

Air Scoop monthly

Delta County Amateur Radio Society Inc.
9560 CHAISON – N. ROAD
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.

September 20th 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. Kq8sq@uplogon.com. All letters, comments, stories, will be discussed before publication. Your help in making a great Newsletter will be greatly appreciated by all.

JEREMY OUR PRESIDENT ARRANGED AND MADE POSSIBLE A LISTING THAT ANYONE CAN ACCESS AT - WWW.YAHOOGROUPS.COM. ANYONE OR MEMBERS CAN GO TO WWW.YAHOOGROUPS.COM AND SIGN UP FOR A MEMBERSHIP. SEND AN EMAIL TO dcars-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and request to join. STORAGE SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR PICS AND MSSGS TO OTHERS AND MASS MAILINGS FOR MESSAGES OR NEWS CAN ALSO SENT OUT WITH THIS FREE SERVICE PROVIDED BY YAHOOGROUPS. **“EVERYTHING IS FREE”**

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Our Club, 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) – October 18th 2004 – BAY COLLEGE DANFORTH ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 963, HERIMAN BUILDING, SOUTH SIDE. MEETING STARTS AT 7 PM. PLEASE JOIN US.

DELTA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY INC.

SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT

Secretaries Report – AUGUST 2004. WAVED, BY RICH N8OYR

Minutes: Meeting of SEPTEMBER 2004

Absent, Jeremy n8yp, working, Tony Kc8nur, vacation, North Carolina

Present: Rich n8oyr, Les kg8sq, Steve kc8zdy, Hank w8zmn, Howard n8hbk, Bruce k8kyj/8 (Perkins) John wd8rth, Dave n8dp, Marshall n8vba.

Meeting called to order, by kg8sq, Les at 7:06 pm.

Introduction of members present.

Treasurers Report, with Balance of checkbook, bills paid.

HAMFEST 2004 – BAY COLLEGE - AUGUST

Ham fest - John wd8rth, Chairman, report profit of \$450.00 after bills paid for food, help.

John thanked those who worked during setup and takedown of tables and getting ready on Friday evening the night before. Also many thanks to Robin, NOAA program director and his helper for the great presentation during the ham fest. Also many thanks go to Anderson Communications for their display and sales tables and providing many ham radio items for sale. Another Vendor, Stanley Strangle from Bruce Crossing had many tables and sold many products related to ham radio and the ARRL. We wish to thank everyone that attended our DCAR's ham-fest function.

Several people came from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Lower Michigan as well as other areas for our ham-fest. All in all, we had a very good turnout for Escanaba.

HAMFEST – 2006 – “UPPER PENINSULA”

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.

LOCAL NEWS – BIKE-A-THON – ESCANABA AREA

John wd8rth, Marshall n8vba attended at two checkpoints and they stated all communications for the event consisted of cell phones as well as ham radio vhf units.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – RANCH RESTAUNT – DECEMBER 2004

Reminder to keep your calendar open for the upcoming Christmas party – short meeting.

REPEATER REPORT

Mark n8xah, coordinator for our repeater was absent. However discussion about the Low power took place, because of people not being able to access the repeater. It was discussed to increase power up to around the maximum of the unit to assist local people Using the unit. Dave brought up that its no good at the present power for what its capable of doing. Rich n8oyr would talk to Mark and have the power increased to help out. Rich thought that the power had been reduced because of some interference. However the recent technician that worked on the unit stated everything was ok and the unit would work well into the 75 watt or 85 watt range of power. Rich will advise at next meeting what the power is at the present time and what the new power setting will be.

REPEATER REPORT – ADDENDUM FOR – NORTHERN CORRIDOR OF WISC / MICHIGAN

A special note for all that Mr. Bill Becks and Earl Andre Jr., have changed the tower location from West of Crivitz, Wisconsin to McAlester Wisconsin. This will increase the coverage of the Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin for all of us. McAlester is 12 miles West of Wallace Michigan, which in turn is 6 Miles South of Stevenson Michigan. The good news is that you can now access the 146.880 – pl 136 repeater from downtown Escanaba areas. Further testing also provided a solid signal from this repeater with a 5-watt handheld with a magnetic roof mount. This was from my home in Riverland, just 8 miles west of Escanaba. A brand new commercial antenna was installed with $\frac{3}{4}$ hard line to provide the excellent coverage for our area as well as the linking system with the Abrams, Wisconsin Repeater of 146.835, pl tone of 107.2. The link now provides coverage well into Wisconsin and also in the Manitowoc, Sturgeon Bay, and Appleton, Green Bay areas. Bill and Earl hope you all enjoy this fine repeater system which took almost two years to coordinate and put together.....by the way with much help from many others as well.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND SLIDE SHOW GIVEN BY N8DP – DAVE PALMGREN

