

The Landline

Newsletter of the
Copper Country Radio Amateur Association, Inc.
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CCRAA-Hancock Repeater: 146.880 MHz ...CCRAA- Herman Repeater: 146.670 MHz
KCRA-Calumet Repeater: 147.315 MHz [All three repeaters require a PL of 100.0 Hz]
146.520 MHz Nationwide SIMPLEX

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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. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE, THIS MONTH ONLY, DUE TO THE FIRE HALL NOT BEING AVAILABLE AS IT IS AN ELECTION PRECINCT.**

The November , 2008 meeting of the Copper Country Radio Amateur Association will be held on **Thursday, November 6**, Eastern Time at the Dollar Bay Firehall in Dollar Bay. Osceola. It is located at 48649 Main Street in Dollar Bay.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2008 MEETING

The October 7, 2008 Meeting of the CCRAA, Inc was held at the Dollar Bay Firehall and opened at 7:03 PM EDT. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Paul Christensen, W9VLM, our Treasurer of many years. Since there were no objections to the Agenda that was presented they were approved a motion by Walt (W8ERB) and seconded by Roland (KB8XI). The motion carried, unanimously. With the printing of the minutes in the "Landline" it wasn't necessary to read them, and a motion by Paul (KC8FLK) and a second by Doug (N8KSO) the motion carried unanimously.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS:

The following were present at this meeting: W8FWG, K6IPC, W8RAP, K8YSZ, KB8XI, KD8CGA, KD8JAM, KD8ABP, KC8FLK, KC8VEU, KD8FPN, N8KSO, KC8BST,N8WAV, W8ERB, WA8JSF, KB8FCX.

AGENDA: Motion to approve this agenda by W8ERB, 2nd by KB8XI and the motion carried unanimously

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved as read. Motion: By KC8FLK, 2nd by N8KSO Motion passed unanimously

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Dave, (KD8GBH) indicated that he visited with the mother of Paul M. Christensen, and expressed condolences on behalf of the club. At that time he received the Treasurer’s info (Via George, W8FWG) and the key to the Dollar Bay Post Office.

A shortened version of the Treasurer’s Report then was presented by President Dave, showing the club to have: \$3854.33 (A \$42 change from last month)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SERVICE: By Jack, N8WAV.....”It’s going smoothly.”

PUBLICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS: No report from Jack (KC8NPI)

DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMS: It was decided to have programs as a winter series, at the Dollar Bay Fire Hall. Howard, KD8ABP is looking into the new programs available from either ARRL, or other sources.

PROGRAMS: Vacant, but an offer from Howard, KD8ABP to take on the job as Chairman from now on, for that committee. Honored !

RADIO OPERATIONS: (WB8FCY absent) but reported by George, W8FWG.

The Herman tower will not be coming down in the near future, perhaps in 3 to 5 years. UPPCO has new transceivers and the autopatch trouble at Hancock now seems to have disappeared. A power company contact from Green Bay, WI showed no problem at the KCRA site, and they tested the autopatch problem at Hancock and didn’t find it. Jack, (N8WAV) offered to pay for output tone-boards of 100.0 Hz for the “88” and “67.” repeaters, and this information was passed on to the Chief of Radio Operations on October 8, 2008, and was told he could order the parts needed.

PROPERTY REPORT: Clubhouse is in good shape. A 25 inch SONY TV set plus a GE VHS Recorder were donated to the club by George and Virginia Thurner (W8FWG and YF). They will be used for Educational projects at the club site at Osceola. With October being Fire Prevention Month, the two fire extinguishers were checked and found to be in good order.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Vacant (No report)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

V.E. REPORT (Glenn, WA8QNF) absent, but this was reported by Geo., W8FWG. At the Saturday, October 4, 2008 exam at MTU we had three applicants. One upgrade to General, and 2 upgrades to Extra.

OLD BUSINESS: Constitution and By-Law Review: One more added: Rick (WA8JSF). The 3-member team of Walt (W8ERB), Paul (KC8FLK) and Rick (WA8JSF) will be rewriting the Constitution and the By-Laws, and presenting it to the membership for ratification.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

A special event commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the Quincy Mine Shaft #2 Rockhouse, was held on Sept 16 & 17 1600-2000 Z. The Lake Effect ARC of Marquette was here hosting this event and it operated for two days, with the call sign of W8Q (For Quincy) KD8ABP and other local hams visited the site.

NEW BUSINESS: a). With the untimely passing of Paul M. Christensen, W9VLM, (our former Treasurer) we need to elect a new Treasurer. By unanimous vote Glenn P. Ekdahl, **WA8QNF** was elected as the new Treasurer.

b). Ideas for growth and programming was asked for by the President and a discussion followed.

