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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: April 9, 2026
Start: 7:00 PM

CLUB OFFICERS for 2026

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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

We had nine members at the March meeting. Mike, KD8JIR gave a presentation on his MFJ antenna analyzer. Bruce, KG8YT set up his low cost QRP multi-band transceiver (don't remember the brand name) and gave a demonstration. He was picking up a number of DX broadcasts, including W1AW. Patrick, KE8CTZ, had his nanoVNA with him, but we ran out of time and attention span, so maybe he can demonstrate it at a future meeting.

The April meeting will include a business session (I will keep it short as possible) and then we will talk about tips and tricks for using 2m and the repeaters. Sometimes when we are out in the woods, it is difficult to hit the respective repeaters. We will discuss what we do at our woods location to get a good shot at the repeater. I'm sure some of you long time hams have some tips and tricks to share. We don't have a topic for the May meeting yet. The June meeting we will be building EFHW wire antennas.

The EOC is working very well for our monthly meetings and license testing. As the weather gets warmer, we will be able to set up outside. So if you have an idea for a presentation, inside or outside, let myself or Scott know. Maybe we could have someone set up their POTA or field day equipment and give us a "show and tell" class. Demonstrate what your equipment will do. What you like about your equipment, or don't. Someone???

73 Tom KE8TPT KE8TPT@gmail.com

V.E. TESTING:

**June
13, 2026**

Marquette: 8:30am eastern time, (arrive by 8:00am) 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

March 5, 2026

The **SECOND** non-business meeting club get-together! General discussions followed by a nice presentation by Mike, KD8JIR on the use of his MFJ antenna analyzer and Bruce, KG8YT with a demonstration on QRP operating. There was also the mini Swap & Shop. The April meeting will contain a brief business meeting followed by “tips and tricks” for using 2-meters and the repeaters, so be sure to attend!



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 from the Newsletter Editor

As many of you know, my family and I travel to warmer climates during the month of March. I bring a laptop to – among other tasks – produce the Standing Wave newsletter. This time my word processing program failed. So the March issue of the Standing Wave has been delayed until our return. My sincere apologies for the delay!

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:

- Cadillac Amateur Radio & Computer Swap, May 2, Mackinaw Trail Middle School (see flyer)
- Dayton Hamvention, May 15-17, Greene County (Ohio) fairgrounds



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

More from President Tom

- As you may have heard, the creator of HamClock, Elwood Downey, WB0OEW has passed and there was speculation that the software would no longer be supported. Another Ham, Bruce Edrich, W4BAE has picked up the torch and has duplicated the HamClock server so that HamClock will still keep running. The only change needed is to point HamClock to the new server.

Scott, WU8H will be offering help after the April meeting if anyone wants assistance making this change. If you do, just bring your Raspberry PI or whatever device you have HamClock running on, to the April meeting and Scott will help. He will have a monitor, keyboard, mouse, etc., you just need your device and maybe your power supply. Please make sure that HamClock is updated to the newest version (4.22) before the meeting.

- Hi Tom & Paul,

I realize that there is a lot of territory in northern Michigan that is not being particularly well represented by the ARRL. Michigan's population center is near Durand, 500 miles from Ironwood. From that

perspective, it would be helpful to have an Assistant Section Manager (ASM) (or two) to represent the Upper Peninsula, and another for the northern part of the Lower Peninsula.

Can you think of anybody who should be considered as an ASM for the UP? They will have to be ARRL members.

Thanks & 73,

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ARES News

from the desk of WU8H



Many may know that our very own Scott, WU8H has been “on the road” activating Parks on the Air (POTA) sites across the western US. So instead of his usual article, this month we are substituting a couple of photos of his operations.



Buy, Sell, or Trade

Please advise when items have been bought or sold.

Bill, KD8ZMJ has an HF and 2-meter antenna system for sale. The HF side is a wire dipole (on the left) and the 2-meter (on the right) is from Comet. Bill is selling the antennas, masts and coax for \$150. **The equipment has all been taken down.**

Bill has moved. So if interested, contact Mike, KD8JIR at: mbeltz@tds.net.

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.

Shack Memories

I hate to keep monopolizing this space! I know that there are some impressive shacks out there (I've been in them). So don't be shy...



In March I had the opportunity to guest operate from the USS Alabama (BB-60), callsign NE4MW which is a museum ship permanently berthed in Mobile, AL.

UP-200 Sled Dog Race 2026

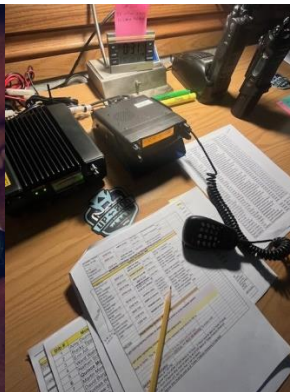
One of our major operating events, held in February, is the UP-200 200-mile sled dog race. President Tom passed along some photos.



