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WAS – Duluth

¹Do You Know a Part Our Lost S/S Radio History?

As we've noted several times in past issues of The Relay, amateur radio operators have contributed great innovation and expertise in all areas of radio history. 5 Ship-to-Shore (abbreviated S/S) radio is no different. Not only were early hams instrumental in building, operating and maintaining the early stations, they continue to this day to collect and preserve Ship-to-Shore radio history artifacts and 6 knowledge.

⁷ One such man is Tom McKee K4ZAD. Growing up on the Great Lakes (Alpena, MI 7 and South Bend, IN) his radio interest started with a short-wave receiver in 1947. Though he's now in his late eighties and lives near Raleigh, NC, he still researches 8 and maintains a website dedicated to archiving radio history of marine communication on the Great Lakes and Mississippi River. His website, called *Inland Marine* Radio History Archive: Great Lakes - Mississippi River System can be found at 10 http://www.imradioha.org

11 McKee says he operates as a non-profit organization and the 12 content is comprised of Public Domain material. He welcomes anyone interested in contribadditional information 14 utina they may have to add to, or clarify his content.

As such, we are sharing his comments on WAS - Duluth, our former Ship-to-Shore station that operated from about 1938 through 1979.

Though he says he doesn't know much about the history of WAS - Duluth, his site seems to have the most information about it in one place that I can find. In the past 3 years, during my own local radio history research, I found mention that WAS - Duluth was a Ship-to-Shore station that once operated here, but little else. My thanks to Gene Ellefsen N0VRM for forwarding me Mr. McKee's website address.



Tom McKee K4ZAD says: "This photo of the former WAS operating console was photographed in 1996 or 1997 by Mark Karney, N9JWF at a museum near the Two Harbors, MN lighthouse. There is some similarity to the 1937 operating room at WMI. Perhaps it is the same equipment moved from to Lorain, Ohio to Duluth when the Lorain station expanded in the '40's or maybe they built identical setups for all three stations? The 50's Al Klopp photo [page 16] has the Hammarlund receivers just like the 1937 WMI photo. The Hammarlund receivers are gone in this photo, replaced in the left rack by six receiver channel strips from their maritime units. The same change was made at WMI. In a 1954 WMI photo there are many Hammarlund receivers in the equipment rack on the right. In the 1955 and 1958 photos, all but two of the Hammarlund receivers have been removed and eight receiver channel strips installed.'

I hope that in sharing K4ZAD's important "tid bit" of WAS – Duluth history, one of our readers can share additional history about the station and the people who operated and maintained it. Perhaps you or your family member participated in

ARAC Board Meeting - February 1, 2022

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Present:

Board Members

Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM, David Pyrlik-K0DJP, Melinda Nelson-KF0GJW, Bruce Carlson-KN0NUL, Gary Minter-KD9ABS, Dave Davis-AA0AC, Doug Nelson-AA0AW

Board Advisors (Non-Board Members)

Randy Wabik-KR0B, Kim Waller-KE0NQS, Steve Waller-KE0NQT

Guests

Elmer Berg-KC0NGY, Del Minter-KE0CLI, Wendy Nelson, Rochelle Nelson

Meeting called to order by President Gene-N0VRM at 18:30 (6:30 pm)

Minutes:

Minutes were not posted as of the meeting, so no one was able to review them.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$1,634.74
Savings: \$1,074.33
Repeater \$4,050.07
Subtotal Cash \$6,759.14
Winter CD \$1,730.42
Summer CD \$0.00
Subtotal CD's \$1,730.42

Assets Subtotal: \$8,489.56

Minus Reserved Funds

Check #1444 \$323.20 Check #1445 \$150.00 Reserved Subtotal: \$473.20 **Grand Total** \$8,016.36

Motioned to accept by Gary Minter-KD9ABS, seconded by Dave Davis-AA0AC, motion passed.

