

May 2026

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: June 4, 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



If you were not at the May monthly meeting, you missed an excellent discussion/demonstration about Parks on the Air (POTA). It was led by Scott, WU8H, with a lot of additional comments by others. We are looking at our program schedule for the remaining warm weather months and will try and have a “live” POTA event. By that I mean have a couple/few radios setup at a nearby park and “activate” it or else “hunt” for other POTAs activating a distant park. More to follow.

Field Day 2026 is 27 June 2026. Location is the Ishpeming Township Hall park pavilion. We are hoping we get a number of stations set up at the location more visible to the public to try and generate interest in the Ham Radio hobby. Mark the date on your calendar and plan on bringing your mobile rig, make contacts and have fun.

At the June monthly meeting we will be building EFHW wire antennas. It should be fun and educational. See you there at the EOC 1900 hrs.

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

May 7, 2026

May was another in the series of non-business get-togethers. Thirteen members/guests attended. Scott, WU8H gave a presentation on Parks On The Air (POTA), including bringing and setting up some of his equipment. There were plenty of questions and the group enjoyed and appreciated Scott's presentation.

Josh K78DN2, 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.

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:

- 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



ARES News

from the desk of WU8H



The Spring statewide AUXCOMM Simulated Emergency Test (SET) exercise is took place on May 2. We had excellent participation and I think it went very well. Thanks to everyone that participated! I'm still waiting for the scoring to come in but I'm really not too concerned about that aspect of it. It's more important to me that we get a chance to train and learn something. I sure learned a lot!

One focus of the SET was to use Winlink to send Field Situation Reports. Only two people sent in Winlink reports, so I think there is an opportunity there for some training. I'll put together a Winlink training session in the near future for those that are interested. If there is something specific you'd like me to cover, let me know.

The ARES group is no longer running the Sunday net. The Sunday net will now be a general net and will be run by the same people every month. If you are interested in getting in some practice at being Net Control (highly recommended for ARES members), get a hold of one of us and we can get you on the schedule.

Here's who will be running net control in the future:

Scott WU8H - First Sunday of the month

Tom KE8TPT - 2nd Sunday

Mike KD8JIR - 3rd Sunday

Josh KF8DNQ - 4th Sunday

Dave W7DEG - 5th Sunday

SKYWARN spotter training is available from the National Weather Service (NWS). They have a couple of local sessions coming up ([https://www.weather.gov/mqt/Spotter Training Calendar](https://www.weather.gov/mqt/Spotter_Training_Calendar)) as well as a virtual session (<https://www.weather.gov/crh/spottertalks?wfo=MQT>). We may have the opportunity to have the training at a future club meeting, so stay tuned for more info.

The State group is now asking for our reports to be in by the 7th of the following month. I'll be sending them in on the 6th in the future so, 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.

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. This ad has been running for a few months. This will be it's final appearance, so contact Mike if interested – Ed.**

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.

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 member activities.



Recently, a group from HARA responded to an assistance request from the Bay Cliff Health Camp. Their business band base station was no longer functioning. Pictured are Scott, WU8H, Greg, KI8AF and Tom, KE8TPT (not pictured Gary, KD8OXD photographer) who replaced the antenna and added a connector to the coax. The base station is back in operation. Another shining example of Hams helping the community!

Spring AUXCOMM Exercise

As Scott, WU8H mentioned in his article, the Marquette County ARES group participated in the State of Michigan Spring AUXCOMM exercise on May 2nd. The scenario involved monitoring rising water levels in the area rivers and streams. Below are a few photos from the participants. Photo credits Dave, KD8DRF and Jim, N8NAV.



Dave, KD8DRF reported on the Chocolay River along M-28.



The HF and VHF/UHF station inside the National Weather Service office in Negaunee.



Parting Thoughts

1. From the ARRL Great Lakes Division:

Subject: The Great Lakes Division News – Kentucky Derby Day Edition!

