

Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette County
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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 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. Health Dept.
Basement Conference Room
Date: April 3, 2025
Start: 7:00 PM

CLUB OFFICERS for 2025
Pres. Tom Perry KE8TPT
VP: Brad Mattson KE8TPS
Treas. Mike Beltz KD8JIR
Sec. Scott Machalk WU8H
Board Members:
Lou Gembolis KG8NK (Past Pres.)
Jim Belles, N8NAV (Retired EC)
Dave Thomas KD8DRF

STANDING WAVE
Editor, Jim Belles N8NAV
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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

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the UP200 this year. Near as I can tell we had 20+ members of HARA volunteers. Paul KB0P, myself and others are working on updating the spreadsheet we use to assign the Hams. Some of the assignments are pretty long. We are thinking about trying to split some of them to make for a shorter time on station. More to follow on this topic.

The March meeting was cancelled, so Scott, WU8H, has committed to present his program regarding the Discord app at the April meeting. May will be the annual SKYWARN update program by the NWS. We are still looking for programs after the May meeting. Let me know if you have an idea for a program. I'm sure we will like it! See you in April.

73 Tom KE8TPT KE8TPT@gmail.com

V.E. TESTING:

Stay Tuned *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 at ki8af@arrl.net.*

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. **You must have an FRN and provide a valid email address.** *Please contact the individual(s) listed to confirm date(s), location(s), etc.*

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 Brad Mattson @ barbarajquesestavez@braxmail.net

The Business

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

March 6, 2025

The March HARA club meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. See you in April!

The March 2025 Issue of The Standing Wave

Due to "operator error" issues between myself and my laptop while on vacation, the March issue of The Standing Wave newsletter is being published in April. There will be a separate April issue coming later in the month. My sincere apologies! Ed.

Special Note from President Tom

As currently available, the below is a listing of Program Presentations:

May: Presenter Matt, KD8EFY

Our annual NWS Skywarn weather observer training. Note: Matt retired from many years of stellar service with the National Weather Service. We are currently reviewing our options for the May program.

2025 Club Dues are Due

Treasurer Mike, KD8JIR is gladly accepting your dues renewal! You can renew your membership at one of the club meetings or send your renewal to the club mailbox. The address is listed at the beginning and end of each newsletter.

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, 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:

- Hamvention, May 16-18, 2025, Greene Co. Fairgrounds, Xenia, OH.
- Green Bay Hamfest, May 31, 2025, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Green Bay, WI. See flyer.



HARA 10-meter Net

Some months 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.



News

from the desk of N8NAV



I will continue to occupy this space until the next ARES Emergency Coordinator takes over.

As I pen this, the 2025 UP 200 Mile Sled Dog race (actually 228 miles) is history (photos elsewhere in this newsletter – Ed.). It was exciting to actually have the event back after a two-year hiatus! I was privileged to play a small part in the pre-race publicity. For the uninitiated, the communication challenges in this event are HUGE. Imagine driving (mushing) the over 200 mile distance between Marquette and Grand Marais (and back) in freezing temperatures and blinding snow. There is minimal, if any, cell phone service. The main – and sometimes sole – communications is via Ham Radio. Imagine also a group of dedicated Hams braving these same conditions for hours, or days, providing that vital communications link. These folks are the real heroes of Ham Radio and ARES! My Stormy Cromer is most definitely off to these folks for a job VERY WELL done!

I am still one of the fortunate ones who receive the print version of QST. The following is a partial quote from the February 2025 Public Service article by Rick Palm, K1CE (page 73), “The Radio Amateur’s Code states that hams must be considerate, loyal, progressive, friendly, balanced and patriotic (www.arrl.org/amateur-code). Following the code means giving positive feedback (especially to new hams) and avoiding negativity that undermines their efforts and results in the loss of potential volunteers – harvest new friendships and volunteers for your public

service team members, efforts, and organizations. As a result, the public service sector as a whole benefits from positive ham-to-ham feedback through good morale”. I heartily second these thoughts!