Education: Nothing till the fall



ARAC Club Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2022

Present:

President: Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM Vice President: Dave Pyrlik-K0DJP

Treasurer/Membership: Bruce Carlson-KN0NUL

Secretary: Melinda Nelson-KF0GJW First Year Board: Doug Nelson-AA0AW Second Year Board: Dave Davis-AA0AC

Special Events: Open/Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM(acting)

Ham Fest/Education: Bob Schultz-KC0NFB Property/Picnic: Scott Ahlgren-N0VYU Repeater: Randy Wabik-KR0B Repeater: Dave Prylik-K0DJP

Testing: Doug Nelson-AA0AW

Parliamentarian: Grant Forsyth-KC0WUP

Absent:

Third Year: Gary Minter-KD9ABS

Chaplin:

Newsletter/Historian: Kim Waller-KE0NQS Newsletter/Historian: Scott Waller-KE0NQT

Web Site: Thomas Dorr-KE0RHA

Meeting called to order at 19:02 (7:02 PM) by President Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM.

Minutes: Posted on the web page and in the newsletter. Motion to approve by Bruce Carlson-KN0NUL, seconded by Jeff Nast-KC0MKS, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

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Grand Total: \$8,016.36

Motion at accept as presented by Doug Nelson-AA0AW, seconded by Scott Ahlgren-N0VUY, motion passed.

Education: Bob Schultz-KC0NFB reported there is nothing going on till the fall.

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ARAC Club Meeting Minutes, continued

Testing: Doug Nelson-AA0AW reported testing a couple individuals that were in need of testing. We are registered for testing at HamFest on May 7th for anyone who is interested. There has not been a need for a big testing session lately. If you are in need of a testing session please reach out to Doug Nelson-AA0AW at AA0AW@ARRL.net. Side note there was a gentleman that came to a testing session. He stated that for his technician test he did it via zoom and it was the worst experience that he ever had.

HamFest: Bob Schults-KC0NFB reported that they got the approval, and have a number of responses back. We have 3 tables reserved already.

At the board meeting the board made a motion to make the Grand Prize \$500.00 as we have done in the past. President Gene-N0VRM asked if there was any discussion? Grant Forsyth-KC0WUP seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next month we will discuss the amount for food.

Repeaters:

Randy Wabik-KR0B reports that Mahtowa is back up and running with 17 watts. The controller that is out there (7330) is the one we wanted to purchase for the 94 repeater. Pulled that to move up to the 94. Doug is looking at an RCL2 for Mahtowa which is cheaper and very reliable for what we need there. Randy Wabik-KR0B made a phone call about an amplifier but has yet to get a phone call back. John Pouchak-KB9KDZ is donating a UPS 2200 for Mahtowa repeater only. Doug Nelson-AA0AW has an HF Radio that he is donating to Mahtowa as well.

Thank you John-KB9KDZ for the donation.

Comment from Doug Nelson-AA0AW. After getting the Mahtowa machine in, I had to take a trip to the cities. Started talking back into the repeater, at only 17 watts I was able to talk to it in Askov. Spoke with Denny-KB0SPA talked all the way to Nickerson except some of the dips, we were able to talk all the way to the southern Carlton County border. The reason for 100 watts is for handhelds.

Total amount left to spend for the Mahtowa Repeater right around \$1,200.00.

No new discussions.

Door Prize was won by Mike Lovald-NOPDG who donated it back to the club.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Nast-KC0MKS, seconded by Randy Wabik-KR0B, motion passed at 19:19 (7:19 PM). Program by David Prylik-K0DJP on Radio Frequency Interference.





Prez Sez...

Hi ARAC Members,

This Month's Club meeting on March 10 will feature Mr. Bob Heil from Heil Sound. Heil Sound is renowned for quality microphones and headsets. This should be a good program.

Our April Club meeting on April 14 will be the annual Skywarn Training. We will be back to in-person training with staff from the NWS- Duluth office doing the training. Please note: the meeting will start one hour earlier at 6:00 p.m. with the Skywarn Training starting at 6:30 p.m.

