

Air Scoop monthly

Newsletter of The Delta County Amateur Radio Society

February 2005

Club Officers Elected for 2005

Members and Guests of the Delta County Amateur Radio Society met at the Great Northern Buffet for the annual Christmas party on Jan 10th 2005. The Christmas party that had been planned for December 2004 was cancelled due to poor weather conditions and the flu bug going around the area.

Area members and guests; Rich and Esther Thompson, Howard Erickson, Bill and Dorothy Baker, Tony and Jean Marietta, Dave Palmgren, Jerry Shapy and Leslie, Don Brackenbury, Hank Olsen, Len Gerou, Marshall and Lori Seawright, John and Kay Anderson, Les and Diane Elder.

After the great buffet, a short meeting was held to cover old and new club business and to elect new officers. Tony KC8NUR took over the helm and the meeting started at 725pm. Tony thanked everyone for showing up at the dinner and the meeting got underway.

Treasurers Report - Rich N8OYR gave the financial report and the balance of account. It was moved to accept the report by Marshall N8VBA, 2nd by Bill N8AFZ, and passed with voice vote.

Secretaries Report - The club waved the Secretaries report and the secretary was asked to include the minutes in monthly newsletters.

Repeater Report - Rich N8OYR gave a report regarding the 147.15 repeater and stated everything seems to be working just fine.

Plans are to install all the slots for autodial back into the system so as to be able to call Home and Emergency numbers.

Rich also has a list of people assigned to the various slots for the controller. You may call him to verify before this is given to Mark N8XAH. Mark is the custodian of the club repeater, located just West of Escanaba on his property off County Road 414.

Old business - Les KG8SQ, Rich N8OYR, gave a short talk on the need for members to participate in the U.P. 200 out of Marquette and Gwinn this next month. Anyone wishing to help the Marquette area Ham Operators out are urged to contact KI8AF (Greg Hanson) in Marquette or let any of our new and past club officers know and they will see that the message is forwarded to Greg.

Before New Election of Officers, Tony (Vice President) thanked Jeremy Reese for his past duties as president of our club and all the officers and our Ham-fest Coordinator, John Anderson WD8RTH and members for making 2004 an outstanding year.

Elections of Officers took place and the results were as follows:

Dave Palmgren N8DP	President
Mark Blau N8DX	Vice President
Marshall Seawright N8VBA	Treasurer
Les Elder KG8SQ	Secretary

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New President Dave Palmgren, thanked everyone for attending our Christmas party and also thanked all the past club officers. Special thanks went out to John Anderson who helped keep the club above water this past year with a well planned hamfest, swap at Bay College summer of 2004. Again John was asked to be Chairman of the much larger planned "Upper Peninsula Hamfest" for 2006.

Some of the goals for 2005:

1. Start and complete Ham Radio Classes for entry class amateurs, (Technicians, Generals, Extra)
2. Have a VE team organized for Delta County to administer testing after classes are completed.
3. Organize more time and start Sunday get-togethers on 147.15 repeater at 7 pm.
4. Start a weekly or bi-weekly Project Night for committee meetings to keep up to date on local news and up-coming projects. (Also work on Electronic Projects) soldering etc.
5. Our main project goal is to gain more membership in DCARS and promote more involvement in training new amateur radio operators for Delta County.
6. Mass mail – out to all area surrounding communities regarding DCARS.
7. Additions to our Monthly Newsletter.
8. Add monthly U.S. mail outs of our newsletter in addition to all E-mail accounts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

(Submitted by Les Elder)

NEW ADDITION – VHF REPEATER – GLADSTONE MICHIGAN COVERING DELTA COUNTY

Before the meeting was completed, Dave also gave information on his new 147.240 repeater that has been activated for Delta County. The vhf unit will have a tone of 107.2. This is an open repeater for all to use. Even though he is using only a 35 feet tower with a new Motorola Repeater, it does have very good coverage for our area. Future summer plans will increase the tower height to 140 feet and to install a new Sinclair SD-224 antenna for much better coverage covering the Central Upper Peninsula throughout Delta County. We welcome another repeater to our area for everyday use as well as emergency service.

(Submitted by Les Elder)

President's Message

Since I am a newly elected officer of the club I should begin by introducing myself. I'm Dave Palmgren – N8DP. I was first licensed in 1972 as WN8OIY (Novice) in 1974 I received my General class license and my callsign became WB8OIY. I upgraded to Advanced in 1976 and in 1980 I became an Extra class. In 2002 I requested a callsign change and I became N8DP. I've been active one time or other on all bands 70 CM and below. I've used OSCAR, been involved with RTTY, Packet and SSTV. Computers and the Internet had distracted me for a few years but lately I've been working towards getting my station back to where I want it to be. I've been married to my wife Betty (WD8ARJ – Technician) for 30 years and we have one Daughter, Heather who lives in New York City.