For the time being, I will continue to handle the paperwork aspects of the EC position, which includes accounting for the monthly ARES volunteer hours. So please send me your hours – email preferred – by the 5th of the month. The UP200 counts as a Public Service Event and is of particular interest to our colleagues outside of the UP. So if you reside in Marquette Co. and provided communications for this event, please forward your hours, including commute to/from assignment, to me.

We are always looking for new ARES members. For now, if interested, you can download an application from the ARRL website, www.arrl.org/ares and email it to me at n8nav1@charter.net, or contact me and I will arrange to get an application to you.

73, Jim, N8NAV

Buy, Sell, or Trade

Please advise when items have been bought or sold.

Nothing in the shopping cart this month.

UP 200 Returns!

Following a two year hiatus, the UP200 Sled Dog Race returned to the area in February. Below are some photos of local Hams who provided vital communications for this event. Photos provided by Tom, KE8TPT.



No event is successful without great Net Controls! Dave, KD8DRF & Fred, KD8JIP filled the bill!



The outside of N9MDE's tent set up Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on M-28 in Harvey.



Bruce, N9MDE; Jeremy, KD8FPH & Justin, WQ8R



The inside of N9MDE's comfortable tent.



A close-up of their Ham Radio gear.

Parting Thoughts

1. From the ARRL Great Lakes Division:

The Great Lakes Division News is now ready for you to read!

There's lots of great information that you just can't get from Facebook, YouTube or other popular outlets. Oh, did I tell ya'... You can even save a copy on your favorite computer, tablet, phone, OR print it off and give a copy to a friend!

So, grab your favorite beverage, a sweet snack to munch on and sit back in your easy chair and have a great read!!

>> <https://arrrl-greatlakes.org/glnews/2025/03-gldnews.pdf> <<

73,

Scott, N8SY

2. More from the ARRL:

Michigan ARRL Section News February 2025

Greetings to the Amateurs of Michigan and all others who read this.

Here we are in the middle of February and time marches on. According to the calendar we are just a bit more than 30 days away from the first day of spring and we can see the sun gradually working its way higher in the sky and rising earlier and setting later. Spring means that antenna work is not only possible, but much more comfortable than when we need to do that work in freezing temperatures. I was always told by much older hams that 'the best antennas go up in the worst weather'.... I am not convinced of that, but it sounds good....

Volunteerism in Amateur Radio

As we participate in this wonderful hobby, one must simply marvel at the number of people that are willing to volunteer their time, their efforts, their knowledge and their skills to make the amateur radio world a bit better.

Without volunteers, the amateur world would be a much different place and most likely may not exist or would exist in a form we may not recognize. Whether you volunteer to be on a committee working on a radio club project, or are part of emergency preparedness, or are a Volunteer Examiner to assist individuals to earn their first amateur license or earn an upgrade. Some of us may get involved in leadership positions in one fashion or another, amateur radio is filled with opportunities to volunteer your services to help make things better. I thank all volunteers for your selfless sharing of your time and efforts to make things better.

Please consider raising your hand when help is asked for. You don't necessarily have to be the person in charge, but if you would like to be that person, you can most certainly do that. The ARRL is full of volunteer opportunities. Some are appointed and others are elected. I am sure there may be a spot that you can find that satisfies your desire to help make things better.

Hospitality Acknowledgements

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Cherryland ARC hamfest in snowy Traverse City on Feb 8. Great facility, great group of hams, lots of great conversations with lots of hams. Well worth the drive.... Thanks for all of your club's hard work to put on a great show for the hams in the north country (and a couple of down-state interlopers....)

Michigan Hamfests and Other Events

Note: Callsigns in parentheses indicate ARRL officials planning to attend

Feb 22, 2025 Livonia ARC Annual Swap & Shop, Northville, MI (WB8R)

Mar 23, 2025 Lowell AR Youth Club Hamfest, Lowell, MI CANCELLED

Apr 12, 2025 AC8RC Allegan Mini-Swap, Burnips, MI (K8TB)

Apr 19, 2025 SJCARC Hamfest, Centreville, MI (WB8R)

May 3, 2025 Wexauke ARC Hamfest, Cadillac, MI (WB8R & AC8W – QSL Card Checker)

Jun 7, 2025 IRA Hudsonville Swap, Hudsonville, MI (K8TB)

