

KCRA Newsletter

Keweenaw County Repeater Association, Inc.

Michigan's Northernmost VHF-FM Voice Repeater"

WELCOME!

Gary (K8YSZ) and his wife Dianne have given us permission to conduct our meetings at their home. It is easy to find....It is just 3 miles north of the intersection of Hwy U.S. 41 and M-203 (Pine St. in Calumet). Turn onto Bumbletown Rd, follow it to the end, where the blacktop ends and you will see their home on the right-hand side of the roadway. You will see the tri-band beam atop the 40 foot tower, on the side of his house, with the 2M vertical at the top.

JULY MEETING:

The July 9, 2008 meeting of the KCRA was held at the home of Gary and Dianne Hansen , 1108 Bumbletown Road, Allouez Twp, Keweenaw County. at 7 pm EDT, with President Gary L. Hansen presiding. There were 19 members present . K8YSZ, Dianne Hansen (Associate Member), W8FWG, Virginia Thurner (Associate Member), K8NYT, William La Bell, (Associate Member) KB8XI, KD8CGA, W8FMR, N8IMU, WA8QNF, W4KAR, Geraldine Royce (Assoc. Member), WB8ZYL, K9GIR, W8QLT, KD8GBH, N8HZH, Mary Jane Waarala (Guest)

ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBER:

William R. La Bell of Allouez was accepted as a new member.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2008 KCRA MEETING

The July 9, 2008 quarterly meeting of the KCRA, Inc was called to order by President Gary Hansen, K8YSZ at 7 pm EDT, with 18 members and 1 guest present. Self introductions followed, and a roll call of officers showed the following President (K8YSZ), Vice President (KD8ABP) absent, Sec-Treas. George Thurner (W8FWG), Engineer (K8YSZ) Tech-Advisory Committee Chairman Paul Kempainen (KC8FLK) absent, A/T Member Glenn Ekdahl (WA8QNF), A.T Member David Sheffer (KD8CGA). We had one new member, William R. La Bell of Allouez. With a Motion by KB8XI and a second by WA8QNF, Bill was accepted as a new member. Welcome Bill! The Treasurer's report was read and is included as an attachment to this Newsletter. The engineer's Report showed the removal of the old duplexers and installation of the new duplexers at the Mt. Horace Greeley site. A/T Committee report showed the installation of the new duplexers. Under Correspondence we showed the sum of \$955.00 received for the Lee J. Royce Memorial Fund. (This is an ongoing fund, and anyone at any time may contribute toward it, in memory of our past President. Lee J. Royce.) Terry, W8FMR noted that he was not receiving any E-Mail from the KCRA> (Referred to Sec.-Treas..) This problem

was corrected the same night. With a test transmission to both W8QLT and W8FMR) and found to be working now. K9GIR also reported the installation of a new FM voice repeater at Grand Portage, MN on 146.865 with a PL tone of 151.4 Hz. W8FMR reports that the Grand Marais, MN repeater on 14.895 has undergone some changes, with a new repeater and a higher antenna. And using a PL tone of 100.0 Hz. This was of some concern, as it is only 15 kHz away from the Hancock, (146.880 MHz) repeater at Hancock. W8FMR also reported that when he was traveling the WA8WG repeater on 146.880 near Menominee was not operational. W8FMR reported that in the Marquette area he could hear the "315" repeater at about S2, but could not reach it. Engineer (K8YSZ) will check operation sometime during the month of August, 2008. WA8QNF announced that ham exams will be given on July 11 at 9 am at MTU in Room G32 (Ballroom) of Douglas Houghton Hall. Use Parking Lot #14, and Entrance #9 on the SE side of the building. A \$14 fee is required and a Picture ID. KD8CGA proposed that the club provide a table at \$30 at the August Gun Show at the Coliseum, in Calumet. The motion died, for lack of a motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(See the enclosed attachment)

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Given by Gary, K8YSZ, that the repeater is operating properly, with the new Tx/Rx duplexers installed on June 20, 2008.

A/T COMMITTEE REPORT:

New duplexers were installed.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Lee J. Royce Memorial update given. Treasurer shows \$955.00 received.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old equipment consisting of 2 ea. GM0300 transceivers, Fan control unit, Power supply and duplexers be retained by the club for the possibility of a portable "315" repeater. A motion by W8FMR, and seconded by KB8XI that we hang on to the equipment for such future use carried unanimously.
2. PL Tone? Because of the continued interference at the site, we have to leave the PL 100.0 Hz tone "ON". For the time being. Trouble investigation is ongoing by the Engineer.
3. Semi-Annual inspection of the repeater. One trip for the year has already been made (with the installation of the duplexers) and more trips are planned during the month of August.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New duplexers for the repeater, were received and installed. However, the factory reversed the TX and the RX, but we were advised they are symmetrical, so just change the labels and they sent up new labels and they were installed.
2. Antenna Inspection: Inspected, and found to be OK

3. Road Rally : A motion by KB8XI, seconded by KD8GBH, to allow the LSPR to use the repeater for the weekend of October 17 and 18. Passed unanimously. It was stated that the rally would probably be using the "315" repeater only on Saturday, October 18, and probably not at all on Friday, Oct. 17.

NEXT MEETING:

Will be the second Wednesday of October....October 8, 2008

DOOR PRIZE:

Two door prizes were offered at this meeting. A hand-held calculator donated by Electronic Sales of Bruce Crossing (K8NYT) was won by Terry, W8FMR. A 2008/2009 ARRL Repeater Directory was won by David, KD8GBH.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

FINANCIAL REPORT, KCRA

JULY 9, 2008

STATEMENT DATE: 6/30/08
 PREVIOUS BALANCE: \$631.55
 1 DEPOSIT/CREDITS: 50.00
 1 CHECK/DEBITS 42.00
 SERVICE CHARGE 0.00
 INTEREST PAID 0.00
 ENDING BALANCE: \$639.55

PREVIOUS BALANCE		\$2027.19	
INCOME:	DUES:	\$ 79.00	
	MEMORIAL FUND		50.00
EXPENSES:	(CHECK 3273)	TELEPHONE	\$29.60
	(CHECK 3274)	DUPLEXERS	\$1445.04
	(CHECK 3275)	POSTAGE	\$ 42.00

CHECK BALANCE AGREES WITH BANK BALANCE OF: \$639.55 As of: 06/30/08

NOTE: THE LEE J. ROYCE MEMORIAL FUND BROUGHT US: \$944.00

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by KB8XI, seconded by WA8QNF, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at: 7:40 pm EDT.

The formal business meeting adjourned and refreshments were served by Dianne Hansen.

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