As in the past, this training is open to the Public, so we will start the meeting promptly at 6:00.

73,

Gene Ellefsen NØVRM

CLUB REPEATER WØGKP

146.94 (-) CTCSS TONE 103.5

The ARAC RELAY



Published monthly and distributed free to members, "The RELAY" is the official publication of the Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club, Inc. Members are encouraged to submit articles, opinions, and classifieds. Your submission will be placed as soon as possible providing it does not conflict with the bylaws of the Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club, Inc. The editors reserve the right to omit any submission that is not a required item. If a submission is questionable, it will be presented to the Board of Directors at the next scheduled board meeting for authorization.





U.S. AIR FORCE MILITARY AUXILIARY RADIO SYSTEM

Minnesota State MARS Director Reginald B. Cass / AFS5MN

Gene Ellefsen NØVRM

Thank you for your time and interest.

Air Force MARS membership could be for you. We do hope that it is.

If you have the following interests, and capabilities, we are interested in recruiting you to become an Air Force MARS member. Completion of the following on line training is mandatory: Personally, Identifiable Information (PII) https://iatraining.disa.mil/eta/disa cac2018/launchPage.htm

If you have completed: <u>Incident Command System</u> (ICS) -100, 200, 700, and 800 training, and have obtained certification for Air Force MARS or are willing to obtain this training, again, Air Force MARS could be for you.

You must be interested in joining a group of individuals that are dedicated to amateur radio, emergency communications, and willingness to learn and used military communications procedures for voice and digital communications.

You must have equipment that will meet the minimum requirements for voice and digital operation. The equipment will be: transmitter, receiver, (transceiver) modified to operate out of amateur radio bands, computer, modem, and antenna's that are designed to operate on military assigned frequencies. (The best antennas will be a dipole cut to the operational frequency. NVIS antennas work best. You will not need a linear amplifier, however if you have one that will operate on out of amateur radio bands that will be a plus)

You must go through and complete training. You are allowed up to 180 days to do so.

Air Force MARS operation's and procedures are based upon "MARS Operating Instruction", (MOI). The MOI manual uses as its basis for instruction a series of Allied Communications Publications (ACP's), Department of Defense Directives, Department of Defense Instructions, and Department of Defense Manual.

If you already belong to a MARS program and would like to consider Air Force MARS, please contact one of the recruiting team members.

Our recruitment team is as follows:

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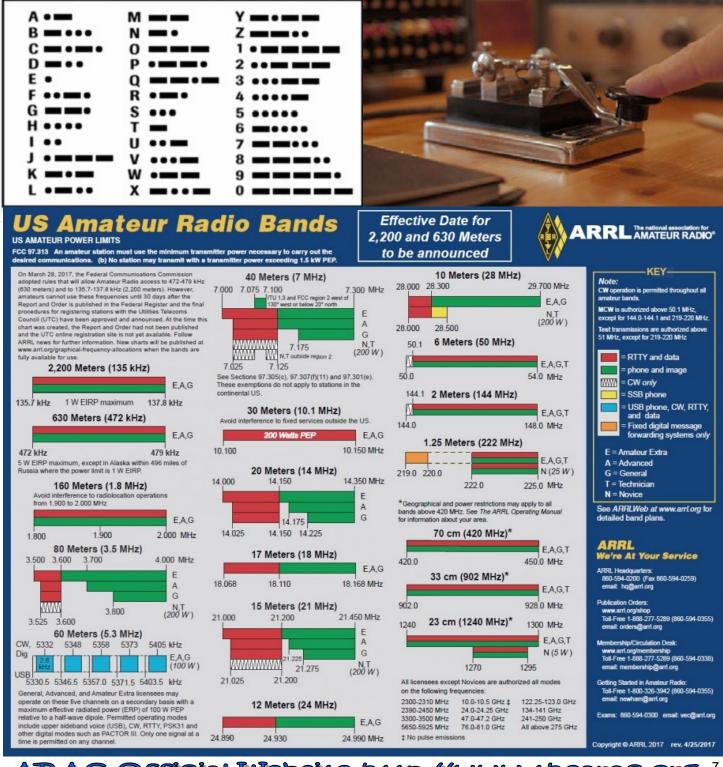
CW Abbreviations

