

Air Scoop monthly

Newsletter of The Delta County Amateur Radio Society

October 2005

Minutes of September 19th 2005

Welcome to our Meeting - D.C.A.R.S. Inc.

Our Monthly meeting opened promptly at 7:00 PM at Bay De Noc Community College, Room 911.

Dave our President, N8DP started introductions of member's present and welcomed guests in attendance.

Treasurers Report

Due to Marshall Seawright at another meeting at the college as an instructor this evening, he was unavailable until the end of our meeting.

Rich Thompson, Who also receives mail and Takes care of checks gave a financial report Of our balance in checking and savings.

Bills were discussed at this time for the purchase of our new club industrial antenna, which we now have and ready for installation, reimbursement to Tony for food for DCARS outdoor picnic at Tony's, reimbursement to Les for Keys made for our padlocks for weekend of our field day event. Also payment was made to Dave for 4 sets of earphone setups for doing CW at our VE secessions. Tony was also reimbursed for the new club antenna.

A motion was made by John Anderson and seconded by Hank Olsen for all bills to be paid. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

Dave asked for a motion on the floor for the continued Secretaries report to be added to the monthly newsletter. Motion by Joe Thompson, seconded by Mark Seymour to have the continued support and include the report monthly for the newsletter. Motion carried.

Self-Introductions

Dave Palmgren – N8DP
Les Elder – WA8LE
Duane Puro – K8AO
Rob and his Dad – KB9QX
Lowell Seeley – KA8RPB
Rich Thompson – N8OYR – and Esther
John Anderson – WD8RTH - Kaye
Don Brackenbury – K8GMW
Hank Olsen – W8ZMN
Steve Soderman – KD8BJD
Mark Seymour – N8XAH

OLD BUSINESS - UPDATE

Club Repeater – 147.150

Rich Thompson our repeater trustee gave this short report. The 147.15 repeater was taken back to Mark Seymour's for temporary installation.

Discussion followed regarding the continued interference to the system at Marks. It was decided to put together a repeater committee again and try and locate a suitable location in one of the local townships for our repeater. Coverage being important, it was mentioned to try for a high spot in or around flat Rock which would give very good coverage for the Escanaba, Gladstone, areas as well as Perkins, all the way to Bark River. Tony KC8NUR, Les WA8LE, Rich N8OYR, Mark N8XAH, formed committee to look into securing a location for the new system.

New Business

Yearly club membership

Please be aware that October is the month to start collecting dues for the upcoming year. Due will remain at \$10.00 per person, \$15.00 per year for an associate and \$20.00 for family membership. Dues will be for January 1st 2006 til December 31,2006 inclusive. No prorates will be accepted due to the low monthly membership.

Election of officers – coming up

Keep in mind that the election of officers for next year is just around the corner and if you wish to step forward and hold an office, please by all means step forward and be heard.

November 21, 2005 will be nominations on the floor for new club officers and will be held and closed at that time. The December meeting, which is usually held at the Ranch Restaurant for our Christmas meeting will be the actual election of new officers and they can then take over the remaining portion of the December Meeting. Be sure and tell your friends and bring them to the Ranch for Christmas dinner. During this months meeting, we can decide if you still would like to eat at the Ranch or have our Christmas dinner elsewhere.

Volunteer Examiners – more needed

Dave N8DP asked if anyone would like to become a volunteer examiner and join our group of hams that donate their time for testing. We completed our recent Exam program at Bay College on October 8th 2005. VE's in attendance were Joe Thompson, Les Elder, Dave Palmgren, Mark Blau, Howard St.John. Four (4) persons took the exam with 3 passing and receiving their Tech licenses. One person also took her General and passed. We gave one (1) person the CW test with our new phone equipment and everything went very well.

Future of our VE program looks very good and we will make arrangements to work with other clubs to offset the time schedule so clubs in the Upper Peninsula can have some relief. Hopefully we all can have testing 3 times a year instead of 4 times per year. This way testing can rotate throughout the Upper Peninsula.

Any other thoughts on this can be sent to the Delta County Amateur Radio Club via email or U.S. mail and we can put some sort of package together for next year 2006.

Project Night at the College

Project night at the college on Monday nights will be discussed at our upcoming meeting. Along with your work-on project, we will be coordinating an effort to have CW classes for a refresher as well as Some fast speed refresher work. If your interested please by all means come to the college in the Lab building every Monday night at 6:30 PM til 9 or so.

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DCARS – CLUB HISTORY

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 “Ham” 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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THANK YOU.