My intention as President is to create a ham club atmosphere that is fun, entertaining and informative. I intend to encourage others to pitch in and assist with teaching Ham radio classes and administrating Ham exams, participating in Ham radio activities like fox hunting, Field day etc. I'm looking forward to a great 2005.
73's Dave
(Submitted by Dave Palmgren)

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS JOINING DCARS.

Yearly dues for members have been reduced to \$15.00 per year. Associate members living outside Delta County – Annual dues reduced to \$10.00 per year.

Dues are January 1st – December 31st annually....Prorates during the year are not accepted unless you also pay in advance for the next years dues. You may also contribute to different on-going projects, the 147,150 repeater maintenance fund, or tower fund. (We are looking to increase the height of the 147.150 repeater)
(Submitted by Marshall Seawright)

Congratulations to Joe Thompson KC8ZYI on upgrading to Extra class.
(Submitted by Dave Palmgren)

Our Organization, once called – “Bay-De-Noc Radio Club” was formed for the purpose of having an Upper Peninsula Wide, Hamfest in 1964. This first Hamfest for Escanaba became a reality in 1965.

On September 1st 1970, local members met at The Northern Michigan National Bank and decided to affiliate with the ARRL, received its Charter on February 15, 1971.

At this time, the name, DCARS or “Delta County Amateur Radio Society” was chosen.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL MAIL CORRESPONDANCE TO:
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INDIVIDUAL EMAIL CAN BE SENT TO OUR CLUB OFFICERS OR MEMBERS.

PLEASE NOTIFY ONE OF OUR CLUB OFFICERS OR THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR OF ANY MAIL OR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES.
THANK YOU.



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News from around the U.P.

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the K8ZAS 147.15
Repeater. The repeater
uses a PL tone of 107.2
(When enabled)

With the New Year here and the holidays behind us it is time to think about ham radio again. It's time to volunteer for helping out with *The UP. 200 and MNR Sled Dog Races.*

HARA – needs additional help from all ham radio people for the above yearly project. We (hams) are the major communications link for both events. Those of you that own cell phones can attest to the fact that in many areas up here they simply do not work. (Our radios are the backbone of this project).

There are lots on locations and time slots that need to be covered yet and we can't do it alone. Please help out and volunteer.

Give me a call or drop me an email and I can fill you in on more details if necessary. If you know someone that doesn't have internet access but you think might be interested in helping out pass this info onto them.

The event weekend is February 18, 19, 20, 2005. Mark you calendar now then volunteer by getting in touch with me.
73, Greg KI8AF ki8af@arrl.net 906 225-1594

SPECIAL EVENT ON THE AIR – 3 DAYS SSB IN GENERAL PORTION OF BANDS 7.285, 14.255, 21.370, 28.370. TO RECEIVE A 8 X 10 SPECIAL COLOR CERTIFICATE, PLEASE SEND A QSL CARD AND LARGE 9 X 12 ENVELOPE sase 57 CENTS TO – RICH SCHWENKE, 21 SMITH LANE, MARQUETTE, MI 49855 PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR QSO CONTACT NUMBER ON YOUR QSL CARD. Please make it a point to check into this special event over your hf station over the weekend.

(Submitted by Les Elder)

V. E. TESTING

03/12 Marquette: 8:30am Eastern time, arrive by 8:00am, at the Marquette County Health Dept. Bldg, US 41 Hwy off of M-35 Junction – Just East of the Michigan State Police Post. Contact Rich Schwenke, N8GBA AT 906-249-3837 Leave msg if not available....for a return call.

05/05 Iron Mountain: 9:30am central time, (arrive by 9:00am) Dickinson County Library (conference room) Mark J. Lewis N8UKD, 412 Fairmount St. Kingsford, Mi 49802 Telephone 906 774-6598 Future exam dates are: Aug 06 and Nov 05

Note: PLEASE ARRIVE ½ HOUR PRIOR TO SCHEDULED TIMES TO FILL IN INFORMATION ON APPLICATIONS

Testing applicants should bring the following items with them: Two pieces of I.D. one being a photo I.D, Original license and one clear copy of license, completed form 605 – (one will be provided if you don't have one), Pencils, calculator and the test fee of \$14.00. Please have the correct fee, as examiners do not carry change. (Wife's don't let them handle the money.- they only receive an allowance.) Only kidding.....Actually makes in easier and faster to administer exams and to forward information to the ARRL. 73

(Submitted by Les Elder)

You Know You're a Ham if :

You buy electrical black tape in ten packs.

You've stripped wire with your teeth.

You've told your son that, "One day, all this will be yours", and he doesn't respond.