AR End of Message AS Pse QRX BK Back to You SK End of Contact

TU Thank You PSE Please K Invite to Transmit

QST Calling all Amateurs QRL Are You Buzy? QRU Have anything for me

QRV Are You Ready? QRX Standby QRS Transit Slower



NETS

Have a favorite HF/6m/2m/1.25m/7Øcm net that you check into or listen in on? Also, please send corrections and we will add it to the list below - Kim KEØNQS at my email KEØNQS.mn@gmail.com.

- Northland Weather Group Net: Mondays 2ØØØ on the ARAC repeater (146.940 MHz with a tone of 103.5 and standard offset).
- Minnesota D-Star Net: Sundays at 19:3Ø on Reflector 53A
- Minnesota Section Net 12ØØ and 173Ø on 3.86Ø [Net Manager: NØYR] http://www.mn-section.org/dept_stm.html
- The non-non-net: Evenings 2ØØØ 144.2ØØ USB except for Sunday evenings.
- Badger WX Net: Ø5ØØ-Ø715 on 3.985. Give 24 hour high/low/current temperature, precipitation and snowfall.
- PICONET: 3.925 from Ø9ØØ-11ØØ CT Mon-Sat and 16ØØ-17ØØ CT Mon-Fri. Info at: http://www.piconet3925.com
- Michigan Upper Peninsula Net: 16ØØ (CST) on 3.921 MHz Sun-Sat and 12ØØ Sun. Info: http://www.michupnet.com
- Great Lakes Marine/Maritime Mobile Net: Morning Ø7:3Ø 3.932; Ø8:15 7.261 MHz and evening 18:3Ø 3.173Ø927; 19:15 7.268 MHz. Weekend extra net: 1Ø:ØØ 7.261/7.268 MHz. All CST, LSB and +/- QRM. See: http://www.sailblogs.com/member/glmmnet/
- MIDCARS: Ø7:3Ø-13:ØØ 7.258 MHz. See: http://www.midcars.net
- lowa snowbird net on 14.257MHz, M-W-F at 1Ø:ØØ am Local Time. This is an open net.
- Spider Web Net (Marco Island FL) on 14.347 every morning at Ø73Ø CST/CDT: http://www.spiderwebnet.net
- Maritime Mobile Service Network: Daily at 11ØØ—21ØØ Central on 14.3ØØ. http://mmsn.org and http://www.143ØØ.net
- RV Radio Network: Every day at 19ØØ Central on 7.265 MHz. Web site: http://www.rvradionetwork.com
- Upper Midwest Ten Meter Net: Every Thursday Evening @ 8 PM 28.48Ø MHz USB
- Wisconsin Sideband Net: Daily @ 5:15 PM 3985 [or 3982.5] KHz LSB
- Upper Midwest Ten Meter Net: Every Thursday Evening @ 8 PM 28.48Ø MHz USB
- Hobby Helpers Net Tuesday @ 8 PM 28.33Ø MHz USB (Isanti MN) LSB [Net Manager: WOØA].
- Northstar Trader Net: 3.9Ø8 +/- at Ø83Ø CST Sundays
- WARFA: 3.9Ø8 +/- Sun/Tue/Thu nights at 22ØØ CST, http://warfa.org/
- Youth Net: 14.32Ø-1433Ø Sundays 18ØØ-19ØØ UTC, Net Control: AC8PI
- YACHT: Saturdays 19ØØ CST on EchoLink #481872, http://yachthams.webstarts.com
- Northwestern Ontario ARES Net: Evenings at 2Ø:15 (Central) on +/- 3.75ØMhz
- The Iron Range Net: Saturdays at Ø8ØØ Central time on or near 3.919 Mhz. Look them up on Facebook!
- FORX Net: Mondays at 19ØØ Central at 3.941 Mhz +/- QRM. WAØJXT Grand Forks, North Dakota
- HF CW: Fridays Ø8:ØØ CST, 7.112 MHz. Informal slow speed CW Net. W8IRT NCS. Email: w8irt@aol.com
- Minnesota ARES Digital Net: Thursdays at 2ØØØ CST, 3.5835 MHz USB +/- QRM, Mode: Olivia 8/5ØØ.
- SARA Digital Net: Sundays at 19ØØ Local, 3.582.15Ø MHz USB +/- QRM, Mode: BPSK31/BPSK63
- Spider Web Net (Marco Island FL): 14.347 every morning at Ø73Ø CST/CDT: http://www.spiderwebnet.net
- Broadcaster Net: 7.231 or 3.855 M/W/F @ 15ØØ UTC. 14.255 M-F @ 213Ø UTC. http://www.cbsretirees.com/ham.htm
- Old Military Radio Net: 7.268 +/- nightly at Ø2ØØz. Other times/Frequencies too. See: http://www.mrca.ar88.net/
- Rag Chew Crew/Tailgaters/Freewheelers Nets: 3.916 +/- nightly at 19ØØ CST, http://www.tailgatersnet.com
- North South Net: 7.214.6 +/- at Ø7ØØ CST, Monday-Saturday



