

# *Air Scoop*

*The monthly Newsletter of the Delta County Amateur Radio Society, Inc. JUNE 2007*

**Air Scoop Monthly – is the official newsletter for "The Delta County Amateur Radio Society Inc"**

**The Delta County Amateur Radio Society**, will meet on the third **Monday, JUNE 18th of this month**. Our meeting starts promptly at 7 P.M., at Bay De Noc Community College, Joseph Heirman University Center, room 963.

**Project Nights** Suspended until this fall. Will start when new Facilities at the U.P. State Fair Grounds are completed.

**NOTE: ALL NEWSLETTERS ARE UPLOADED MONTHLY TO OUR WEBSITE – BY OUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR ON OR ABOUT THE FIRST WEEK PRIOR TO MONTHLY MEETINGS HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY OF EACH MONTH YEARLY UNLESS A SPECIAL MEETING IS CALLED BY OUR PRESIDENT – DAVE – N8DP**

DCARS – [WWW.DCARS.ORG](http://WWW.DCARS.ORG)

Joe Thompson – Webmaster

## LOCAL REPEATERS

147.150 + off the air  
145.130 – Escanaba  
147.240 + Gladstone  
IRLP – simplex link 147.550 tone 107.2  
146.700 – Cooks, MI  
147.030 + Trenary, MI  
APRS DIGI 144.390

## 2007 DCARS – OFFICERS

President - Dave Palmgren – N8DP  
V. President - Tony Marietta – KC8NUR  
Treasurer - Rich Thompson – N8OYR  
Secretary - Joe Thompson – W8JRT

Newsletter Editor - Les Elder – WA8LE  
Club Librarian - Tony Marietta - KC8NUR  
HamFest Chairman – Richard Thompson – N8OYR

## Future Testing Schedule – Upper Peninsula

14-July -2007  
**Sponsor:** DELTA COUNTY ARS  
**Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
**Contact:** LYSLE L ELDER  
(906)789-1543

**Email:** [HAMBONE@UPLOGON.COM](mailto:HAMBONE@UPLOGON.COM)

**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](http://ARRL/VEC)

**Location:** BAY DE NOC COMM COLLEGE-ROOM 402E,  
HEALTH & APPLIED SCIENCES BLDG  
FROM US2-TURN W TO DANFORTH RD -  
PARKING LOT "D"  
Watch for vehicles with antennas  
ESCANABA, MI 49829

13-Aug-2007

**Sponsor:** HARC/CCRAA

**Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**Contact:** GEORGE R THURNER

(906)337-2542

**Email:** [W8FWG@ARRL.NET](mailto:W8FWG@ARRL.NET)

**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](http://ARRL/VEC)

**Location:** MICHIGAN TECH UNIVERSITY-US HWY 41  
WADSWORTH RESIDENCE HALL - OPPOSITE CAMPUS  
RADIO WMTU ROOM NUMBER G04W  
HOUGHTON, MI 49931

## **DCARS Meeting Minutes** **May 21st, 2007**

Attendance:

Dave, N8DP, John, WD8RTH, Lowell,  
KA8RPB, Howard, W8HSJ, Rich, N8OYR, Les,  
WA8LE, Mike, KD8DKA, Don, K8GMW, Walt,

K8WLT, Rob, KD8FWJ, Tony, KC8NUR,  
MARK, N8XAH, Lowell, KA8RPB.

Meeting opened by Dave, N8DP our President.

Treasury report by Rich, N8OYR.

Correspondence read at meeting, bill from Les  
for Telegraph office stuff.

Old Business: Telegraph office walls up, siding  
started, trusses coming soon.

Lots of scouts at fair grounds. Good turn out,  
lots of scouts on the air. They were given first  
contact certificates.

The hard line is off of the tower at the light  
house. Rain is delaying tower removal.

Tony asked for a written agreement for the  
telegraph office. Looking for a club lease, or  
something in writing, committing it to us for  
some period of time. Discussion followed.  
Dave and Lowell will attend the Gas and  
Steam meeting to peruse. Dave asked for a  
budget amount for this project. Howard asked  
for \$100 immediate to a max of budget of  
\$500. Walt Seconded.

Rich moved to sell tower to Mark for \$300.00,  
Ken second it. Pass.

Fox hunt cancelled due to building. Move to  
June Saturday before field day.

ARES- Mark is working on bringing it together.  
Need a list of club members, how many live in  
county. Will arrange training for anyone  
interested.

Discussion of Constitution. Dave proposed the  
correcting the spelling and changing the font.  
Tony moved to make the changes proposed,  
Ken seconded. Passed.

Dave distributed a draft copy of the constitution  
and proposed changes. See the draft on the  
web site. Howard discussed application for  
membership, leave as is and implement it.  
Dave will do text and propose next meeting.

Free membership for those passing the entry  
level ham exam given by the group.

Mechanism to remove people from the  
membership roles should your license be  
revoked with 2/3 of the officers present.

John won the 50/50.

Dave will bring proposed constitution changes  
next meeting. Howard, article requiring  
notification of change by mail should be  
dropped. Dave added all full members.

Repeater report:

Hold the repeater, 146.70, fund until we hear  
something.

147.15 is at W8JRT's house for repair.

Motion to adjourn by Mark, second by Rob.

Minutes recorded by KD8DVN, Mark.

