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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 6, 2011**
Time: 7:30 PM

CLUB OFFICERS, 2011

Pres. Lou Gembolis KG8NK
VP: Lane Dawson WD8PAJ
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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



Winter Weather Skywarn Training

I hope, like many of you do that winter, cold temperatures and snow storms are a long ways off but we all know that it will arrive sooner or later. And while I hope the NWS isn't pushing for its arrival too soon they are more than happy to provide us with some *Winter Weather Skywarn Training*. Mark your calendar and be sure to attend our next regular meeting when the program will be on just this subject. **See you October 6th at the meeting.**

Lake Superior Pro Rally

Hello, my name is Dean Rushford (N8RFB) from Ish, Mi. I'm also the Chairman for the Lake Superior Pro Rally out of Houghton each October. The rally is mostly in the Kenton & Baraga County area this year.

The dates are Oct. 14-15, 2011.

Friday the event is from 12pm to 0130am.

Saturday 0800am to 1800pm.

Doug Polzine from Lake Linden Call I do not recall, was the past radio guy. I believe Dennis Torres of the Houghton group will be running the show this year. Please have your club members go to web site <http://lsprorally.com>, for more info, or you can have them email me, or call me at 906-458-9095.

Thanks for you time and help in the matter. I sure hope some of your club can help us out this year to make for a safe and fun event.
73,
dean

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
- 10/08 **Hancock:** 9:00am eastern time, ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 400 INGOT STREET, HANCOCK, MI
Ingot Street is located across from the Quincy hill lookout, just north of Hancock...
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
- 10/08 **Gladstone:** Delta County Amateur Radio Society Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins welcome) Contact: Dave Palmgren - N8DP, n8dp@dcars.org, (906) 428-2271 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: Gerald W8SAX, Jim AB8NF, Dale KC8STM, and Brian N8TLD.

What's Your Favorite Ham Website?

FREE GPS Software for your Garmin, Magellan or Lowrance GPS, <http://www.easygps.com/>

GPS Visualizer's Quick Geocoder Find the latitude and longitude of an address,
<http://www.gpsvisualizer.com/geocode>

Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette County

Meeting of September 1, 2011

Meeting open at 1930. Officers Lou KG8NK, Lane WD8PAJ and Fred KD8JIP present. Sixteen members attended and one guest Bruce K8FIX now from Virginia Beach, VA.

Secretary's reports: Motion to approve Peter KC8YTX, seconded by Norm W8NWD. Approved

Treasurer's reports: Motion to approve Rich N8GBA, seconded by Bill KC8EWD. Approved.

Correspondence: Jim W8QQE forwarded a letter from the YMCA thanking those that helped out with the recently held triathlon in the Negaunee area.

Repeaters/Tech: Paul reported that the recently damaged 64 repeater was sent to Yaesu for repairs on 8/23/2011. Also the 91 repeater site's hardware, cable connections, etc were recently checked out. Paul also mentioned that since the 91 repeater sees very little use he requested that his 440 repeater maybe linked to the 91 so individuals could listen to his IRLP link. The attending membership okayed Paul's plan and to evaluate the system.

Lou mentioned that some other areas of the U.P. have expressed an interest in joining our (HARA's) linked repeater system. There was some discussion on the idea. No immediate plans are in the works and more discussion and club approval would be needed for this to happen.

ARES/RACES: Rich reported that the two vhf/vhf antennas have been installed at the Airport Services Center. PR Meeting and testing dates and information have been forwarded to the newspaper for publishing.

Old Business: The Ore To Shore Bike Races went well. There were a few small problems that the committee will address for next year's event.

HARA's picnic was a great success and it's believed that everyone that attended had a great time. The turnout was wonderful and there was more than even food to go around. Plans are to make this an annual event.

New Business: Our annual *election of officers* will be held at the October meeting. We did have four volunteer to run for offices. Lou KG8NK for president, Paul KB0P for vice-president, Peter KC8YTX for treasurer and Mike KD8JIR for a second term as secretary. But there is still time for you to throw your hat in the ring, just call one of the current officers and let them know you'd like to run for a club officer position.

VE test session scheduled for 9/10/2011. Requested that the raffle license for our 2012 Swap'n'Shop be applied for. HARA club patches for sale at \$5.00 each.

October's meeting program will be on Winter Skywarn.

50/50 winner Bruce K8FIX, HT stand winner Paul KB0P, and HARA patch winner Jack N8JRN.

Motion to adjourn at 2010 by Dave KD8DRF. Approved.

Acting Secretary
Greg KI8AF

Marquette Marathon

Sam – KD8NDB, Adam – KD8IAX arrive at the finish line of this year's Marquette Marathon.

Saturday, September 3 marked the 2nd annual Marquette Marathon race... a qualifying event for the Boston Marathon. By all accounts, the race was a huge success with over 450 participants, good weather and no significant injuries or mishaps. A community event like this takes all kinds of volunteers and as we did last year, HARA provided essential communications on race day.

Twelve Ham operators covered race headquarters at Presque Isle, 11 checkpoints throughout the City of Marquette and the bus parking lot located at the Berry Events center. This year, Brian – N8TLD, Sam – KD8NDB, Karla – KB8VEK, Eric – N8RRZ, Don – KB8PEL, Dave – KD8DRF, Ryan – KD8NCZ, Jack – N8JRN, Greg – KI8AF, Adam – KD8IAX, Lou, KG8NK and Sheree, KD8EDS contributed a combined 84.5 hours toward his project, handing logistical and safety radio traffic.

Special thanks goes to Sam, KD8NDB who rode his bike the



full marathon distance (26+ miles) as this year's sweep, making sure than no runners were left on the trail. In addition, our two other young teens, Ryan, KD8NCZ and Adam, KD8IAX soloed at their own check points, providing a critical link at their assigned locations. They all did a great job. At the conclusion of the Marathon, Race Director, Nancy Bailey commented that it would be impossible to run a race like this without Ham radio support. She noted that volunteers at each aid station are able to keep track of the progress of race participants and maintain adequate water, heed and energy supplies because of the information shared by Ham radios.

I'd like to thank not only the volunteers who supported this race, but all of our Hams who regularly volunteer their time and equipment to provide public service all year long and races and events like the Marquette Marathon. The Marquette and Alger communities have a national reputation for staging great race events and the Ham community is a big part of this successful reputation. If you've never participated in one of these events, consider signing up the next time a call for volunteers goes out. Events such as these serve as important drills for providing communication services in times of emergencies. Not only will you be fulfilling an obligation that comes with your license, you'll be strengthening the value HARA provides to our community. Best of all, you'll have a great time doing it!

Taiwan Trip 2011

Here are a few ham radio related photos from my recent trip to Taiwan.



Photos from a weekend trip to a mountain top for the Asia VHF QSO Party context. The BX100 call sign was just one of several that were used. We also operated HF.



These photos are from some of the CTARL meetings. Great meetings and they meet weekly, even at McDonalds if the normal meeting spaces weren't available.



CTARL



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.

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

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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