Beth, KE8HEK & Jessie, KE8FSS



Lyn, KC8GKH



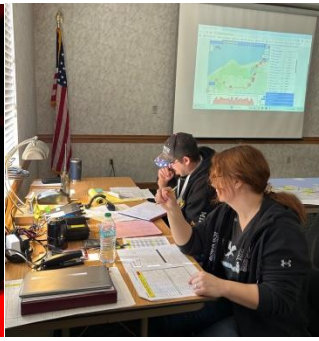
Net Control Radio set-up



Greg, KI8AF



Night Shift Mobile



Sean, KC8NUH & Jessie, KE8FSS



Tom, KE8TPT

To go along with the pictures, President Tom added:

UP200/Midnight Run(MNR) ham volunteer hours.

Ham radio operators from all over Michigan and elsewhere supported the UP200/MNR 13-15 Feb 2026. 43 hams donated approximately 326 man-hours at their stations. This didn't include travel nor setup time.

Parting Thoughts

1. From the ARRL Great Lakes Division:

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 glass of your favorite green beer, a big plate of corned beef and cabbage and relax and have a great read!!

https://arrl-greatlakes.org/glnews/2026/03-5-26-radio_waves.pdf

73,

Scott, N8SY

2. More from our friends at ARRL:

Subject: Michigan QSO Party - April 18, 2026

Michigan Amateurs,

Pardon me for being lax in not mentioning the Michigan QSO Party in my last e-mail. This event is now less than 2 weeks away, on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 1200 EDT (noon in Detroit, MI / 16Z Saturday UTC) to 2400 EDT (midnight in Detroit, MI / 04Z Sunday UTC).

The stated object of this event is (from their website):

"For amateurs outside the state of Michigan to make contact with as many Michigan stations as possible. Non-

Michigan stations may work only Michigan stations, while Michigan stations may contact anyone."

Sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, full information can be found here:

<https://miqp.org/>

You can receive e-mail updates for this event by applying for membership in a groups.io list here (you must be logged in to Groups.io using the e-mail address you wish to be enrolled):

<https://groups.io/g/MIQP>

73,
Section Manager: Ralph Katz, AA8RK
aa8rk@arrl.org



3. From our East Coast correspondent Pete, K8PT:

FCC Requires That FRN Contact Information Be Updated Within Ten Days of a Change



ARRL reports that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted changes to its rules to require that every holder of an FCC Registration Number (FRN) update their contact information in the [CORES](#) system (email and postal addresses) within ten business days of a change.

Because every FCC licensee—including amateur radio operators—must have an FRN to file applications, this requirement applies to all licensed amateurs. FRN contact information is handled separately and apart from contact information related to a license in the [License Manager System](#). Both records must be kept up-to-date, and each requires a separate update.

Until now, no specific deadline existed for updating FRN or license contact information. Instead, the amateur rules at sections 97.21 and 97.23 provide that a license may be suspended or revoked “if FCC correspondence is returned as undeliverable because of an incorrect address/email.” These provisions remain in effect as well as the 10-day deadline applicable to FRN information.

If your FRN information is current and has not changed, no immediate action is required, but you must adhere to the 10-day rule for future changes. It is recommended to periodically check both the [CORES](#) and [License Manager Systems](#) to ensure contact information is accurate, even if no changes have occurred.

The new deadline [section 1.8002(b)(2) of the Commission’s Rules] became effective on February 5 as part of

a proceeding that was limited to further constraining robocalls. Although the proceeding focused on robocall issues, the 10-day update requirement applies broadly to all FRN holders. On February 6 the FCC confirmed in a Public Notice that the new deadline applies to all FRN holders. The amendment replaces language adopted in 2001 that required FRN holders to keep their contact information up-to-date but had not imposed a deadline for doing so.

Numerous requests for clarification from non-robocaller interests led the FCC to issue a [Public Notice on February 6](#) (see also [PDF](#)) clarifying that fines imposed on those subject to the robocall rules for not keeping contact information up-to-date do NOT apply to licensees such as radio amateurs, but that the 10-day deadline does apply to all FRN holders.

See the following resources for updating FRN and license information.

FCC Tutorial on updating FRN information:

https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/html/Update_FRN_Information.htm

ARRL information on how to update license information:

<https://www.arrl.org/call-sign-renewals-or-changes>

For assistance, call the FCC FRN Help Desk: (877) 480-3201 (available 8 AM to 6 PM ET).



4. After a courageous fight with multiple medical conditions, we lost a great friend in February. Bill, KE8KCA was “radio active” on HF and VHF, a dedicated ARES member and a genuine nice guy who was interested in just about everything electronic. Bill had a multitude of other interests and talents too numerous for me to mention. If you’d like more information, please read Bill’s obituary below:

<https://www.fassbenderswansonhansen.com/obituaries/William-H-Bill-Langford?obId=47490934>

The Marquette County radio community misses his voice and his dedication!

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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.

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 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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