



*Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association of Marquette County*  
*"ARRL Affiliated Since June 7, 1933"*

# THE STANDING WAVE

***September, 2019***

**Special thanks to all who  
volunteered to support the  
Ore to Shore Bike Race!**

**MONTHLY MEETING:** MQT  
County Health Dept. Bldg.,  
Lower Level, Negaunee Twp.  
**Date:** Sept. 5th, 2019, next  
meeting October, 3rd  
**Time:** 7:00 PM at MQT  
County Health Dept. Lower  
Level

**CLUB OFFICERS, 2019**  
**Pres.** Lou Gembolis, KG8NK  
**Sec.** Fred Mouser, KD8JIP  
**Treas.** Mike Beltz, KD8JIR

**Board Members:**  
**Greg Hanson - KI8AF**  
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KD8ZEG**





**HARA membership? New member or need to renew your membership?**  
**Dues can be mailed to the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association, PO**  
**BX 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>

## **VE Test Session September 14th**

**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 Greg KI8AF 225-1594, [ki8af@arrl.net](mailto:ki8af@arrl.net).**

Suggested by Bill Dowe, KC8EWD

### **“The Radio Amateur's Code...The Radio**

***Amateur is” CONSIDERATE...***He/[She] never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

***LOYAL...***He/[She] offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio Society in his/[her] country, through which Amateur Radio in his/[her] country is represented nationally and internationally.

***PROGRESSIVE...***He/[She] keeps his/[her] station up to date. It is well-built and efficient. His/[Her] operating practice is above reproach.

***FRIENDLY...***He/[She] operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to beginners; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

***BALANCED...***Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

***PATRIOTIC...***His/[Her] station and skills are always ready for service to country and community. - adapted from the original Amateur's Code, written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928. source: (<http://www.arrl.org/amateur-code>)

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# ***Club Minutes: April 4, 2019***



**Officers Present:** President, Lou Gembolis  
KG8NK; Vice President Rich Schwenke  
N8GBA; Secretary Fred Mouser KD8JIP;  
Treasurer Mike Beltz KD8JIR Absent

**Introduction/Attendance:** Club had 18 in attendance. 17  
members and 1 guests No sign in sheet distributed.

**Presidents Report:** Lou KG8NK opening remarks referred to a  
short business meeting and short program.

**Secretary's Report:** Fred KD8JIP submitted minutes. Motion to  
approve made by Dave KD8DRF then 2nd by Greg KI8AF.  
Minutes were read by Secretary.

**Treasure's Report:** Mike KD8JIR Treasure report submitted  
motion to approve by Bill Dowe KC8EWD 2nd by Fred KD8JIP.

**Correspondence:** Dues payments, bank statements and  
Hamfest (Cadillac).

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interest to the club membership please get it to me. Comments and  
suggestions are always welcome. Thanks! 73's KF5KAI*

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### **Committee Reports**

- Repeaters/Tech- All repeaters AOK
- Ares/Races- Aux/Comm training on Apr 6-7. Ares connect not up and running yet.
- PR- All HARA PR outlets are going fine.
- Trailer- Rich working on Grants and possible storage of trailer ( Police Post). Possibly, Theresa MSP is reapplying for a Native American grant of \$2000. Rich feels that trailer fund will be able to take care of future Trailer expenses. Lou suggested having a trailer committee meeting when Mike KD8JIR returns. Lots of financial questions concerning trailer expenses. Greg KI8AF suggests committee develop a detailed financial statement concerning all aspects of trailer expenses. Last question concerning trailer was size and weight. Committee would decide on needs if club.

### **Old Business:**

- A. Field Day. Club needs to decide if they want a field day exercise.
- B. Club Inventory: Physical storage inventory needs to be done for HARA property.

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C. Bike Race Ore to Shore needs someone to manage volunteers etc.

50/50/ Drawing won by Rich Schwenke N8GBA

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made at 7:31 by Bill Dowe KC8EWD and 2nd made by Mike Marsden KC9RSI.

