

KCRA Newsletter

Keweenaw County Repeater Association, Inc.

“Michigan’s Northernmost FM Voice Repeater”

AUTUMN MEETING:

Our Autumn (second) Meeting will be held at the CCRAA Clubhouse in Osceola, (Tower Rd.) ½ mile off U.S. 41, behind the new Michigan State Police Post, in Calumet on the third Monday in October, October 21, 2002. Time: 7:30 pm EDST.

USER INFO KCRA REPEATER:

KCRA/K8MDH Repeater
Inp. 147.915 Out: 147.315MHz
PL-100 Tone may be required
Member Control Codes:
Dial Patch: * + Phone Nr
Autodial Slot:* + Slot Nr
Emergency: *911
Kew. Co. Sheriff: *912
Coast Guard: *916
Hangup Code: #
Tone Pad Test: 5 + Numbers
Read Mailbox#1 Msg 37
Read Mailbox#2 Msg 38
Read Time-of-Day 39

REPEATER TROUBLES?

Please report any problems that might come up, concerning the operation of the “315” repeater to the Trustee (George Thurner, W8FWG) Reach him at: (906) 337-2542 or E-Mail at:

w8fwg@arrl.net We have a control link, and the repeater can be turned off (or on) remotely from my residence, or by telephone from any of the other three control operators (N8KSO, WA8QNF and W8DAO).

THANKS -Keweenaw Adventure Company:

For the \$100.00 donation! It IS appreciated!

911 Access:

Please note that we “do” have access to the Laurium 911 center, but you must dial a “star” (Asterisk) ahead of the 911 like this: ***911**

to reach them. They have a special telephone number assigned for numbers like cell phones and amateur radio operators, so you’ll have to tell the dispatcher where you are, and the nature of the emergency call. The same goes for access to 911 on the “88” (Hancock) repeater. Please note that the “67” does **NOT** have any autopatch nor 911 access.

20th Anniversary Membership Cards:

All current members (2002) will be receiving a **FREE** membership for the year 2003, in commemoration of our 20th anniversary. Last October you received a temporary membership card for the KCRA. We’ve updated the information, taken from FCC files, and made up new member ID cards. I think you’ll agree that the new cards are quite outstanding! If your “ham” license is expired (see the second line from the bottom...lower right hand corner) it would be good to renew ASAP, to keep you license current. There is a two-year period of grace, in which you can renew your license, after that you will have to take the exam over! Remember: You may not operate with an expired license, it is not valid until your renewal appears on the Internet, **or** you hear from the FCC in writing.

OUR SYMPATHY: To the David/Heather Koskiniemi Family of Calumet, on the passing of their 17 day old infant daughter, Barbara Rachel on Sept. 3. Funeral services were held on Friday Sept.5. 5.September 6, 2002.

**04/16/02
MINUTES****MEETING OPENED:**

The April 16, 2002 meeting was opened and called to order by President Paul Smigowski, N8ILY at 7:30 pm. There were 13 members present. Roll call of officers showed the President, Secretary-Treasurer, Engineer and 2 Technical & Advisory committee members present.

NEW MEMBERS:

Two new members were accepted. They were: Gary Hansen, K8YSZ of Allouez and Judy Odgers, N8XJP of Dollar Bay. A motion by Jack, N8WAV and seconded by Glenn, WA8QNF to accept the two new members passed unanimously.

MINUTES:

Because the minutes of the (Oct. 2001) meeting were published in the KCRA Newsletter, they were not read. A motion to approve them as published was made by Glenn, WA8QNF and seconded by Ed, WB8CBA..

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was read and approved with a motion from Glenn, WA8QNF, seconded by Harold, N8IMU. Motion carried unanimously.

T/A COMMITTEE REPORT:

Technical/Advisory Committee Report: The control link and connectors have not yet been installed. We have a transceiver, it just has to be connected to the controller at the Keweenaw site.

OLD BUSINESS:

Loss of members: Our records show that we lost some 7 members during the year. Two delinquency notices were sent out, at 30-day intervals to all 7 members, and after not hearing from these members their names were removed from the active membership files.

NEW BUSINESS:

With The National Park Service turning on their transmitters about May 1, we may have some local interference at the site. Also, a new repeater on "315" in Bayfield Wisconsin occasionally is heard in the Copper Country area.

The roof leak problem at the site was discussed, and it was determined that there was nothing we, as a club could do to prevent this from happening. Keweenaw County was approached, but lack of funds prevented any repair.

It was suggested that the Secretary send a note to Paul, N8ILY the newsletter editor for the CCRAA,