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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

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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

It is hard to believe that it is Fall in a few days. Most of us are in COVID isolation of some sorts especially with the virus increasing in the Upper Peninsula. It is going to be interesting what the “new normal” will be like. Now is the time to do the antenna work that normally I wait until the weather changes, but not this year.

The ARRL is planning the annual SET exercise on October 10th. The plan is to communicate with other counties using simplex to exchange messages. Each county has its own emergency simplex frequency such as Marquette (147.44). We will have to practice using our emergency frequency before the drill. See Jim’s ARES News below and more to follow

Please stay safe, stay active, and be involved with all aspects of Amateur Radio!

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@arrrl.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 arrrl.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@arrrl.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@arrrl.net.

Emergency Operations Center Work

I reported last month that we installed a new HF antenna at the Marquette County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Below are pictures of our station inside the EOC.



Fred and Greg wrestling with antenna coax.



Greg working HF digital. We have HF and 2-meter capability at the EOC.

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

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.



News

As I mentioned last month, I have assumed the duties as the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Emergency Coordinator (EC) for Marquette County. At this point, I am actively recruiting ARES members. Some of you may have registered back when Lou, KG8NK, was the EC. I am in the process of updating records, so even if you did join before I would appreciate you completing a new ARES registration form at: www.arrl.org/ares and forwarding it to me at n8nav1@charter.net.

Welcome to ARES members:

Ben, KE8OFD
Tom, KC8OND
Don, N8HDT
Dave, KE8LRX
David, W7DEG

Did you know that each county in Michigan is assigned their own unique 2-meter simplex frequency? I learned recently that the Marquette County frequency is 147.44.

The ARRL sponsors an annual exercise, usually held in October, known as the Simulated Emergency Test (SET). As the name implies, this is an opportunity for localities to test their emergency preparedness, particularly using Ham Radio resources. The national SET is scheduled for the weekend of October 4-5, 2020. The State of Michigan has decided to hold their SET on Saturday, October 10th. The scenario they have decided upon involves using 2-meter simplex to send message traffic from each county to the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) in Lansing. Obviously, no station in the UP has the ability to make direct 2-meter contact with Lansing. So we are going to have to get creative on finding pathways into and out of our immediate area. More information will be forthcoming, so watch your email and be sure to check into the various local nets.

Parting Thoughts

1. From the ARRL Members Only Website:

Great Lakes Division Elections

In the Great Lakes Division, incumbent Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK, who has held the seat since 2014, will face off against Michael Kalter, W8CI, who is treasurer of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association.

Additionally, members will choose from among three candidates to succeed incumbent Vice Director Thomas Delaney, W8WTD, who is not running for another term. They are current Ohio Section Manager Scott Yonally, N8SY; Jim Hessler, K8JH, who is vice president of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association, and Frank Piper, KI8GW, Yonally's predecessor as Ohio Section Manager.

Your votes are important. Execute the ballots you will receive.

2. And from Dale, WA8EFK:

FCC LICENSE FEES: Just a couple of comments regarding the recent FCC proposal for returning license fees to Amateur Radio....Our ARRL Legal Counsel is working with the Executive Committee on a response. There is ample time for us to prepare a suitably detailed reply, so we will take this opportunity to prepare a well documented paper expressing the concerns of the amateur radio community. As with my fellow ARRL Directors, I have received many e-mails expressing that the re-imposition of fees is entirely inappropriate, especially for a group of sincere individuals who dedicate themselves to community support and international good will at our own expense. Many more very positive ideas have been brought forth in support of zero fees, and we will draw upon them as the response is completed.

3. And from your Editor:

I had the extreme pleasure of participating as a Volunteer Examiner at the license session at the Marquette County Health Department on September 12th. This was my first time on the other side of the exam table. I was thoroughly impressed with the professional way that Lou, KG8NK, and Greg, KI8AF, conducted the session! As I recall, we had five candidates participate and four succeeded in either passing for the first time or upgrading to a higher class of license. With COVID restrictions still in place, now is a great time to hit the study guides and work toward that license or upgrade. I hope to see you at a future exam session!



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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