

Air Scoop monthly

Delta County Amateur Radio Society Inc.
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GLADSTONE, Michigan 49837

Delta County 2-meter Repeater – 147.150 + K8ZAS – Tone 107.2
Our Web Site - <http://www.geocities.com/k8zas/index.html>

Specialties: General Interest, Field Day, Our Own 2-Meter Repeater. We do have Communications available for **Emergency or Community Service Functions.** We welcome all, anyone interested in “Amateur Radio” to our Monthly Meetings. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each Month at “Bay-De-Noc Community College, Room #963 at 7:00 P.M. (Harriman Building). Park anywhere at South side parking lot.

November 15th 2004 - Meeting

Club Officers - 2004

President – N8YP Jeremy Reese
V. President – KC8NUR Tony Marietta
Treasurer – N8OYR – Rich Thompson
Secretary-Newsletter Editor- KG8SQ Les Elder

All Newsletter information and Ideas can to be sent to Newsletter Editor Via E-Mail. Kg8sq@uplogon.com. All letters, comments, stories, will be discussed before publication. Your help in making a great Newsletter will be greatly appreciated by all.

The **air scoop** is a monthly publication and will be distributed by E-Mail From our Master, DATABASE in PDF format. Anyone wishing a newsletter can request a copy from the DCARS Newsletter editor. You may also request a copy by phone at KG8SQ’S home phone. If not in at the time of call, please leave a message and we can get back to you.

Our Organization, once called – **“Bay-De-Noc Radio Club”** was formed for the purpose of having an Upper Peninsula Wide, Ham-fest in 1964. This first Ham-Fest 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 U.S. MAIL CORRESPONDANCE TO: DCARS – TREASURER, RICHARD THOMPSON, 9560 CHAISON N. ROAD, GLADSTONE, MI 49837. INDIVIDUAL EMAIL CAN BE SENT TO OUR CLUB OFFICERS OR MEMBERS. IF WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE NOTIFY OUR CLUB PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, TREASURER OR SECRETARY AND LET US KNOW OF ANY EMAIL CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS THANKYOU.

DCARS – NEXT – MONTHLY MEETING – (3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH) –December 20, 2004 ranch restraurant 6:00 PM. AFTER CHRISTMAS DINNER, A SHORT MEETING WILL BE HELD. PLEASE JOIN US.

DELTA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY INC.

November 15th MEETING REPORT

Secretaries Report – for November 2004. WAVED, BY RICH N8OYR

Minutes: Meeting of November 2004
Not available at this time.

Treasurers Report, Not available at this time....**PROVIDED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING**

HAMFEST – 2006 – “UPPER PENINSULA” D.C.A.R.S. WILL YOUR HOST FOR THIS EVENT.

Discussion, and a vote was taken to have the **“Upper Peninsula Ham-Fest”** at Bay College for the year **“2006”**. This will provide our club ample time to get coordinated in advertising and help to better get the word out. This would also give better opportunity for vendors to check their calendar for event time available. A date of the actual ham-fest will be discussed later after information is received from vendors and a reliable date can be obtained. Please keep this in mind monthly so you can be available for our ham-fest.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – RANCH RESTRAUNT – DECEMBER 20th 2004 MONDAY EVENING

Reminder to keep your calendar open for the upcoming Christmas party – December 20th 2004. After our Meal at the Ranch, we will have a short meeting with election of officers for the up-coming year 2005. Be sure and bring your family and friends to this fine restraurant for a meal.

REPEATER REPORT

Rich will advise at next meeting what the power is at the present time and what the new power setting will be, If n8xah has to work that evening.

OTHER NEWS – FROM AROUND THE UPPER PENINSULA

ITEMS FOR SALE still for sale, at very resonable prices

TS50 KENWOOD 100 WATT MOBILE WITH BRACKET AND MANUAL, NEW 650. SELL \$450.00 OR MAKE AN OFFER. WILL CONSIDER TRADE IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING OF EQUAL VALUE.