THE DELTA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO WEB-SITE

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The Delta County Amateur Radio Club adjourned its meeting at 8:45 PM

Secretary – Les
Elder – wa8le



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Webmaster: Joe Thompson W8JRT

Check out the new front Page

Our DCARS STAFF

Dave Palmgren N8DP – President
Mark Blau ND8X – Vice President
Marshall Seawright N8BVA – Treasurer
Rich Thompson N8OYR – Correspondence
Les Elder WA8LE – Secretary
Les Elder WA8LE – Newsletter and Emailing
Tony Marrietta KC8NUR – Club Librarian
John Anderson WD8RTH – Chairman "Upper Peninsula Ham-fest – 2006"

ARRL NEWS OFF THE INTERNET

Vanity call sign processing hiatus continues (Oct 6, 2005) -- As ARRL [reported](#) September 30, the FCC discontinued the processing of vanity call signs on or about September 23. The Commission's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau this week announced that, while it continues to accept new vanity call sign applications, these applications "will not be processed until further notice." The FCC says the suspension of vanity processing is consistent with extended filing and regulatory deadlines it announced for hurricane-affected licensees under public notices [DA 05-2406](#) and [DA 05-2521](#), released September 1 and September 24, respectively. Because the filing extensions apply to Amateur Radio's two-year "grace period," they could adversely impact the vanity call sign system. "When processing is resumed, all pending vanity call sign applications will be processed consistent with the date order in which they were received," the FCC said October 5 in an alert on the Universal Licensing System ([ULS](#)) Web site.

Presidents Message of the Month

I've been thinking about setting operating goals for myself after I get my station on the air. Short term goals would include a WAS award, DXCC Award and I would like to make at least one QSO, on all amateur bands below 1 Gigahertz. Longer term goals might include multiple band WAS and DXCC. I'd like to do some antenna experimentation, maybe dust off the CW paddles and get my speed back up again. With the sunspot cycle declining it would be a good time to work some of the lower bands.

Satellite activity is still strong and has always fascinated me. We have a very diverse and interesting hobby, maybe you may want to commit to doing something new or doing you favorite thing better.

73's

Dave (Submitted by Dave Palmgren)

Attention All Amateurs...

Amateur Radio Hurricane Recovery Operations Winding Down (Oct 11, 2005) -- Amateur Radio operations to support relief and recover operations in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita continue to wind down as conventional telecommunication systems return to working order. Over the weekend, ARRL Alabama Section Manager Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, shut down his American Red Cross Amateur Radio volunteer intake operation in Montgomery. Sarratt had overseen that function for about five weeks

Check out my new Web Site at:

www.wa8le.com

Photography Interest?????????????Check this out.

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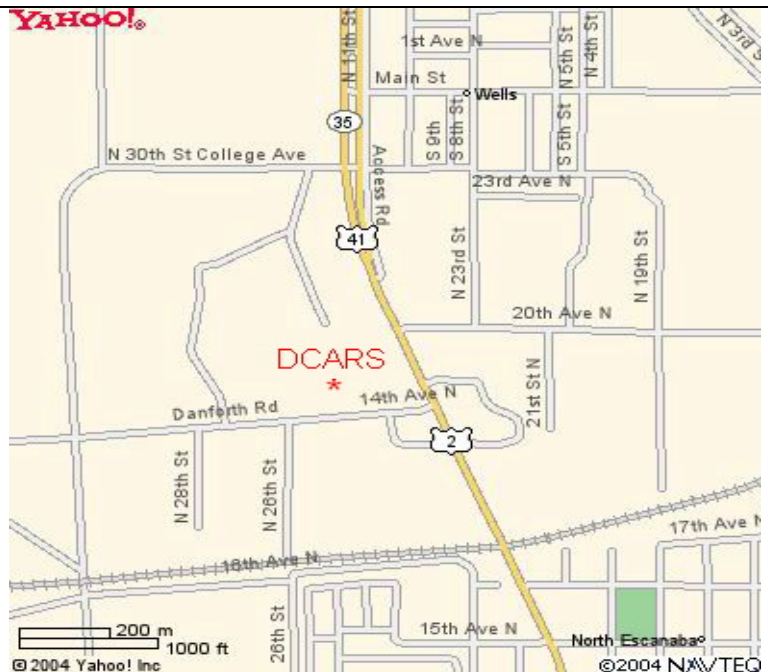
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The Delta County Amateur Radio Society, will meet on the third Monday of each month. Our meeting starts promptly at 7 P.M., at Bay-De- Noc Community College, Room #963. Located in the glassed in area at the Joseph Heirman University Center. You can park in the South Lot off Danforth Road. Just watch for antennas on vehicles.

Annual Membership dues have been reduced to \$15 per year.

Associate Memberships are available to those living outside Delta County for \$10 per year.

Dues are January 1st – December 31st annually....Pro-rates 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.



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