



*Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette County*  
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# THE STANDING WAVE

***October, 2018***

**Fall colors have arrived  
in the U.P.**



**Flurries have been  
observed in Marquette  
County on 10/4/2018**

**MONTHLY MEETING:** MQT  
County Health Dept. Bldg.,  
Lower Level, Negaunee Twp.

***Date:*** Oct. 4th, 2018, next  
meeting Nov. 1st

***Time:*** 7:00 PM at MQT  
County Health Dept. Lower  
Level

## **CLUB OFFICERS, 2018**

*Pres.* Lou Gembolis, KG8NK  
*V.P.* Rich Schwenke, N8GBA  
*Sec.* Michael Beltz, KD8JIR  
*Treas.* Rodney Wallberg  
W8GRI

## ***Board Members:***

Fred Mouser - KD8JIP  
Greg Hanson - KI8AF  
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## **STANDING WAVE**

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## VE Test Session **December 8th**

**Marquette: 8:30 A.M. EST, (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](mailto:n8gba@att.net) or Greg KI8AF 225-1594, [ki8af@arri.net](mailto:ki8af@arri.net).**

*Laura Novotny will be bringing the fudge in HALF pound packages, \$3 each, for the first fundraiser at the October meeting, just to see how it goes.*

*Laura is hoping to bring in a little money for the trailer!*

Laura Novotny  
KE8HEN

## Hamvention 2018 (Photos by N8NAV)

**Entrance (note the dark clouds!)**



**The crowd waits with anticipation!**

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*HARA Meeting*

*7:00 p.m. October 4<sup>th</sup>*

*Marquette County Health Department*

*Lou has been asked to sell some Ham equipment for a Ham that has moved out of the area, he will bring the equipment to the club meeting (bring Money!)*

*All equipment appears to be in working order:*

*2 Astatic Magnet/trunk Mounts New in package. \$15 each*

*75 feet RG/8U coax (similar to 9913) PL 259 on ends, new in package \$30*

*Mag mounts – several \$10 to \$15 each*

*Yaseu FT 2800m 65 watts \$25*

*2 Yaseu 2400 2 meters \$20.00 each*

*Realistice HTX 202 \$10*

*Lou KG8NK*

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**Xenia – Year Two**

With several of the usual crew needing a break from the action, or on the injured reserve list, I decided to make the trek to the 2018 Dayton/Xenia Hamvention solo (although there were other UP groups present). It's a long drive as a group, but it's a REALLY long drive on your own! And that may have added to the ultimate demise of my intrepid 2003 Pontiac Vibe, although the 235,000+ miles probably also played a part.

I safely arrived at my accommodations in nearby Springfield where I met up with a local Marquette DX icon – and roommate from years past – Pete K8PT. While catching up, we made a quick drive over to the Greene Co. fairgrounds to scope out the venue and parking situation. Dinner, followed by lights out, and a few hours of sleep before Day 1 of the “mother of all Ham Fests” commenced.

Friday dawned cloudy with the threat of rain – as usual. The lines getting into the fairgrounds were long – as usual. Pete managed to snag a plum parking spot on the pavement and we were off. Using my experience from last year, I headed straight for the flea market area. My finds – or lack thereof – were documented in a previous newsletter article. The rain arrived around 11:00 am and drove attendees into either the grandstand or the inside exhibits. As with last year, the inside exhibit area was crowded. The promise of an additional building did not materialize, although I understand construction is still being planned.

The showers eventually subsided and the majority of the crowd moved back outdoors. One improvement from last year was the addition of crushed asphalt between the rows in the flea market. This made walking dryer and much less treacherous. We called it a day late in the

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## Xenia – Year Two(cont.)

afternoon and headed back to dinner and the motel. The forecast for Day 2 was for scattered showers with the possibility of t-storms. Today we decided to drive separately. I hadn't been to the US Air Force Museum adjacent to Wright-Patterson AFB in some years and planned to leave the Hamfest early for a visit there. Our parking luck didn't hold and we were forced onto the grassy knoll that had caused our group some consternation last year. They did have the worst area cordoned off. But I still managed my imitation of a slip and slide when I left around noon. I am of the personal opinion that, if the Hamvention remains in Xenia, they may very well end up paving that grassy area. One can only hope!

Having scoped out the area yesterday, I made a bee-line for the flea market – a bust – and the vendor areas. I managed to make a couple of passes before heading off to the museum. I caught up with Pete back at the motel where we compared treasures. The next morning we exchanged 73 and Pete headed east while I headed north.

Attendance at the Hamvention was down just a bit from 29,296 in 2017 to 28,417 in 2018. A major reason for that was the lack of attendance from the UP, I'm sure! But our group is already talking about a return in 2019. Thank goodness I won't have to make that drive by myself! I hope to see a good many of you there!

73 de Jim, N8NAV

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# **Club Minutes — August 02, 2018**

**HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**



The meeting was our annual picnic at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ishpeming.