ESTATE SALE:

The following is offered as a sale of used “ham” equipment from the late Dale Peterson, NV8P of Kearsarge, MI

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| Kenwood TM2550A 2M transceiver..... | \$150.00 |
| Kenwood MC-60 microphone..... | \$100.00 |
| Kenwood MS-4-8 Speaker..... | \$ 50.00 |
| Six-outlet power strip..... | \$ 10.00 |
| Bearcat BC-210XLT radio scanner..... | \$ 35.00 |
| Bearcat BC-220 radio scanner..... | \$ 30.00 |
| Station Clock..... | \$ 10.00 |
| Cassette Recorder..... | \$ 25.00 |
| Hallicrafters SX-100 Receiver..... | \$300.00 |
| Total:..... | \$705.00 |

A 10% Discount is offered if you buy all of the items listed
Your final price:.....\$634.50

Call George Thurner at (906) 337-2542 or E-Mail: w8fwg@arrl.net

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome: Joshua A. Myles, **KC8VEU** of Calumet; Nancy L. Banfield, **KD8FPN** of Houghton; and Todd B. Berg, **N8JWT** of Rapid River.

RENEWALS: RECEIVED:

From: K8YSZ, Dianne Hansen, KD8CGA, W8RAP.

Errata#1: An error crept in on the E-Mail address for our Vice President, Richard Anderson. The correct address is: wa8jsf@arrl.net

Errata#2: A correction to Richard Bardos’ call and name was made. His call sign was corrected to show K6IPC (Not K8IPC), and his middle initial corrected to show “L.”

HAM EXAMS:

The next ham exam in our area will be : A special one to be put on for the HARC club, and others are invited too. Time: 9:00AM EDT...Place: Douglass Houghton Hall at M-T-U; Room G32 (Ballroom) Entrance #9, Houghton, MI. Call Glenn, WA8QNF at (906) 482-7743 if you have questions.

MOTION:

To adjourn by Roland, KB8XI and 2nd by Roy, WB8ZL, and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm EDT.

LSPR REPORT: [Lake Superior Performance Rally]

We thank the following amateurs for taking part in providing safety communications for this event.

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| KC8AIA | Ron Gnadinger | Hancock, | MI | |
| K5ANA | Edwin Maklenburg | Milford, | MI | |
| KD0BFS | Randall Rick | Rochester, | MN | |
| KD0BFT | Rebekah Rick | Eagan, | MN | |
| KC8BST | Joanne Polzien | Calumet, | MI | Chief of Hospitality |
| N8BTS | Fred Anderson | Marquette, | MI | |
| KD8CFZ | Mark Szaroletta | Houghton, | MI | Chief of Scoring |
| KD8CGA | Dave Sheffer | Ahmeek, | MI | |
| KD8CSE | Roger Reini | Westland, | MI | |
| N8CSF | Tom Boost | Copper Harbor, | MI | |
| KC8DMD | Charles Groh | Roscommon, | MI | |
| KC0DME | Jerome Erickson | Minnetonka, | MN | |
| KD0EEG | Jason Beck | Fargo, | ND | |
| KD8ELJ | Jonathan Welters | Mio, | MI | |
| KD8ELL | Edmond | Newport, | MI | |
| KD8FCA | Mark Buskirk | Dorr, | MI | |
| KB8FCX | Richard Brooks Jr. | Chassell, | MI | |
| N8FHF | Howard Junkin | Hancock, | MI | |
| KC8FLO | Paul Sulisz | Houghton, | MI | |
| W8FWG | George Thurner | Laurium, | MI | Official Observer |
| KD8GBH | Dave Torrey | Dollar Bay, | MI | |
| K8GKD | Luke Sanner | Houghton, | MI | |
| KC8GKH | Lyn Nelson | Marquette, | MI | Safety Steward |
| N0GNO | Kerry Freund | Minneapolis, | MN | |
| N0GQA | Thomas Nelson | Bothell, | WA | |
| KC9HPL | Stephen Warren | Allenton, | WI | |
| KC8IIG | Dale Dewald | Hancock, | MI | |
| KC0IJB | Linda Jacobson | Bloomington, | MN | |
| KC0IOB | Erick Nelson | New Brighton, | MN | |
| N8ITH | Tim Smigowski | Rapid River, | MI | |
| KD8JAK | Henry Doust | Houghton, | MI | |
| KD8JAM | Bill La Bell | Allouez, | MI | |