Jun 7, 2025 LARS Yooper Hamfest, Newberry, MI (WB8R)

Jun 8, 2025 Crossroads Hamfest, Marshall, MI (WB8R)

Jun 14, 2025 Midland Hamfest, Midland, MI (TBD)

Jun 15, 2025 Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI (WB8R)

Sep 6, 2025 Grand Rapids Area Hamfest, Wyoming, MI (WB8R)

Sep 14, 2025 Adrian Hamfest, Adrian, MI (WB8R)

Sep 20, 2025 Top of Michigan ARC Hamfest, Gaylord, MI (WB8R)

Oct 11, 2025 Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest, Muskegon, MI (WB8R)

Oct 19, 2025, USECA Hamfest, St. Clair Shores, MI (TBD)

I expect that there may be a couple of swaps planned for late in the year that have not yet been submitted for inclusion. If that is the case, they will be added to this list as it is published monthly.

I look forward to seeing you at a swap or swaps. Be sure to stop by the ARRL table and say hello. Making new friends and renewing old friendships at hamfests is one of the best things about this job.

Best 73,

Larry, WB8R

From the Michigan Section Manager

Larry Camp, WB8R@arrl.org

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3. And even more from the ARRL:

Subject: Announcing the 2025 Young Ladies Radio League Scholarships

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Media Contact: Diane Ortiz - VicePresident@ylrl.net

February 13, 2025 — The Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL) has announced the Memorial Scholarship program for 2025.

The scholarship program is aimed at women Amateur Radio Operators studying radio, communications, electronics or Amateur Radio related arts and sciences.

The Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL) is an international non-profit organization of women Amateur Radio enthusiasts. It was founded in 1939 and is the longest running YL club in the world. The YLRL is sponsoring three memorial scholarships for 2025:

The Ethel Smith K4LMB Memorial Scholarship—\$2,500 award

The Mary Lou Brown NM7N Memorial Scholarship—\$2,500 award

The Martha “Marte” Wessel K0EPE Memorial Scholarship—\$1,500 award

The YLRL believes that education in the fields of radio, communications, electronics and Amateur Related arts and sciences will play an important role in shaping the world’s future. Through these Memorial Scholarship, YLRL hopes to encourage female students to learn more about Amateur Radio.

“YLRL is committed to investing in women in Amateur Radio, and we believe that every act of volunteerism through Amateur Radio — even a small one — helps turn the world into a better place,” said Vicki Zumwalt,

President of YLRL. “We hope that our scholarships will not only encourage students to learn more about science, technology, engineering but also inspire them to take pride in being an Amateur Radio operator and to encourage others to do so as well.”

To qualify, students must be female, have an Amateur Radio License, meet the requirements listed on the YLRL.net website and apply using the online application. Applications are due by April 30, 2025. Winners will be announced in July 2025.

App lication link: <https://YLRL.net/Scholarships>

6. It has been suggested that since I am looking for an EC replacement, I should provide some additional information about the position. Below is from the ARRL website:

The ARRL Emergency Coordinator (EC) is appointed by the Section Manager (or at the SM's discretion, the SEC may make the appointment).

The ARRL Emergency Coordinator is the person responsible for the ARES group at the local level. Working with local community officials, the Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC), and other field appointees, the EC leads his or her local ARES group through the planning, preparedness, and response phases.

Requirements

Technician-class license or higher; full ARRL membership, and achievement of Level 3 qualifications. (Must, within the period of 1 year, from the issuance of this document or appointment as EC, whichever comes later, or such further time period as authorized by the SM, complete all of the requirements for Level 3 qualification.)