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next ARAC Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2Ø22 @ 6:30 p.m.

Sammy's Pizza - Spirit Valley

Next ARAC Club Meeting

Thursday, March 10th 7 p.m. Coppertop Church!

March 10th Presentation:

Legendary Sound Pioneer **Bob Heil - K9EID**of Heil Sound

Bob Heil is responsible for taking the world of live rock and roll from a small tinny sound of band amps, to the booming, surround-sound of volume and clarity we enjoy today during concerts. He first worked in 1970 with The Grateful Dead, and went on to work with The Who, Jeff Beck, Joe Walsh and many other early performers. The "talking guitar" sound that artist Peter Frampton played in the 1970's was one of Bob's inventions, called the Heil Talk Box and is still in use today.

Heil Sound, based in Fairview Heights, IL is also known for manufacturing superior, high quality microphones that are used in professional music and communications. Bob also created an excellent line of products for amateur radio operation.

Interested in providing a program, or have an idea for one?

Contact us at ke0nqs.mn@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

HAMFEST 2022

Used and like-new radios, electronic equipment, tools, vendor reps, parts, and computer items.

License Testing On-site!

Saturday May 7, 2022 9:00AM - 1:00PM



LOOKING for an Amateur Radio License TESTING SESSION?

No need to wait for a class or Hamfest!

Schedule your own Testing Session TODAY!

Contact Doug Nelson-AA0AW at aa0aw@arrl.net or 218-391-5874

Duluth Area Repeaters



ARAC System WØGKP

Freq. OffsetTone Location 146.940 minus103.5 Duluth

146.940 minus 107.2 Lakeside (recv)

146.940 minus151.4 Two Harbors (recv) 146.940 minus100.0 Gary-New Duluth (recv)

146.940 minus123.0 Solway (recv) 146.940 minus110.9 Cloquet (recv) 147.000 minus103.5 Mahtowa

444.100 plus 103.5 Duluth UHF Link

N9MMU/N9QWH System (WI)

145.310	minus	110.9	Duluth
145.490	minus	110.9	Solon Springs
147.255	plus	110.9	Hayward
145.110	minus	110.9	Rice Lake
147.345	minus	136.5	Holcombe
145.230	minus	110.9	Eau Claire

WECOMM - WI Statewide Linked System WE9COM

147.075 plus 110.9 Meteor Hill (closest repeater to Duluth)

