

Air Scoop

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Meetings

The next DCARS meeting will be held on **September 15th** At the Clubhouse!

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DCARS Annual Picnic & September Club Meeting to held at the Steam & Gas Village!

On Monday September 15th DCARS will host it's annual picnic and the September club meeting at our club house in the Steam & Gas Village. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass, meat will be provided by the club. Grills will be on hand for cooking and we plan on eating around 6 PM and holding a short meeting around 7 PM.

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DCARS promotes Amateur Radio at both the UP State Fair and the Annual UP Steam and Gas Association show.

Club members showed up to demonstrate Amateur Radio as well as show the general public our telegraph office museum. Having multiple members working the displays for the entire week of the fair and the four days of the Annual UP Steam and Gas Association show is a large undertaking. The word about our Telegraph Office Museum / Ham radio club house is getting around and a number of visitors had commented that a big reason for attending the events was to visit our building. They (the visitors) seemed to think the journey was worthwhile.

A very big thank you for all who participated in a job well done.

Les – WA8LE and Rich – N8OYR looks on while Joe – W8JRT uses his service monitor to tune up the club's IC-751A located at the Telegraph Office.



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(Photo submitted by N8DP)

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Amateur Radio Promoted from Page One



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Those members who worked the events should bring any ideas and thoughts on making next years shows better or more efficient to the next meeting.

Photo on the left is of a large diesel engine removed from a tug boat that is on display at the steam & gas show.

(Photo submitted by N8DP)

Minutes from the August meeting

The August meeting of DCARS began at 7:05 pm. In attendance were N8DP, K8AO, K8GMW, K8WLT, KA8RPB, KD8DKA, KD8DVN, KD8IGY, N1PWW, N8VBA, N8OYR, W8JNL, WA8LE, WD8RTH & Jim Howard

Reports were given on the Hamfest and the Fair

Treasurer's report read – Motion to accept by WA8LE, Second by KA8RPB - Passed

Secretary's report – Motion to accept by WD8RTH, Second by KD8DVN – Passed

Old Business

The September 15th club meeting will also host our annual picnic at the clubhouse. Meat will be provided please bring a dish to pass. We'll eat around 6 PM and hold the meeting at 7 PM.

Donations were solicited for supporting the 146.70 repeater at the Hamfest. \$101 dollars was raised and this amount will be matched by DCARS. We consider providing additional support if needed.

New Business

Les - WA8LE presented the club with a list of suggestions, The following are a few that have been implemented:

A Thank You card will be sent to W8BP for his donation of the Sky Buddy receiver to the club's museum.

A motion to donate \$150 to the Steam & Gas club to offset electric costs was made by KD8DVN and seconded by W8JNL – Passed

DCARS membership applications will be available on the web site and at the clubhouse.

Motion to Adjourn made by N8OYR
Seconded by WD8RTH
Thirded by K8WLT – Passed

The 50 – 50 raffle was won by W8JNL.

August's program was a talk on resistors.

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Web Site of the Month – This month amateur radio news is the subject of interest. This time we highlight 4 web sites rather than just one. These four web sites each do a great job of gathering interesting news in the world of amateur radio. Check out www.twiar.org , www.southgatearc.org, www.arnewline.org & www.arrl.org

Happenings in Amateur Radio

"When News Breaks – We Fix It!"

Simon HB9DRV has been adding new features to the popular free **Ham Radio Deluxe** program and plans to add ISS Robot 36 SSTV support.

The latest Betas can be downloaded from:

<http://www.ham-radio-deluxe.com/Downloads/BetaKits/tabid/99/Default.aspx>

Ham Radio Deluxe

<http://www.ham-radio-deluxe.com/>

Slow Scan TV from ISS planned for October 2008

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/september2008/slow_scan_tv_from_iss.htm

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RADIO HUMANITARIANISM: A DXPEDITION TO FIGHT CANCER

A team of German operators will be trying to raise money for a children's cancer charity during their forthcoming DXpedition to Montenegro. DL3NER, DG5NGJ, DG5NGI, DL9MB, DG8NGI and DK9NCX will be active portable 40 between September 25th and October 4th.