**Post meeting program:** as follows. Tutorial By Greg KI8AF on basics of FLDIGI (Digital)

### **DARA - International Relations**

2601

**Bill Kosonen**  
**KD8ZEG**



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# ***Club Minutes: May 2, 2019***

**Officers Present:** President, Lou Gembolis KG8NK; Vice President Rich Schwenke N8GBA; Secretary Fred Mouser KD8JIP; Treasurer Mike Beltz KD8JIR Mtg started 7:00 pm

**Introduction/Attendance:** Club had 18 in attendance. 14 members and 4 guests. 14 HARA members were also 10 ARRL members.

**Presidents Report:** Lou KG8NK said short meeting due to Program scheduled by Matt Zika KD8EFY. Motion to accept agenda. Greg KI8AF 2nd by Steve KE8HEP.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to accept by Mike KD8JIR 2nd by Greg KI8AF.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike KD8JIR Treasure report not up to date he was out of town. Motion approved to accept.

**Correspondence:** Only correspondence was two membership payments.

## **Committee Reports**

•Repeaters/Tech- All repeaters up and working

**Ares/Races- ARES connect up and going. Members PLEASE SIGN UP so we can get credit for hours put in. Training is very important now.**

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# ***"Lights Out" – April, 2019***



Where were you when the lights went out?

If you are a fan of the old-time detective dramas, you may recall the above phrase as one of the leading investigative questions. When you think about it, this question could also have Ham Radio implications, particularly when you consider that we had some significant power outages this past winter.

A few weekends ago (April 6 & 7), I attended a two-day training on AuxComm (Auxiliary Communications). I had the distinct privilege of meeting many of the Hams who make up the emergency communications backbone of several of the UP counties. I also learned that when we provide communication services to parades, bike races, etc. we are wearing our collective Amateur Radio public service hats and are involved in an “event” (even though some may last multiple days). On the other hand, when we are providing communication support for local, state or federal agencies involved in an emergent “incident” (fire, flood, severe weather, etc.) we are operating under the auspices and authority of AuxComm. As such, AuxComm is an integral component of the local, state or federal Incident Command System. Now those of you who know me know that my preferred operating mode is HF SSB. It has been many months since I have been on VHF or UHF. In fact, I do not even have a transceiver in my car these days. When I did, I was familiar with several of the local voice repeaters (.27, .64, etc.). I know that some of them have additional “fancy” features. I do not have the list, nor do I know how to access those features. During the training, we discussed different scenarios and what types of communication services we Hams might provide. There are a lot of

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options other than the “traditional” FM voice. Do those capabilities exist in our local repeater network? If so, how do we access them? And how can we best utilize them in support of AuxComm?



I want to thank Lou for encouraging me to attend this training. I also want to thank John Imeson and Ray Hasil for giving up their weekend and traveling from downstate to facilitate the training. And lastly, I'd like to thank the men and women across the UP and state who stand ready to assist in emergencies!

73 de Jim, N8NAV

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# ***Distracted Driving –***



To all amateur radio operators in Michigan:

The message below is from Ed Hude, Larry Camp, John McDonough, and Dale Williams. A special thanks to these gentlemen for their efforts!

Please feel free to pass this on to all radio amateurs, and please publish this widely!

## ***MICHIGAN DISTRACTED DRIVING LEGISLATION UPDATE***

There are several bills (HB 4181, 4198 and 4199) that have been formulated in the Michigan House of Representatives that deal with Distracted Driving. These bills have been assigned to the House Transportation Committee for further work and study.

As written these bills did not exempt amateur radio operation from a vehicle from being considered as distracted driving.

