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The Airscoop

K8PL

From the Editor

We are getting into the digital age with our repeater. Recently we began a digital net on the 147.150 repeater on Wednesdays at 7pm. I tried to log into the net last Wednesday and discovered that my radios do not have the digital feature. They are only analog. I am now researching radios that have digital capability. You are seeing more radios from China these days. I wonder about the quality and reliability. I am familiar with brands like “Yaesu, Kenwood, Icom, but brands like “Xiegu, Baofeng, AnyTone, are foreign to me. Since I am looking for a new radio I will be posting information about new radios to this newsletter. I hope this is helpful to others who may be looking to upgrade. (N0OUR)

Check out this youtube video for the top 3 digital ham radio

<https://youtu.be/c303JhfP4Gk?si=1ri5WqpFDH0U6oCD>



October Breakfast

We had about 15 people attending the DCARS monthly breakfast meeting at Family Inn on Oct 7 at 9am. Pictures posted on the K8PL website.

Secretary's Report

MINUTES of the DELTA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Located in Escanaba, Michigan

September 18th, 2023

President N8DP Dave Vice-President NJ9V Paul Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, N8YP Jim Secretary, KD8SDE Maureen

The Meeting was called to order at 7PM, location was State Wide Real Estate.

Jim N0OUR, gave the Treasurer's Report and it was motioned to be accepted by N8DP and Seconded by Bob N8UPR. Carried.

There was no Secretary's Report and therefore no Minutes in August as it was our annual picnic.

We have sadly lost Jim Anderson, N8PBJ recently. He was a good guy & friend, and will be missed. His wife and sister desire to donate \$100.00 to the Club which is greatly appreciated.

Maureen, KD8SDE will send them a Thank You card once the gift is received, by our Embers account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIELD DAY was discussed, which is always the 4th Saturday of June. This year, we had no Field Day for a lack of people and stations. A permit is necessary to utilize public places and N8DP customarily obtains one for us. Walt had already seen to the Liability Insurance, \$200. We always bring a dish to pass for the meal there. And, customarily, Jim M, W8KEW, brings donuts and chocolate milk for all!

The weather is usually beautiful on the day! There was much discussion for next year, including having the event near the Tennis Courts in Escanaba, & Wifi being a problem there.

Discussion took place regarding HAMFEST, but no location has been settled on as yet, so we cannot send out any details regarding invitations to hams nor post it on the ARRL website. N8DP suggested we try to secure Bay College again...at the Heirman building. We need space for the tables that vendors need to display their goods and we need Meeting Rooms too. Problems this year were not getting put on the ARRL website until too late for most to see; not deciding where to hold the event...and therefore we also could not send out fliers to notify potential hams and vendors; not getting Donation requests out until very late...as a result of the lateness of where we'd hold it. Also noted was that the FOOD receipts barely covered the costs of the food furnished. Apparently, the food was not priced to accommodate the costs. Perhaps we might hire out a Food Wagon of sorts to sell food there, rather than as we've been doing it. And lastly, it was suggested that maybe one Fest every 4 years would be better. This subject was tabled for now, pending forthcoming discussion and decisions.

The meeting was ajourned and a rather complicated plan was discussed. Roger KB8PLR outlined his plan for the next Performance RALLY... scheduled for October 14 and 15. (At Craig's Lake Park). The problem was a substantial mound/mountain between the two main communicating locations. He has worked out a system of repeaters and radios that would enable all to take part in the communication

during the day's event. Much talk was had and there will be trial run to see if it really works. Roger is pretty positive about it, but just wanted to ask his fellow hams what they thought. Walt motioned the use of the Ecom trailer be approved and Bob 2nd'd. Passed. Good Luck to you, Roger!

Hams present included: K8AO, W9NBC, KE8YER, WA8LE, N8DP, NJ9V, K8WLT, KA8RPB, KD8SDE, K2PM, N8UPR, N0OUR.

Respectfully submitted by
Maureen, KD8SDE.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer's report submitted at the last board meeting.

Website

I encourage you to check out our website 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.

October Events

Oct 9th Project Group 7pm Ham shack

Oct 16th Project Group 7pm Ham shack

Oct 23rd DCARS meeting 7pm State Wide office

Oct 30 Project Group 7pm Ham shack