

The Landline

Newsletter of the
Copper Country Radio Amateur Association, Inc.
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- FULL MEMBERSHIP: Amateur Radio Operators \$10.00/Year**
- ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: (Non-Amateur) \$10.00/Year**
- FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: (All family members under one household \$15.00/Year)**

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 September meeting of the Copper Country Radio Amateur Association will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, EDT at the CCRAA Clubhouse, The Fire Lane is 1702 Tower Rd and the 911 address is 25103E Tower Rd.**

PICNIC MEETING

The September 1 meeting will be a picnic type with hot dogs and other goodies being served along with liquid refreshments. A short business meeting will follow, and a “walk-thru” the club house and surrounding property will be conducted by George, W8FWG to familiarize our members with the clubhouse and where to find, and operate the equipment. If you have questions, be prepared to “field” them to George for answers. Now is the time, not in an emergency situation, to know where the equipment is located and how to turn it on, and use it!

MINUTES OF THE CCRAA MEETING OF TUESDAY, August 4, 2009 CCRAA MEETING: Held August 4, 2009 at the Dollar Bay Fire Hall

The meeting came to order at 7:00 There were sixteen in attendance including the president and secretary.

The treasurer was not there and did not send a report.

George, W8FWG reported the two broken items at the clubhouse, wire antenna and LP gas gage, were fixed. Also, window shades were installed. KD8CGA helped George with the fixing and installing.

George also reported on two communications he had the past month. First, Jack Dueweke strongly suggested “use it or loose it” regarding the club’s clubhouse. Second, it is becoming more and more evident that the DNR wants to remove its tower at Herman.

Discussion followed regarding both. Regarding the clubhouse – sixteen attending a meeting at the clubhouse would be a tight fit, but it was decided to do it in September. The previous summer format will be followed – picnic before meeting, short meeting but adding a demonstration of clubhouse equipment after. The clubhouse situation involves dealing with Houghton County (Herman means dealing with the state).

Herman site (67) offers somewhat more complex problems. It has been said that the tower will come down in September or October. Perhaps a dozen or more entities make use of the Herman tower. At one time the CCRAA paid one month’s electric bill each year (about \$150) but that hasn’t been done in many years. No action was taken but it was agreed that something should be.

(Editor’s Update: Jack Dueweke, KC8NPI, EC for Houghton County reports he has heard nothing to date, concerning the razing of the Herman tower.)

A new repeater is operating at the clubhouse on 442.550 MHz. There is a +5 MHz (+) split and no PL tone.

Mention was made that there would be a gun show in Calumet and that the KCRA might take part but no CCRAA action was taken.

Some information was gathered regarding a CCRAA “swap and shop” this fall in Chassell but no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39. Submitted by: Richard Brooks, KB8FCX, Secretary, 1-906-201-0849

COPPERMAN TRIATHLON:

This triathlon consisting of swimming, bicycling, and running, had 316 registrants, with the ham radio operators and firemen of the Copper Harbor area helping with communications. This year with the addition of the new K9SJ repeater (operating on 70 cm [440 MHz]), and the use of the new 800 MHz band (K8YSZ now has a handheld unit, and it was used) the communications worked flawlessly. We'd like to give credit to CCRAA "Hams" who took part: Thank you to the Ham Radio Volunteers who helped with the 2009 Copperman communications. CCRAA members that took part either relaying traffic, or who took part in any way were: W8FWG, KD8CGA, K8YSZ, KD8JAM, WB8WKN, KA3KSO.)

(This note (below).... from race organizer for the radio hams, , Dick Powers, KA8L of Copper Harbor.)

"This years communications net was the largest ever and I think it generally worked very Well. The use of Mike Musiel's 440 repeater (K9SJ), was a welcome addition to our capabilities.

Terry Smythe, the Race Director, is always very grateful to the speed in which we can answer her questions about competitors and race conditions. She tells me there were 316 Contestants registered this year. There were no injuries reported and only a request for three bicycle pickups. Thanks again for you help."

Dick Powers
KA8L

ANTENNA REPAIRED:

Our doublet antenna at Osceola (Clubhouse) sustained minor damage to its feedline, due to high winds that we had during the month of June. It was repaired by Dave, KD8CGA and George, W8FWG during mid-July. Also: Two window shades were installed by Dave, KD8CGA. Thanks, Dave!

ALARM SYSTEM REPAIRED: Dave, KD8CGA replaced a defective switch on the outer door of the clubhouse, so when you enter now, you are going to hear the alarm sound, and it must be cancelled in the usual manner. All three doors of the clubhouse are now alarmed, as is the door to the "green building" (West). The Alarm transmitter is located at the club....the alarm receiver is located at the home of the caretaker, W8FWG.

IC-740 TROUBLE:

Our HF rig at the clubhouse is giving some trouble, while it is still working it needs attention. K8YSZ has consented to fix the problem. It is a "light contact" on two of the function switches on the front panel, a minor repair, so I'll be taking that rig out of service for a day or two. If you find it missing, don't be alarmed! It will be fixed!

WELCOME BACK!

We welcome Stan, WB8QJZ back into the CCRAA. He is now retired from MTU, and living in Lake Linden. Stan was once the President of the CCRAA. Glad to have you back in the fold, Stan!

