

KCRA Newsletter

Keweenaw County Repeater Association, Inc.

“Michigan’s Northernmost VHF-FM Voice Repeater”

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Third Quarterly meeting of the KCRA was held Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at the home of Gary and Dianne Hansen on Bumbletown Hill, in Keweenaw County, 1108 Bumbletown Rd. in Keweenaw County.

MINUTES OF THE KCRA, Inc. Meeting: July 14, 2010:

The Third meeting of the year for the KCRA, Inc was called to order by President Gary Hansen, K8YSZ at 7 pm EDT, with 11 members present. and a roll call of officers showed the following present: President (K8YSZ), Vice President (KD8JAM), Sec-Treas. George Thurner (W8FWG) All Tech/Advisory Committee members were present. Members present were, KD8ABP, KD8CGA, K9GIR, WB8QJZ, KD8GBH, AB8WU, and Associate Members Dianne Hansen and Virginia Thurner.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

(See the enclosed attachment)

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE TREASURER: Our sincere thanks to all who helped bring our treasury up to date, and “keep us afloat.” The response was overwhelming with over \$500.00 coming in, in just two days, almost that much more after those two days. Thank you to all who participated, you are a great group of contributors !

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Given by Gary, K8YSZ: Spare repeater operating properly and a new (spare) transmitter was added, a new power supply for it, the controller from the original installation and the autopatch/autodial circuitry is back in service as of July 10, 2010. Thank you Bill (KD8JAM) and Howard (KD8ABP), for your extraordinary work in making all these changes and keeping our repeater one of the best operating, in our area. It is much appreciated by all of us.

A/T COMMITTEE REPORT: The PA for the original repeater was worked on by Bill, KD8JAM, but was still not in working order at this writing. It may possibly be sent out to Bill Becks, WA8WG, who has done some work previously on amplifiers of this type.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: While there were no new applications it was suggested by Howard, KD8ABP that we provide some handouts showing all three clubs in the area, CCRAAA, HARC and KCRA. (This will be done by George, W8FWG at the

next session of V.E. Testing and all following sessions.) [October 13, 2010]

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Repeater was operating at only half power – sent to Anderson Comm for repair.
2. Telephone (On/Off “Vacation mode.”)
3. Standby-repeater is in use
4. Power amp added to standby repeater
5. Controller from original repeater installed
6. Autopatch and Autodial service restored by July 10, 2010
7. Four shorted output transistors found by Bill, KD8JAM

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Triathlon coming – NCS will be Mike Musiel, K9SJ
2. V.E. Testing: October 9, 2010 at M-T-U
3. Five of our KCRA members helped with the V.E. Exams at Tech on July 10, 2010. Three applicants present, one upgrade to General, two upgrades to Amateur Extra Class.
4. Two events coming up that will require ham radio participation, the Triathlon on August 7, and the ½ Iron Man on August 15 at Lac La Belle.
5. A Field Day report was given by Dave, KD8GBH on the three stations that were operated by the CCRAA.
6. Elections for the CCRAA will be held in September of this year.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU: Was received from Stan, WB8QJZ for the echo-link connection to our repeater. He vacations in Florida during the winter months, and stays in touch with our Copper Country hams via Echolink. Thank you Stan for your note, and thanks to Bill, KD8JAM for providing the necessary linking equipment from his home in Allouez.

AUTO PATCH WORKS: Dave, KD8CGA found the autopatch to be of great help just today, when he had a vehicle trouble in the Rice Lake area. He was able to call for help. And got the vehicle back on the road in short order. Dave really appreciated having the autopatch working for him today! Cell phones are OK, but they always rely on a cell tower being close by. Remember.....”When all else fails there is always Ham Radio!”

RENEW YOUR ARRL MEMBERSHIP OR START A NEW ONE THROUGH THIS CLUB:

The Reason? For each NEW ARRL membership we submit to ARRL through the KCRA we receive FIFTEEN DOLLARS! For each RENEWAL processed through this club the club gets TWO Dollars. Please see the Treasurer (George, W8FWG) for further details. You will be helping the club by doing it through us! Thanks!

FD/2010: There were two operators operating from the trailer of KD8ABP (Howard, KD8ABP, and Bill, KD8JAM.) They did well on both HF and on 6M. .

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion by WB8QJZ and seconded by KD8ABP carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 and coffee and cake was served by Dianne Hansen. Thank you, Dianne !

REFRESHMENTS: Courtesy of Dianne and Gary Hansen.

DOOR PRIZE: Magnifying lamp, donated by Dennis, K9GIOR, won by Howard, KD8ABP.

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NEXT MEETING: Second Wednesday of October (October 13, 2010)