Hey Gang... The Kentucky Derby Day Edition of Great Lakes Division newsletter is ready for you to read. There's lots of new information that you just can't get anywhere else inside and if you didn't already know... 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 a big frosty glass of Mint Julep or whatever makes you feel good, a sweet snack stolen from your wife's pantry and sit back in your easy chair and have a great read!!

https://arrrl-greatlakes.org/glnews/2026/05-01-26-radio_waves.pdf

73,

Scott, N8SY

2. More from ARRL:



April 21, 2026

Editor: Josh Johnston, KE5MHV

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QST's "Club Station" Column Submissions

Clubs are the backbone of the amateur radio community. Whether you're part of a special or general interest club, its members are the community that you serve. In the same way that every ham is different, each club is also different — not every club will offer the same programs and projects to their member community.

QST's "Club Station" is a space for clubs to share their practical ideas about what's helped lead them to their success. If your club has developed a creative way to get around common challenges, we want to hear from you!

If you're interested in writing for "Club Station," please follow the author guidelines that are tailored to this column. Additionally, you'll find a Club Profile Form at the end of the author guidelines, which must be filled out and included with your submission. If this form is missing, your submission will not be considered complete.

www.arrl.org/qst-club-station-guidelines-and-profile-form

ARRL Affiliated Club Reminder

This is a quick reminder that every ARRL Affiliated Club should update their club information annually. These simple instructions will walk you through the process:

www.arrl.org/files/file/Clubs/Club%20Update%20Online_20150806.pdf. This only takes a few minutes, and it keeps your club up to date and in active status.

Submitting Info for this Newsletter

ARRL Club News is for radio clubs to show how they are working in the community and the hobby to advance amateur radio. If your club completes a project, supports an event, does an EmComm activation, or activates a park, we want to hear about it. You can submit your newsletter article to us at clubs@arrl.org. We like to get them as text or Word files instead of PDFs. If you have pictures, please submit them with caption information, as well as the name and call sign of the photographer. We want to highlight the good work being done by the clubs and show others in the community. Think of this as a chance to show off your club and your programs.

Upcoming Club QSO Party



When the South Jersey Radio Association (SJRA), K2AA, turned 100 years old in 2016, it created the club QSO party to celebrate. All members of SJRA signed their call signs/100 for the entire year of 2016. During 2026, SJRA is celebrating 110 years.

SJRA members had so much fun with the Club QSO Party in 2016, that we're inviting all clubs to celebrate this year. We've created a special event station to coincide with ARRL's Year of the Club initiative. This provides an opportunity to share club information with other radio amateurs.

Members of other clubs sign their call sign/###, indicating the age of the club they're affiliated with. We also encourage clubs to put their club stations on the air as well, making this a large-scale coordinated effort.

Please join us in celebrating your radio club's age and history, as we celebrate our own.

The June 2026 Club QSO Party is co-sponsored by the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, South Jersey Radio Association, and Kent Amateur Radio Society.

When: June 20, 2026, 00:00 UTC to June 21, 2026, 23:59 UTC (48 hours) Objective: Contact as many amateur radio club members and listed amateur radio club stations as possible Bands: All amateur radio bands (except for 60, 30, 17, and 12 meters) and modes, including repeater, satellite, and EME contacts will be accepted.

For more information: www.clubqsoparty.org Questions: Email us at info@clubqsoparty.org

Field Day 2026: Webinar Promoting ARRL Field Day | Thursday, Apr 23

Attention Public Information Coordinators and Public Information Officers! The 2026 ARRL Field Day is June 27 – 28, and it's already time to begin planning to promote amateur radio's number one annual demonstration. This year is special, because ARRL has partnered with America250, making this year's Field Day theme, **Amateur Radio: A National Resource**.

Back by popular demand: Members of the ARRL Public Relations Committee have organized *Zoom* meetings to provide training, tips, and best practices to help you in your role to promote ARRL Field Day. These meetings are intended for ARRL Public Information Officers, Public Information Coordinators, and other ARRL Section volunteers. Before attending these meetings, please review the resources available at www.arrrl.org/FieldDay, and prepare any questions you may have.