A REQUEST FROM W8FWG:

At the August meeting it was mentioned that it would be good if someone could operate W8CDZ (our club station at Osceola), on the “88” repeater each Wednesday night to “exercise” the equipment we have, and to be sure it is working. W8FWG (George) followed up on this suggestion and did operate the very next day from the clubhouse. I am looking for volunteers to continue this operation in the future. I have a scheduling calendar on the table, and would like to have at least five people to help out with this project. You would have to serve only once per month, and this net runs only about 10 minutes. Please call George, W8FWG at 337-2542 or E-Mail at: w8fwg@arrrl.net if you can help. Yours truly (W8FWG) has done this three times now.....are there any other helpers?

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NEXT MEETING: October 6, 2009

Osceola Clubhouse 1702 Tower Rd

(Behind the Mich. State Police Post)

CCRAA STATISTICS:

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)

70cm Repeater:

Calumet (Osceola)..... 442.550 MHz + 5 Mhz , (No PL tone)

Copper Harbor (Brockway Mtn) 444.150 MHz + 5 MHz, (PL tone of 107.2)

146.520 MHz Nationwide SIMPLEX (Calling frequency only)

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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LAST	FIRST	M.I.	CALL	CL	CITY	ST	NUMBER
Anderson	Richard	J	WA8JSF	E	Calumet	MI	1
Anderson	Walter	T	W8ERB	E	Houghton	MI	
Babbit	Tom	J	W8KQB	T	Pelkie	MI	
Banfield	Nancy	L	KD8FPN	T	Houghton	MI	
Bardos	Richard	L	K6IPC	A	Calumet	MI	5
Berg	Todd	B	N8JWT	E	Escanaba	MI	
Bixby	Howard	H	KD9CW	A	Houghton	MI	
Brooks	Jon	A	KC8FUS	T	Chassell	MI	
Brooks	Richard	E	KB8FCX	P	Chassell	MI	
Burgan	Roland	B	KB8XI	E	Hancock	MI	10
Callon	James	M	KB8SKC	G	S.S.Marie	MI	
Carlborn	Scott	D	N8WGS	T+	Houghton	MI	
Crider	Cecil		WE8D	E	Calumet	MI	
Diepen	Andrew	J	KC8YMR	T	Hancock	MI	
Djerf	Edwin	R	WB8CBA	A	Calumet	MI	15
Dueweke Jr.	John	E	KC8NPI	T	Hancock	MI	
Ekdahl	Glenn	P	WA8QNF	E	Hancock	MI	
Fitzpatrick	Vernon	A	WA8OIK	G	Beaverton	MI	
Gariepy	Francis	R	KC8EKW	T	Dollar Bay	MI	
Hansen	Dianne	R	NONE	NONE	Ahmeek	MI	20
Hansen	Gary	L	K8YSZ	E	hmeek	MI	
Heltunen	Thomas	J	N8GPM	A	Houghton	MI	
Hopper	Charles	R	KD8JAJ	T	Eagle River	MI	
Hopper	Jonathan	R	AB8WU	E	Eagle River	MI	
Hopper	Kristiina		KD8DYN	T	Eagle River	MI	25
Johnson	Charyl	A	W8QLT	E	Laurium	MI	
Johnson	Terry	L	W8FMR	G	Laurium	MI	
Kangas	Andrew	C	N8ZBJ	T	Hancock	MI	
Karjalainen	Raimo		W4KAR	A	Lake Worth	FL	
Kemppainen	Daniel	R	N8XJK	E	Calumet	MI	30
Kemppainen	John	H	N8BFL	E	Chassell	MI	
Kemppainen	Lisa	M	KB8VZU	T	Chassell	MI	
Klann	Howard	F	KD8ABP	G	Calumet	MI	
La Bell	Chris		NONE	NONE	Allouez	MI	
La Bell	Lori		NONE	NONE	Allouez	MI	35
La Bell	William	R	KD8JAM	G	Allouez	MI	
LaMuth	Stanley	F	WB8QJZ	G	Lake Linden	MI	
Mac Dougal	Barry	J	KD0DHD	T	Duluth	MN	
Myles	Josh	A	KC8VEU	T	Calumet	MI	
Peltoniemi	Roy	A	W8RAP	A	Dollar Bay	MI	40
Pratt	Cliff		VA3CLF	Basic	Th. Bay	ON	
Savela	Ronald	M	W8ILS	G	Calumet	MI	
Savolainen	Aleda	M	KC8EKX	T	Lake Linden	MI	
Savolainen	Charles	F	WB8FCY	E	Lake Linden	MI	
Suits	Bryan	H	WB8WKN	E	Houghton	MI	45
Suits	Joan	Z	KA3KSO	P	Houghton	MI	
Tembreull	John	P	KD8DKG	E	L'Anse	MI	

Thurner	George	R	W8FWG	E	Laurium	MI	48
Thurner	Virginia	C	Assoc.	-	Laurium	MI	
Torrey	David	O	KD8GBH	G	Hancock	MI	50
Troumbly	Arthur	R	K8ET	E	Ishpeming	MI	
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