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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*

MONTHLY MEETING: Marquette County Health Department Bldg., Lower Level, Negaunee Township.
Date: May 6, 2010
Time: 7:30 PM

CLUB OFFICERS, 2010

Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK
VP: Lane Dawson WD8PAJ
Sec. Jim Jacobson W8QQE
Tres. Fred Mouser KD8JIP
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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 with 100 Hz
PL-Tone Gwinn
K8LOD-3.144.390 APRS Digi Mqt

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

Hamvention (for some of us)
ARRL Field Day, June 26th, 27th.

Younger Club Members Take the Lead

The administration at Crossroads Christian Academy, a K-7 school in Harvey, has approved the formation of an extra-curricular HAM Radio Club to meet weekly during the student lunch hour. The school currently boasts 3 license-holders age 13 and under who are interested in exploring different aspects of radio and recruiting more members for their hobby. The core group of Sam (KD8NDB), Ryan (KD8NCZ) and Adam (KD8IAX) hope to introduce other students to the fun they are having on the air.

The club's first project will be to plan and implement radio support for the YMCA Fun Run scheduled for April 24. Other young HAMs who do not attend the school are encouraged to participate in this event to get a taste for community service with radio. The idea for having HARA's youth coordinate the communications for this race, which raises money for "Strong Kids" scholarships at the Y, was sparked by Jim (W8QQE). He, Greg (KI8AF), Don (KB8PEL) and Eric (N8RRZ) will work with training the group for this special project, while Karla (KB8VEK) is the club advisor. For more information about the race, call Jim at 486-6626. Questions about the CCA HAM Club may be addressed to Karla at the school, 249-2030.

Susan Syria

Editor: See page 4 of this issue for a wrap up on the event.

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
- 05/01 **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. Birthday Wishes for the month of May go to: Pete KC8YTX, John N8RSE, LeRoy N8WQG, Rick W8LHT, Bob N8XAE, Paul KB0P, Delan KD8FPO and Mark KF8RV.

What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

<http://spaceweather.com/>

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/astronomy/sun/rotation.shtml>

<http://www.worldradiomagazine.com/>

<http://www.arrl.org/qst/propcharts/>

<http://www.w5jgv.com/index.htm>

<http://user.itl.net/~equinox/>

<http://www.vanityhq.com/index-hamlocator.html>

<http://www.artscipub.com/repeaters/>

<http://www.hamradio-online.com/emerg.html>

**H.A.R.A.
Meeting April 1st 2010**

Call to Order By Lou KG8NK

Officer roll call All officers are present

Member roll call

Lou KG8NK asked for the agenda to be approved

Secretary's report Motion to accept by Rich N8GBA second by Bill KC8EWD

Motion passed

Treasurers Report Motion to accept by Bill KC8EWD second by Norm W8NWD the motion passed.

Outside correspondence None received.

Committee Reports Packet radio is no longer operating. APARS is on at this time. The 64 repeater has failed it has been replaced with the Yaesu.

A discussion about what to do about the 64. It has failed several times in the past. A motion to purchase a new repeater was made by Lee KD8BJC second by Pete KC8YTX, the motion passed.

Old Business ARES RACES exercise is still in the works to link the state on simplex frequencies; Lou is still working on it.

New Business The Boy Scouts are having 100th anniversary celebration at the Marquette Tourist park on April 14th – 15th.

Rich N8GBA is completing the paper work for applying for our raffle license.

Field Day is coming up soon we need people for setup and take down. Also we will have the club picnic at the same time.

Greg KI8AF announced that the SK Enterprise program is being discontinued because of lack of funding.

50/50 was won by Jim W8QQE

Motion to adjourn by Bill KC8EWD second by Greg KI8AF, the meeting was adjourned and the annual sky warn training by the National weather service followed immediately.



