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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 April 11, 2018 meeting opened at 7:00 pm EDT, with roll call of officers and A/T Committee Members.

**SELF INTRODUCTION:** (Took place and showed)

W8FWG – George

W9GY - Jeff

K8YSZ – Gary

KD8JAM-Bill

KE8FEU-Mary

W8PSP-Don

KE8IEU-Donald

AG8NT-Dave

KB8UBL-Matt

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS SHOWED:**

President Gary, K8YSZ Present

Vice President: Bill, KD8JAM Present

Secretary: George, W8FWG Present

Treasurer: Bill, KD8JAM Present

A/T/ Committee Members:

Gary, K8YSZ Present

Jon, AB8WU Absent

Howard, KD8ABP Absent

Bill, KD8JAM Present

Don, W8PSP Present

JeffF, W9GY Present

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill, KD8JAM shows total current assets of \$1381.79

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:** None

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** (W8FWG sends this E-Mail to all members after tonight's meeting)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Autopatch test run successfully by George, W8FWG on 04/02/18 with the Keweenaw County Sheriff's Office. It was found to be satisfactory.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MI QSO Party. When. 04/21/2018. 1600Z Apr 21 to 0400 Apr. 22, 2018. We will be taking part in it from the home of Gary, K8YSZ, Special Event call sign of W8K. Jeff, W9GY will be applying for that Special Event Call Sign. Come in watch and/or operate! Pizza , soft drinks and other snacks will be provided. Come on up

and operate HF . It is a lot of fun! We came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place last year. Let's try a little harder and win First place this year! We have some rare counties here in the U.P. of Michigan.

**THANK YOU:** 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.

**DISTRACTED DRIVING:** Was discussed, and the new law in the State of Michigan regarding two-way radio operation, does not affect us as HAM radio operators. We are exempt from that new law. Still, it might be a good idea to carry a copy of that bulletin in your automobile, in case you were ever stopped and asked about your two-way radio equipment.

**HANCOCK REPEATER:** The DR-1 (Yaesu) repeater on loan was returned to the KCRA, picked up by Bill, KD8JAM, and installed up at our web site. Hancock has a new DR-2 installed and working well. Bill described some of the new features of the DR-2 (YAESU) that we will be receiving. Sounds good, Bill!

**CALUMET REPEATER:** That's our "315" repeater will eventually be replaced by a Yaesu DR-2 repeater Shipping cost \$73.00 and the new repeater will have the ability to have voice announcements programmed into it.

**CHASSELL SWAP MEET:** Has 13 tables sold so far and KD8ABP and W9GY covered the Copper Country area putting up bulletins description that event. Thanks Howard and Jeff.

**NEW WEB SITES:** Both the CCRAA and the KCRA web sites have been redesigned by Bill, KD8JAM. They are much easier to read now. The CRAA Web Site is: [ccraa.net](http://ccraa.net) and the KCRA Web Site is: [kcra-mi.net](http://kcra-mi.net).

**NEW FOR BOTH WEB SITES:** The ability to use "Pay Pal" to send your dues. Thanks to Bill, KD8JAM for providing this new service.

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Needed for the Chassell. We have two volunteers Mary, KE8FEU and David, AG8NT. Thank you both for your help.

**EXPENSES:** Bill, KD8JAM (our Treasurer) reports that the only expenses we have are \$25.00/year to Pasty.NET for their web page, and about \$250.00 for insurance of our equipment at the Keweenaw site.

**SUGGESTION:** (By Mary, KE8FEU) to have business cards made up showing

the club's call and their web site and other pertinent information. It is economical from a company called "Vistaprint". Sounds like a good idea to us!

**TOWER INSPECTION:** A new law requiring towers to be inspected means that the 100 foot tower at Mt. Horace Greeley (Our repeater site) needs to be done on a five-year basis

**QSL CARDS:** received from the CopperDog race: Don, W8PSP reports receiving about a dozen cards have been received and we have enough for next year.

**REMINDER:** It is unlawful to key up any repeater (keerchunking) without giving YOUR call sign. See section 97.119 (a) of the FCC Rules and Regulations regarding amateur radio station use.

**DOOR PRIZE:** Won by: Mary, KE8FEU

**REFRESHMENTS:** Provided by Jeff, W9GY and his wife, Julie.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion by W9GY and seconded by KD8JAM. Motion carried unanimously.

**T 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 next meeting will be held on July 11, 2018, at the home of Gary Hansen, K8YSZ 1108 Bumbletown Rd, in Keweenaw County. Hope to see you all there?

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George, W8FWG

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