JOHNSON VIKING 1000 WATT MATCHBOX, EXC., CONDITION VALUE 475.00, SELL - \$400.00 COMES WITH ACCESSORIES, MANUAL. WILL ALSO CONSIDER TRADING.....FOR EQUAL VALUE.

GENERAL ELECTRIC 110 WATT MOBIL COMMERCIAL RIG FOR SALE, ALL PROGRAMMED, INCLUDES HARNESS, CONTROL HEAD, LISTING OF ALL U.P. CHANNELS, AND WISC CHANNELS. YOU CAN INSTALL AS A BASE STATION, OR MOBILE UNIT, YOUR CHOICE. ASKING \$375.00 OR WILL TRADE OF EQUAL VALUE.

WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR IS: 2 EACH-ICOM V8000 MOBILES, VHF SWR METER –UP TO 500 WATTS, OR ANOTHER HF BASE STATION OR SILVER EAGLE BASE STATION MIKE, SSB-VHF BASE STATION.

EMAIL - KG8SQ@UPLOGON.COM. OR CALL 789-1543 ESCANABA ASK FOR LES AND YOU WILL GET MORE FOR YOUR BUCK.....73

FEBRUARY 5TH 2005 – MARQUETTE HARA – SWAP AND SHOP TIL YOU DROP.....!!!!

I know Christmas is close at hand and February 5th, the day of our Swap and Shop, seems like a long way off, but time does fly.

The raffle tickets are ready. It sure would be nice if every club member would buy five bucks worth, that's six tickets for your chance at one of several cash prizes as well as supporting our club. Rich N8GBA has the tickets and sure would appreciate a call (249-3837) or an email n8bga@chartermi.net with your request for a handful of tickets to buy as well as some to sell. The Swap and Shop is the **major fund-raiser** for the club annually and the raffle is a big part of it.

If everyone did just a little then a few wouldn't have to do a lot. Please help out. ANYONE INTERESTED IN GETTING TICKETS FOR THE ABOVE RAFFLE, PLEASE EMAIL RICH N8GBA OR GREG, KI8AF IN MARQUETTE. You may get the above email addresses from kg8sq@uplogon.com.

MORE NEWS FROM ABROAD – HARA

Hello All,

I was going to hold off on this email until after the holidays but on second thought I figured I'd better get it out before I let it slip my mind.

Once again we are requesting amateur radio operators to help with communications for the races scheduled for February 18, 19, 20, 2005.

16th Running of the U.P. 200 and Midnight Run Sled Dog Races

To most of you the 3rd weekend in February seems like along way off, but not when one is in the planning stages of making sure all is in order as far as the communication's effort goes. Once again, as in the past, amateur radio communications will be only means of passing information from many of the crossings and locations along the trails. In an effort to free up some hams the UPSDA will be using a few more FRS radio units in selected areas, but these areas are close to major checkpoints and start/finish lines. But even freeing up these few hams your help is still needed.

The U.P. 200 first team is expected to depart Marquette on Friday (2/18/05) evening at 1900. The Midnight Run (MNR) is expected to leave Gwinn late afternoon that same day and hopefully the teams will start falling in right behind the last team from the U.P. 200 in the area of the Carp River just south of Shiras Hills. From that point on all of the teams will travel the same course with the MNR teams ending their race at Wetmore just east of Munising. The U.P. 200 will of course continue on the Grand Marais and return via the same trail.

The trail from Marquette to Grand Marais has already been marked and some minor brushing has been

completed. The trail from Gwinn to the Carp River is the same one that was used many times in the past for the 200 and just last year for the Jack Pine 30, so it is in pretty good shape as well. I've expressed to the UPSDA that one of our major concerns has always been the lack of a good and known trail well in advance of the actual races, so hopefully this year we'll be more prepared with the steps that they've already taken.