News from Taiwan and the CTARL organization is sad for me as on March 28, 2010 I lost a dear friend, Echo Wang BV2QB/KC2TRE. He lost his battle with pancreatic cancer but fought it to the end. Better known as QB to his friends he was dedicated to amateur radio not only in Taiwan but even here in the U.S. Just last October he upgraded to Extra class and had plans to become a Volunteer Examiner. QB and a group of Taiwanese hams visited the Dayton Hamvention in 2006 and he hoped to visit the event again but will be looking down on us this year. 73 to my friend QB, you will be missed but not forgotten.

Greg KI8AF



QB at ARRL HQ W1AW station in 2006

YMCA Fun Run



On April 24, 2010, the Crossroads Christian Academy Ham Radio club helped with the emergency communications for the YMCA fun run. This was the first year that the YMCA had radio communications. We set up 5 check points that covered the three main races and even had Hams at places where there were no aid stations. Before race day, we spent time meeting with the YMCA race coordinator, Jenna Zdunek, finding out what services she needed, assigning operators to the check points and making sure that everyone knew what to do. We also went to each check point before the race to make sure that portable radios would be able to operate on the 146.97 repeater. The "Y" was very grateful for the assistance. Club members include, Sam, KD8NDB, Ryan, KD8NCZ and Adam, KD8IAX. Another member of the school, but not yet a Ham himself, Paul, also helped out and got some radio time, as well. The club also received help from other high school operators Josh, KD8KFM, Chad, KD8LAG and Jordan, KC8RSW. Members from the HARA club assisted, as well, including Jim, W8QQE, Don, KB8PEL, Karla, KB8VEK and Eric, N8RRZ. We also want to thank the Marquette Repeater Association for letting us use their repeater. This was a really great opportunity for us to plan and organize the communications for an event. We look forward to working other events. Submitted by Adam, KD8IAX.



Antenna Work (or Not?) at the 27 Repeater Site



Howard Schweppe K8OV SK

MARQUETTE - Lt. Col. (Ret) Howard B. Schweppe Jr., 66, of 47 Elder Drive, Marquette, passed away Tuesday evening, April 27, 2010, after a six year battle with leukemia.

Born Nov. 24, 1943, in Fort Myers, Fla., a son of Howard B. and Else H. (Theurer) Schweppe Sr., he was raised in the Detroit area. A 1961 graduate of Bentley High School in Livonia, Howard continued his education at Eastern Michigan University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree and later a master's degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University. Following his ROTC commission, Howard began a career in the U.S. Army that spanned over 22 years. During his illustrious military career, Howard served in the following capacities: Special Forces team leader, operations officer and advisor, counterintelligence unit commander, instructional supervisor, intelligence staff officer, and intelligence unit commander. He served as assistant professor of military science, the largest ROTC program in the State of Michigan, at Michigan State University, and later was promoted to chief of the counterintelligence support branch in Washington, D.C. In 1984, Howard moved to Marquette where he served as ROTC department head and professor of military science at Northern Michigan University. Additionally, Howard received numerous awards and citations for his work in the classroom as a lecturer, leadership in the field, and his ability to inspire and command. A veteran of Vietnam, he received the Bronze Star and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry for meritorious war service. Decorated by his own country and honored by several other nations, Howard concluded his military career, with a reputation for excellence, in 1988 when he retired. However, a leader and teacher never quite retire, and so he often returned to the classroom to recount his vast experiences. Following retirement, Howard devoted his time to Marq-Tran, leading the transit authority for 16 1/2 years, first as assistant director and then as Human Resources Officer. His other affiliations included the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette County, an active member of the Rotary Club, and his involvement on many local civic committees.

Howard loved the Upper Peninsula, including outdoor activities and all that nature had to offer. He especially enjoyed canoeing, biking, and activities with his son.

Survivors include his wife, Julie; son, Eric Edwin Schweppe of Marquette; two sisters, Karen L. (Warren) Bright of Livonia and Anne M. (David) Kissinger of Orlando, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

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.

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

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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