

Delta County Amateur Radio Society

April 2022

The Airscoop

Spring is in the air, Part 2?

Last month I mentioned that the weather was starting to warm up. It wasn't an April Fool's Joke, but as I was teaching training classes the past few weeks, we had snow in Green Bay and I missed the Mackinac Bridge closing for falling ice by only 45 minutes.

There are events that are on the horizon when it should be plenty warm. Dog sleds shift to rally cars and Winter Field Day will be Summer Field Day. Don't forget also, the Michigan QSO Party is Saturday, April 16, 2022.

73,
Jeremy, N8YP



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Upcoming Events

- Winter Meetings will be held at the Statewide Real Estate Office 2015 1st Ave N Escanaba
- Rally 2022 (Road Race) June 18
- Field Day 2022—June 25
- UP State Fair—Aug 15-21, 2022
- Rally of Fair Week Aug 17
- Labor Day—Sept 5, 2022



ARRL DX News

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by KK9A, The Daily DX, the OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites.

Thanks to all.

GEORGIA, 4L. Dariusz, SP9DLM is QRV as 4L/SP9DLM until April 19 while on work assignment from Telavi, and possibly Tbilisi and Kobuleti. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

KENYA, 5Z. Martin, 5Z4PA will be QRV from Mombasa on April 16 and 17 and will be active in the CQMM DX CW contest. QSL via M0URX

MALDIVES, 8Q. Braco, E77DX is QRV as 8Q7DX from Baa Atoll, IOTA AS-013, until April 27. Activity

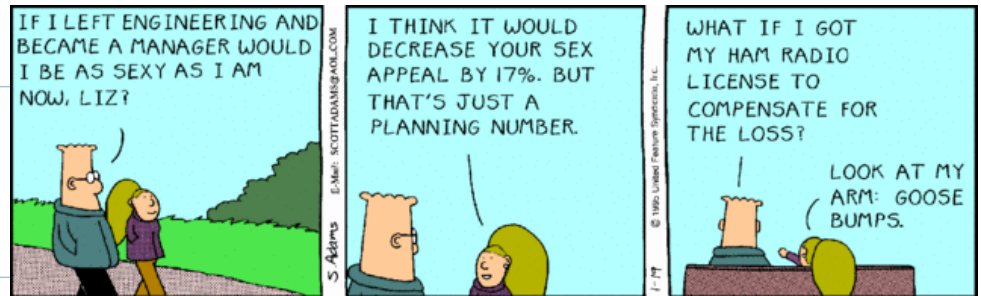
is on 80 to 10 meters, and possibly 160 meters. QSL via OE1EMS.

CUBA, CO. Look for Team T47C to be QRV from April 17 to 19. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via IK2DUW.

AZORES, CU. Tony, CU8AS is QRV with special call CQ84AS from Flores Island, IOTA EU-089, until April 19. Activity is on 30, 17, and 12 meters using mainly CW. QSL via HB9CRV

CEUTA AND MELILLA, EA9. Miguel, EA9ACE will be QRV from Ceuta in the CQMM DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

AUSTRAL ISLANDS, FO. Rob, N7QT, Walt, N6XG, Heye, DJ9RR, Gene, K5GS, Steve, W1SRD, Melanie, N7BX and Doris, K0BEE plan to be QRV as TX5N from Raivavae Island, IOTA OC-144, from April 16 to



DX Century Club

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28. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL via M0URX.

DJIBOUTI, J2. Matt, KN9U and Paul, N7JDI are QRV as J20MR and J28JD, respectively, from the US Navy Base in Lemonnier. Activity is in their spare time on 40 to 10 meters using SSB, various digital modes, and possibly CW. QSL via operators' instructions.

DOMINICA, J7. Michael, DF8AN will be QRV as J79MN from April 19 to 24. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

SVALBARD, JW. A large group of operators will be QRV as JW0X and JW100QO from Spitsbergen Island, IOTA EU-026, from April 19 to 26. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8 with five stations active from three locations. QSL via M0URX.

JAN MAYEN, JX. Helge, LB4MI is QRV as JX/LB4MI until early October. Activity is in his spare time on 20 and 17 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

LITHUANIA, LY. Special call sign LY100BBALL is QRV until the end of April to commemorate 100 years of basketball here. QSL via LY2QT.

