRL Executive Committee Issues Mobile Amateur Radio Operation Policy Statement

On January 30, at the instruction of the Board of Directors at its January 2009 meeting, the ARRL Executive Committee adopted a policy statement on mobile Amateur Radio operations. The statement addresses the growing number of proposed state and local laws and ordinances regulating the use of cellular telephone and text messaging, inadvertently affecting Amateur Radio mobile communications.

In its statement, the Executive Committee urges state and municipal legislators to limit the scope of their proposals, limiting them to devices such as full duplex wireless telephones and related hand-held or portable equipment. Alternately, it suggests that licensed Amateur Radio operation be listed specifically as an exclusion to the proposed regulations.

"At the start of each new session, you see a flurry of this type of proposal in state legislatures across the country," said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND.

As of February 1, 2009, Henderson said that the ARRL is aware of proposals in 11 states: Georgia, Hawaii Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Montana, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming, as well as several local city or town proposals.

"These proposals are usually intended to regulate cellular telephone and text messaging by drivers as a matter of safety but, when they are written in very broad terms, can include Amateur Radio mobile operations in the 'net' they cast," Henderson continued. "The Executive Committee's policy statement gives a good, concise background of the role the Amateur Service plays in public safety and service communications. It also highlights the differences between communications conducted by cellular telephone and those using Amateur Radio. Finally, the statement offers some suggested statutory language for state motor vehicle codes which would protect Amateur Radio mobile operation."

The ARRL recognizes that driver inattention is a leading cause of automobile accidents. The policy statement raises the fact that cell phones utilize full duplex communications -- where the user is talking and listening simultaneously. The Executive Committee statement says "Two-way radio use is dissimilar from full-duplex cellular telephone communications because the operator spends little time actually transmitting; the time spent listening is more similar to, and arguably less distracting than listening to a broadcast radio, CD or MP3 player. There are no distinctions to be made between or among Amateur Radio, public safety land mobile, private land mobile or citizen's radio in terms of driver distraction. All are distinguishable from mobile cellular telephone communications in this respect."

The ARRL Policy Statement also recognizes the responsibility of the amateur community to conduct its activities in a manner that does not create unsafe operation of their motor vehicle. "Safety has to be a top concern at all times," Henderson concluded.

The ARRL Policy Statement can be found on the web at,
<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/MobileAmateurRadioPolicyStatement.pdf>.



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HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the February 5, 2009, Meeting

Negaunee, Michigan

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Lou, KG8NK.

Club officers present: President Lou, KG8NK; Secretary Sheree, KD8EDS; and Treasurer Lee, KD8BJC. Absent: Vice President Lane, WD8PAJ. Introductions followed with 22 members and 4 guests present.

A motion was made by Bill, KC8EWD, seconded by Rich, N8GBA, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by Bill, KC8EWD, seconded by Jack, N8JRN, to approve the January 8, 2009, meeting minutes. Motion passed without dissent.

Lee, KD8BJC, reported the insurance claim check has been received from the lightning strike last fall on the 27 repeater. A correction to a call sign on the treasurer's report was noted, and this month's financial statement does not include the money market account. A motion was made by Jim, W8QQE, seconded by Mike, KE8IL, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed without dissent.

Correspondence/mail: The club has received *CQ* to replace *World Radio* but no club information is included in this issue.

Committee Reports:

APRS/Packet/Repeater – Paul, KB0P, reported Rich, N8GBA, got the electrical wire for the repeater at the Ishpeming museum; and some volunteers may be needed when the weather warms up. Paul, KB0P, stated the Munising repeater had burned out; and he was able to save quite a bit of money by getting a manual, the parts from Yaesu, and repairing it himself. Echolink will be switched to receive-only mode during the dog sled race so it can be listened to worldwide. Steve, N8MLI, stated Packet is in limbo until Iron Mountain sets their Packet station equipment back up.

ARES/RACES – Lou, KG8NK, noted the U.P. County Emergency Coordinators are working on a grant to update radio, antennas, and other equipment which would be state owned. Lou, KG8NK, recently went to Kinchloe to meet with the Chippewa County Emergency Manager regarding grant proposals.

PR – Lee, KD8BJC, reported the current issue of *Marquette Monthly* has a nice article and pictures on ham radio operators. Notice of the monthly meeting was sent to *The Mining Journal* and the television station. The Swap and Shop was publicized in the Escanaba and Houghton area also. Lou, KG8NK, has contacted ARRL regarding a certificate for the club's 75-year affiliation.

Technical Committee – Greg, KI8AF, noted no report.

Swap and Shop - The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2009.

Ski Race – Rich, N8GBA, reported this race had the least accidents; and the trail was in good shape. There has been no follow-up meeting yet.

2009 Programs – Lou, KG8NK, reported ARRL has a new logging program called Log Book of the World. Jim, W8QQE, suggested a program on pit(?) controllers and how to use them. Bruce, KG8YT, has an ARRL PowerPoint presentation on the basics of HF operation. Other program suggestions included contesting and software.

Sled Dog Race – Lou, KG8NK, stated he will be sending out updates, and most spots are filled except for Chatham and a need for more hams at the finish line. The MTU ham club will be participating. Mike, KE8IL, requested detailed descriptions be available on how to get to the locations.

- The 50/50 drawing was won by Rich, N8GBA.
- Yaesu hats were won by Fred, KD8JIP, and Eric, N8TEV.

Paul, KB0P, will put on a program about J-Pole antennas after tonight's meeting.

A motion was made by Paul, KB0P, seconded by Bill, KC8EWD, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion passed without dissent.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheree, KD8EDS
Secretary

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2009 Michigan QSO Party

What? Michigan QSO Party

When? April 18th, 2009
16:00z (18th) to 04:00z (19th)

Where? 10 thru 80 Meters (cw & ssb)

Why? Just Have Some Fun!!!!

- Chance to get on the air
 - Single Op, Multi Op, Mobile, EOC
 - Be the station others want to work
 - Maybe activate a rare county?
 - ARRL Year of the State QSO Party!
- Excellent Club Activity
 - Reason to get together as group
 - Excellent Training opportunity!
 - Get new members on the air!
 - Friendly Competition

The ARRL has declared 2009 "The Year of the State QSO Party"
Help make Michigan "radio-active" so other's can get the Michigan Flag for the ARRL Award

It's that time of year again! It's time to gear it up and get ready for the 2009 Michigan QSO Party. The MiQP has something to offer for everyone and there is no shortage of reasons for joining in on the fun on April 18th, 2009. In addition to the normally awarded plaques and certificates for the different categories, there will be a special "Rookie of the Year Award" in 2009. It should also be noted that the ARRL has declared 2009 "The Year of the State QSO Party" and is offering a special certificate. Others will need to work Michigan stations during the QSO party to earn the Michigan flag for their ARRL award <http://www.arrl.org/awards/ysqso/>. More Information: For complete rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, and Fliers see <http://www.miqp.org>



Sheree KD8EDS celebrates her birthday at the February monthly meeting.

SK's

This past fall we lost Bob Voorhees N8IMT, he was residing in the Soo at his time of death.

Recently Dave Schaefer KD8BOY also past. Ashes of the late musher David Schafer were carried on the Midnight Run by musher David Gill and carried on the U.P. 200 by musher Eric Morris.

Photos: I had lots of photos to use in this issue of the *Standing Wave*, to many in fact. So next month I'll include more from the sled dog races. If you have an action shot or two of a ham from the events please forward me a copy. Thanks to Lee KC8BJC, Cathy KD8DVM, Pat AB8RE , Bruce KG8YT and Rich N8GBA for many of the photos in this issue.

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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