

# The Airscoop

K8PL



## From the Editor

I received my first QST magazine this week. One of the articles that caught my attention was an article by William Cody (K3COY) where he compared Morse Code rhythm to music. I always had a difficult time with Morse Code. When I took my Novice exam back in 1979 we had to copy Morse Code at a rate of 7 words a minute. Since I am a musician this article peaked my interest and, thinking about Morse code in a new way. If you are interested in this go to [www.arrl.org/gst-in-depth](http://www.arrl.org/gst-in-depth) for more information.

Jim Harsh N0OUR

## Secretary's Report

Minutes of February DCARS Meeting

MINUTES of the DELTA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Located in Escanaba, Michigan

February 20th, 2023

President: Dave N8DP Vice President: Paul NJ9V

Treasurer, Webmaster and Newsletter: Jim N0OUR

Secretary: Maureen KD8SDE

N8DP kicked off our Meeting at 7PM with recent correspondence: He introduced and Welcomed Bruce Carlson. He is presently living in Negaunee as N9MDE. We all Thanked Walt, K8WLT and Jeremy, N8YP for their service to our Club. Of course, we also Thank N8DP, Dave, for his past service and also his present service.

Walt has completed the change at the Credit Union to reflect our new Treasurer, Jim. He has also paid for our liability insurance as well as the annual Tax statement that must be filed...with the thought that Jim would have less to handle as he takes on the duties of Treasurer. Thanks, Walt, once again! Once the Treasurer's Report was read, it was motioned to be accepted, and Walt and Paul. The motion carried.

Dave asked that Maureen read over the January Minutes, she did, and Pat and Bob motioned it to be so and it carried.

Dave talked of recruiting younger members as we are all rather elderly and the club could use some NEW Blood. We will waive our \$15.00 annual DUES for one year. Hopefully, that might prove to be a point, as we endeavor to make the Club more fun.

On a sad note, it was mentioned that a very good friend of Dave's passed suddenly a few days ago. It is especially hard to lose a close friend, and in light of that, Maureen will send a Symphly card. It was also noted that our good friend and fellow Ham, Lowell Seeley is needing carpel tunnel surgery and that he is in a lot of pain. Please keep him in your prayers. Maureen will send him a Get Well card from all of us.

Hamfest was again discussed. N8DP will check the Action Publication and call the Supervisor for Maysonville Twp. He will ask if it would be possible for us the have their building for that event. We will go from the answer he gets.

A motion to adjourn was addressed: It was 2nd'd by Walt and carried.

AFTER THE FORMAL BUSINESS MEETING, we all stayed around to talk about whatever we desired and many hilarious jokes were told and interesting subjects were discussed. It seems "more fun at our meetings" is well underway!

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Maureen, KD8SDE

Members present: N8DP, K8WLT, NJ9V, KD8SDE, N0OUR, W9SGD, K2PM, KD8KKN, and his Dad, Al, who is rejoining us, N8UPR, Bill Larson, WW0J.

### Treasurers Report

The Treasurer's report submitted to membership by Jim Harsh N0OUR.

## Website

I encourage you to check out our website [www.k8pl.org](http://www.k8pl.org) for updated information. You can also check out our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/dcars.k8pl> for updates on current events. I will be working to develop a google chat account where people can post information and chat with other members.

## Coming Events

March 20<sup>th</sup>. Regular Business Meeting State Wide Real Estate

March 27<sup>th</sup> Project Group

April 1 Breakfast Meeting at the Family Inn

Green Bay Hamfest June 3<sup>rd</sup> see information below

We received a request to provide a demonstration to the next EMT training class for either Mar 24<sup>th</sup> or March 31.

Doc Bigsby has requested our ARES group provide a demonstration or our function to the next EMT training class.

One of the following March 24th 2 to 3pm or the 31st in am or after 2pm

Anyone up for it?

Mark

## TORNADO SEASON AND AMATEUR RADIO

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03/17/2023

Tornado season is fast approaching, and amateur radio operators will again play a key role in helping the National Weather Service (NWS) issue accurate and timely warnings. In fact, March through May is considered the most active period for tornadoes to develop.

The NWS reports there have already been 255 preliminary filtered reported tornadoes and 213 confirmed tornadoes in the United States in 2023. Worldwide, nine tornado-related deaths have been confirmed, all of them in the United States.

January saw the third-highest number of tornado watches and confirmed tornadoes of any January on record in the United States. Additionally, the first two months of the year saw the fourth-highest number of confirmed tornadoes for the first 59 days of any year on record.

[The SKYWARN® \(weather.gov\)](https://www.weather.gov/skywarn) Storm Spotter Program is available to anyone interested in helping the NWS track and report potentially dangerous weather. Anyone can become a SKYWARN weather spotter, and the information is available at the SKYWARN website. Most states have amateur radio networks that are activated during severe weather. Trained volunteers use their radios to report rapidly changing activity and share the information with local weather offices. A list of the states that have scheduled special weather awareness activities can be found at the [NWS Awareness and Preparedness Calendar \(weather.gov\)](https://www.weather.gov/nws/awareness).

The NWS Forecast office in Norman, Oklahoma, uses amateur radio as one method of communicating with spotter groups and emergency management organizations. For decades, amateur radio operators have provided invaluable service in support of the SKYWARN storm spotter program by using their unique communications capabilities to share critical information between the NWS, the local emergency management officials, and storm spotter networks.

In 1999, the NWS, along with ARRL, founded SKYWARN Recognition Day to honor the voluntary contributions of thousands of amateur radio operators who play a critical role in keeping the public safe and informed about severe weather conditions. The day is celebrated on the first Saturday in December, and amateur radio spotters can earn awards for participating.

The 2022 NWS Spotter of the Year Award was given to Bryan Loper, WX5CSS, of Atlanta, Texas. The award noted

that Loper is very active with the amateur radio network and weather community within the Arkansas/Louisiana/Texas region, and is always reliably providing weather reports. Loper is an ARRL member.

Green Bay Hamfest!!

Saturday June 3, 2023

from 8 'til Noon

At the Our Saviour Lutheran Church

120 South Henry St

On Green Bay's East Side, just off Deckner Ave and Main Street

Sponsored by the Green Bay Mike & Key Club

Huge parking lot for trunk sales/tailgating, PLUS

plenty of space indoors with tables available for

only \$10 a piece! (Parking lot and facility open for set up at 6:00 AM)

Entrance tickets \$5 per person

This is a great opportunity to see old friends and find lots of electronics bargains.

Don't miss out!

For more information and to reserve a table or parking lot sales space, contact Todd Clausen, W9GRB [toddw9grb@gmail.com](mailto:toddw9grb@gmail.com) or 414-455-6374

Featuring Tower Electronics

The Ham's dime store & wholesaler to the world since 1978! Specializing in Meters, Insulators, Coax Switches, Duplexers, MFJ Products & Coaxial Jumpers & Cables.

Be part of the fun!

Food available on site

50/50 Raffle

Great Door Prizes\*

Meet our ARRL Section Manager

- Commercial Vendors
- Trunk Sales/Tailgating
- FCC License Testing (Contact [ks9wi@new.rr.com](mailto:ks9wi@new.rr.com) to schedule NLT June 1)

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