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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 1, 2009
Time: 7:30 PM

CLUB OFFICERS, 2009

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

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US

October meeting: election of club officers.

Test Session Results

At our most recent VE test session we didn't have many candidates show up for testing but those that did made the most of it. There were two upgrades to General Class, that being Michelle KD8JIQ and Dexter KC8NCJ. Two new Technician Class license were added to the ranks, that being Zachary KD8MAD and Carl KD8MAE. Congratulations to all the licensees.

HARA Christmas Party

Preparations are now in the works for our annual Christmas Party so this should give you plenty of lead time, clearing your calendar of other activities so you can attend. The event is scheduled for Thursday December 3rd, 2009. More information will be available as the event draws near but right now plans are to hold it at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Ishpeming, the same location as in past years. We are also working at gathering up some door prizes one of which will be a new HT.

Another Favorite Amateur Radio Operator Activity



When and where was this Fred?

V.E. TESTING:

- 10/17 **Iron River:** 9:00am central time, at the Beef-A-Roo Restaurant in Iron River. NOTE: Pre-registration is required, contact Dan Waters, AA9GJ at 906 265-4240 or e-mail: dmwaters@ironriver.tv
- 12/12 **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
- 10/10 **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
- 11/07 **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
- 10/10 **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 October go to: Judy KC8BAM, Mike KD8BPB, Jim AB8NF, Gerald W8SAX, Dale KC8STM, Brian N8TLD, Wendy KB8VEQ and Mike KA8ZGW.

Congratulations.....

It was just announced Tuesday that the K8DAR ham radio program in Menominee received an "Outstanding Program" award from the State of Michigan, matched with a similar one from the State of Wisconsin. All this happened within the space of just a few months. The DAR Boys and Girls Club of Marinette and Menominee sponsor a stellar program for amateur radio. This is just another of their continued success stories, demonstrating how youth in our communities can be introduced to this hobby. You can check the DAR club out at <http://community-2.webtv.net/dx2100/16thAve/> Our congratulations to everyone and to Ed KG8CX who coordinates the effort.

Don't forget to pay your annual HARA dues!

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.

HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION Minutes of the September 3, 2009, Meeting Negaunee, Michigan

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Lou, KG8NK.

Club officers present: President Lou, KG8NK; Vice President Lane, WD8PAJ; Secretary Sheree, KD8EDS; and Treasurer Lee, KD8BJC. Introductions followed with 15 members present.

The following items were added to the agenda: Old Business - Ore-to-Shore Bike Race Wrap-up; New Business - Christmas Party and Safety Gear. A motion was made by Rich, N8GBA, seconded by Norm, W8NWD, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by Bill, KC8EWD, seconded by Jim, WB8IEH, to approve the August 6, 2009, meeting minutes. Motion passed without dissent.

Lee, KD8BJC, presented the treasurer's report and stated people are renewing their club membership. A motion was made by Greg, KI8AF, seconded by Rich, N8GBA, to approve the treasurer's report as printed. Motion passed without dissent.

Correspondence/mail: Sheree, KD8EDS, stated the annual Nonprofit Corporation Update form required by the State of Michigan has been received. After checking with the State, the form can be filed after the October election of officers to avoid an additional filing fee.

Committee Reports:

APRS/Packet/Repeater - Paul, KB0P, reported the 64 Motorola repeater has been taken out of service and brought to Anderson Communications for repair. The spare Yaesu repeater is being used now, and it is not linked. Paul, KB0P, noted all the other repeaters are Yaesu and suggested keeping the Yaesu for the 64 repeater and using the Motorola as a spare. When the Motorola was used for the 64 repeater, we could never fully isolate it from the link; but with the Yaesu this could be done. If the Yaesu is kept for the 64 repeater, a voice controller and ID (\$199), a case (\$59), and a tone board, plus shipping for all items, will be needed. Bill, KC8EWD, moved, seconded by Norm, W8NWD, to spend up to \$400 to get the voice controller and ID, case, tone board, plus shipping for the Yaesu 64 repeater. Motion passed without dissent.

Paul, KB0P, stated the 27 repeater is working fine; chips need to be installed before the snow comes, and the weather alert will be hooked up. Rich, N8GBA, noted the generator is running at the 27 repeater, and the coax has been changed at the 64 repeater. Rich, N8GBA, also reported Fred, N8BTS, will change the antenna on the 27 repeater this month.

