

KCRA Newsletter

Keweenaw County Repeater Association, Inc.

Michigan's Northernmost VHF-FM Voice Repeater"

MEETING OPENED: By President Gary, K8YSZ at 7:20 pm EST, with five members present they were: K8YSZ, KD8NSE, W8FWG, KD8JAM, W9GY.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2014 KCRA MEETING

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Given by George, W8FWG An updated Membership list from Bill, KD8JAM (Treasurer) shows that we have 12 members for 2014.

TREASURER'S REPORT: By Bill, KD8JAM, shows a balance of \$1185.65

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Our fiscal year started on January 1 and ends on December 31. May we count on your generosity to continue your membership for 2014? Membership dues remain the same for the year 2014 and are just \$13.00 for an individual, and \$18.00 for a family. Renew your membership today by sending your dues to:

KCRA, Inc.
c/o William R. LaBell, KD8JAM, Treasurer
59897 Apple Street
Allouez, MI 49805

ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP:

1. Speed dial: Call *911 (star-911) for police, fire, ambulance - (Negaunee Dispatch).
2. Speed dial: Call *912 (star-912) and get the Keweenaw County Sheriff (Ron Lahti's office).
3. Speed dial: Call *916 (star-916) and get the U.S. Coast Guard, Station D.Bay .
4. Low cost, affordable membership to its members.
5. Information exchange with fellow members (trouble-shooting, etc.).
6. FREE Autopatch service (The only autopatch system in the entire U.P. of Michigan!).
7. TWO, FREE autodial slots (Your choice of 2-digit dialing: speed dialing).
8. Internet connection to the repeater while away from home, without your ham gear (Echo Link).
9. Delicious refreshments, including coffee and cake after Meetings only four times/year (Quarterly).
10. the meeting.
11. Free Deviation (Modulation) testing by W8FWG, to any ham (even non-members).
12. 100% backup power, during extended commercial power outages.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT: By Gary, K8YSZ, Showed that the "315" is operating properly.

A/T COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDANCE: I have been looking for a liaison to our KCRA, and have found one. He is Matthew S. Zawisza and can be reached by E-Mail at: mszawisz@mtu.edu. Matthew is the President of the Husky Amateur Radio club, known as "HARC." His call sign is KD8RAX. It's good to have a liaison to "Tech" in case we need some extra help, we now know who we can call upon if extra help is needed. They also have a "List" like the CCRAA and KCRA, and it is: harc-l@mtu.edu. [BTW, that is an "L" (lower case character) and not a "1" as those characters look the same in print.] W8FWG reports that the tower that housed the repeater of K9SJ has been razed, and also the building on top of Brockway Mountain has been razed.

OLD BUSINESS: Constitutional Review committee has not acted on the change as yet.

NEW BUSINESS: Daylight Saving Time will be coming up, effective the second Sunday in March. That would be March 9, 2014. CopperDog150 for 2014 starts on Feb. 28 and ends on March 2.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: By proclamation of the President, George, W8FWG is the Committee Chairman of that Committee. W9GY is interested in helping. George, W8FWG accepted this request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Negaunee Swap-N-Shop is coming up on the first Saturday in February, which will be Feb. 1. The Chassell Swap will be April 26.

OBITUARY: My wife, Virginia Thurner, passed away of inoperable stomach cancer on October 29, 2013 at our home in Laurium, with family members present at her bedside. She was under Hospice care provided by the Aspirus Keweenaw Home Health and Hospice here in Laurium. We all miss Virginia with her infectious smile, and her willingness to help out the club. She often attended different events with me, and was an Associate Member of the KCRA. She supported me, in all of our endeavors with the radio club. She was predeceased by an infant daughter Gail (1 day old), her brother Charles Goulette (of L'Anse)a sister Arzalia formerly of Allouez) and her parents O'Divine and Charles Goulette (of Mohawk),Survivors include George (husband from Laurium), Virginia Miracle (from Milwaukee), David (Gail) Plute (from New Allouez), Cheryl Plute (from Laurium) and Donna (Mark) Simmons(from Lee's Summit, Mo.), a sister Mary (from Hancock) and several nieces, nephews and cousins God be with you, Virginia.

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KCRA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

Quarterly meetings of the KCRA are held during the months of JAN-APR-JUL-OCT, on the second Wednesday of Each quarter. The January 8, 2014 meeting of the KCRA was held at the home of Gary Hansen ,1108 Bumbletown Road, Allouez Twp, Keweenaw County at 7 pm EST, with President

Gary L. Hansen presiding.

HAM EXAMS BY THE HUSKY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (HARC): Were held:

On December 7, 2013 at Fisher Hall, Room at 12 noon. Glenn, WA8QNF brought all of his testing materials along to that exam session. Three new hams resulted, and two upgrades.

HAM EXAMS BY CCRAA/HARC: Are scheduled for: January 18, 2014, at the Zion Lutheran Church near the top of Quincy Hill The address of the church is: 400 Ingot Street, Hancock, MI.

This location provides a barrier free entrance. Time: Applicants please be there NLT 8:30am, with the exams to start at 9:00am sharp. Questions? Please call Glenn Ekdahl at (906) 482-7743.

DOOR PRIZE: Was a digital VOM meter. It was won by Mike, KD8NSE. Congratulations Mike!.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by W9GY and seconded by KD8JAM. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm EST. With the formal business meeting adjourned, refreshments were served by Gary, K8YSZ. Thanks from all of us!

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of the KCRA are listed below:

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