

# 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

(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 February, 2009 meeting of the Copper Country Radio Amateur Association will be held on **Tuesday, FEBRUARY 3, 2009** Eastern Time at the Dollar Bay Firehall in Dollar Bay. It is located at 48649 Main Street in Dollar Bay.

## A FRIENDLY DUES REMINDER:

Dues to the CCRAA, Inc run from Jan1 until December 31 of the New Year. Please keep your membership up to date and enjoy the privileges of belonging to the CCRAA.

Benefits of CCRAA Membership are:

1. Free use of the autopatch
2. Direct (over-the-air access to 911 telephone service)
3. Clubhouse privileges
4. Advice from other amateurs on problems encountered
5. Learn of recent FCC Rule changes and keep current on the laws
6. Fellowship of other hams with common interests
7. Programs, describing new methods of communication
8. FREE reminder service of when you "ham" license will expire

## **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2009 MEETING**

The January 6, 2009 Meeting of the CCRAA, Inc was called to order by President Dave, KD8GBH at 7 pm EST. Self-Introductions followed showing 10 people present: they were: Visitor (Lori La Bell- daughter of KD8JAM), KD8JAM, K8YSZ, KB8XI, KB8FCX, N8WAV, WA8QNF, W8FWG, KD8GBH, W8ERB.

**MOTION:** By KB8XI, SECOND by N8WAV to accept the Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Dave, KD8GBH is still looking for ideas for club concerning growth, and more Programs.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

By Glenn, WA8QNF shows an ending balance in our Treasury of \$3845.13. Safety deposit box opened and revealed 2-VHS videos (club equipment at Osceola), Articles of Incorporation.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE: By Jack, N8WAV:**

Negaunee Swap-N-Shop, Feb. 7

Dog sled race on Feb 22. for those wishing to help – It's in Marquette

Tone boards for the Herman repeater have arrived, a check was presented to Chuck Savolainen, WB8FCY for them, by Jack, N8WAV, and they will be installed in the spring or summer of this year.

#### **PUBLICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS (No Report)**

#### **PROGRAMS (No Report)**

#### **RADIO OPERATIONS: (No report)**

#### **PROPERTY REPORT:**

All antennas are up, drive is plowed, we had a defective battery charger, and a new one was purchased to replace it for the Emergency battery power supply. We need some young bodies to remove the snow from the roof of the building as it is now about two-feet deep! Any volunteers? Emergency engine is run monthly.

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE: (No report)**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS: (None available)**

**V.E. REPORT:** (Glenn, WA8QNF)

There will be a V.E. Test on January 24, 2009, sponsored by CCRAA/HARC Clubs. It will be in Douglass Houghton Hall, Room G32 (Ballroom) New fee of \$15.00 as of January 1, 2009. This fee will hold for the entire year. Coffee and doughnuts at the test!

**OLD BUSINESS: (No Report)**

Constitutional By-Law Review it is a “WIP” (Work-In-Progress)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

From Walt, W8ERB. The Historical Society in Lake Linden has received the carillon from MTUJ and the museum has some electronic chassis and cabinets to give away. Contact Doug Mc Dougall at M-T-U.

Nominations for Officers during the months of January and February. At this January meeting it went like this:

For PRESIDENT: David Torrey (Motion By: KB8XI, Seconded by: N8WAV

PRESIDENT: Bill La Bell (Declined the nomination)

For VICE PRESIDENT: Richard Anderson Motion by W8ERB, Seconded by KB8XI

For SECRETARY: George Thurner, W8FWG (declined)

For SECRETARY: Richard Brooks : Motion by: N8WAV, Seconded by KB8XI

For TREASURER: Glenn Ekdahl, Motion by KB8XI, Seconded by N8WAV.

Nominations will kept open in February.

**WORLD RADIO NEWSPAPER ENDS:**

That is....the paper copy. It was bought out by CQ Magazine, and present subscribers to the World Radio Newspaper will now receive “CQ” (magazine) instead of the paper.

**HAM LICENSES EXPIRING IN 2009:**

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

KA3KSO Joan Z. Suits 05/06/09

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**HAM EXAMS:**

The next ham exam in our area will be : April 11, 2009 at Douglass Houghton Hall, in the Ballroom Main floor. Free Parking in Lot #8. Use entrance #9, SE corner of building in parking lot. Registration Fee (New for 2009) is **\$15.00**.

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### **BROCKWAY MTN 440 REPEATER REPORT:**

This repeater is up and running and is privately funded by Mike Musiel, K9SJ of Copper Harbor. It operates on 444.150 MHz (+) with the standard UHF offset of 5 MHz, and uses a PL tone of 107.2 Hz. Revisions continue with a better receiver and a better antenna system. Mike is now a resident of Copper Harbor, having moved there from Wisconsin. Give it a try. It works well! Thanks to Pasty.NET for allowing us to share their DC power source. Thanks to Charlie Hopper, KD8JAJ for his generosity.

