

The LANDLINE

The Newsletter of the
COPPER COUNTRY RADIO AMATEUR ASSOCIATION, INC.
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Meeting date: April 3, 2007 Dollar Bay Firehall, Time 7:00 pm

FCC REVERSES ITS DECISION ON THE “NO CODE” ISSUE !

Just minutes before the start of the second quarter of 2007, the FCC announced today that the Morse code proceeding known as WT-Docket 05-235 is being changed once again! Amateurs throughout the United States were disappointed to hear of the newly revised edition of WT Docket 05-235 known as “WT-Docket 05-235A” (“A” for “amended”) goes into effect on April 1, 2007

The 85 page document is summed up here on this page in a few “terse” words, as received by the author, after downloading the entire work from the World-Wide-Web.. Here’s the gist of the new law:

FCC announced that the three class of licenses will be kept (Technician, General and Extra), but the new code ruling is as follows: **MORSE CODE REQUIREMENT FOR OBTAINING AN AMATEUR LICENSE IS RETAINED ! One minute out of 5 is needed to pass the code. Here are the new limits prescribed by the FCC.**

Technician 15 wpm Morse code
General 20 wpm
Amateur Extra 25 wpm

In other words.....Morse code requirements for obtaining a “ham” license is back in.

The official document is signed: Professor I lirpA April Fool!

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE:

Stan Strangle, K8NYT, AKA “Electronic Sales” of Bruce Crossing is going out of business, see Stan at the Chassell Swap on April 21 for a 50% discount on all books!

SPOTTER TRAINING:

Please try to attend one of these sessions, being held in every county in the U.P. of Michigan. They run about 2 hours, and well worth attending, and they are FREE!
See the enclosed schedule for a location nearest you.

COPPER COUNTRY RADIO AMATEUR ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2007

I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by president Glenn-WA8QNF

Members present:

Andy-N8ZBJ	Paul-KC8FLK
Mark-KB9RQZ	Paul-W9VLM
Roland-KB8XI	Don-WQ8G
Virginia-Associate	George-W8FWG
Walt-W8ERB	Glenn-WA8QNF

II. Minutes for February 6, 2007 were approved.

III. Treasurer-new balance-\$3126.

IV. News letter-being handled by George-W8FWG.

V. UP Directory-George-44 presold.

VI. Property-Clubhouse-ok. Packet TNC's defective. Being checked.

VII. Education-Next test at MTU-April 14, 2007.

VIII. Nominating committee-no new nominations.

IX. Financial audit-Walt-W8ERB-will be done at next meeting.

X. Swap and Shop-April 21, 2007. 9 AM-12 Noon. At Chassell VFW.

XI. Election-Motion by Walt-W8ERB, 2nd by Mark-KB9RQZ-to elect all present officers was passed unanimously.

Treasurer- Paul-W9VLM-resigned due to term limits.

Motion by Walt-W8ERB, 2nd by Mark-KB9RQZ-to accept resignation was passed unanimously.

President Glenn-WA8QNF, appointed Paul-W9VLM to be treasurer till a new treasurer is elected.

Motion by Roland-KB8XI, 2nd by Mark-KB9RQZ to accept appointment passed unanimously.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy-N8ZBJ

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ARRL VEC still "busy, busy, busy!" (Mar 15, 2007) -- The ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) reports business continues to be brisk following the FCC's deletion of Morse code as a ham radio licensing requirement. "Busy, busy, busy!" is how ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, described the situation in her department. She says nearly 800 exam sessions are on the schedule for March with another 600 for April, "and it doesn't look like test session activity will be slowing down any time soon," she added. ARRL VEC hosts 450 exam sessions in a typical month. Despite the hectic pace, Somma says personnel have been able to process most test session paperwork promptly. "The majority of our VE teams are returning the sessions in good order and with all the needed forms," she noted. "Thank you!" Even so, processing times are down a bit. Somma advises applicants to allow 15 days from the testing date before checking on application status. To follow up, first use the FCC Universal Licensing System ([ULS](#)) "Search Licenses" tab, or check the ARRL Web [license search](#) engine. To contact the FCC, call toll-free during business hours 888-225-5322. Applicants who tested at ARRL VEC sessions whose applications have not been granted within 15 days may call ARRL VEC, 860-594-0300.

VE TEAM-George-Next test session will be April 14, 2007, 9:00am at Wadsworth Residence Hall at MTU. Applicants should be there by 8:30 in order to fill out the necessary paper work. Questions? Call. Geo., W8FWG at (906) 337-2542 or

E-Mail: w8fwg@arrl.net .

CHASSELL SWAP-N-SHOP:

Scheduled for Saturday, April 21, (third Saturday of April) at the VFW hall in Chassell, see the bulletin (attached to this newsletter) for full details.

KCRA MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Our sister club, the Keweenaw County Repeater Association, Inc. will hold its meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2006 at the Keweenaw Pines Apartments, in the Community Room, the Annex to Building "C." Keweenaw Pines Apts. Are located just one-half mile north of the Cliff Drive Road near Mohawk. Time: 7:00pm EST. Visit our Web Page at www.kcra-mi.net All persons interested in "ham" radio are invited to attend. Door prize to be raffled!!!!!!! If you need further information before the meeting date, please call George Thurner, W8FWG (Sec.-Treas.) at (906) 337-2542.