A special slide show presentation was shown to all the members and non-members that attended this meeting. Dave started by explaining that he had taken a trip during field day weekend to Wisconsin to see the large and great antenna display that has been talked about for many years. Dave happened to find the website of “W0AIH” Wow, this is really something, so he checked out all the information at: <http://www.qth.com/w0aih> The web site gave him the information needed for a drive of excitement to the one and only huge antenna farm of its kind anywhere.... The Gentleman 71 years old, Mr. Paul Bittner of Fall Creek, Wisconsin, (a minister) has built over the years many, many towers, and verticals, along with dipoles the would be the envy of any ham radio operator. Dave’s presentation of 40 to 50 pictures, (jpgs) surely turned out fantastic of which every ham would be just thrilled to operate for just one day from this location. Since Paul was at Field day, Dave took pictures and than went to where field day was being held and met Mr. Bittner. Mr. Bittner was at his favorite position hamming it up for field day. Guess Dave really got the antenna bug as he is getting prepared for a large tower installation in his back yard.....good luck Dave

Meeting adjourned – 830 pm

OTHER NEWS – FROM AROUND THE UPPER PENINSULA

V.E. TESTING

10/09 Houghton: 9:00am eastern time, contact George Thurner, W8FWG at 906 337-2542 or e-mail w8fwg@arrl.net

11/06 Iron Mountain: 9:00am central time, (arrive by 8:30am) Dickinson County Library (conference room), Mark J. Lewis N8UKD, 412 Fairmount St. Kingsford, Mi 49802

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.

UP COMING EVENTS

DCARS – NEWSLETTER

Please tell your ham radio friends about DCARS's newsletter. We will strive to send copies to all who ask for a copy of our newsletter. Please feel free to forward a copy to anyone interested in our great hobby. It is not our purpose to solicit funds for our hobby. There is merely a newsletter on what is going on with new technology and what we will strive to accomplish in the coming year. It is with the great thought that we all keep in mind and that is – have fun and see you on the radio. (While erecting an antenna, ask for help)

We look forward to you sending in articles, events, and pictures of what you do with ham radio and how it affects your life. Please send tower, antenna, raising pics or anything of interest to us all. Please send Pictures in JPG or GIF format and I will take care of reformatting for this newsletter. If you go on any trips in which you use your HF or VHF radios, please let us know. IF you also go overseas or on expeditions, please give us the pictures and we will see that they are added for all to see in our newsletter.

Signed - Editor
DCARS INC.

HAM RADIO CENSUS TO DATE FOR MICHIGAN OCT 15TH 2004

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>EXTRA</u>	<u>ADV</u>	<u>GEN</u>	<u>TECH+</u>	<u>TECH</u>	<u>NOV</u>
MI	21223	3435	2399	4605	1757	8099	928

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Delta County Amateur Radio Society Inc. Membership Information

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE - MICHIGAN _____ ZIP CODE _____

HAM CALL _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

YEARLY DUES PAID \$15.00 MEMBER AND FAMILY \$20.00 YEARLY DUES PAID (\$10.00 MEMBER ASSOCIATE NON-VOTING),, TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATE, YOU MUST LIVE OUTSIDE OF DELTA COUNTY

MEMBERSHIP IN ARRL – CIRCLE YES OR NO.

FILL THIS OUT AND SEND WITH CHECK OR M.O. OR CASH, EXCEPTED AT MEETINGS. ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY RECEIVED, PLEASE SPECIFY WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT APPLIED TO:

- A. ANNUAL DUES – GENERAL FUND
- B. REPEATER FUND
- C. TOWER FUND
- D. GIFT TO CLUB

Dues will be from Dec 1st 2004 till Dec 31st 2005 inclusive.

Make checks payable to ---- DCARS or

**Delta County Amateur Radio Society Inc.
C/o Richard Thompson, Treasurer
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ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL RICH AT 906-428-2528

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