The Michigan ARRL legislative team has been watching as these bills were introduced in the House. As the Michigan ARRL State Government Liaison, I recently testified before the House Transportation Committee. As a result, Amateur Radio was granted an exemption (the use of amateur radio while driving) from being considered a distraction. The exemption amendment referenced 47 CFR Part 97, 47 CFR Part 90 and a

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## ***Distracted Driving, Continued –***

reference to CB radio.

The Committee vote to include said exemption language in any Distracted Driving Legislation was unanimous. The bills will now go to the House Ways & Means Committee for their consideration. If any of the bills pass out of the Ways and Means Committee, they will go to the House floor for a full vote. If the bill(s) pass the House, they will then be referred to the Michigan Senate. If a bill passes the House and Senate vote, then it will move to the Governor's Desk for her approval.

There seems to be a great deal of interest in the Governor's office to have a Distracted Driving law in Michigan. We would appreciate if every Michigan amateur radio operator would send a very brief email to the members of the Transportation Committee thanking them for their support of the amendment exempting amateur radio and other 2-Way radio services from being considered as distracted driving.

Here is a list of the Representatives on the Transportation Committee:

Shannon, Haadsma, Yanrey, Clemente, Sneller, O'Malley, Eisen, Cole, Sheppard, Alexander, Bellino, Howell, and Afendoulis.

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## ***Distracted Driving, Continued –***

You can find a list of representatives and their email addresses here:

<http://www.house.mi.gov/MHRPublic/frmRepList.aspx?all=true>

It is appropriate to have friends who are or are not fellow amateurs and their friends and relatives to send a note similar to this:

"I wish to thank you for supporting the two-way radio exemption on HB 4181, 4198 and 4199. In light of the public services that amateur radio operators provide free of charge for the citizens of Michigan, it is important that amateur radio operation while driving to not be considered to be driving while distracted."

As these bills move forward in the legislative process, there will be additional opportunities for the amateur radio community (and friends) to once again communicate with our legislators. We will provide the specific names and a suggested message(s).

Thank you for your interest and for taking action on this important topic.

73,  
Ed Hude, WA8QJE  
Michigan ARRL State Government Liaison

ARRL Michigan Section  
Section Manager: James A Kvochick, K8JK  
[k8jk@arrl.org](mailto:k8jk@arrl.org)

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## ***Club President, Lou***



Your help is needed!!

You may be aware that in recent months the ARRL has changed the process of reporting the time that radio amateurs spend on assisting local emergency centers, serving the public at local events such as ski races, marathons, sled dog races, and others such as the local Red Cross. In recent years there has been more requirements by served agencies in time of need. Fortunately we have been lucky in our area that there has not been any major event or disaster.

It is important to point out that the radio spectrum is getting smaller as more business interests are after the limited bandwidth that we need to enjoy our hobby. In the past we have had poor record keeping, but now with new technology we should have a better handle on how to maintain records and provide a member database. We have the expertise, capability, and capacity to cover the needs of all concerned. I am asking that anyone of you that are interested the ARES and/or assist in covering the various events that we cover to sign-up for the ARRL ARES Connect plan! It only takes about 5 minutes to go online and complete the necessary form.

Please help!

Lou KH8NK – President HARA

***ARES CONNECT ACCESS (following page)***

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## ***Club President, Lou***



### **ARES CONNECT ACCESS**

#### **New Account Sign Up**

In your web browser, type in one of the following:

Vhub.at/aresconnect-mi or <https://arrr.volunteerhub.com/lp/mi>

Press enter then click on CREATE ACCOUNT (complete this page) then click on next – this will send the information to the EC

You may then go back to the main page by clicking on “Sign in” Enter your identification credentials and you should be taken back to page where your name will appear

You may then click on your name and a drop-down menu will appear which will allow you to update your profile, etc.

Lou KH8NK – President HARA

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# Hamvention 2019,



Photos courtesy of Jim B, Bob S, Pete T and John V.



The gang enjoyed a hearty Waffle House breakfast.



The nice weather was enjoyed by all.



This year's theme was mentoring the next generation.



John inspects some tubes.

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