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| KC9JKT Peter Tomich | Park Falls, | WI | |
| KC9KKT Tod Salfai | De Pere, | WI | |
| N8KSO Doug Polzien | Lake Linden, | MI | NCS-Chief-of-Communications |
| KC0LJS John Lewis | Fridley, | MN | |
| KC9MDT Kyle Persohn | Nashotah, | WI | |
| KC0MLW Joseph Anthes | St. Louis, | MO | |
| KC8MMU Kirk Yarina | Chassell, | MI | |
| KC0NIB William Huston | St. Cloud, | MN | |
| N0NUN Bruce Weinman | Minneapolis, | MN | |
| N0OEO Karen Freund | Minneapolis, | MN | |
| KA8OQF Charles Cotterman | Dayton, | OH | |
| N0OVB Beryl Burton | Minneapolis, | MN | |
| KD8PLQ Kevin DeLoughary | Ishpeming, | MI | |
| KC8PMD John Topping | Flint, | MI | Chief of Controls |
| KB7QGM Peter Berkley | Cheyenne, | MI | |
| N8RFB Dean Rushford | Ishpeming, | MI | Reg. Rally Chair |
| KC2RKG Dean Croucher | Newark, | NY | |
| KC2RKH Merideth Croucher | Newark, | NY | |
| N8RRY Elmer Reinhart | Negaunee, | MI | Chief of Emg Services |
| KC8SEY Guy Batterson | Bowling Green, | OH | |
| KD0SYU Bill Taylor | Duluth, | MN | |
| KC0TND Harry Lofgren | St. Paul, | MN | Chief Scruntineer |
| KB8TOT Scott Hiltunen | Dollar Bay, | MI | |
| KC0TPU Stephen Gingrass | Elk River, | MN | Event Steward |
| KC8TRV Todd Arney | Houghton, | MI | |
| KC0UOJ Joseph Rick | LaPorte, | MN | |
| KC0URN Gene Grueschow | Minnetonka, | MN | |
| KB8VEP Paul Moore | L'Anse, | MI | |
| WB0VHF Edward Jacobson | Bloomington , | MN | |
| KA8VTK Bruce Beauvais | Greenville, | MI | |
| N8WAV Jack Swift | Houghton, | MI | |
| KB0WDQ Paul Athles | Hopkins, | MN | |
| N8WGS Scott Carlborn | Houghton, | MI | NCS-National Rally |
| KC8WRZ Adam Van Damme | Ann Arbor, | MI | |
| N8XJS Dale Junkin | Lake Linden, | MI | |
| AA8YF Ted Trudgeon | Ewen, | MI | |
| KC8YMR Andrew Diepen | Eau Claire, | WI | |
| KB8YNF Jim Bialas | Houghton, | MI | Rallymaster |
| KA8YQY Sue Beauvais | Greenville, | MI | |
| Dallas Bond | | | Press/Media |
| Ben Bradley | | | Operations Steward |
| Sue Martens | | | Chief Registrar |

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.”

SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE KCRA

ECHOLINK COMING TO THE “315” repeater!

Q1: What is “Echolink”

A1: The best way to “learn all about it is to “Google it”, and put in “Echolink: That will take you to the main page whose URL is: www.echolink.org and most of your questions will be answered there.

Q2. What is needed to use Echolink?

A2. A few things:

- a. You must be a licensed radio “ham.”
- b. A computer
- c. A microphone
- d. A sound card in your computer.

Q3. Is it legal?

A3. Yes, it is legal

Q4. Will I have to sign up for it?

A4. Yes, initially you will have to sign up, and you will be assigned a “Node” number

Q5. What do you mean by a “Node” number”

A5. Depending upon “when” you signed up you will receive a four, five or six digit “ID”, (Mine...W8FWG..... is “4401.”

Q6. Who may then come into the repeater once it gets connected?

A6. Almost anyone....anywhere in the world, who is a ham, can connect!

Q7. Won’t that be a costly venture for the club adding more equipment to our repeater?

A7. Not at all! All we need is a dedicated transceiver that will be tuned to the Calumet (Keweenaw) repeater and a high-speed Internet connection at someone’s home, and no new equipment is needed at the repeater site at all!

Q8. Wow! That sounds to good to be true, but where ware we going to get the extra transceiver, antenna system, and high-speed Internet connection?

A8. This was already figured out at the October 8, 2008 meeting of the KCRA. They are short on 2M transceiver at this point, and are looking for one to complete this installation., and Bill, KD8JAM is

donating the use of his high-speed Charter computer line, and Dave, KD8GBH, along with the other two gentlemen is helping with the technical details of hooking it up.

Q9. Sounds wonderful! When can we start using it, once we get our ham stations connected?

A9. No target date has been set, it is a “WIP” at this point.....a “work-in-progress” and as soon as these hams get together, and get it hooked up, I’ll be sending out a special bulletin to all club members of the KCRA, the CCRAA, ,and the other 26 clubs in Michigan, so at least the “Yoopers” will know about it. We encourage our HF operators to “spread the word”...and that way, we will be “Open to the world!”

Q10. What if we have some undesirable person connect that we don’t want, can we exclude them?

A10. Yes, there is a function to do that.

Q11. What about overseas stations, can we eliminate certain call areas?

A11. Yes, that also can be done.

NEXT MEETING : Will be **THURSDAY**, (Not Tuesday !) Nov. 6, 2008 at the Dollar Bay Fire Hall at 7 pm Eastern Time.

HAM INFO:

Here is a Web site that provides pinout information for virtually any amateur radio out there, and then some.

Info is included not only for the radio, but for various mikes that are available for them. It may take a while to fully load up ... there is lots of data. A great resource.

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/rg4wpw/date.html>

Roland, KB8XI

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NEXT MEETING: December 2, 2008

TIME: 7:00 PM EDT

ADDENDUM:

AUTOPATCH/AUTODIAL:

This information for both the Hancock and the Keweenaw autopatch system is listed as a separate attachment to this newsletter.