**Introduction and Attendance:** The Club had 15 members and 11 guests in attendance.

**President's Report:** None.

**Secretary's Report:** The picnic started indoors around 6pm. It was a pot luck and the food was great. Everyone had plenty to eat.. Thanks to Lou KG8NK and everyone else involved for their work in putting it on. The minutes of the July's meeting was handed out at the picnic but no action was taken.

**Treasurer's Report:** None.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Committee Reports** – None.

**Old and New Business** – None

**50/50 Drawing:** None.

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## **Club Minutes, September 06, 2018**



### **HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**

Officers present were: President: Lou Gembolis KG8NK; and Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Beltz KD8JIR. Vice-President: Rich Schwenke N8GBA was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by the Lou KG8NK. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bill KC8EWD and supported by Greg KI8AF. The motion was approved.

**Introduction and Attendance:** The Club had 13 members and 3 guests in attendance. (9 of the club members are also ARRL members).

**President's Report:** Lou KG8NK stated that he has asked some members what it would take to get more to attend. Some stated a shorter business meeting and others a longer program. We have a very diverse membership with many talents. We need to invite these members to attend the meetings and present a program on what they are doing, how they are doing it and what has been working for them. Whether it is packet radio, satellites, antennas .... whatever, we need more people to do interesting programs. It all starts with having committees. One for setting up programs. One for social events (picnic, Christmas party...) We need a committee to help retain new hams. We need to plan and train for an emergency. We need to get more members trained in ARES.

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## **Club Minutes, Cont. – September 06, 2018**



### **HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of July and August were printed out. There were no corrections to either minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Bill KC8EWD and seconded by Lucille KD8PTE. The motion was approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer report for July and August were printed and submitted by Mike KD8JIR. There was one correction on the August report. There were 0 memberships (not 2). A motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports as revised was made by Greg KI8AF and seconded by Bill KC8EWD. The motion was approved.

**Correspondence:** We received our raffle license from the State of Michigan.

### **Committee Report**

**A. Repeaters/Tech.-** Paul KB0P reported the .91 repeater is off the air and the coax connection needed to be fixed. Paul KB0P is also planning to replace the computer to a raspberry pi for the .27 repeater so we can add an additional program to our system. We have echolink and IRLP. With the change we can add AllStar and the computer will run cooler. Munising repeater is getting relocated and the Newberry is putting up a new antenna and coax up this weekend.

**B. Ares/Races-** Lou KG8NK stated "MI-Train" is ready for everyone to enroll and re-train for ARES through the Michigan web site. Just google "MI-Train" and go to the attached link. Lou KG8NK also handed out a

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phone tree (for emergencies). Also both generators in the storage shed have flat tires. We need to get them repaired.

**C: PR** – Our editor for the newsletter “The Standing Wave” is looking for articles (large or small) to be put in.

**D: Emergency Trailer** – Lou KG8NK reported that Rich N8GBA submitted another grant request, this time for \$5000.

**Old Business:**

**A: Budget for next fiscal year** – Lou KG8NK requested the board meet at 6:30 (before the next meeting) to plan the budget for the next fiscal year, which begins in September. (Dues are paid for January to January)

**B: Ore to Shore Race** – Lou KG8NK asked Bill KC8EWD how the race went and he stated it went fairly smoothly.

**C: Marquette Labor Day Race** – Lou KG8NK requested the information so he can turn in what we did to the State.

**D: Club Picnic** – Lou KG8NK stated the picnic went nicely. We had about 28 people there. Greg KI8AF wondered if we could schedule our picnic earlier at Sands to avoid the conflict of interest we had this year. Or maybe have the picnic on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday.

**E: Testing** – Testing is Saturday, September 8, 2018 in the basement of the Marquette Health Dept. Contact Greg at (906) 225-1594 at least 24 hours prior if you plan on testing. Paul KB0P was wondering if we could have a Technician Class taught this winter. There appears to be around 8 people interested that he know of so far.

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### **HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**

#### **New Business:**

**A: Club Inventory** – Lou KG8NK stated we need to get the inventory updated this winter.

**B: Motocross in September** – Lou KG8NK stated the motocross group has again not gotten any information to us, so we will be unable to assist them in their event this fall.

**C: Swap and Shop** – We are starting to plan it for February.

**D: U.P. Hamfest** – U.P. Hamfest was the first Saturday in August (4<sup>th</sup>) at the UP Fair Grounds. It was not as heavily attended as usual.

**E: Nomination of Officers** – For President – Lou KG8NK, For Vice-President – Rich N8GBA, For Secretary – Fred KD8JIP, For Treasurer - Mike KD8JIR. Getting these nominations was not easy. Most of these members have volunteered their time for these offices for several (or many) years. If you are interested and can spend a couple of hours a month for our club, please consider volunteering for an office. Most past office holders are willing to assist with any problems you may have.

**50/50 Drawing:** Congratulations Paul KB0P.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**Post Meeting Program:** Lou KG8NK presented information on the "ARES Connect", then Paul KB0P gave information on the internet

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