LSAC System #1

147.330 147.330 147.330	plus plus plus	151.4 103.5 156.7	Proctor Duluth (recv for Proctor) Duluth (North) (Fish Lake)
147.270	plus	114.8	Two Harbors
147.270	plus	103.5	Wales
147.090	plus	114.8	Silver Bay
145.410	minus	114.8	Finland
147.300	plus	114.8	Isabella
145.150	minus	103.5	Washburn, WI
146.700	minus	103.5	Bayfield, WI
443.850	+5.00	none	Bayfield, WI
147.165	plus	110.9	Hurley, WI
146.640	minus	151.4	Ely
443.500	+5.00	141.3	Gilbert
147.060	plus	103.5	Virginia
147.360	plus	162.2	Cook
147.165	plus	114.8	Coleraine
443.925	+5.00	110.9	Brainerd
443.200	+5.00	114.8	Tamarack
147.360	plus	203.5	Aitkin
146.865	minus	146.2	Giese
147.570	simplex	146.2	Hinckley
444.575	+5.00	146.2	Hinckley
443.325	+5.00	146.2	Isanti

NARC System NAØRC

145.45Ø	minus	1Ø3.5	Solway Twp
145.45Ø	minus	114.8	Park Point (rcv)
147.135	plus	114.8	Park Point (rcv)
147.135	plus	1Ø3.5	Knife River ` ´

Stand Alone Repeaters

145.21Ø	minus	11Ø.9	Clam Lake, WI
146.88Ø	minus	123.Ø	Grand Rapids
146.91Ø	minus	146.2	Duxbury, MN
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Fusion and D Star

Fusion (Analog has tone and C4FM digital with no tone)

147.15Ø plus 151.4 NTØB Gilbert Fusion Rptr 145.17Ø minus 11Ø.9 WA9KLM Superior – Douglas County RACES/ARES Fusion Repeater 443.1ØØ +5.ØØ 1Ø3.5 KBØYHX Cloquet –

Carlton County RACES/ARES Fusion Repeater

444.3ØØ +5.ØØ 1Ø3.5 NØEO Spirit Valley Amateurs Fusion Repeater WIRES-X NØEO (Analog only) Fusion Room 40494

 147.375
 plus
 NØEO D Star

 442.2ØØ
 plus
 NØEO D Star

Repeater list compiled by Dr. Frequency—KCØWDQ

ST. Louis County Department of Emergency Services Net Control Roster

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Sunday Nights at 2100 on the ARAC System (See Calendar for net control schedule)

Ten Meter SSB Net Control Roster

AAØAW Doug Nelson NUØW Gary Hanson WØDIO Dennis Anderson AAØME Randy Johnson Sunday Nights at 2ØØØ on 28.45Ø MHz USB

Ten Meter CW Net Control Roster

AAØAW Doug Nelson NØPDG Mike Lovold Sunday Nights at 193Ø on 28.125 MHz

Northland Weather Group Net Control Roster

KCØMKS Jeff Nast

Monday Nights at 2000 on the ARAC System

Douglas County Net

Tuesday Nights at 2000 on 145.490 (N9QWH System)

Central Carlton County Net

Tuesday Nights at 2Ø3Ø on the ARAC System

Lake County RACES/ARES Net

2nd & 4th Wednesday Nights at 19ØØ on the LSAC 1 System

Elmers

El-mer / ɛl-mər/ [el-mer]

- 1. a male given name: from Old English words meaning "noble" and "famous."
- 2. an adhesive used to bond like or unlike materials
- 3. An experienced ham radio operator who mentors new and prospective hams.