You'd rather help a buddy put up a new tower than mow the lawn.

You've grabbed the wrong end of a soldering iron.

You start giving out RST reports when you are on the telephone.

The propagation forecast means far more to you than the local weather forecast.

The microphone or visual aids at a meeting don't work and you rush up to the front to fix it.

You tell the XYL, when she notices a new rig in the shack, why that has been there for years.

Your watch is set only to UTC.

You ever had to patch your roof after an antenna project.

Ham radio magazines comprise more than 50% of your bathroom library.

You ever put a GPS tracker in the XYL's car, just so you could watch her on APRS.

You and the XYL took a cruise so you could visit the radio room.

you ever tapped out HI in Morse on your car horn to another ham.

You ever had an antenna fall down.

Your teenager refuses to ride in your car because it looks like a porcupine.

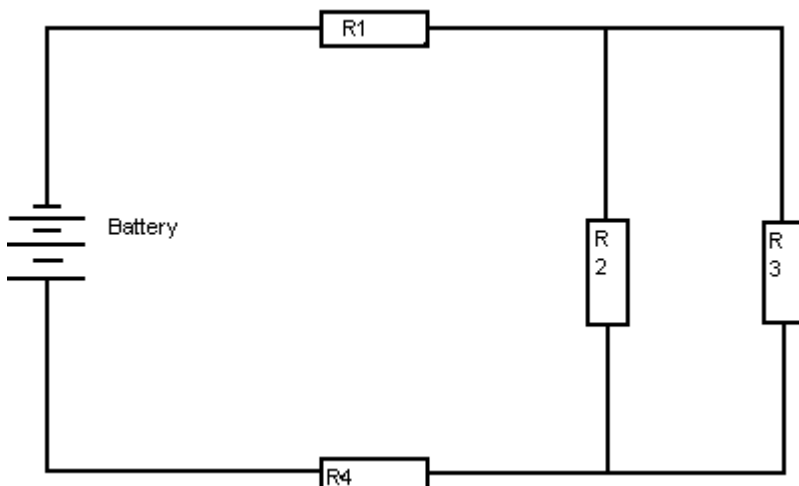
You know the Latitude and Longitude of your home QTH.

You go into the local Radio Shack store and the clerk asks you where something is and they are always out of product.

The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once."

(Submitted by Les Elder)

Puzzle of the Month



The value of R1 is 1K Ohms.
The value of R3 is 20 K Ohms.
The value of R4 is 5K Ohms.

Placing a voltmeter across R3 shows
A voltage drop of 10 volts.

Placing a voltmeter across R4 shows
A voltage drop of 5 volts.

Question #1 What is the resistance
Of R2?

Question #2 What is the Battery
Voltage?

Answers will be given at the club
Meeting and in next months News
Letter. (Submitted by Dave Palmgren)

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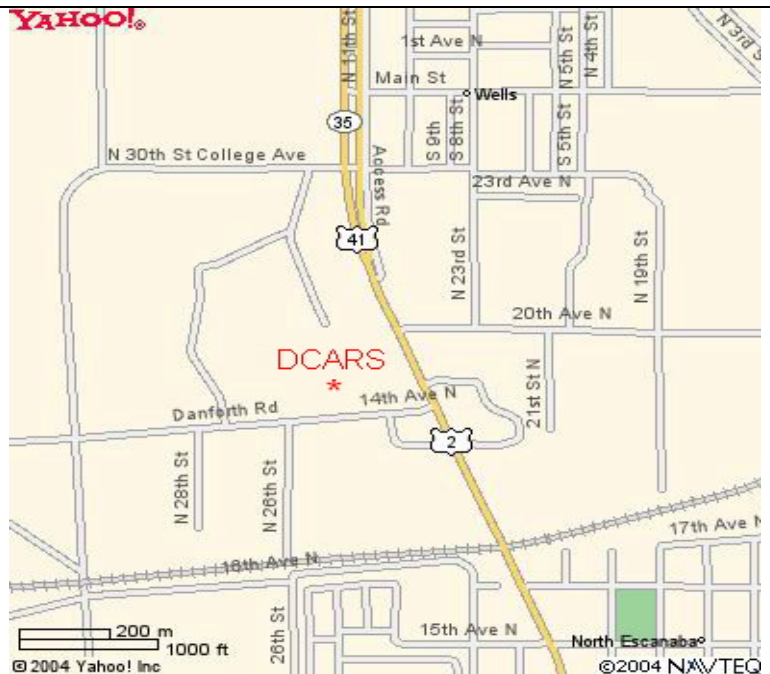
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DCARS meets on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held at 7PM, February 21, 2005 at The Bay De Noc Community College, Room #963 in the Joseph Heirman University Center. The program will be on "Space Communications".

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