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With that, I can say "**we need your help**". Along with the normal locations we covered last year we are going to also need a ham or two at the MNR start and a couple of road crossing for that event in between Gwinn and Marquette. We will cover only a couple of spots in down town Marquette for the start of the U.P. 200, also one at the Carp River and then onto the M-28 Church location. From this point on we'll cover as many crossings as we can, depending on the amount of ham volunteers.

So please start now, by confirming that you'll be helping out with the sled dog races. We have a new *Events Committee* formed at HARA to help out with all events that we are involved in so one or two individuals won't burn out as in the past. With the committee members dividing up the responsibilities we hope that everything will run a lot smoother than in the past. For now please email Greg at ki8af@arrl.net, to confirm that you are willing to help out with the sled dog races.

Some changes have taken place with the big one being that the Midnight Run (MNR) will be running from Gwinn to the Wetmore area just east of Munising, with a five (5) hour layover in Deerton. The U.P. 200 first team will be leaving Marquette at 7:10 PM versus the previous start time of 7:50 PM while the first MNR team out of Gwinn will be 6:00 PM. Hopefully the MNR teams will fall in right behind the last team out of Marquette where the trails merge just south of Marquette. We are also exploring the idea of at least one ham with his or her snowmobile and radio ride along with the different lead and sweep snowmobile teams that will be helping out. Let me know if you might be interested in snowmobiling some of the trail.

Here at HARA we formed an events committee to help over see this event as well as others we sponsor in the hopes that each one will run a bit smoother than in the past. While weather was the major culprit in the races last year we still are trying to greatly improve.

If you are interested in helping out please let me know. As the events get closer I'll be keeping volunteers much more informed but for now I'm really looking for anyone that is willing to help out again as so many of you have in the past years. If you want to help out and have a preference as to where and when you'd like to help out please let me know.

Sorry if some of you may have already received a request for help.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season. Looking forward to hearing from you,
73, Greg KI8AF Notify Greg at ki8af@netzero.com

V.E. TESTING - UPPER PENINSULA AREAS

Check with your local clubs as to the time and date for testing

or upgrading.

Please arrive one-half hour early for test sessions to give time to process 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 \$12.00. Please have the correct fee, as examiners do not carry change.

January 15, 2005 CCRAA/HARC Houghton MI Mc-Nair Residence Hall ROOM #:
East Conference Room in Mc-Nair Hall, Lot #16. It's the first big building on the left as you enter the MTU campus from the East. Use East end door of building. Please note the building change. All applicants should arrive NLT 8:30am EST in order to fill out the necessary paper work. Contact: Geo. Thurner, W8FWG 906-337-2542 or E-Mail at w8fwg@arri.net

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NEW REPEATER – IN -- SERVICE FOR THE DELTA COUNTY AREA – VHF – 147.240+ 107.2

Local repeater owner – N8DP – Dave Palmgren of Gladstone has installed a new repeater system as an open repeater with a tone of 107.2. The new Frequency for the New Motorola System is: 147.240+ Mhz. Be sure and install this into your vhf base station or mobile unit or h.t. unit. Remember this is a plus (+) offset.

Dave is in the process of installing this temporarily on a 45 foot tower, then re-intalling this onto a 110 foot tower (rohn 25) for final service for the ham community. The new unit will be explained on its use at our meeting in December at the Ranch restrant. Please be there for all the details of the new system. Complete testing will be on-going for the next month or two depending on weather conditions. This unit will be on and off the air, as testing will continue for a month or so before being put into full service. We all wish Dave good luck and welcome aboard with the new system for our area.

This will surely be an additional asset to the ham community in Delta County as well at the north central part of the Upper Peninsula and surrounding areas.

ARRL INFORMATION

INFORMATION TAKEN FROM THE INTERNET!

