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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 n8nav1@charter.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: **Unknown**
Time: 7:00 PM

CLUB OFFICERS, 2020

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STANDING WAVE

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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

As I look outside I wonder what happened to Fall! The ground is white, daylight shortened, and projects that I wanted to finish before the snow came still undone. Hopefully my antennas will hold up until Spring as they have been adjusted and the SWR is within a usable range.

There is not a lot going on with HARA at this time with the Swap and Shop, UP 200, and our annual Christmas party all cancelled.

At the present time we are suspending the Wednesday Wellness net until further notice, but please do not forget the Sunday night net.

Stay safe and get on the air!

73,

Lou KG8NK

V.E. TESTING:

December 2020 *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. (stay tuned) 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 225-1594, 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. *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

Future: Greg KI8AF, Antenna Analyzers, Antenna Tuners and Dummy Loads

NOTE: The above is a partial list of upcoming programs. 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

Due to Governor Whitmer's continuing executive orders regarding group events, monthly HARA club meetings are suspended indefinitely. Stay tuned to the various nets and the Standing Wave for updates.

Friday Lunch is Back!



If interested in attending, contact Greg, KI8AF, at ki8af@arrl.net.

Cancellations!

The following is a list of local events that have been cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The HARA Christmas party.
- The UP 200 Sled Dog Race.
- HARA Swap and Shop (or Shop and Shop) for Feb 2021.

As of this writing, the Noquemanon Ski Races are still scheduled per the Ski Race Committee,

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!

HARA H&W Net

As mentioned earlier, this net is being temporarily suspended. Stay tuned for updates. Ed

Please join us for the HARA Health and Wellness Net on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm on the K8LOD 147.27 (100 Hz tone) repeater.

Let us know how you are handling the COVID-19 issue and what you are doing to stay safe!

We are also planning on sending out items regarding Amateur Radio to keep our great hobby going!

Just check-in with your callsign. When it is your turn we will ask for your name, location, and comments.

Lou KG8NK



News

As I pen this article, I am almost 4 weeks post-op following a knee replacement. I am doing well and thankful for all of the good wishes I have received. I have been assured that recovery will be slow, but sure!

As previously advertised, there was an emergency exercise held on Saturday, October 10th. At that point I was not too mobile, so my participation was limited to using a couple of 2-meter handhelds from the living room. From that vantage point I was able to check-in with Dave, KD8DRF, who was net control on 146.52 simplex. I was also able to briefly check-in with Greg, KI8AF, who was net control on our Marquette County simplex frequency of 147.44.

As I mentioned last month, the scenario involved using 2-meter simplex to send message traffic from each county to the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) in Lansing. I have yet to receive any official recap of how successful we were in fulfilling that objective. I will pass along any results in future writings.

In closing, when you look outside it is apparent that winter is trying its best to make an appearance – way too early in my opinion. The winter months can be challenging both from travel and power perspectives. So I encourage you to keep Amateur Radio emergency preparedness in mind. If you are interested in joining ARES, please complete a registration form at: www.arrl.org/ares and forward it to me at n8nav1@charter.net.

Parting Thoughts

From Lou, KG8NK:

I would like to thank Lucille (KD8PTE) for running the Wednesday Night wellness net. At this time we are going to shut down the net because of lack of participants. We are thinking of starting the net again this winter - stay safe!

The Sunday Night Emergency Net is still active. Check-in at 7pm local time on Sunday evening on the 147.27 (100 Hz tone) K8LOD repeater.

And from James Keller, W8WW:



**The Livonia Amateur
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Outdoor Swap N Shop

Buy Sell Trade

Electronics, Radio, Computers and more!

Sunday November 8th 2020

8 Am - 12 PM

(Rain Date November 15th)

Admission \$3

Trunk Sales \$10

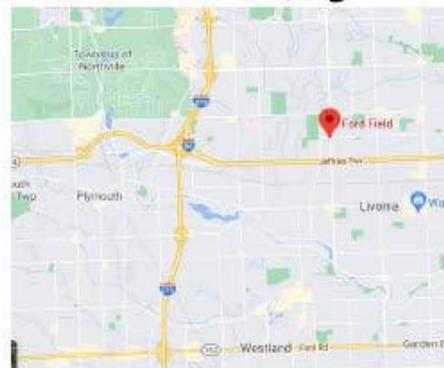
(include 1 admission)

WE NEED VENDORS - PRE-Register for \$3 Discount

Ford Field Parking Lot

Farmington and Lyndon Roads, Livonia Michigan

(Farmington Road Exit on I-96)



Questions: James Keller (734) 674-2866

Email: LarrgRepeater@gmail.com

Masks and Social Distancing Requested

TalkIn on 146.52 Simplex

**We are not the Livonia Amateur Radio Club.
We are a Repeater Group located in Livonia, MI**



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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