**~~PROJECT - TELEGRAPH BUILDING,  
U.P. STATE FAIR GROUNDS, ESCANABA  
MICHIGAN~~**

**DELTA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO  
TELEGRAPH OFFICE PICTURES  
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION - MAY - JUNE  
2007.**

MORE PICTURES OF OUR BUILDING CAN  
BE SEEN AT [WWW.DCARS.ORG](http://WWW.DCARS.ORG)

IF YOUR INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING  
FOR CARPENTER WORK, DRYWALL AND  
WIRING ETC., CONTACT, LES WA8LE - 789-  
1543 OR ON THE 146.700 OR THE 147.240  
REPEATER EVENINGS.

WE NEED SOMEONE THAT CAN DRYWALL  
THE INSIDE OF OUR BUILDING AND TAPE  
THE SEAMS ETC. WE WILL FURNISH THE  
DRYWALL FOR U. (VOLUNTEER'S) ASAP.

**SOME PICS some of the crew members**



Les wa8le, Lowell ka8rpb, Walt k8wlt, Mike kd8dka, Don k8gmw



Lowell ka8rpb, Les wa8le, Mike kd8dka, construction crew



Building Closed in by Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> 2007



Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> 2007, front porch roof installed.

Delta County Amateur Radio Society Inc., builds new addition to the U.P. State Fair Grounds at Escanaba, Michigan. During the Month of May 2007, members made arrangements and worked out a plan to add another building to the U.P. Steam and Gas Engine Village located within the grounds.

An agreement was worked out to lease this building as long as our club builds, maintains, and uses this building for its functions as well as functions in conjunction with the U.P. Steam and Gas Engine shows during each and Year.



Building painted Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 by Les wa8le, Lowell ka8rpb, Ken kd8dkc, Mike kd8dka, Don k8gmw, Dave n8dp.

The club will use this building for its monthly meetings, Project Nights, weekend and evening get-to-gethers. When members need a place to set up their rigs, and do some Dxing or ssb work, a place will be available for that purpose. "An away from home place to come"

The concrete pour got underway on the weekend of May 12<sup>th</sup> 2007 and after a short drying period, work started immediately, so we could hold this years "Field Day" in our new building.

Working almost daily about 6 hours a day, with 2, 3 or 4 persons available, (retired folks) we worked with the lumber that was cut from logs donated from club members and others for our project.

Lumber supplied, after drying from last year was used for this project. As of today, June 11, 2007, we have enclosed the building, and will have the windows, door, and front porch, sidewalk completed for our "Field Day Event."

Everyone and anyone interested in Ham Radio are welcome to come see, join in, and participate with us during our events as well as Monthly meetings and Project Nights. Members that wish to use our telegraph office will have access to the building.

We wish to thank all the members and non-members of DCARS for their help in building our Telegraph building. Your help is most appreciated. Just think, another building will go up next year like this one. So be prepared to do some more work. 73s

Persons working construction inside will have keys for access also. Our club needs 9, 8 foot tables, and chairs for our building as well as any shelving, Glassed in cabinets for show and tell and anything related to a "Western Union Telegraph Office". Our telegraph office will be open almost daily and for events being held on – Field Day, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> 2007, Balloons on the Bay, Escanaba June 29- July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 (3 day event), July 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, "Mackinaw Bridge Anniversary, SSB – at the telegraph

office, Pioneer Days, 13-19 Aug U.P. State Fair Week (all Week), Sept 1-3<sup>rd</sup> Labor Day Steam and Gas show, 30 Nov, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – “Christmas in the Village”, Special events our club participates in.

All members are urged to attend and help finish construction. Bring your family and friends.

**Building Pictures will be uploaded to our website at [www.dcars.org](http://www.dcars.org)**

**73s wa8le, Les Elder, Editor**

**D.C.A.R.S.  
DELTA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO  
C/o Richard Thompson - Treasurer  
9560 Chaison – N. Road  
Gladstone, Mi.  
49837**

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Dear fellow club member of DCARS,

In accordance with the rules of our club's constitution, you are hereby notified of the five following amendment change proposals to the constitution. These changes will be voted on at the next club meeting to be held on June 18th

1). Eliminate the need for two signatures to sign checks.

Existing language states:

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; and he shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without the **co-signature** of the club president. At each meeting he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn over everything in his possession belonging to the club to his successor.

Change the word "co-signature" to "approval".

2). Eliminate the requirement to notify the membership by mail to change the constitution.

Existing language states:

This Constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership at a regular meeting providing there is a quorum present. Proposals for amending the Constitution or By-Laws shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next regular meeting following, provided all members have been notified **by mail** of the intent to amend the Constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

Remove the words "By Mail"

3). Add membership termination language to the constitution.

Add the paragraph:

"Membership termination – Members who have had their license revoked by the FCC will require a two-thirds approval of those present to remain as an associate member.

4). Remove the dues assessment amount language and offer free membership for one year to new licensees.

Existing language states:

A regular assessment of \$21.00 yearly per member is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Constitution for the purpose of providing funds for current expenses. The dues shall be established yearly at the annual meeting. Dues shall be paid by December 31. After that date inactive membership will result. New members may pay one-half the dues, if less than six months remain until the next annual meeting.

Change text to:

For the purpose of providing operating funds and in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Constitution, the dues shall be established yearly at the annual meeting. Dues shall be paid by December 31. After that date inactive membership will result. New members may pay one-half the dues, if less than six months remain until the next annual meeting. New licensees will be offered membership without dues for the remainder of the year pending membership application approval.

5). Add an addendum page to document changes.

The entire constitution can be view at the club's web site.  
[www.dcars.org](http://www.dcars.org)

Click on the Club Information tab.

Thank You

Dave Palmgren – N8DP