Register now! Use the following links to register for the session you want to attend. After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Thursday, April 23, 2026 — Best Practices & Tips for Promoting Field Day (choose a time)

6:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/wXvAoz-AQJ2_SO3vRpZ21w

9:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/FIHWN5gdSQ2SgJTX9jGbqw



On The Air Live Offers Learning Opportunities for ARRL Members

Join ARRL's Education Specialist Wayne Greene, KB4DSF, as he discusses and demonstrates how to use software-defined radios (SDRs). Whether you're curious about using SDR to explore the RF spectrum or looking to integrate them into your home station, this session will break down the basics and show you how to get started. He will demonstrate how to monitor the amateur bands, air band, and other interesting things you can monitor on the HF bands. You can catch *On the Air Live* on the ARRL's Learning Center website, learn.arrrl.org, on April 28, at 8:00 PM Eastern. Pre-registration is required and can be accomplished on the Learning Center website.

ARRL Audio News



Listen to [ARRL Audio News](#), available every Friday. ARRL Audio News is a summary of the week's top news stories in the world of amateur radio and ARRL, along with interviews and other features. [More info](#) | [Listen on Blubrry](#) | Also available on iTunes and Apple Podcasts.

Club News Announcement

To ensure that all ARRL Affiliated Clubs are receiving information to support Year of the Club, *ARRL Club News* is now being sent to all club email addresses of record, club presidents, and club newsletter editors, as submitted in affiliated club listings.



Get your club together like the Metrocrest Amateur Radio Society in Argyle, Texas, did, and take a photo to send to *QST*. Each 2026 issue of *QST* will include club group photos. Get all the details at www.arrl.org/year-of-the-club.

Club Spotlight

On Friday, April 10, 2026, the Eastern Iowa DX Association (EIDXA), N0DX, celebrated 50 years of affiliation with ARRL. The original date of affiliation was January 14, 1976. Iowa Section Manager Barry Buelow, W0IY, presented the plaque from the ARRL Board of Directors Midwest Division Director Art Zygielbaum, K0AIZ, and Midwest Division Vice Director Dave Propper, K2DP. Accepting on behalf of the EIDXA was President Todd LeMense, KK0DX, as well as original EIDXA members Gayle Lawson, K0FLY; Jim Spencer, W0SR; Mike Nowack, NA9Q, and Tom Lindgren, W0WP. Of the 14 original charter members, seven are now Silent Keys, and a moment of silence was observed after reading their names and call signs. Each of the original members in attendance were able to speak on the beginnings of the club and their memories of the continued friendships over the past 50 years. Many memories were fondly recalled.



ARRL would like to know how your club greets and deals with new members — especially those who are new hams. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey at [Club Spotlight on New Members](#). Your answers may be featured in future publications.



How to Plan and Apply for an ARRL Hamfest or Convention

If your amateur radio club is planning to host a convention, hamfest, tailgate, or swapfest, please consider applying for it to be an ARRL-sanctioned event. To learn what it means to be an ARRL-sanctioned event, and to get some ideas on how to prepare for and conduct a hamfest or convention, visit www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events.

To have your event sanctioned, complete the online application at www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application.

Please send a copy of the application that returns to you to Steve Ewald at sewald@arrl.org.

The ARRL Hamfests and Conventions Calendar can be found online at www.arrl.org/hamfests. In addition, the Convention and Hamfest Calendar that runs in *QST* each month also presents information about upcoming events.

Important Links

ARRL Home: www.arrl.org

Find an ARRL Affiliated Club: www.arrl.org/clubs

Find your ARRL Section: www.arrl.org/sections

Find a license class in your area: www.arrl.org/class

Find a license exam in your area: www.arrl.org/exam

Find a hamfest or convention: www.arrl.org/hamfests

Email ARRL Clubs: clubs@arrl.org

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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