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HAM DIRECTORIES: Last call..... The new, (2007) Editions will be available at the Chassell "Swap" on April 21. Your price \$5.00. (Add \$3.00 S & H if we have to mail them) Have a buddy pick one up for you and save the mailing costs.

SKYWARN ACTIVATED:

With the announcement of a tornado watch from NOAA weather in Negaunee, our local SKYWARN was activated by Geo, W8FWG on Sunday evening March 25 at 2000 hours, EDT.. While there was no actual tornado sighted in our 5-county area , we had 17 checks ins from all 5 counties, who provided wind, rain, and hail information to the bureau. Howard, KD8ABP filled in for Geo, while he (W8FWG) was in direct contact via ham radio and E-Spotter methods with the weather bureau.. Our SKYWARN Membership list provided invaluable information and was passed on to amateurs at WX8MQT, and our thanks to Greg, KI8AF, who operated right from the weather bureau's ham station, WX8MQT. This event proved the need for some updating to our records, and this was accomplished the same night. Our thanks to all of the amateurs who checked into the net.

THE GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION:

Governor Jennifer Granholm has issued an executive declaration in observance

of Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 25th through the 31st, in conjunction with the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness and the National Weather Service offices serving Michigan. The Severe Weather Awareness Week press

Severe Weather Awareness Week Schedule

Sunday, March 25 Recap of 2006 and general tornado information

Monday, March 26 Severe weather terminology

Tuesday, March 27 We will discuss the statewide test tornado drill scheduled for Wednesday March 28th

Wednesday, March 28 Tornado safety rules

Thursday, March 29 Flash flood/flood safety rules

Friday, March 30 Thunderstorm and lightning safety rules

Saturday, March 31 Discussion on the hazardous weather outlook...the short term forecast...special weather statements...and NOAA weather radio all hazards

(While this information is now dated, the test tornado drill was heard in the Copper Country on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 on 162.400 MHz, WXK-73 from NOAA weather radio.)

OFFICER LISTING:

The "LANDLINE" is published monthly by the Copper Country Radio Amateur Association, Inc. Contributions for use in the LANDLINE, relating to the amateur radio service and to the CCRAA are welcomed at any time. Please submit your contributions directly to the editor, and they should be received by the 25th of the month before the meeting. Material received later may or may not make it into that issue. The LANDLINE Editor is Howard F. Klann, KD8ABP. If you have a question or a comment I can be reached at: (906) 337-2168 or E-mail to: msgklann@pasty.net. E-Mail copies are sent by Howard, KD8ABP. Complimentary copies to other radio clubs and the USPS copies are mailed by George, W8FWG. Please refer any delivery problems to the Editor (Howard, KD8ABP) at (906) 337-2168/ Fax (906) 337-0599. To find out more about the CCRAA Inc. or the Amateur Radio Service, please contact one of the officers listed below or write to the **CCRAA, POB 217, Dollar, Bay, MI 49922-0217** or visit us on the web: www.ccraa.net **Ask for our new FREE booklet for new prospects to ham radio, for your friends who may be interested in ham radio. It's available in Adobe E-Mail format or via USPS.**

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SWAP-N-SHOP

When? April 21, 2007

Where? Chassell – VFW Hall – U.S. 41

Sponsor: Copper Country Radio Am. Assoc. (CCRAA).

Time: 9am until Noon

(Sellers allowed to set up on Friday night,
April 20 at 6 pm or at 8am until 9am Saturday, April 21

Items for sale, swap, trade, ham radio gear

Door Prizes.

No sales permitted before 9am, Saturday, April 21

Admission: \$3 per person

Tables: \$6.00 each

Half-table: \$3.00

Contact Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF for table reservations:
(906) 482-7743

Talk-In: 146.67 MHz – Herman Repeater

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| 01 | Iron Mountain, MI
(Dickinson County) | 6:30pm CDT | Lower Level of Sheriff's Office Iron Mountain, MI |
| | <i>Contact Information:</i> Matt Zika, NWS MQT 475-5212 | | |
| 02 | Escanaba, MI
(Delta County) | 6:30pm EDT | Old Council Chambers, Civic Center Escanaba, MI |
| | <i>Contact Information:</i> Matt Zika, NWS MQT 475-5212 | | |
| 03 | Negaunee, MI
(Marquette County) | 7:00pm EST | Hiawatha Amateur Radio Assoc. Meeting Health Dept. Bldg, Negaunee, MI |
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| 10 | Watersmeet, MI
(Gogebic County) | 6:30pm CDT | Ottawa National Forest Visitor Center Watersmeet, MI |
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| 15 | Manistique, MI
(Schoolcraft County) | 6:30pm EDT | Upstairs Courtroom Schoolcraft County Courthouse |
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| 16 | Munising, MI
(Alger County) | 6:30pm EDT | Downstairs Meeting Room Alger County Courthouse Munising, MI |
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| 17 | L'Anse, MI
(Baraga County) | 6:30pm EDT | Baraga County Courthouse L'Anse, MI |
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| 22 | Eagle River, MI
(Keweenaw County) | 6:30pm EDT | Upstairs Courtroom Keweenaw County Courthouse Eagle River, MI |
| | <i>Contact Information:</i> Matt Zika NWS MQT 475-5212 | | |
| 23 | Iron River, MI
(Iron County) | 6:30pm CDT | West Iron County Fire Hall |
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