

# The Landline

Newsletter of the  
Copper Country Radio Amateur Association, Inc.  
POB 217  
Dollar Bay, MI 49922-0217

Hancock Repeater: 146.880(-) MHz      Herman Repeater: [Out-of-Service]      KCRA Repeater:  
147.315 (+) MHz      Calumet: 442.550 (+5 Mhz) No PL  
(The 2 **VHF** repeaters(88 & 315) both require a PL 100.0 Hz tone for access)  
146.520 MHz Nationwide SIMPLEX  
Other Simplex: 146.49, 146.55, 146.58 MHz

**Packet Radio (AX.25) 145.09 MHz**      **APRS Radio: 144.390 MHz**  
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## CLUB MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Club meetings of the CCRAA are always held the first Tuesday of each month, unless notified of a change, in this newsletter. **The November meeting of the Copper Country Radio Amateur Association will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, EST at the Dollar Bay Fire Hall, 48649 Main St. Dollar Bay, MI**

### MINUTES OF THE CCRAA MEETING OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2009 CCRAA MEETING: Held October 6, 2009 at the Dollar Bay Firehall.

The meeting came to order at 7:00. There were fourteen in attendance including the president, treasurer and secretary.

The minutes of the August meeting were published in the Land Line. A point was recorded as follows: "Jack, N8WAV reported Mich. Tech's "Parade of Nations" will be September 18th and, as in the past, several Hams are needed for traffic control and organization. Joan, KA3KSO was a medical person in the Great Deer Chase, and was assisted by her husband, Bryan, WB8WKN, who operated the radio. One person was injured badly, but was picked up by a sweep vehicle and taken to the hospital.

"Jack also reported that MTU's Public Safety Department may be requesting help from CCRAA and HRAC at Winter Carnival. Also, there may be some new funds available for emergency ham operations through the EOC."

Jack requested that this be corrected to read: "Jack, N8WAV reported Mich. Tech's parade of nations will be September 18th and as in the past several hams are needed for traffic control. He also reported that hams provided communications for the Great Deer Chase, a mountain bike race. One racer was injured and was picked up by a sweep

vehicle and taken to the hospital. After the event the organizer said "We've got to get more radios on the course for medical and sweep people." Jack will meet with him.

"Jack also reported that Husky Amateur Radio Club has asked the new director of Public Safety for a meeting to discuss how the hams can assist MTU PS like they do with Houghton PD. In addition, the UP regional emergency management committee has approved purchasing HF, UHF and VHF radio equipment and antennas for the Laurium EOC and for Keweenaw County."

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes with Jack's corrections.

Jack Dueweke, KC8NPI, relayed the message that the 67 repeater is off the air and some equipment was removed from the site. Some discussion followed on future use of the repeater hardware and how the function could be restored; however, no action was taken. The future remains uncertain as to the feed-line and antenna that are still at the site.

Doug N8KSO reported that a LSPR participant might be able and willing to salvage the antenna and feed-line for us.

George W8FWG offered the suggestion that an even higher tower, near Covington, owned by Wisconsin Electric be considered. He also reported that the club's equipment at the clubhouse has been used for Wednesday night's nets.

The treasurer submitted a written report stating a current balance of \$4,156.

Jack reported the Parade of Nations went well. Volunteers logged in 29 man-hours.

He also reported on a VHF exercise utilizing a net on Quincy Hill. Coverage extended to Aura, L'Anse and Twin Lakes. An HF test resulted in a Grand Rapids contact. 27 man-hours.

There was a successful search and rescue in Copper Harbor resulting in 7 man-hours.

Radio operators will not be needed for this year's Hobo parade.

Radio operators will be needed for pumpkin patrol around Halloween time. Stay tuned.

The ARES list is now a Yahoo group, enabling better communications.

George reported that there is an interest in the club's 40 foot tower stored behind the clubhouse. It was moved, seconded and passed to auction it off at the December meeting. A \$20 minimum sealed bid is sought to be delivered before the meeting.

A ham exam was scheduled for the following Saturday at Wadsworth Room G32 at 9am.

It was agreed to make available to the LSPR those components of the 67 repeater which they can use. Doug will be in charge.

It has been determined that our old CQ magazines are worthless. They will be pitched.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Submitted by: Richard Brooks, KB8FCX, Secretary, 201-0849

[Secretary's note: I consider myself, at the very best, a note taker -- absolutely not a stenographer. Those persons wanting to have long, detailed meeting presentations appear in the club's minutes are advised to email them to me, prior to the meeting or soon thereafter, for me to edit and include. My email address is rbrooks@pasty.com.]

**THANKS:**

Our thanks to Bill, KD8JAM for changing the oil in the Emergency Generator at Osceola. The "book" reminds us to change it every 100 hours, so with running the generator only 15 minutes once a month, that is a long time between oil changes! Thank you, Bill!

**FOR SALE:**

48' ROHN HDX (Heavy duty) self-Supporting steel tower \$600.00  
86' Andrew Superflex cable \$75  
Bracket (Commercial Grade) \$25  
G7 Hustler Antenna (Commercial Band) but works on 147.315 MHz 14' high \$50  
Contact Stan Strangle, K8NYT AT (906) 827-3526

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### **NEXT MEETING: December 1, 2009**

**Dollar Bay Firehall**  
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**(Next to Richie's Market)**