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# KCRA NEWSLETTER

## The Keweenaw County Repeater Association

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"Michigan's Northernmost VHF Voice Repeater"

K.C.R.A. 147.315 MHZ PL 100.0 Hz

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### **GREETINGS FELLOW RADIO HAMS AND VISITORS!**

Hello and welcome once again to the KCRA Newsletter. Our January 25th meeting opened at 7:00 pm EDT, (Originally scheduled as January 11, but postponed due to inclement weather), with self introductions and the following were present:

W8FWG – George  
W8EEK - Stuart  
KE8CPN-Keith  
W9GY - Jeff  
KD8JAM - Bill  
K8YSZ - Gary  
KE8DCK-Randy  
KE8FEU-Mary  
KD8OOS-Matt  
KD8LNM-Todd  
KD8VRD-Logan  
AG8NT - Dave  
W8PSP-Donald  
AB8WU-Jon

### **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS SHOWED:**

President Gary, K8YSZ  
Vice President and Treasurer, Bill, KD8JAM  
Secretary: George, W8FWG

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Both repeaters working satisfactorily

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill, KD8JAM shows total current assets of \$1942.98

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:** None

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Deferred (See this announcement)

**OLD BUSINESS:** Autopatch test run successfully by George, W8FWG on 01/10/17.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Four volunteers to help out on the Wednesday night Net. They are: [Jon, AB8WU], [Keith, KE8CPN], [Peter, N8PJL], [Stuart, W8EEK]  
Thank you very much for help with the Wednesday night Net for CCRAA.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Gary, K8YSZ will be providing some code practice between the ARES net and the SKYWARN Net starting this Friday. They will be very short sessions and send at about 5 wpm. Give Gary your comments, and let him know if you are copying the code alright? (Note from George)...I talked with Howard, KD8ABP by telephone this evening, and he reminded me that ARRL has code practice too! If you have a computer, just go to [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org), and in the message box at the top type in "code practice". You will then be taken to a choice of speeds from 5 to 35 wpm, and they will also provide a text, so you can check your work. This is machine sent code, so it is perfect in every way, timing and other. I think you will like that service. Thank you Howard for reminding all of us that it is available a ARRL, and the good thing about it is you don't have to be an ARRL member to use this service. Good luck!

**NEW BUSINESS:** MI QSO Party. The weekend of April 15, 2017 from noon-to-midnight using the Special Event call sign of W8K. We will be taking part in this event at the home of Gary, K8YSZ, pizza provided by the club. Come in watch and/or operate!

**NEW BUSINESS:** CopperDog150 March 3-5, 2017. Contact Bill, KD8JAM at: [kd8jam@charter.net](mailto:kd8jam@charter.net) to volunteer to help with this worthwhile project.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Negaunee Swap Fest: Feb.4, 2017 from 0900-1400. Donald, W8PSP can provide transportation for those who would like to go. We will have a table at this event. We leave early morning around 6am arrive back home about 2pm with a stop for lunch in Marquette and a visit to Menards!

**NEW BUSINESS:** CCRAA Swap-N-Shop: April 22, 2017 0900-1300 at the VFW post in Chassell 42103 Wilson Memorial Drive, Chassell, MI

**NEW BUSINESS:** "The Great Bear Chase" (Skiing event) at the Swedetown Recreation Center. Call Chris Van Arsdale, KD8RDV if you would like to be a volunteer. Tel.: 989-928-1001

**NEW BUSINESS:** George, W8FWG spoke about our control link and in a telephone call to the "Regulatory Information Specialist" at the ARRL HQ he described our system. Information on improving our link(s) was provided to the seven Control Operators of the link to Mt. Horace Greeley, our repeater site.

**OTHER:** Our thanks to Jonathan, AB8WU with Pasty.NET for providing the power and telephone for our repeater. It is very much appreciated by all of us.

**DOOR PRIZE:** Of a microfiche reader was won by ? (Sorry, I missed your name and call!)

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:40 PM

**REFRESHMENTS:** Provided by Julie Stricker (YL of Jeff, W9GY [the courier]  
Thank you Julie.....the cupcakes and the chocolate chip cookies were delicious!

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at: 7:40pm EDT.

**NEXT MEETING:** Our meetings at the KCRA are quarterly, during the months of January-April-July-October, so that puts us in the second Wednesday of each quarter, and so the April , 2017 meeting will be held at the home of Gary Hansen on April 12, 2017. Hope to see you all there?

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