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E-Spotter Report: www.crh.noaa.gov/espotter/
PACKET RADIO CHANNEL: 145.090 MHz.
PACKET APRS WX: 144.390 MHz
INTERNET: www.wxspots.com
MARQUETTE NWS: wx8mqt-1 (Use 145.090 Mhz Packet radio - AX.25)
PACKET LINK: [Digipeater] c cmxlan.....c kwnw.....c wx8mqt-1 (AX.25 Packet)
SPOTTER'S LINK TO NWS: 1-800-828-8002 (Spotter's only):

NOAA WX HOME PAGE IN MARQUETTE: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mqt/>
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The following hams checked in to the SKYWARN NET during the month of June, 2009. Those marked with an "*" are placed on the Honor Roll, having checked in all 4 weeks of this month:

CALLSIGN	NAME	TOWN	NR OF CHECK-INS
KC8FSO	John	South Range	1
*W8FWG	George	Laurium	4
KD8GBH	David	Dollar Bay	2
*K9GIR	Dennis	Eagle Harbor	4
*K8HRO	Randy	L'Anse	4
N8HZH	Jon	Dodgeville	2
KD8JAM	Bill	Allouez	3
W8KQB	Tom	Elo	3
KD8LMV		Negaunee	1
WX8MQT	Bill	Negaunee	2
KC8OCK	Al	Ontonagon	1
N8PUM	Brandon	Ishpeming	1
WB8RVK	John	Ontonagon	1
W8UXG	Bob	Ontonagon	2
KC8VMV	Richard	Houghton	1
KC8YDU	Mark	Hancock	2
*K8YSZ	Gary	Bumbletown	3

WELCOME NEW CHECK-IN:

We welcome Nicholas, KD8LMV of Negaunee to our SKYWARN net. Thanks for checking in Nicholas, and we hope you will check in often.

RIP CURRENT AWARENESS WEEK:

With summer vacation on the horizon, NOAA and the National Park Service are alerting beach-goers to the threat of rip currents and how to prevent drowning from their strong and potentially fatal grip.

Rip currents are the leading surf hazard, claiming more than 100 lives per year nationally. For that reason, NOAA and NPS are teaming up to sponsor Rip Current Awareness Week, June 7-13, with the theme Break the Grip of the Rip®.

Rip currents are narrow channels of fast-moving water that pull swimmers away from the shore. Moving at speeds of up to eight feet per second, rip currents are surprisingly strong and swift. They account for more than 80 percent of the tens of thousands of rescues performed by beach lifeguards in the United States annually.

"Before going into the water, check the rip current outlook, swim on guarded beaches and know how to escape a rip current's grip," said Jack Hayes, Ph.D., director of NOAA's National Weather Service. "Doing so can save your life."

If you are caught in a rip current, swim in a direction following the shoreline. When free of the current, swim at an angle away from the current toward shore. Swimmers who try to swim against a rip current straight back to shore often fail to overcome its strength, risking exhaustion and drowning.

Life guards rescue victim from rip current.

"Every year, more than 75 million visitors come to swim, fish, snorkel, scuba dive, boat and enjoy the wildlife and majestic scenery in the coastal areas of our National Park System," said Dan Wenk, acting director of the National Park Service. "The National Park Service has a long partnership with NOAA and its National Weather Service to enhance our ability to provide visitors with the latest information on water safety."

Rip currents can form at all surf beaches so keep these safety tips in mind:

Check for surf zone forecasts online;

- . Look for signs and flags posted to warn about rip currents;
- . Do not swim against a rip current;
- . Escape rip currents by swimming in a direction following the shoreline until you are free of the rip current;
- . Never swim alone.

“Sea Grant and the National Weather Service have placed rip current signs in English and Spanish on ocean and Great Lakes beaches throughout the nation to warn swimmers of the dangers posed by this hazard. It is critical that all beach-goers know how to identify a rip current, and that they know what to do if they are caught in one,” said Leon M. Cammen, Ph.D., director of NOAA's National Sea Grant College Program.

NOAA understands and predicts changes in the Earth’s environment, from the depths of the oceans to the surface of the sun, and conserves and manages our coastal and marine resources.

Break the Grip of the Rip is a registered trademark of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(Credit is given to NOAA weather service)

FIRE WEATHER OUTLOOK:

DAY 1 FIRE WEATHER OUTLOOK
NWS STORM PREDICTION CENTER NORMAN OK
0219 AM CDT SUN JUN 28 2009

VALID 281200Z - 291200Z

...NO CRITICAL AREAS...

...SYNOPSIS...

THE JUXTAPOSITION FOR LARGE SCALE SUPPORTIVE FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND RECEPTIVE FUELS WILL REMAIN LIMITED TODAY. A SEASONABLY STRONG CLOSED LOW OVER ONTARIO/UPPER GREAT LAKES MOVE SLOWLY SEWD AS A MID-UPPER ANTICYCLONE RETROGRADES WWD FROM THE SRN HIGH PLAINS TOWARDS THE DESERT SW. AT THE SURFACE...A COLD FRONT WILL MOVE EWD ACROSS MUCH OF THE ERN U.S. WITH THE TRAILING PORTION STALLING OVER TX. SEASONABLY MORE MILD TEMPS AND TRANQUIL CONDITIONS WILL BE OVER MUCH OF THE MIDWEST AS HIGH PRESSURE MOVES INTO THE REGION. FURTHER W...SURFACE CYCLOGENESIS INVOF ALBERTA/SASKATCHEWAN WITH A PRESSURE TROUGH EXTENDING SWD INTO MT WILL FAVOR A DOWNSLOPE REGIME...PARTICULARLY IN N-CNTRL MT. UNRECEPTIVE

FUELS--PER LOCAL OFFICE COORDINATION--SUGGEST THAT THE GUSTY WINDS/MARGINALLY LOW RH THREAT WILL BE MITIGATED. VERY HOT/DRY CONDITIONS WILL RESIDE ACROSS PARTS OF THE W COAST.

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APRS CHANGES:

Some recent changes were made (call signs only) to the Copper Country APRS stations (Automatic Position Reporting System). The changes were made for the betterment and continued operation of these systems. ARRL insurance will cover these stations under one policy listed with the Keweenaw County Repeater Association. Howard (KD8ABP) and George (W8FWG) have donated their equipment to the Keweenaw County Repeater Association and this change becomes effective with a motion that is carried by the KCRA, Inc.

OLD CALL SIGN	NEW CALLSIGN	LOCATION	COUNTY
KD8ABP-7	K8MDH-1	Mt. Horace Greeley	Keweenaw
W8FWG-6	K8MDH-2	Herman	Baraga
W8FWG-8	K8MDH-3	Calumet	Houghton
W8FWG-7	K8MDH-4	Ontonagon (Green)	Ontonagon *

- Pending

All of these changes need ratification by the members of the KCRA at their July 15, 2009 meeting.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY:

Have a Safe, and Happy Fourth-of-July, and we'll see you all back here, next month. Enjoy the sun, (as long as it lasts!) and don't forget the sun-screen if outdoors for any length of time. Observe boating safety too, and carry a NOAA Weather Radio with you at all times.

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George and Virginia Thurner