The team says that it undertook the operation to help fund Station Regenbogen which is a German care and support center for children suffering from cancer and for their families. On the air activity is planned for 160 through 2 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31.

QSL's go to each operator via his home callsign. Information on supporting the operators cancer fighting mission is at [www dot qrz dot com slash callsign slash DK9NCX](http://www.dot.qrz.com/slash/callsign/slash/DK9NCX).

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PENTAGON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TO HOST SPECIAL EVENT STATION COMMEMORATING 9/11

On Thursday, September 11, the Pentagon Amateur Radio Club (PARC) will operate a Special Event station commemorating the 7th anniversary of the attacks that occurred on the Pentagon, the World Trade Center and over Pennsylvania in 2001. <http://www.k4af.org/>.

This special event will be held in conjunction with President Bush's visit to the Pentagon to dedicate the new Pentagon Memorial honoring the 184 people, both at the Pentagon and on American Airlines flight 77, who lost their lives in the attacks. Operators will be on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 meters -- both phone and CW -- with plans to operate on a 12 hour basis (1200-2400 UTC). There will be a special QSL card available for stations that work K4AF.

For more information, please contact Gary Sessums, KC5QCN kc5qcn@arrl.net QSL via PARC, PO Box 2322, Arlington, VA 22202.

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Area 2 Meter Repeaters

Escanaba	147.15 +	107.2
	145.13 -	No PL
Gladstone	147.24 +	107.2
IRLP 4013	147.55 Smpx	107.2
Cooks	146.70 -	No PL
Grd Marais	147.195+	No PL
Gwinn	146.64 -	100.0
Iron Mtn	146.85 -	No PL
Iron River	145.17 -	107.2
Ishpeming	146.91 -	No PL
Marquette	146.97 -	100.0
	147.27 +	100.0
Menominee	147.00 +	107.2
Munising	145.41 -	No PL
Newberry	146.61 +	127.3
	147.09 +	114.8
Republic	147.09 +	No PL
Trenary	147.03 +	No PL
Wetmore	146.79 -	No PL

Wisconsin Repeaters

Abrams	146.835 -	107.2
Crivitz	145.47 -	107.2
Egg Harbor	146.73 -	107.2
McAllister	146.88 -	136.5
Green Bay	147.12 +	107.2
	147.27 +	107.2
	146.685 -	107.2
	145.49 -	100.0
Sister Bay	147.18 +	107.2
Sturgeon Bay	147.21 +	107.2

Club History

Our organization began with a group of local hams getting together in 1964 for the purpose of hosting a U.P. Hamfest.

They called themselves the "Bay de Noc Radio Club" This first local Hamfest became a reality in 1965.

On September 1, 1970 the group met once again at the Northern Michigan National Bank to create a more formal club. The name chosen was the "Delta County Amateur Radio Society".

Arrl affiliation was applied for and the club received its charter on February 15th 1971.

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DCARS is an
ARRL Affiliated Club

Area Nets

UP Net 3921khz
Daily – 5pm EST
Sunday – Noon EST

Midcars 7258khz
Daily 7:30am – 2pm EST

IRLP Linkup Node 9206
Tuesday 9pm EST

Southcars Node 9617
Saturday – 9am EST

UP Echolink Node 9617
Sunday – 8pm EST

Help Promote These Bills!

US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, finds FCC Violated Administrative Procedure Act in its BPL Decision. The Court agreed with the ARRL that the FCC had failed to comply with the APA by not fully disclosing for public comment the staff studies on which it relied. The Court also agreed with the ARRL that the Commission erred in not providing a reasoned justification for its choice of an extrapolation factor of 40 dB per decade for Access BPL systems and in offering "no reasoned explanation for its dismissal of empirical data that was submitted at its invitation. This means the FCC doesn't have to retract BPL just that they need to redefine it. So, where does that leave us, the Amateur population? Needing some type of legislation before the FCC can change or make any new rules.