History Channel program to explore the annuals, impact of radio (Dec 4, 2004) -- On Friday, December 10, at 1 PM and 7 PM EST/PST, The History Channel will air a history of radio, "Radio: Out of Thin Air," as part of its "Modern Marvels" series. According to The History Channel, the hour long program will examine "the long life of the radio" and how its introduction "changed life in America nearly overnight."--submitted by

John Dilks, K2TQN did anyone get as chance to see this on the history channel on Dec 4th 2004???????

Surfin': Online QSL Card Collections

By Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU
Contributing Editor
December 3, 2004

This week, revisit radio's past by viewing old radio station verification cards, which are better known as QSLs.

Ever since I was a kid, I collected something. Coins, stamps, rocks, comic books, baseball cards, Matchbox toys, beer cans, *Mad* magazines, etc. Before I became a ham, I collected QSL cards from shortwave broadcast stations.

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After I became a ham, I collected QSL cards from other hams. Collecting QSL cards got me into collecting postcards. And today, I have over 3000 postcards and QSL cards in my collection, which brings us to Web sites that feature old QSL cards.

The K8CX QSL Card Gallery Web site has hundreds of ham radio QSL cards and there is a search engine that allows you to search the collection by call sign (WA1LOU bats zero, but W1AW has four hits). There are QSL cards from all the 335 current DXCC entities, as well as QSLs from entities deleted from the DXCC list.

The SWL QSL Card Museum web site has hundreds of QSL cards online including cards from radio stations like the Polish Pathfinders Broadcasting Station.

The K8CX collection includes "antique QSL cards," i.e., cards dating from 1959 and earlier, and cards that are considered "interesting" for one reason or another, for example, a variety of QSL cards from Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, and a QSL card from DP0SL, i.e., the 1985 Space Shuttle mission with German astronauts. There are also QSL cards from maritime mobile stations and "unverified operations," i.e., not necessarily illegal operations, but "cards that were not approved by the ARRL for DXCC, for one reason or another."

The Harvard Wireless Club Antique QSL Cards Web page displays samples of ham radio QSL cards from the mid-1920s including one from WJS, a fascinating QSL card from the famous Hamilton Rice Expedition of 1924-25 that explored the headwaters of the Amazon River.

The SWL QSL Card Museum Web site has shortwave station QSL cards representing 228 countries and 847 unique stations. The Old Time QSL Collection Web site displays a collection of broadcast band and shortwave stations QSL cards that were sent to Robert C. Schmarder in the 1930s.

These four are the more prolific QSL card Web sites. You can find more by Googling "old qsl cards," "antique qsl cards," or just plain old "qsl cards."

Old *Surfin's*

Earlier this week, I received an e-mail asking if past installments of *Surfin'* are accessible on ARRLWeb. I answered that all 205 installments of *Surfin'* are available.

To find a particular installment of Surfin', use the "Search site:" feature at the top of each ARRLWeb page. For example, if you were looking for a Surfin' in which I wrote about QSL cards, type "Surfin QSL" in the "Search site:" field, click the Go button, and the search engine will list all the *Surfin's* that mentioned QSL cards. Or just search on "Surfin" and the search engine will list all the Surfin's from day one to today.

Special news, please pay your dues at the december meeting for 2005

Election of officers – for the upcoming new year. REMEMBER DUES HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO \$15.00 FOR THE YEAR 2005.

DUES MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO VOTE IN OUR ELECTIONS ON DECEMBER 20TH 2004 FOR NEW CLUB OFFICERS.

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SEND IN YOUR DUES TO RICH THOMPSON AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

NON-VOTING HAMS ONLY PAY \$10.00 PER YEAR IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE OF DELTA COUNTY, SO PLEASE JOIN D.C.A.R.S. AND MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE NEW 2005. YOU WILL BE MOST IMPRESSED IN WHAT IS PLANNED FOR 2005.

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Any information or pics you would like to see in our newsletter, please send an email to editor kg8sq@uplogon.com

