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The monthly newsletter of the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette, Michigan. Comments and suggestions can be sent to the club at P.O. Box1183, Marquette, MI 49855 or to the editor at new1@charter.net Club info, membership, dues, etc. can be found on our website at www.qsl.net/k8lod

MONTHLY MEETING:

Christmas Party Trinity Lutheran Church 414 Ridge Street, Ishpeming 49849

Date: Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021

Time: **6:30 PM**

CLUB OFFICERS, 2021

Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK VP: Greg Hanson KI8AF Treas. Mike Beltz KD8JIR Sec. Scott Machalk WU8H Board Members: Fred Mouser KD8JIP (Past Pres.) Jim Belles, N8NAV (EC) Dave Thomas KD8DRF

STANDING WAVE

Editor, Jim Belles N8NAV Distribution, Greg KI8AF

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

With the weather changing this week my antennas are set for winter weather, but as usual something will break when the yard is full of snow. This seems to happen every year. I did change several antennas at the cabin and have a working station there.

We are still planning on having our HARA annual Christmas party, but we have not yet secured a location (location secured – Ed.). We will send out information about the party as soon as possible. Our annual Swap & Shop is scheduled for the first Saturday of February 2022, and plans for this event are making progress. If you have any Ham related equipment for the club table at the Swap & Shop, either bring it to a meeting or bring on the day of the event. I hope to see all of you at both events. With COVID- 19 still rearing its ugly head please be safe and careful.

73, Lou, KG8NK

V.E. TESTING:

December 11, 2021

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 Greg Hanson @ ki8af@arrl.net.

The Business

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION **Monthly Meeting November 4, 2021**

President Lou KG8NK opened the meeting at 1900 hours with an invitation for attendees to take a look at some of the donated equipment that the club needs to get rid of. Reasonable offers were sought.

Attending: President - Lou KG8NK; VP - Greg KI8AF; Treasurer - Mike KD8JIR, Secretary - Scott WU8H, 9 members and 1 guest.

A motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by Fred KD8JIP, Seconded by Don, N8HDT. Approved.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Dave, KE8PND, seconded by Don, N8HDT to accept the October meeting minutes as published in the Standing Wave. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve by Don, N8HDT, seconded by Lee, KD8BJC, to accept the October 2021 treasurer's reports as presented. Approved.

Committee Reports:

<u>Repeaters</u>: Repeaters are working well, but we still are experiencing some possible problems with the 82 system. The linking system is working fine once you get into the 82 repeater. There is a possible issue with the DIN cable which can be touchy. We will be checking into this.

<u>ARES/RACES</u>: Jim N8NAV, our EC (Emergency Coordinator), gave a report on the SET (Simulated Emergency Test) exercise. There was a good turnout with 8 people participating. The 2m simplex test did not go very well, which was expected.

There is another Exercise this Saturday, November 6. Jim N8NAV will be acting as Net Control and looking for check-ins from as many counties as possible.

If you are interested in becoming an ARES member, contact Jim.

<u>Newsletter and PR</u>: Jim N8NAV continues to do a great job with our monthly newsletter, but can always use news items of interest, photos, and items for sale.

Old Business:

Lou reminded everyone that the budget for 2022 will need to be completed soon.

New Business:

- The Christmas party is still being planned although we will need to find a venue. The Sands Township Hall and The Negaunee Rod & Gun Club were discussed as possibilities. (Venue found, see below Ed.)
- Eric Smith Will be coordinating for the Noquemanon Ski Marathon (January 21st 22nd, 2022).
- Paul Racine will be coordinating for the UP 200 sled dog races. (February 17-21, 2022)
- The Swap & Shop is moving ahead and is scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2022. Let Fred, KD8JIP, know if you want a table. Cost for a table is \$6. There will not be a raffle this year.

Motion to adjourn at 1930 hours made by Mike, KD8JIR, seconded by Dave, KE8PND. Approved.

Program: Follow up on tube testers by Lou and Software for Ham Radio by Greg.

Minutes submitted by Scott WU8H



Greg, KI8AF, gave an excellent presentation on Ham Radio-related programs and websites.

Friday Lunch is back!

(meet in the back room at Big Boy at 11:00 am)



Left side: Judi, KE8LRW, John ex-N8RSE, Jim, N8NAV, Dave, KD8DRF (hiding), Greg KI8AF Right side: Don, N8HDT, Tom, KC8OND, Bill, KD8ZEG, David KE8PND, Fred, KD8JIP

Happenings!

The following is a list of local events that, as of press time, **are** happening:

- HARA Christmas Party Thursday December 2, 2021 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 414 Ridge Street, Ishpeming. Social hour starts at 5:30 pm with dinner starting at 6:30 pm. See announcement below.
- Skywarn Recognition Day Friday, December 3, 2021. See information below.
- Noquemanon Ski Marathon January 21st 22nd, 2022. Contact Eric Smith, N8RRZ.
- HARA Swap & Shop February 5, 2022 at the Negaunee Township Hall. Contact Fred, KD8JIP. See flyer.
- UP 200 Sled Dog Races February 17-21, 2022. Contact Paul Racine, KB0P.



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. 28.400 MHz is a calling frequency, so we have decided to move our net to **28.396** 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

At a recent Friday lunch session, an idea was floated about putting together some sort of a monthly challenge for our HARA membership. Some ideas included trying a new band or mode, working a certain number of new states or DX countries, participating in an on-air contest or Special Event. The "prize", in addition to personal satisfaction, could be something like a certificate (aka wallpaper) and/or your article in the Standing Wave.

Your thoughts and ideas are always appreciated. You can send them to a Club officer or me.



