

The Landline

Newsletter of the
Copper Country Radio Amateur Association, Inc.
POB 217
Dollar Bay, MI 49922-0217

Hancock Repeater: 146.880(-) MHz Herman Repeater: 146.670(-) MHz
KCRA Repeater: 147.315 (+) MHz Echolink Node : 405654
(All 3 repeaters require a PL 100.0 Hz tone for access)

146.520 MHz Nationwide SIMPLEX
Other Simplex: 146.49, 146.55, 146.58 MHz

Packet Radio (AX.25) 145.09 MHz	APRS Radio: 144.390 MHz
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CLUB MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Club meetings of the CCRAA are always held the first Tuesday of each month, unless notified of a change, in this newsletter.
The April, 2009 meeting of the Copper Country Radio Amateur Association will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, EDT at the Dollar Bay Firehall in Dollar Bay.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MARCH 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Called to order 7:05 PM by KD8GBH
A quorum consisting of the president (KD8GBH), secretary (W8FWG) and 10 other members were present.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS:

The following were present: K8YSZ, KB8XI, KD8GBH, N8WAV, KB8FCX, W8FWG, KC8FLK, W8FMR, W8ERB, K6IPC, KD8JAM, KD9CW

AGENDA:

Agenda approved with one correction (strike "next meeting" from item 10-c). Agenda was approved (Motion by KB8XI, 2nd by N8WAV)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

(They stood approved as printed in the "Landline")
Motion: By KB8XI, seconded by: N8WAV)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (KD8GBH) (None)

TREASURER'S REPORT (WA8QNF) Treasurer absent – No report
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SERVICE: - Jack, N8WAV noted several events he is coordinating or assisting, including:

Weekend of 3/7: Great Bear Chase ski race. Looking for ~6 hams to help out, contact Andy Diepen, KC8YMR at 370-7007

Beginning Monday 3/9: programming 2,000 NOAA weather radios for eventual distribution via the township offices. Meet weeknights (except for this next Tuesday, 3/10) 7pm at the EOC (old 911 center in Laurium), 400 Hecla St. in Laurium, next to the big 150 foot tower.). The door will be locked, so call on the radio, 147.42 simplex.

Check out citizencorps.gov for more information about emergency response and preparedness activities and training.

PUBLICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: No Report (KC8NPI)

PROGRAMS: (No Report, KD8ABP absent)

RADIO OPERATIONS: No Report (WB8FCY)

- Radio Ops (WB8FCY absent) but report by Geo., W8FWG shows that Chuck, WB8FCY has a 6 month extension on the Calumet 440 repeater, and is working on the problem at his home.

PROPERTY REPORT: By George, W8FWG:

All radio systems are working, weekly building inspection made, and batteries checked. Emergency engine is run once per month, around the first. We have received (free) a bank of storage batteries from MTU. We hope to have them installed sometime this spring or summer.

EDUCATION: No Report (Chairman vacant)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

VE REPORT: - it was suggested that the VE team look into a free PSA in the newspaper to reach potential operators that do not have a computer.

Dave will pass that along to Glenn. The next scheduled test is Saturday, April 11.

OLD BUSINESS:

4 hams from M-T-U assisted with the Dog sled races in Marquette, last weekend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ideas for growth and programming: George, W8FWG suggested having some Power Point presentations which are available free, from ARRL, and we have a large screen TV set right here in Dollar Bay, and a new 25 inch TV at the clubhouse if summer meetings would require a program.

Dave presented a proposed update to the constitution, in writing as directed in the current constitution and by-laws. This will be discussed at least at the April meeting, and can be voted on no earlier than the May meeting. A PDF copy will be sent out to those with email addresses on file, and a copy will be posted on the website. Approval requires 2/3 affirmative vote of all ballots cast.

OBITUARY:

Charles W. Silver, KC8CDF of Ontonagon passed away Thursday, March 5, 2009 at Marquette General Hospital. He was born June 14, 1930 in New Jersey, son of the late Brooker and Rose (Gross) Silver. Charles graduated from the Lawrence Institute of Technology with a degree in electrical engineering. He was a veteran of the Korean War. During his time in the service he was a field wireman and pole linesman. Charles was united in marriage to Roberta Susan Day on June 28, 1958 in Detroit. They moved to Ontonagon in 1969. Charles worked at Michigan Bell Telephone Company, the White Pine Copper Mine in mine research and finally at Ontonagon Memorial Hospital in the maintenance department. He was also a licensed ham radio operator.. Charles is survived by his wife of 50 years Roberta, sons Scott and Robert W. Silver and 3 very special granddaughters Lauren, Natalie and Miranda Silver. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert Spencer Silver and sister Jane E. Silver. A memorial service is planned for the spring at the Riverside Cemetery and will be announced at a later date. The Cane Funeral Home is assisting the family. Friends may view Charles' obituary and leave condolences at canefuneralhome.com.

OFFICER ELECTIONS – THIS MEETING:

There was a single slate of officers as of the close of nominations. The motion to unanimously elect this slate passed on a voice vote. The new officers began their term at the end of the meeting; they are:

President: David Torrey, KD8GBH
Vice President: Rick Anderson, WA8JSF

Secretary: Rich Brooks, KB8FCX
Treasurer: Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF

The president thanked George, W8FWG for filling as Acting Secretary from Sept 2008 until March 2009.

Congratulations to the officers for dedicating their time to amateur radio in the Copper Country!

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:

The Secretary (Richard , KB8FCX) has sent out a preliminary copy to all members for your review. Bring your comments to the April meeting for final approval at the May meeting.

HAM LICENSES EXPIRING IN 2009:

KC8NPI John E. Dueweke Jr. 12/28/09

HAMFESTS:

AES in MILWAUKEE (Superfest)

April 3, 2009 (Friday) and April 4, 2009 (Saturday) in Milwaukee at AES, This is BIG one! Free admission * Manufacturer's representatives* Gordon West* Latest gear on display* Interesting forums* Local Clubs & Organizations* V.E. Testing* DXCC Card Checking* Fox Hunt* Prize Drawings* Grand Prize* Hot Food* Talk-in* Free parking/Shuttle Van* ARRL Sanctioned Event* 5710 W Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, WI 53223* Talk in N9LKH (145.130/144.530) PL 1217.3 Hz

SUPERIOR HAMFEST

May 2 the Superior, WI hamfest near Duluth. Lots of Vendors present!

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ARRL ANNOUNCES GOOD NEWS FOR ARRL AFFILIATED CLUBS:

For every "NEW" member we bring into the club, the club will be reimbursed \$15.00 from ARRL. For every renewal, the club gets \$2.00. You have to work through the CCRAA's Treasurer for the club to get these benefits. Please consider this if you wish to become an ARRL member, or if you wish to renew. It still costs you the same, but the club gets the benefit of the refund. [CCRAA "is" an Affiliated Club.]

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:43 pm EST.

OFFICER LISTING

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NEXT MEETING: May 5, 2009