ARES/RACES - Lou, KG8NK, stated there is a SET in October, and some want to use digital. The EOC equipment has been approved, and the next step is waiting for a purchase order.

PR - Lee, KD8BJC, stated she was out of town. Lane, WD8PAJ, submitted notices of the upcoming testing (September 12) to the newspapers and radio stations.

Field Day - Lane, WD8PAJ, made a deposit on the Ishpeming Township Hall for June 26-27, 2010, for Field Day.

Tech - No update.

Lighthouse - Greg, KI8AF, reported the event went well and many contacts were made.

Bike Race - Rich, N8GBA, said the race itself went well but 47 people were treated for injuries, and next year they hope to have an additional person to pick up bikes.

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Nominating Committee for Officers - Lou, KG8NK, stated the Constitution and Bylaws call for nominations in September and election of officers in October. Lee, KD8BJC, nominated Fred, KD8JIP, for the position of Treasurer. A discussion followed, and there were no additional nominations for officers.

Sled Dog Race Coordinator - Lou, KG8NK, reported he is looking for someone to help with this position; the location of Race Headquarters has not yet been determined; and the web page is being revamped.

Christmas Party - A discussion followed; and the party will be a potluck dinner on December 3, the regular meeting date, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Ishpeming. Lane, WD8PAJ, will reserve the church hall. The consensus of the group was for Greg, KI8AF, to look for a hand-held radio in the \$150 price range for the door prize. Lane, WD8PAJ, will contact the businesses that contributed door prizes last year.

Safety Gear - Rich, N8GBA, suggested two climbing safety harnesses be purchased by the club and distributed a handout with a breakdown of the costs. A discussion followed. Bill, KC8EWD, moved seconded by Fred, KD8JIP, to purchase the two climbing safety harnesses and accessories up to a cost of \$700. Motion passed without dissent.

Swap and Shop - Lou, KG8NK, asked about getting the raffle tickets. Rich, N8GBA, will follow up.

- The 50/50 drawing was won by Bill, KC8EWD.
- A cap was won by Jean, KD8LMW.

Paul, KB0P, will present a video narrated by Walter Cronkite on the importance of ham radio operators after the meeting.

Norm, W8NWD, moved, seconded by Paul, KB0P, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Motion passed without dissent.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheree, KD8EDS
Secretary



中華民國業餘無線電促進會

Chinese Taipei Amateur Radio League

<http://ctarl.org.tw>

Congratulations

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At a recent U.S. Amateur Radio Licensing test session held in Taipei, Taiwan a total of 13 individuals either upgraded or received a U.S. ham radio license. The test session was held by valid VE examiners that came from Japan to assist the Taiwanese hams. Currently there are no Taiwanese VE examiners but that could now change as four (4) individuals earned their Extra class license. At this test session four Extra, five General and four Technician class licenses were earned.

Pictured left are a couple of successful hams at a celebration feast: BM2APH, Liu BX2AF/KD8MAZ Tech, and Echo BV2QB/KC2TRE Extra. For those of you that attended Hamvention 2006, you may recognize both Liu and Echo. Oh, by the way Liu is 83 years young and did a great job in passing the test and obtaining a U.S. Amateur Radio Technician license.



Liu BX2AF (above) at the exam session. (Right) Japanese VE team and Taiwanese members attending the September test session.



HR 2160 Gains Three More Cosponsors (Sep 11, 2009) -- On September 10, three more Congressmen -- Geoff Davis (R-KY-4), Bill Posey (R-FL-15) and Michael Turner (R-OH-3) -- pledged their support for HR 2160, *The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009*, bringing the total number of cosponsors to 24, including original sponsor Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX-18). HR 2160 is also sponsored by W. Todd Akin (R-MO-2), Michael Arcuri (D-NY-24), Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD-6), John Boozman (R-AR-3), Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam), Bob Filner (D-CA-51), Bart Gordon (D-TN-6), Brett Guthrie (R-KY-02), Maurice Hinchey (D-NY-22), Michael Honda (D-CA-15), Mary Jo Kilroy (D-OH-15), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-16), Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-9), Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI-11), Charlie Melancon (D-LA-3), Dennis Moore (D-KS-3), Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2), Peter Welch (D-VT), David Wu (D-OR-1) and Don Young (R-AK). Encourage your Congressional representative to sponsor HR 2160.



Dayton 2009 photos and remember the next hamvention is only 8 ½ months off.



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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