Senate Bill (S-1629): Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007. A bill to request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband Internet transmission over power lines. Sponsor [Sen. Mark Pryor \(D-AR\)](#) cosponsor [Sen. Michael Crapo \(R-ID\)](#). Also, House of Representatives (H.R. 462): Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007 To request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband internet transmission over power lines. Sponsor [Rep. Mike Ross \(D-AR\)](#) and cosponsors [Rep. John Barrow \(D-GA\)](#), [Rep. Roscoe Bartlett \(R-MD\)](#), [Rep. Baron Hill \(D-IN\)](#), [Rep. Steve Israel \(D-NY\)](#), [Rep. Ron Lewis \(R-KY\)](#), [Rep. Michael McNulty \(D-NY\)](#), [Rep. Tim Murphy \(R-PA\)](#), [Rep. Sue Myrick \(R-NC\)](#), [Rep. Ronald Paul \(R-TX\)](#), [Rep. Collin Peterson \(D-MN\)](#), [Rep. David Price \(D-NC\)](#), [Rep. Bart Stupak \(D-MI\)](#), [Rep. Timothy Walberg \(R-MI\)](#).

People, who think members of Congress or the House of Representatives pay little or no attention to constituent mail, are plain wrong. Concise, well thought out personal letters are one of the most effective ways Americans have of influencing lawmakers. But, members of Congress and the House of Representatives get hundreds of letters and emails every day. Whether you choose to use the Postal Service or email, here are some tips that will help your letter have impact. Most of the time, we as Amateurs, write our Senators or House of Representatives complaining that a certain Act or Bill will not be good for Amateur Radio. But, this time we all need to write and let our Representatives know that we would like them to support these Bills and that we appreciate the fact that they are looking into the future of the service of Amateur Radio. If you're not sure who to write then go to the leagues web site (<http://www.arrl.org>) click on Members Only and a new page will pop up with the listings of the Congressman/Congresswomen, Senators and House of Representatives in your District.

There is also a sample letter there that is already written for you. Copy and paste it into an email and fill in the appropriate places with the Representatives name, then the place with your name and information in the proper places. We must make sure we can congratulate as well as complain. Remembering that no matter what way we do it we must do it with respect to them and in confidence. Here are some examples for writing a Senator, Congressman/Congresswomen or House of Representative.

It's usually best to send letters to the Representative from your local Congressional District or the Senators from your state. Your vote helps elect them -- or not -- and that fact alone carries a lot of weight.

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John D. Meyers, NB4K
Great Lakes Legislative Action Coordinator
Great Lakes Division

Fun Stuff – The Tick

Most ham are well aware of time standard station WWV at Ft. Collins, Colorado . It's run by the National Institute of Standards and Technology and radiates 10,000 watts on 5, 10, and 15 MHz; and 2500 watts on 2.5 and 20 MHz. And over the years WWV broadcasts time and frequency information 24 hours per day, 7 days per week to millions of listeners worldwide.

Well now it appears to have an on-line rival. Well, one that's at least a tongue in cheek rival called "The Tick."

The Tick is the creation of Douglas Grant, KD1TJ, who happens to own Lownoise Productions in Tucson, Arizona. We asked him to tell us how The Tick came about.

KD1TJ: "Back in the late 70's, about the time that I got my ham ticket and while I was still working in commercial radio, I turned a broadcaster and friend of mine onto shortwave listening, which I had been doing since the 60's. I sold him one of my used radios and he became familiar with what was on the dial. He would listen to Vladimir Posner on Radio Moscow, theatrical works on the BBC and all the other noises that you hear like WWV. So he and I used to joke about the announcements that might be heard on that time and frequency station if it were commercial radio, like -- all the time, all the time.

"Fast forward to 2003. Another friend of mine had moved to Atlanta and was working as a television engineer for The Weather Channel. And he revealed that one of the local TV weathermen on the air in Atlanta was in fact one of the voices of WWV -- John Doyle.

"So on a whim I wrote to John and I told him about some of the laughs we'd had at WWV's expense over the years and inquired if he might want to voice some lines in order to create a spoof . And, to my delight he liked the idea, did some recording for me. What resulted is The Tick. The new WWV."