### **KEWEENAW (CALUMET) REPEATER STATUS REPORT:**

Intermittent outages of the "315" repeater up on Mt. Horace Greeley has prompted the KCRA to start working on a spare "315." Bill, KD8JAM and Gary, K8YSZ will be reusing the old duplexers, power supply, and the two GM300 (Motorola) transceivers. This repeater will be a "bare-bones" type, meaning it will not have a controller, and you, the operator will not only have to give your own call sign, but you will to identify for the repeater also, saying..."This is K8MDH repeater." As this will be a temporary arrangement, there will be no autopatch, and no 911 capabilities. Provision will be made to operate it on direct current (car battery)....or from the commercial power line.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS?**

If you have a change of your residential address or your E-Mail address, please notify the Secretary of the club. If you know of someone missing the newsletter, please have them get it touch with the Secretary also. Thanks! If you are a "snowbird" (go away for the winter) please give us your winter address so that you can keep up on the goings-on, in our club. We'll be happy to send your copy to you at your winter address, and don't forget to notify us again, when you return, so you can continue receiving the "Landline."

### **NEGAUNEE "SWAP"**

February 7, 2009, First Saturday  
+ HARA Swap and Shop Negaunee, MI  
Club: Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association  
Location: Negaunee Township Hall 42 Hwy, M-35  
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Talk-in: 147.27 (+), (PL 100.0)  
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### **FREE E-MAIL ADDRESS FROM ARRL:**

If you are an ARRL member you can get a free E-Mail address like this: (Your call @ arrl.net) This is called a "reflector", and you must have a legitimate E-Mail address to start with. It is easier for us hams to remember because all of the suffixes are the same...i.e. "@arrl.net" If you send a message to say, George, W8FWG, with the address of [w8fwg@arrl.net](mailto:w8fwg@arrl.net) it first goes to Newington, CT, bounces off the "reflector" and comes back to your original E-Mail address. The advantage is, it is easier to

remember, and they've added extra protection recently, in the way of spam filtering, so you don't get a lot of "junk" mail coming to you. You can join by going to the arrl page at: [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) and signing up. It may take 24 hours to become activated (but usually it is less than that.) A good service from the ARRL.

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:**

At this writing I am showing 49 members in the CCRAA. We are planning a letter-writing campaign to bring back some of our former members who have been away from the club for one reason or another. We have a good organization and new officers have been installed as of last September, so we are naming our club, the "New CCRAA", and we hope that many of our former members will join us at our regular Tuesday meetings. If you know some of them, why not invite them along for this first meeting of the New Year? You'll be glad to you did! That meeting date again is....

**Tuesday, February 3, 2009.**

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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.

**DST IS COMING!**

Remember the old Boy Scout motto....."Be Prepared"? The U.S. congress made some changes in when it starts and when it ends. So, for 2009, here are the facts.

DST begins: March 8, 2009

DST ends: November 1, 2009

Keep these dates in mind!

**WINTER DRIVING REMINDER:**

We've got some very hazardous conditions this year, and we urge everyone to be very careful when operating mobile. It takes only one second distraction to have you lose control. At 60 mph your vehicle moves 88 feet in just one second. Many states have banned the use of cell phones while driving, or have modified the rule to have a hands-free type when driving. This could come to Michigan, and at this writing we don't know how us hams will be affected, but watch for changes to come! We'll let you know about the changes, when they come, either on the Wednesday or the Friday night nets, or via the "ham" newsletters.

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. The LANDLINE Editor is: George R. Thurner, and the Associate Editor is David O. Torrey, KD8GBH. If you have a question or a comment George can be reached at: (906) 337-2542 or Dave can be reached at: (906) 483-4885 or use the E-Mail addresses listed below to contact either of us. Complimentary copies are sent to other radio clubs in the U.P. of Michigan monthly. Please refer any delivery problems to the Editor (George R. Thurner) 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](http://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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**OUR POLICY:**

Members and Associate members will receive one copy per family of the "LANDLINE." If you hold a valid E-Mail address, an electronic copy will be sent to you at your E-Mail address. If you don't have an E-Mail address, you will receive the "LANDLINE" by USPS. This method saves both the club and the editor the time and expense of USPS deliveries. We welcome input from all club members, and your information should reach the editor's desk NLT than the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding this date. Your information may be edited for space in the "LANDLINE." The delivery date for the "LANDLINE" will be on or before the first of the month.. If the first Tuesday (Meeting night) happens to be on the first of the month, your copy will arrive approximately 3 to 5 days prior to the first. If you have a change of either E-Mail address or USPS address, please notify the Secretary of the club, in order to insure continuous coverage of the "Landline" to you. If you have any questions concerning this delivery, please contact the Secretary (George R. Thurner, W8FWG) at: (906) 337-2542 or to the E-Mail address of: [w8fwg@arrl.net](mailto:w8fwg@arrl.net)

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**NEXT MEETING: MAR. 3, 2009**  
**DOLLAR BAY FIRE HALL**  
**48649 Main St. TIME: 7:00 PM EDT**