BONAIRE, PJ4. Robert, PD2V is QRV as PJ4/PD2V from Kralendijk until April 16. Activity is on 40, 20, and 10 meters using FT8 and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

SURINAME, PZ. Rico, PZ5JW will be QRV in the CQMM DX CW contest. He plans to be active on 40 to 10 meters, and possibly 80 meters. QSL via EA5GL.

POLAND, SP. Special call sign 3Z80AK is QRV until May 31 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Armia Krajowa, the dominant underground resistance movement in Poland during World War II. QSL via SPIPBW.

NAMIBIA, V5. Mike, V51MA is QRV from Windhoek and plans to be active in the CQMM DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. Stewie, WV7MS is QRV as V7/WV7MS from Kwajalein Atoll, IOTA OC-028, while working as a firefighter. Activity is in his spare time. QSL via LoTW.

INDONESIA, YB. Special event station 8D97WARD will be QRV from April 16 to 18 to commemorate World Amateur Radio Day on April 18. Activity will be on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8, and possibly on Satellite IO-86. QSL via LoTW.

Airscoop History:

Here is an article I wrote in the April 2003 newsletter about a linked repeater system. Remember where we were in 2003, YouTube was not launched until 2005. Ameritech was just launching their highspeed DSL, which did not need the second computer line so your dialup internet did not keep you from getting calls. The only component that could have shed a bit of hope on the hoax was Echolink being created the year prior. Please enjoy some humor from the past

UP Linked Repeater System!

Newline- UPLRS. Starting soon, the UP will have a linked repeater system. Upper Peninsula Linked Repeater System, UPLRS, stated in a press release that they will be working with local clubs and individuals to link their repeaters via IRL, or Internet Repeater Linking. To make the system work seamlessly, the UPLRS has acquired grants to link repeaters via broadband service, thus allowing faster connections, and less lag time when dialup would get high usage, usually around 3-5 pm. The grants will cover all costs from installing and maintain the broadband, all additional equipment to the repeater systems, and energy bill reimbursements.

When the system has been completed, if a radio operator in Houghton connects to the local repeater, that transmission will go out on all linked repeaters. The UPLRS goal is to have all UP repeaters linked by April 1st, 2005. Estimated costs verses grants will allow the system to operate self sufficiently until April 1st, 2025. After that date, it will be determined if a fee will be assessed or if more grants can be attained. More information will be released as it becomes available. Go to their website at www.UPLRS.org/linkbyApril12005.html

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DCARS Club History

Our organization began with a group of local hams getting together in 1964 for the purpose of hosting a U.P. Hamfest.

They called themselves the "Bay de Noc Radio Club" This first local Hamfest became a reality in 1965.

On September 1, 1970 the group met once again at The Northern Michigan National Bank to create a more formal club. The name chosen was "Delta County Amateur Radio Society"

ARRL affiliation was applied for and the club received its charter on February 15th 1971



AREA NETS

UP Net 3921 Khz
Daily—5pm EST
Sunday—Noon EST

Midcars 7258 Khz
Daily
8:30am-2pm

Delta County ARES Net
Sunday—7pm EST
147.150

ARES Net
Thursday—7PM
146.700 PL 110.9

Meeting Minutes

MINUTES FROM THE March 21, 2022 MEETING, 7PM

Of the Delta County Amateur Radio Society, Escanaba, MI

President W8WLT Walt NJ9V Paul, Vice-President. K8WLT Walt, Treasurer KD8SDE, Maureen, Secretary, Monthly Minutes N8YP, Jeremy, Newsletter Editor

Meeting called to order at 7PM by K8WLT, Walt

INTRODUCTIONS: Welcome Ham Mike Duchaine!

