

**November 2010**



## 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](mailto:ki8af@arrl.net). Club info, membership, dues, etc can be found on our website at [www.qsl.net/k8lod](http://www.qsl.net/k8lod)

**MONTHLY MEETING:** Marquette County Health Department Bldg., Lower Level, Negaunee Township.  
Date: **November 4, 2010**  
Time: 7:30 PM

### **CLUB OFFICERS, 2010**

Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK  
VP: Lane Dawson WD8PAJ  
Sec. Mike Beltz KD8JIR  
Tres. Fred Mouser KD8JIP  
Board Members:  
Past Pres. Paul Racine KB0P  
EC Rich Schwenke N8GBA  
Eric Pellinen N8TEV

### **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 Gwinn with 100 Hz PL-tone  
K8LOD-3.144.390 APRS Digi Mqt

### **WHAT'S NEXT FOR US**

**Christmas Party/Dinner**  
**December 2, 2010**

## *Christmas Dinner/Party*

Our annual Christmas Dinner/Party is fast approaching and we would like to see you and your families attend. The last couple of parties there has been a good number of members and families there but there is always room for improvement. Lane WD8PAJ has offered, again this year, to spear head the event. Please contact him at 486-8697 and let him know you and your family plans on attending and also what food dish you plan on bringing to pass. *Also will any younger children be attending and how many?*

We will once again be having a few door prizes. The main door prizes will be a new HT radio. You must be a paid up licensed member for 2011 to have a chance in this drawing. *You can still pay your dues at the dinner/party and be eligible.* Also this year we will have a special drawing for our younger (k-12), ham radio licensed paid up member members. All I can say is that the lucky winner will be operating on 2 meters.



## V.E. TESTING:

12/11 **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](mailto:n8gba@chartermi.net)

??/? **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

11/06 **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

??/? **Gladstone:** Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Howard St. John (906) 428-9476 Email: [hsj99@charter.net](mailto: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 November go to:

## What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

<http://www.icomamerica.com/en/downloads/Default.aspx?Category=181> another cool site from Pete K8PT

<http://www.navy-radio.com/antenna.htm> another one from Pete K8PT

<http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=21896> Find Grid Squares, Greg KI8AF

## *K8PT off DXing Again or K8PT = C6APT*

Pete, K8PT has received permission to operate as C6APT @ Treasure Cay, Bahamas. I will be operating from November 27, 2010 until December 10, 2010. He would like to QSO with lots of Yoopers. This is IOTA NA-080.

## **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](mailto:leerowe@charter.net) or 346-9278, Lane WD8PAJ [laned@chartermi.net](mailto:laned@chartermi.net) or 486-8697.

### **H.A.R.A. Meeting Minutes October, 2010**

Call to order, agenda Lou KG8NK called meeting to order and made opening remarks. Introduction of members.

Secretary's Report: – Done – Bob Jacobson not here – 11 members Present.

Treasurers Report: – Given by Fred Mouser – KD8JIP – All in order accounting slip given to all.

Correspondence: – NONE.

Committee Reports:

Repeaters/Tech: Everything ok Paul waiting for parts to repair Repeaters.

Ares/Races: No Equipment yet. Should be able to pick up on October 23, Lou will make arrangements.

Old Business:

Election of Officers: Lou Gembolis KG8NK – President – Lane Dawson WD8PAJ – Vice President – Mike Beltz KD8JIR – Secretary – Fred Mouser KD8JIP – Treasurer. These are the new officers for 2010/2011.

Banner being made for Club by Lee's Nephew.

Raffle TICKETS will be available on Tuesday – Please get them and also if you want call Rich @ 249-3837 to help put them together. He needs the HELP!!!!

The club needs the vests to be returned, only two left. If you have one please return. We may have to purchase new ones.

We need people to put on programs at our club meetings, get involved!

New Business:

Christmas party this year will be on December 2, 2010 – Plans are being made....

Those that would like to be involved in the SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY on December 3 Please contact us by E-Mail let us know call LOU GEMBOLIS it will be from 7PM etc.

Meeting Ends – proposed by Zack – Second by Bill - 8:00 Pm

# For Sale

**Titan DX Antenna** by GAP, 30/20/17/15/12/10 meters. Lots of great reports on this particular vertical antenna. \$100/OBO. Contact Wayne W9VKI at 475-4052 or [wewassoc@charter.net](mailto:wewassoc@charter.net)

**Several items** from Claire N8WBI who is moving to WI.

1. Hustler HF 4-BTV Vertical antenna for 40/20/15/10 meters. Included is some feedline, radials, R.F. chokes \$100/OBO.
2. MFJ-949D Tuner \$75.00.
3. Yaesu FP-4 Power Supply, output 13.8v/4A. \$35.
4. Yaesu FT-227R Memorizer 2-meter rig. Base or mobile capable. Output 10 or 1 watt. SS-64 Micro Miniature CTCSS Encoder installed and set at 100Hz. Manual included. \$35.  
(Or buy both FP-4 and FT-227R for \$60) Greg KI8AF will be handling the sale of Clair's items. Contact info 225-1594 or ki8af@arrl.net

## CQ, CQ, CQ HARA Members ..... Dues Due

A friendly reminder that many members haven't paid their 2011 HARA membership dues yet and now would be a good time to do so, especially with the Christmas party radio prize drawing.

## Two New ARRL Kits Coming Soon

10/23/2010

Two new ARRL kits are in the final throes of production. The first is a Morse code oscillator, produced for ARRL by MFJ Enterprises. The project is a good "beginners" electronics kit. We expect the kit will be popular with members, particularly newcomers, and with clubs, instructors and teachers seeking a classroom kit-building experience.

A supplementary resource guide for students and educators will be made available by the ARRL Education and Technology Program. The guide helps cover the fundamentals of the working circuit and its components.

A second kit is a PIC programming lab and project, produced for ARRL by Cana Kit (Canada). This more substantial kit is intended to be used with *ARRL's PIC Programming for Beginners* book (revised first edition). The kit includes all the necessary components, parts and boards, and follows the book's step-by-step exercises and tutorial. The kit also includes all the necessary parts to build a microprocessor-controlled CW keyer, which is the book's culminating project.

"We're excited about these new projects, which help emphasize kit construction, basic electronics, and the extraordinary potential of microcontrollers," said Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, ARRL Marketing Manager. "There's no better way to advance the radio art than by introducing more hams to project building and homebrewing." Both the ARRL Morse Code Oscillator and ARRL's PIC Programming Kit will be available later this fall. Watch for details at [www.arrl.org/shop](http://www.arrl.org/shop).

*Editor note: That Morse code oscillator kit would be an excellent project for our members wishing to learn or improve their CW skills so they can get on the CW portions of the bands. Go For it!*

## We'll Be Busy in the near Future

The year 2011 is just around the corner and with that the starts of another year of club activities. We have the Noquemanon Ski races the last Saturday in January, our annual Swap'n'Shop the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in February and the U.P.200/MNR sled dog races the third weekend of February. With this much lead time you can hopefully mark your calendar and help out with at least one event in some small way.

## 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](mailto: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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