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SUNDAY NIGHT NETS

193Ø - CW - 28.125 MHz USB-CW 2ØØØ -USB 28.45Ø MHz

2100 - Southern St. Louis County Emergency Services Net MONDAY NIGHT NETS

2ØØØ- Northland WX Net - ARAC Repeater



CLUB EVENTS

TUESDAY NIGHT NETS

2ØØØ -Douglas Cty 145.49Ø MHz 2Ø3Ø -Central Carlton County WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETS

19ØØ -Lake County - LSAC1 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 21ØØ -BWAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		ARAC BOARD MEETING Sammy's Pizza 6:30 pm DC Net 2000 CC Net 2030	2	3	4	5
6 CW 1930 AAØAW USB 2000 AAØAW ES 2100 NØVRM	7 wx 2000 kcømks	8 DC Net 2000 CC Net 2030	9 Lake County ARES/RACES Meeting 1800 Lake County Net 1900 21ØØ -BWAR	ARAC Club Meeting Coppertop Church 7:00 PM	11	12
13 CW 1930 NØPDG USB 2000 WØLWU ES 2100 - TBD	DC ARES/ RACES Mtg 1900 DC EOC wx 2000 kcømks	DC Net 2000 CC Net 2030	16 St. Louis County ARES/ RACES Mtg 1630 Pike Lake EOC 21ØØ -BWAR	17	18	19
20 CW 1930 AAØAW USB 2000 K9KDK ES 2100 AAØME	21 wx 2000 kcømks	DC Net 2000 CC Net 2030	23 Lake County Net 1900 21ØØ -BWAR	24 Carlton County ARES/RACES Meeting 1900 CC EOC	25	26 ARAC Club Breakfast The Chalet 4833 Miller Trunk Hwy Hermantown, MN 8 am
27 CW 1930 NØPDG USB 2000 - TBD ES 2100 N9DMG	28	29 DC Net 2000	30	31		
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Next Meeting: Thursday,

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QRZ web site at www.qrz.com

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Reminder: The Contest Corral monthly listing of contests can be found in each issue of QST. ARRL sponsored contests can be found in Contest Corral, highlighted, or on the ARRL's web site at arrl.org.

FOR SALE



For Sale:

Four sections Rohn 25G tower, plus one top section.

Included are mast and homebrew gin pole. \$500.

Located in Warba, can be delivered to Duluth area for \$50.

Contact Jeff Bodin, WA0VOM at jdbodin@gmail.com

Denny Burt KB0SPA has a close friend—Lynn Johnson KB9PFF of Siren, WI—who became a Silent Key. KB9PFF's radio equipment is now located in Barnum at the house of KB0SPA. Denny has difficulty hearing phone calls, so those interested in the following items, please send texts to KB0SPA at 218-341-4033

- 1. Lafayette swr signal strength meter. 30.00
- 2. Radio shack htx 242, 2 meter mobile 50.00
- 3. Icom 2000 2 meter mobile.65.00
- 4. Icom 2100 2 meter mobile 65.00
- 5. Kenwood ts-480 hf 200 watt radio 550.00
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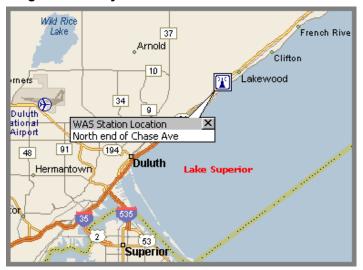
List Your FOR SALE items in the next ARAC Relay! Submit photos and descriptions to ke0nqs.mn@gmail.com

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WAS and have valuable information to share with us all.

Station WAS- Duluth primarily served bulk-carriers (container ships that carry bulk dry goods such as coal, grain, ore and other similar products in loose form) and tanker ships carrying liquids and gases on Lake Superior. The June 30, 1939 FCC Annual Report showed that a new license for WAS had been granted during the past 12 months. Frequency allocations above 3 MHz were approved during the FCC fiscal year that ended June 30, 1941.