- CORRESPONDENCE:** Walt has been in touch with the guy in Green Bay who was paid to work on our Repeater-Antenna. It has been quite a long wait. Walt will update us next month.
- CONDOLENCES:** Walt has wired flowers and our condolences to Pete Madsen for the loss of his wife Elaine. We will miss her at our annual picnic. She is a lovely soul and he is a good Ham and friend.
- CONGRATULATIONS:** None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, NEWSLETTER: Additions or corrections: None. Dave L motioned to accept, and Les seconded. The motion passed and was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read, no Additions or Corrections. A motion to accept by Roger, Lowell seconded and it carried. **REMINDER:** Dues were due last January 1! Only \$15.00. Send to Walt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 5 YEAR PLAN:** No discussion.
- HAMFEST Report:** KD8SDE is working on obtaining Door Prizes and Promotional materials for Hamfest. Will continue to contact businesses. She will call Al and ask him to secure the Rapid River Site of last year...and to contact ARRL with the date so they can publish it on their site and we will then secure Gift Certificates from them!
- REPEATER Updates:**((Discussion of who will serve in case of problems. Question also of who will serve as Trustee as N8DP and N8XAH were. License has to stay current! (K8PL--Shack location). Mark, Dave and Paul were handling it before.)) **UPDATE:** No discussion this meeting.
- FIELD DAY:** Chairman, Al: W8FYZ, Report: ((Walt handles the Liability Insurance if need be for a Ryder for the City for Field Day and handles our usual yearly Liability Insurance payment. We agreed that Aronson Island is a great location but will be held in the Village this year at and around the Telegraph Office. Paul, NNj9V has stepped up to check out WIFI availability in the outdoor areas. Will keep it simple at the Village. We will have the ECOM Trailer on site too. It is the last week-end in June, as always, the 25th and 26th. More points can be accumulated if certain important people are present, such as our Mayor, a Senator, Sheriff and TV6 etc. There have historically been problems with the Logging of contacts, so it was decided to investigate two weeks before, during Project Night. Also we need to get 2 shack generators running seamlessly...start and put loads on them. K8WLT and W9SGD Motioned and 2nd' to set THE FIRST PROJECT

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NIGHT IN MAY as the time to work on the GENERATORS...They will run Shack. THE SECOND PROJECT NIGHT IN MAY IS ALSO EARMARKED TO GET THE LAPTOPS AND COMPUTERS IN SYNC WITH THE INTERNET CONNECTION. EXPECTED STATIONS TO RUN: Trailer, N8DP; Les; Lowell outside?; Jim Anderson or in AZ?

•**TRAINING REPORT:** April 9th at Old Glory in Gladstone. News: (One TECH obtained his license).

•**TELEGRAPH OFFICE REPORT:** See HAMFEST REPORT above.

OLD BUSINESS: The \$150.00 has been given to the UPS&GE Village for our Radio Shack building use.

NEW BUSINESS: Ham FLIERS were discussed. We have a few. We need more. Bob N8UPR will hand many out at the Delta County Gun Owners tables at various locations. Springtime rising water was discussed: A group of hams lifted equipment from the floor and fortunately, there was NO damage. Good job guys. Walt was in touch with Jim Love, W8JNL and asked him to come back to the Club meetings and events. We sure hope he does...he is a real good Ham and a heck of a good friend.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by: Walt. Seconded by Roger and carried.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

RALLY 2022 is the 18th of June. Roger asked to use the Ecom Trailer again and was granted its use. Walt asked that Roger get the trailer weighed and that the Club will pay any fee for that. Maureen motioned and Pat seconded, the motion carried. Mike offered his pickup to haul it.

RALLY of Fair Week is 8/27 IN HARDWOOD.

FIELD DAY is the 4th Week-end of June: 25 & 26th.

THE FIRECRACKER RUN in June of last year, we had plenty of help. Their Reps will call Walt to work with Rapid River and Gladstone Kiwanis.

Members Present were: K8WLT, NJ9V, W9SGD, WA8LE, N0OUR, K9VFS, W9NBC, N8DP, N8UPR, KD8KKN, KD8SDE, N8YP, KA8RPB, KD8PLR, KE8RMN Glen (VanDreese) AND A16GW ? Tom VanDreese.

(There was no 50/50 Drawing).

KA8RPB, Lowell, brought a program on Antennas and there was much discussion that followed.

Respectfully submitted by KD8SDE.

Air Scoop

The Air Scoop is the official newsletter of the Delta County Amateur Radio Society.

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2022 Club Activities

Jan 17—Club Meeting

Feb 21—Club Meeting

Mar 21—Club Meeting

April 18—Club Meeting

May 16—Club Meeting

June 20—Club Meeting

July 18—Club Meeting

Aug 15—Club Meeting

Sept 19—Club Meeting

Oct 17—Club Meeting

Nov 21—Club Meeting

Dec 19—Club Meeting

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Mark Lewis N8UKD

-Bring a photo ID if available, otherwise two forms of identification will be required.

-Test session fees are \$15. Please bring the exact amount or a check.

-Bring your actual license or C.S.C.E. and a photocopy to be sent in for element credit.

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