
K.C.R.A. NEWSLETTER
The Keweenaw County Repeater Association

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS MEETING

KCRA AGENDA
ANNUAL MEETING
10/10/2018

ELECTION OF OFFICERS MEETING - OCTOBER

PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, ENGINEER, AND
ADVISORY AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE. THE OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED
FOR A PERIOD OF ONE-YEAR AND SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL
MEETING, DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER.

IN ATTENDANCE:

George, W8FWG

Gary, K8YSZ

Jeff, W9GY

Bill, KD8JAM

Erik Lee (Associate Member)

Don, KE8IGU

Dave, AG8NT

Jim, K9ANU (Founder of the KCRA! Welcome to the Copper Country, Jim!)

Don, W8PSP

Self introductions followed.

TIME ITEM

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President Gary, K8YSZ

Vice President Bill, KD8JAM

Secretary George, W8FWG

Treasurer Bill, KD8JAM

THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH OUR ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED IS:

1. TO PROVIDE AN AUXILIARY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR LOCAL LAW-ENFORCEMENT AND MILITARY AGENCIES.
2. TO FILL A COMMUNICATIONS GAP THAT EXISTS, DUE TO THE TOPOGRAPHY OF KEWEENAW COUNTY.
3. TO AUGMENT LOCAL CIVIL-DEFENSE AGENCIES.
4. TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO BOATERS ON LAKE SUPERIOR.
5. TO PROVIDE A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR LOCATING LOST PERSONS.
6. TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, THE RELAYING OF MESSAGES WITHOUT CHARGE, THE FURTHERANCE OF THE PUBLIC WELFARE, THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE RADIO ART, PROMOTION OF INTERCOMMUNICATION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS FOR PERSONAL BENEFIT WITHOUT PECUNIARY GAIN, AND FOSTERING OF EDUCATION IN THE FIELD OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS. NO PART OF THE ASSETS OR INCOME OF SAID ORGANIZATION SHALL BE THE PROPERTY OF THE MEMBERS, OR ANY OF THEM, BUT SUCH ASSETS AND INCOME SHALL BE DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE PURPOSES HEREIN SET FORTH.

REPORTS: President, Engineer's, Secretary, Treasurer, T/A Committee

 AOK PRESIDENT'S REPORT President Gary (K8YSZ) welcomes all who attended this meeting

 AOK ENGINEER'S REPORT
 Engineer Gary, K8YSZ

 AOK T/A Committee Chairman's Report
Chairman: Gary, K8YSZ
 "147.315" status: Working OK? x_Y N

 "443.150" status Working? OK? x_Y N

None T/A/ COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT
MEMBERS:
Gary, K8YSZ
Jeff, W9GY
Bill, KD8JAM
Don, W8PSP

 SECRETARY'S REPORT
EMG calling LISTINGS:
*911 Keweenaw County Sheriff 337-0528

*912 Houghton County Sheriff 482-0045
*916 Station Portage-Coast Guard 482-1520

PLEASE NOTE: WE CANNOT DIAL 911 DIRECTLY TO NEGAUNEE ANYMORE, AS THERE IS NO PHYSICAL ADDRESS FOR OUR REPEATER. THE "STAR" 911 (*911) CAN BE USED ON THE AUTOPATCH, BUT IT WILL REACH THE KEWEENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THEY CAN RELAY THE CALL TO NEGAUNEE WITH THEIR 911 SYSTEM.

CONTROL LINK FAILED DURING HEAVY RAIN ON 10/05/2018 - REF TO JON, AB8WU - REPAIRED SAME DAY.

AUTOPATCH WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT OF SERVICE ALSO.

AUTOPATCH TEST MADE ON 10/07/2018 WITH GARY, K8YSZ -TOK

_____ TREASURER'S REPORT

_____ Balance in Treasury \$3116.88

_____ OLD BUSINESS

_____ NONE

_____ NEW BUSINESS

_____ ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Did not take place – tabled until the January 2019 meeting)

_____ LSPR Road Rally [CCRAA will allow the use of “88” and “67” Our repeater will not be needed.]

NEW: \$1590.00 received from the Howard Klann (KD8ABP) Estate. The Secretary (W8FWG) will send a note of thanks to the family of Howard, KD8ABP.