News

from the desk of N8NAV



The ARES group was involved in another exercise on Saturday, November 6, 2021. This one involved a snow emergency that impacted the entire Upper Peninsula. We utilized the 147.27 MHz (K8LOD) linked repeater network for a roll call of all of the counties that could check in with Net Control (N8NAV) in Marquette.

The exercise commenced promptly at 9:00 am. What would be an event be without the appearance of our good friend MURPHY! In this instance, apparently my signal was not propagating outside of the immediate Marquette area, which meant that I was only receiving check-ins from Marquette County. Lou, KG8NK, noticed the situation while in his mobile on his way to camp. Doing exactly what was needed, Lou assumed duty as the temporary Net Control station while I swapped out my fancy 2-meter/440 MHz radio for my faithful old standby 2-meter rig. Once back on-the-air with a 50 watt signal, I resumed Net Control and continued the exercise.

All told, we received check-ins from Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Houghton, Iron, Luce, Marquette and Schoolcraft Counties. Thanks to all who took time out from their Saturday morning to participate!

We are always looking for new ARES members. 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.

Winter is upon us! As I pen this article, wet, heavy snow has fallen in the Marquette area and I know that there has been significant snowfall across the UP. Remember you winter driving skills and stay safe!

73 de Jim, N8NAV

Buy, Sell, or Trade

Please advise when items have been bought or sold.

Lee, KD8PJC, has a fox hunting antenna for sale. No other details provided.

Her contact info: ldrowe@charter.net

Parting Thoughts

A Bit of Nostalgia



A VERY young N8NAV (then WH6IMT in Hawaii) in front of my Heathkit Novice station (top row)



A MUCH older N8NAV in front of my reconstituted Heathkit Novice station.

We'd love to include photos of YOUR shack or YOU involved in some Ham Radio-related activity!



HARA Christmas Party

We have been given the okay to use the Trinity Lutheran Church in Ishpeming to hold our Christmas dinner/party. More details will be emailed soon but make sure you mark your calendar on **Thursday December 2, 2021.** As usual we are asking you to bring a dish to pass, your own table settings, any special drink you might prefer. Doors should open around 5:30 pm and the meal should around 6:30 pm. If there are any changes to this it will be updated.

Please let Lou KG8NK or Greg KI8AF know if you and your family plan on attending and what dish to pass you might be bringing. This gathering will take the place of our December club meeting.



HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

WHEN: Feb 5th, 2022

TIME: 0900 TO 1300

WHERE: NEGAUNEE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

DIRECTIONS: West on Hwy 41 then **Left at** *Flashing Yellow Light* to South

on Hwy 35 for about ¼ mile on right.

Enjoy lots of Ham Stuff, Door Prizes and Some Refreshments

Entry fee \$5.00 at the door

For further information contact: Fred E. Mouser KD8JIP

email **fmouser@gmail.com** or Cell Phone: 906-360-3326

For Information regarding reservation of tables, contact: Fred Mouser at above email. The sooner the better!



Skywarn Recognition Day

As winter time moves folks indoors, there are numerous Ham Radio operating events that are happening. A fun one – my opinion – happens on the first Friday in December. As the name implies, Skywarn Recognition Day is an event that recognizes the hard work that the network of Skywarn Storm Spotters provide. Normally, Hams operate the 24-hour event from the stations situated at National Weather Service offices across the country, including our local NWS station (WX8MQT) in Negaunee. Unfortunately because of COVID concerns, many of the NWS office, including ours, are closed to the general public. So for the past couple of years, the majority of Storm Spotters have been operating from their home stations. For more information, please take a look at: www.weather.gov/crh/skywarnrecognition. I hope to hear you on the airwaves!

Michigan Upper Peninsula Net

I usually restrict my HF activity to 20 meters and above and don't venture below 14 MHz very often. The other afternoon I spied a DX station down on 160 meters. I hadn't exercised my 160-meter sloper for quite some time, so I decided to see if my rig would still tune that low. On my way back up, I happened to run across 3.921 KHz. I heard some fairly strong signals, so I decided to pause have a listen. I was surprised when I heard them ID as the Michigan Upper Peninsula Net! I had no clue that such a group existed. I did check in and was readily welcomed and was given the low down. They meet daily, with the pre-net starting at 4:30 pm and the regular net starting at 5:00 pm. I believe there is/are additional nets on the weekends? Their website is www.michup.com and is worth a look. So if you have the opportunity, I highly encourage you to have a listen to this very friendly group and join in!



Correspondent's Corner

Some input from our East Coast correspondent, Pete, K8PT:

- Public Service in Amateur Radio is one key reason ¾ of a million Americans have ham radio licenses. Watch public service in Amateur radio in all its glory during Sunday night's premiere of the 6th Edition of What Hams Do... the TV show, at 8 PM at this link https://youtu.be/mou0moNZ2AM.
- ARRL and RSGB will activate special event stations for 6 hours (0200 0800 UTC) on December 12 for the 160- Meter Transatlantic Centenary QSO Party. The RSGB will activate GB2ZE from Scotland, with a team of stations from the GMDX Group sharing operating duties. ARRL will activate W1AW. The stations will operate only on CW. If transatlantic propagation holds up, the stations may continue to operate beyond 0800 UTC. The GMDX Group of Scotland will award a quaich a traditional Scottish drinking cup representing friendship to the first stations in North America and the UK to complete contacts with both W1AW and GB2ZE during the QSO Party. A commemorative certificate will be available for download. https://www.arrl.org/news/view/arrl-rsgb-announcejoint-events-to-celebrate-centenary-of-ham-radiotransatlantic-succes.



Thanks to all of our Veterans – past and present!

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.

The DMR net meets on our local KB0P DMR repeater and/or the U.P. Michigan Talk Group. Lucille KD8PTE is usually net control.

Repeater: 442.200 MHz receive/447.200 transmit

U.P. Michigan Talk Group: 31268



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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