Responsibilities

- Promote and enhance the activities of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) for the benefit of the public as a voluntary, non-commercial communications service.
- Manage and coordinate the training, organization, and emergency participation of interested amateurs working in support of the communities, agencies, or functions designated by the Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC)/Section Manager (SM).
- Establish viable working partnerships with federal, state, county, city governmental and/or private agencies in the ARES jurisdictional area that needs the services of ARES in emergencies.
- Identify and work collaboratively with local partners to assess how ARES can assist them with their mission, ensuring partners are aware of the limitations and capabilities of ARES.
- Develop detailed local operational plans, with partner agency officials in the jurisdiction that set forth precisely what expectations are during an ARES activation. Work jointly with partners to establish relationships based on mutual trust and respect. All matters involving recruitment and utilization of ARES participants are directed by the EC, in response to the needs assessed by the agency officials. Technical issues involving message format, security of message transmission, disaster welfare inquiry policies, and others, should be reviewed and expounded upon in the ARES detailed local operations plans.
- Establish local communications networks that run on a regular basis, and periodically test those networks by conducting realistic drills.
- Work with the SEC and District Emergency Coordinators (DECs) to identify potential local shortcomings and define resources that may need to be drawn from adjacent ARES groups in support of a local emergency or disaster.
- Establish an emergency traffic plan, with welfare traffic inclusive, utilizing the National Traffic System (NTS) as one active component for traffic handling. Establish an operational liaison with local and section nets, particularly for handling welfare traffic in an emergency situation.
- Work with other Amateur Radio public service groups, organizations or programs to establish relationships of mutual trust and respect, and a coordination mechanism for the good of the public and Amateur Radio. The goal is to foster an efficient and effective Amateur Radio response overall.
- Work for growth in the local ARES program, making it a stronger, more valuable resource and hence able to meet more of the agencies' local needs.
- Collect and consolidate your activities and activities of your ARES members each month, and submit monthly progress summaries to the Section Emergency Coordinator. Provide timely reporting of emergency and public safety communications rendered in the Section for potential inclusion in ARRL media relations activities.

Recruitment of new hams and ARRL members is an integral part of the job of every ARRL appointee. Appointees should take advantage of every opportunity to recruit a new ham or member to foster growth of Field Organization programs, and our abilities to serve the public.

Local Weekly DMR Net

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. Lucille KD8PTE, and her assistants do a bang-up job as net control!

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 Emergency 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, 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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Green Bay Hamfest

Saturday May 31, 2025
from 8 'til Noon

At the Our Saviour Lutheran Church
120 South Henry St.

On Green Bay's East Side, just off Main St. at the corner of Deckner Ave. and Henry St.



Entrance tickets \$5 per person

Great Commercial Vendors Featuring Tower Electronics

Your one stop shop for all the radio and antenna accessories that keep your shack on the air.

Wolf River Coils offering a variety of products for mobile, portable, and base station needs.

C3 Electronics providing Bandpass Filters for your favorite HF bands.

OTHER COMMERCIAL VENDORS INVITED

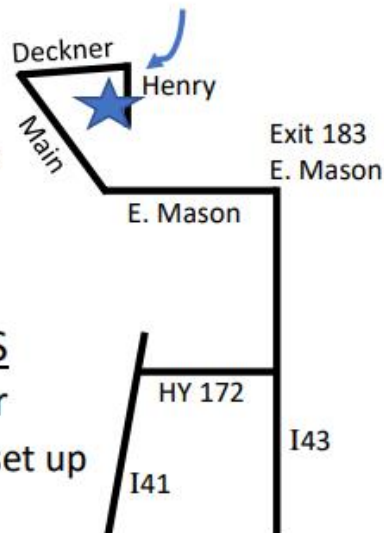
Huge parking lot for trunk sales/tailgating, PLUS plenty of space indoors with tables available for only \$10 a piece! (Parking lot and facility open for set up at 6:00 AM)

Be part of the fun!

- ✓ Food available on site
- ✓ 50/50 Raffle
- ✓ "Bucket Drawings"
- ✓ Estate Sale Items
- ✓ Meet our ARRL Section Manager
- ✓ Great Door Prizes
- ✓ Commercial Vendors
- ✓ Lots of Vintage Electronics
- ✓ Grand Prize Drawing (Must be present to win.)
- ✓ Trunk Sales/Tailgating
- ✓ FCC License Testing (Registration 8:45; must be registered by 9:00. Testing promptly at 9:00. Contact ks9wi@mail.com prior to May 26 to register.)

Don't miss out!

For more information and to reserve a table or parking lot sales space, contact Todd Clausen, W9GRB, toddw9grb@gmail.com or 414-455-6374.



TALK-IN: 147.120 PL 107.2



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