NEW: Simplex connection in the Houghton/Hancock area via 449.315 MHZ (Simplex) PL of 100.0 needed.

NEW: Add Amendment #36 deleting name of Howard Klann KD8ABP, suggest putting in W8EEK. HOLD: Ask Stewart if he would be willing to be added to the A/T Committee.

NEW: Member Erik Lee requested help in putting up a doublet antenna on the CAP frequencies at his residence in Laurium. KCRA members will help with that project

NEW: George, W8FWG was contacted by Barbara Keeley of Chassell, whose husband John, WU3H recently passed away. W9GY and W8FWG will assist her in helping to sell his amateur radio gear.

NEW: W8FWG found that the license of Richard Brooks, KB8FCX had expired in August. Fortunately he is still within the two-year grace period and has been contacted to renew his FCC issued General Class license.

NEW: An upgraded list shows that the KCRA now has 34 members.

NEW: Bill, KD8JAM will inspect the tower site when the weather clears. Thank you, Bill.

NEW: Stuck mic. problem of amateur radio ops discussed. There is a real need for people with beam antennas to help in locating these stations by triangulation. If you have a beam with a rotator on it, we are looking for your help!

UPDATE: The problem of “grow lights” was brought up by George, W8FWG, and he discussed how to handle the trouble reporting of these kinds of problems, to the ARRL, who in turn notifies the FCC, and a form letter is send out to the person(s) who are causing the radio interference in the HF HAM bands. They have to reply to the FCC within 30 days of corrective measures taken.

SUMMARY OF THE 2018 LSPR:

The Lake Superior Performance Rally will be held in Houghton, MI October 18 -20, 2018. The event is Round #8 of the Rally America National Championship. LSPR includes two Regional Rallies, the Ottawa Rally run on Friday, October 19th, and the Lac Vieux Desert Rally run on Saturday, October 20st.

This year marks the 24nd Anniversary of a Lake Superior Performance Rally. The Lake Superior Region officially assumed production of this event in 1994.

The event starts at 8:00AM Wednesday October 17th, 2018 and ends after the Awards Party on Saturday October 20th, 2018. Between those times all competitors and crews are expected to follow all Rally America Rules for Safety, Competition and Conduct.

The event will be conducted according to the Rally America Performance Rally Rules 2018 Edition (PRR) and these Supplemental Regulations including any Bulletins signed and posted.

The official Rally Headquarters – COUNTRY INN & SUITES 919 Razorback Drive, Houghton, MI 49931

The OFFICAL NOTICE BOARD will be located at the Headquarters from the start of registration until the close of registration and at MTCs and service areas during the event. After the finish, the notice board will relocate to the awards party.

Location of Parc Expose’ & Start and Finish (maps are provided in the Route and Service Route Books)

The Friday Parc Expose’ & Start is at Country Inn & Suites, 919 Razorback Dr, Houghton, MI. The Friday Finish is in Sidnaw, MI.

The Saturday Parc Expose' & Start will be from Front St in L'Anse, MI. The Saturday Finish will be at the end of the Lakeshore Stage, Houghton, MI.

Vehicles will be impounded at the Saturday Finish until released by the Rally America officials. Vehicles may be subject to a post-event technical inspection.

Competitors are required to attend all Parc's Expose in their diving suits. Competition vehicles, Drivers and Co-Drivers must be in Parc Expose by the indicated start times. Arrival times will be recorded and fines (\$100) and penalties will be assessed for failure to arrive on time or to appear.

Service Vehicles may park in the areas designated for Service Vehicles

IN MEMORIAM:

We are saddened by the deaths of two of our club members during the year 2018:

Howard F. Klann, KD8ABP
&
Paul A. Kemppainen, KC8FLK

May Perpetual light shine upon them.

_____ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING (Motion By W8PSP, seconded by W9GY) Motion carried unanimously)

_____REFRESHMENTS SERVED BY: Jeff & Julie Stricker (W9GY and YF)

_____FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING MEETING

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019 (SECOND WEDNESDAY OF JANUARY)