Grant tells Newsline that he has received lots of very positive feedback since he brought The Tick to the world of cyberspace several years ago. You can check out "The Tick" for yourself at www.lownoiserecords.com/wwv_the_tick.html

(From arnewsline.org)

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V. E. Testing

Gladstone

Oct 11th
9 am EST
Gladstone Library
Howard St. John W8HSJ
(906) 428-9476
w8hsj@dcars.org

Marquette

Sep 13th
8:30 am EST
Marquette Co. Health Dept.
U.S.41
Rich Schwenke N8GBA
(906) 249-3837
n8gba@chartermi.net

Kingsford

Dec 6th
9 am CST
Dickenson County Library
Mark Lewis N8UKD

Bring a **photo ID** if available otherwise two forms of identification will be required.

Test session fees are **\$14**, Please bring exact amount or a check.

Bring your actual license or C.S.C.E. and a **photocopy** to be sent in for element credit

Upcoming Events

September 15th
D.C.A.R.S. Picnic

December 5th & 6th
Steam & Gas Assn.
Christmas in the village
Escanaba

December 15th
DCARS Annual
Christmas party
(Date tentative)

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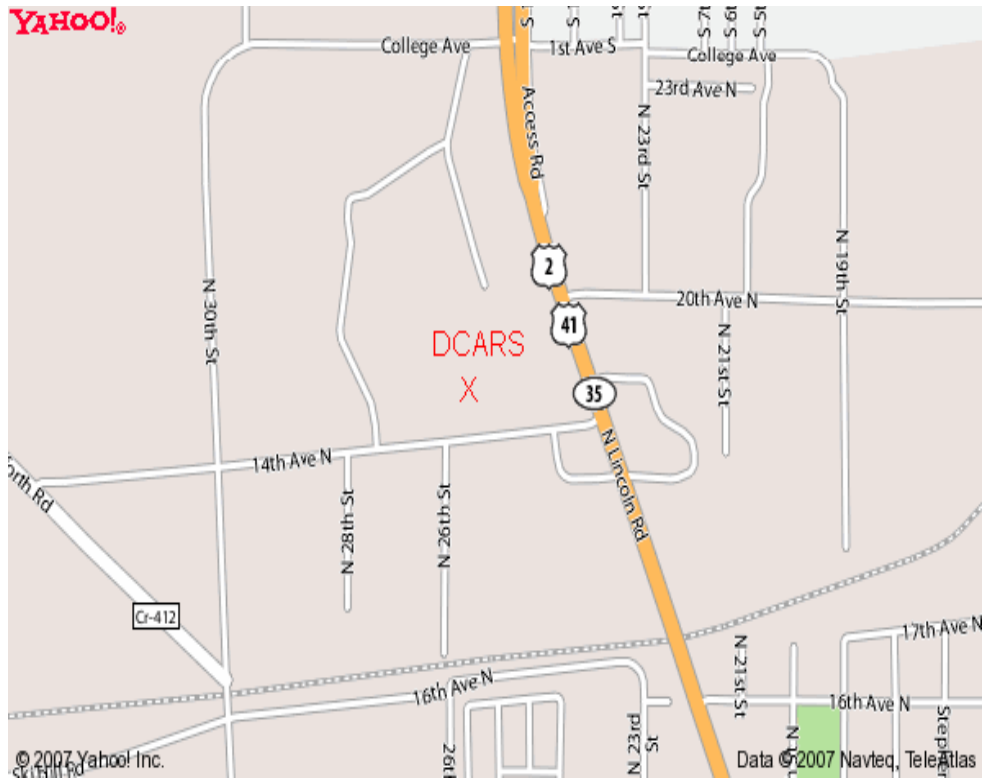
Meetings

The **Delta County Amateur Radio Society** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. The meeting is held in the Joseph Heirman University Center, Room 963 at Bay de Noc College.

Annual Membership Dues are \$15

Project Nights

Projects nights are held on Mondays from Labor Day until Memorial Day. (except club meeting nights)



From US – 2 & 41
Turn West on to Danforth Road,
Travel one block and turn right into Lot D

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