

# KCRA Newsletter

Keweenaw County Repeater Association, Inc.

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## “Michigan’s Northernmost VHF-FM Voice Repeater”

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The Second Quarterly meeting of the KCRA was called to order at 1900 hours EDT by President Gary Hansen, K8YSZ, Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at the home of Gary and Dianne Hansen on Bumbletown Hill, in Keweenaw County, 1108 Bumbletown Rd. in Keweenaw County.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** President Gary Hansen, K8YSZ. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Bill La Bell (KD8JAM) and **Secretary & NL Editor** George (W8FWG)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Howard (KD8ABP), Vance (KC8RGO) and **Associate Members:** Diane Hansen, Virginia Thurner and Karen La Bell.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Read.....shows “Holding our own.”

**FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE KCRA FOR THE MONTH OF April, 2013**

Beginning Balance.....	\$ 800.14
Deposits.....	\$ 730.53
Ending Balance.....	\$1,030.33

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:** Given by Gary, K8YSZ: Repeater is operating normally.

**A/T COMMITTEE REPORT:** All 4<sup>th</sup> floor equipment will be moved into the room formerly held by the National Park Service. (This room provided us by: “Rob” WB8ZPN of the Park Service) This will be done during May or June of this year.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Two new batteries and charger will be installed on the fourth floor as soon as the snow melts and we can gain access to the building at Keweenaw. Packet Radio MIKWNW will be moved from Osceola to Keweenaw during June or July of 2013.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ham exams are scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the Zion Lutheran Church on Quincy Hill in Hancock. Time 9 am (Applicants; NLT 8:30am EDT)**

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**Copperdog150 Volunteers this year were:**

**KD8JAM Bill La Bell**  
**KC8RGO Vance Nelson**  
**KC9TEU Connor McCarthy (Brockway Mtn on a snowmobile!)**  
**KB8VEP Paul Moore**  
**N8WAV Jack Swift**  
**KD8GBH Dave Torrey**  
**WA8QNF Glenn Ekdahl**  
**KD8RQG Bandon Finney**  
**K8OCK Al Trainer**  
**KD8PKW Alan Church**  
**W8FWG George Thurner**  
**N0VVR Brian Bixley**  
**KB8FCX Richard Brooks**  
**KD8OWY Andy Mauragis**  
**KD8ELL Ed Meyer**  
**KD8RQI Cory Abate**  
**KD8OXB Kevin Nelson**

NCS was run from the old M &Y M Bank Building at 200 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Calumet this year.

Bill, KD8JAM has volunteered to do NCS in 2014 again, and will be known as “Race Communications Director.”

Note for 2014: “We will need more volunteer NCS for next year.” (Expressed by Bill, KD8JAM.”

An Appreciation Day was set up as April 11, 2013 at the Ballroom of the Calumet Theater.

Other Comments:

1. It was a fast race this year due to the lower temperature and good amount of snow to run on.
  2. There were lots of people in attendance.
  3. The “Copperdog150” is increasing in size every year!
  4. New This Year SAFETY COMMITTEE, consisting of Ann, N8PJA and Rob, WB8ZPN.
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**NEW: The audio output of the 315 repeater is being “streamed” over this link: Radio Reference. Com> Live Audio > MI> Keweenaw County. It can also be heard at: [www.kcra-mi.net](http://www.kcra-mi.net)**

YOUR ARRL MEMBERSHIP OR START A NEW ONE THROUGH THIS CLUB:

The Reason? For each NEW ARRL membership we submit to ARRL through the KCRA we receive FIFTEEN DOLLARS! For each RENEWAL processed through this club the club gets TWO Dollars. Please see the Treasurer (George, W8FWG) for further details. You will be helping the club by doing it through us! Thanks!

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\_\_\_\_\_ DOOR PRIZE – A.C. cord set, was won by Howard, KD8ABP.

\_\_\_\_\_ MOTION TO ADJOURN: By KC8RGO The motion carried unanimously.

(MEETING ADJOURNED at 2000.)

\_\_\_\_\_ REFRESHMENTS FURNISHED BY KAREN LA BELL (Thank you, Karen)

**NEXT MEETING: July 10, 2013 (SECOND WEDNESDAY OF JULY)**