

The LANDLINE

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OUR SYMPATHY:

With sadness:

With regret, we report the passing of Leonard F. Hartmann, KD5AHS. Leonard was a resident of San Antonio, TX, but had a summer home on Kearsarge Street in Laurium.

We report the passing of Henry Thurner (brother to W8FWG and N3AKQ). Henry, age 86, passed away on Friday, April 14, in the Bell Memorial Hospital in Ishpeming after a short illness. Funeral services were held on Monday April 17, 2006 from the Ryan Funeral Home in Calumet with the Rev. Kenneth Toth officiating.

Thank you:

Thank you, from the Thurner family, for all the condolences received with the passing of W8FWG's and N3AKQ's brother Henry, on Good Friday, April 14. Henry was 85 years of age, and lived in Negaunee.

SPEEDY RECOVERY:

Our best wishes to Roland, KB8XI, who just returned from the Mayo Clinic after surgery there. Roland, we hope you are up and around again soon!

Equipment Donation:

Our thanks to Paul, W9VLM, for the donation of the 2M Yaesu FT-1500M transceiver to Jeffers High School, it was delivered and turned over to Mr. Benda, the Physics teacher at the school on Friday April 14th. Thank you, Paul,that is a very generous gift to the school!

2006 Dayton, OHIO Hamvention

19-21 May 2006

Hara Area in the Dayton suburb of Trotwood, Ohio

U.P. HAM EXAM SCHEDULE FOR 2006

The 2006 schedule is posted on the CCRAA's Web page at: www.ccraa.net
Please note that some times are Central Time. Also note that PRE-REGISTRATION "IS" required for the Iron Range Club.

EXAM QUESTION POOLS UPDATE:

The Technician Class exam pool changes on July 1, 2006 and one other change is that there will be no circuit drawings in the new Tech. pool. The General changes on July 1, 2007, and the Extra on July 1, 2008. Some of these changes may be amended as the Morse code issue is still up in the air, and not decided upon as yet, by the FCC.

ARMY, AIR FORCE MARS ANNOUNCE LEADERSHIP Changes:

Past Army MARS Eastern Area Director Kathy Harrison has been appointed to take the reins of the Army Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) program. She succeeds Bob Sutton, N7UZY, who is recuperating from an illness. Lt Col Gregory Harris had been named in January to fill in during Sutton's absence; now it appears that Sutton will not be returning.

"While I will be getting up to speed on the MARS program over the next few weeks, I am hitting the ground running," Harrison said in an announcement to the MARS community. "I have been working with LTC Harris on MARS issues for the past few weeks and have not forgotten everything I learned during my tenure as eastern area director."

Harrison said MARS faces "many new challenges" over the next year in meeting its mission on a reduced budget, but she said she believes the organization is up to the task. Harrison inherits the AAA9A MARS call sign. Her appointment was effective March 21. Army MARS is headquartered at Ft Huachuca in Arizona.

Sutton retired from federal service April 3. His long career as a US Air Force communicator and his subsequent employment as a Department of the Army civilian employee spanned 46 years. Sutton was chief of Army MARS for 16 years. He says he plans to remain active in the program.

Meanwhile, Air Force Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) Chief Ray Collins, AGA3C, announced his retirement from federal service effective March 31 and said he'd be stepping down as chief of Air Force MARS. According to Collins's announcement, the chief's position will remain vacant for a while.

In the interim, Collins said, regional MARS directors will take over issuing and signing MARS licenses for new and renewing members as well as many other duties. The Air Force MARS office is located at the Headquarters of the Air Force Communications Agency (AFCA), Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

Howard F. Klann (KD8ABP)
AAR5XP/T

KCRA REPEATER:

The "315" (KCRA Repeater) was off the air, from late Wednesday April 26, 2006 because of a defective transmitter. The problem was cleared and returned to service on Saturday, April 29, 2006. Thanks to Howard (KD8ABP) and George, (W8FWG) for the work done to put it back on the air.

THANK YOU:

Our thanks to Anderson Communications of Marquette for getting the transmitter of the KCRA repeater repaired and back in service in record time. They received it on Friday, April 28th, 2006 and it was repaired immediately and sent back to us, arriving at noon on Saturday, April 29th, 2006. Thanks to the quick work of "Gary" at Anderson Comm. and special thanks to Fred Anderson, N8BTS, for his promptness in mailing it back to us. The repeater was put back into service late Saturday afternoon, April 29, 2006. Many people missed it, and were glad to have it back working again! Thanks Gary and Fred!

K.C.R.A. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Our sister club, the Keweenaw County Repeater Association, Inc. will hold its meeting on **Wednesday, July 12, 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.

Minutes of Last Meeting;**COPPER COUNTRY RADIO AMATEUR ASSOCIATION****APRIL 4, 2006**

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

Treasury Balance-\$2807.79.

Jack-N8WAV reported there was an almost search.

New programs chair-Doug-N8KSO.

U.P. Directory. George reported it is sold out. New copies are being printed.

Radio Operations-George reported. Transceivers at Herman and Hancock will be hooked up first.. The club house 70 cm. radio is inoperative.. The dual band antenna has been repaired, so packet is ok.

A motion by Doug-N8KSO to pay Brandon \$50.00 for work he has performed, was seconded by Ron-W8ILS.

This was passed by a unanimous vote.

VE REPORT. George, W8FWG: Exams will be held at Wadsworth Hall, April 8.

EDUCATION-needs a new chair.

A motion by Doug-N8KSO, 2nd by Paul-W8VLM, to accept bids from members present at meeting for surplus property was passed unanimously.

FIELD DAY-Doug - N8KSO reported the site is not picked yet. Sites being considered are Lake Linden and Quincy Mine.

SURPLUS PROPERTY POLICY. After a long discussion, a motion by Doug-N8KSO, 2nd-Paul-W8VLM. To accept, was passed by 11-yes with 1-no.

LIABILITY INSURANCE- George reported-one year coverage would be \$350.00. Tabled for now.

Paul-W9VLM-donated a radio for use by the South Range new ham class. It is a Yaesu FT1500.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy-N8ZBJ

Next meeting Tuesday May 2, 2006, Osceola Club House, 7:00pm

Directions: Just follow Tower Road (2 miles south of Calumet, or one-tenth of a mile north of the Calumet Golf Course Road.) Tower Road is located on the west side of Highway U.S. 41, between the new Michigan State Police Post and the Northwoods Christian Assembly Church.

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