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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 website at www.qsl.net/k8lod

MONTHLY MEETING: Marquette County Health Department Bldg., Lower Level, Negaunee Township.
Date: **October 2, 2008**
Time: **7:30 PM**

CLUB OFFICERS, 2008

Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK
VP: Lane Dawson WD8PAJ
Sec. Sheree Gembolis KD8EDS
Tres. Lee Rowe KD8BJC
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
K8LOD-3.144.390 APRS Digi Mqt
K8LOD-7 145.090 Packet Node Mqt

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

Annual Election of Club Officers

October is election month so make sure your annual dues are paid and show up at the meeting to cast your vote.



Paul KB0P receiving the "Ham of the Year" award at the September meeting from club president Lou KG8NK.

Result from our recent VE test session were very encouraging, as there was one upgrade to general class (Ryan KD8IZM) and three new technicians (Fred KD8JIP, Michelle KD8JIQ and Mike KD8JIR). Congratulations to all.

V.E. TESTING:

- 10/16 **Iron River:** 7:00pm central time, Iron River Lutheran Church (after club meeting)
NOTE: Pre-registration is required, contact Dan Waters, AA9JG, at 906 265-4240
or e-mail: dmwaters@ironriver.tv
- 12/13 **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
- 10/04 **Houghton:** 8:30am eastern time, DHH (Douglas Houghton Hall at Michigan Tech). Park in Lot #14,
front of DHH, across from WADS Residence Hall Use door #9 on the South-east side of DHH,
contact Glenn at: (906) 482-7743 or by E-Mail to: wa8qnf@arrl.net
- 11/01 **Iron Mountain:** 9:00am central time, (arrive by 8:30am) Dickinson County Library
(conference room), contact Mark J. Lewis N8UKD, 412 Fairmount St. Kingsford, Mi 49802
- 10/11 **Gladstone:** 9:00am arrival time with testing beginning at 9:00am, at the Gladstone Public Library.
Contact Howard W8HSJ at (906) 428-9476 or w8hsj@dcars.org

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 \$14.00. 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 October go to: Wendy KB8VEQ, Gerald W8SAX, Jim AB8NF and Mike KD8BPB.

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, and Mark KD8FPK mcampbell@chartermi.net or 906-273-0099 or cell 906-458-8877.

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the September 4, 2008, Meeting

Negaunee, Michigan

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Lou, KG8NK. Rich, N8GBA, had back surgery; and a get well card was passed around for those in attendance to sign.

Club officers present: President Lou, KG8NK; Vice President Lane, WD8PAJ; Secretary Sheree, KD8EDS; and Treasurer Lee, KD8BJC. Introductions followed with 21 members and 4 guests present.

A motion was made by Greg, KI8AF, seconded by, Norm, KD8BPC, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passed without dissent.

A correction was made to the August 2008 minutes under Skywarn: "burn pile" should be "berm pile." A motion was made by Peter, KC8YTX, seconded by Norm, KD8BPC, to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2008, meeting as corrected. Motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by Bill, KC8EWD, seconded by Jack, N8JRN, to approve the treasurer's report as printed. Motion passed without dissent.

Correspondence/mail: Lee, KD8BJC, reported the club yearly bill for *World Radio* in the amount of \$70 had been received and noted the publication has our club's information posted in it.

Committee Reports:

APRS/Packet/Repeater – Paul, KB0P, stated he needs to get up to the 27 with chips to install and noted the need for a UHF antenna for the 440 repeater and a tower climber. Greg, KI8AF, will follow up with Rich, N8GBA, and Fred Anderson on a UHF antenna and a tower climber. Greg also advised the club that the 27 repeater has been repaired and returned at a cost of \$258 and the bill will be sent to the insurance carrier (\$50 deductible). Greg, KI8AF, noted that APRS/Packet is still up and running.

PR – Lane, WD8PAJ, reported the radio stations are running notices of our meetings and suggested sheets be printed up and posted on area bulletin boards giving information about the club and its meetings. Lee, KD8BJC, suggested kiosks at NMU.

Technical Committee – Greg, KI8AF, will follow up with Paul, KB0P, to update the equipment documentation when time permits.

Ham of the Year – Lou, KG8NK, presented the Ham of the Year award to Paul, KB0P. Congratulations and thank you, Paul!

Ore to Shore Bike Race – Lou, KG8NK, stated Greg, KI8AF, has shirts from both the Ore to Shore and last year's Tour Da Woods bike races.

Nomination of Officers – Jack, N8JRN, moved, seconded by Jim, W8QQE, to nominate the current officers for another year. Motion passed without dissent. Election of officers will take place at the October meeting.

Marquette County Memorandum of Understanding – Lou, KG8NK, reported written documentation has been developed and signed regarding the providing of emergency services for the county. A discussion followed regarding grants that have been sought for equipment and the qualifications of operators.

AREA/RACES SET – Lou, KG8NK, reported a simulated emergency test coordinated with several other U.P. counties will be conducted on September 27.

Jim, WB8IEH, reported a 23-foot antenna was found by workers at Suicide Hill. If anyone wants the antenna, contact Jim, WB8IEH, or otherwise he will bring it to the club table at the Swap and Shop.

Lee, KD8BJC, reported the Escanaba Ham Shack is selling equipment for someone who can no longer be a ham.

Joe, WJ5MH, noted the need and his willingness to update our web site and asked for ideas on what to put on the web site. This will be put on the October agenda.

Wayne, W9VKI, is looking to purchase a TS50 Kenwood.

Ralph, N8HXG, has been to see Rich, N8GBA, in the hospital.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Peter, KC8YTX

Lane, WD8PAJ, won a wooden bookmark donated by Peter, KC8YTX.

Bruce, KG8YT, won the *World Radio*.

There is no program after tonight's meeting.

Jim, W8QQE, moved, supported by Bruce, KG8YT, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed without dissent.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheree, KD8EDS
Secretary

HARA Website to be Revived and Revised

Great news for us at the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association in deed! We've had a member step forward and volunteer his services to be the webmaster for our website. Putting together and editing the monthly *Standing Wave* newsletter more than keeps me busy and I found it nearly impossible to donate any time and try to do an adequate job with the website. Fortunately for us when Joe WJ5MH recently retired he decided to return from Texas to his stomping grounds of Marquette, join HARA and volunteer his services as our webmaster. Take a look at his personal web site (<http://members.aol.com/wj5mh/>) and you'll see he does one heck of a job. Even though he hasn't fully moved into his new home he has started working on the website. He will be looking for lots of input from the membership so if you have any thoughts please pass them on to him.

This'n'That

Bruce Carlson N9MDE is looking for a Shortwave (SW) receiver or a HF transceiver with general frequency coverage. If you have something you believe he might be interested please get in touch with him.

From the editor: I need your input. Unless you've put together and edited a monthly newsletter you don't know how trying it is at times to try and put a meaningful one out monthly. As a member you must have something constructive, amusing, educational, etc, etc, that the membership would enjoy reading about. I need articles and photos from you. Some of you are using modes of operating that I've maybe every touched on, lets hear about it. Remember it's your club and your newsletter; let me hear from you with some photos and an article.

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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