As far as we know, the station was always owned and operated by Lorain Electronics headquartered in Lorain, Ohio. However, my 1938 Polk's Duluth City Directory lists a company called Radiomarine Corporation of America under the category of Radio Broadcasting Stations. Radiomarine's office address was 927 N 9th Avenue West. It is possible that they set up WAS - Duluth and sold it to Lorain Electronics. Loraine Electronics owned and operated several Ship-to-Shore stations on the Great Lakes and installed Melvin Werking as the manager of WAS- Duluth sometime near 1941. Werking was in that role until about 1944. It's not clear whether Werking was from the Duluth area or was transferred from Lorain, Ohio. Let us know, if you know of Mr. Werking or his family.





Tom McKee K4ZAD describes Werking's successor, who was a ham radio operator from Wisconsin. "Albert E. Klopp W0QXI started with Lorain Electronics in Port Washington, WI in 1940. He was an operator at marine radio/telephone station there called WAD. He transferred to Duluth, MN in 1944 and became manager of Marine Radio Station WAS. WAS - Duluth was located on Chase Avenue and Hollister, in the eastern part of Duluth and not far from the city limits (see map inset above).

"There were three operators that worked at the station and one serviceman Jim Scott, who took care of equipment on the boats. After the last boat arrived or left Duluth in the winter, the station closed until spring. The station closed permanently in 1979. After that, all Lorain Electronics manually-operated stations became automatically-operated remote stations. Whenever there was a problem, Al had to go to one of the remote stations around Lake Superior and Lake Michigan. Al retired in 1980."

Albert Ernst Klopp was born in Wisconsin on June 2nd, 1915 to Albert Daniel Klopp and Adeline Wilhemina (maiden name Klotz) Klopp. Albert Ernst Klopp was married to Doris Lorraine Klopp and lived at 4414 Tioga Avenue in Duluth. The house was built in 1950 and they lived there for at least 30 years, if not more. From public records they seem to have several children or grandchildren, possibly named Daniel, Debra and Michael. Lara Jeanne Ahrens may be also be a granddaughter, possibly Debra's daughter. Al's wife Doris, at least through the 1950's was the secretary at Denfeld High School. By 1973, Mrs. Klopp is listed as an employee of the City Board of Education. Why are we highlighting such name detail here? Al Klopp was the key person in the history of WAS – Duluth and an essential figure in Ship-to-Shore radio history on the Great Lakes. Though Mr. Klopp passed away in 2011, perhaps our readers remember Mr. or Mrs. Klopp and/or their children and grandchildren and can tell us more. Time can be critical in archiving history, as it's very important to hear rom someone who has first-hand knowledge and memories of these key figures in our history. Oftentimes they have photographs and documents of which they don't even realize the greater historical implications. We would be honored to talk to any of Al Klopp's family or friends.

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WAS - DULUTH STAFF

Tom McKee K4ZAD compiled a list of WAS employees that he knows of and there may be more. See if you recognize any of the names and let us know more info on them and anyone else.

CREWMEMBER NAME	JOB	YEARS
Melvin (Mel) Werking	Manager	1941? - 1944
Edward Ansell (former call sign W9PSA)	Operator	1943 - 1945
Albert E. Klopp, W0QXI (Silent Key)	Manager	1944 -1979
Walter Clayton Toms W0PIH (Silent Key)	Operator	1944 - 1979
Dorothy Wolf (Silent Key)	Operator	1946? - 1979?
Lloyd Horton	Operator	1943? - 1945+
Dale Grimwood (Silent Key)	Operator	?
Jim Scott	Technician	1943? - 1945+

K4ZAD has noted Silent Keys that he has confirmed, but unfortunately it is unlikely that any of these staff members are still with us today.

McKee says, "Dorothy Wolf usually worked the night shift and had a wonderful on-air voice. She had kind of a fan club going and when she would sign the station off in the evening usually an anonymous caller would chime in 'Goodnight Dorothy'."

Wow! We'd love to have more info and photographs of Dorothy and the rest of the crew! Whether they're hams or not, they're an important part of S/S history and WAS - Duluth.

Feel free to pass along any WAS – Duluth history you may know to Tom McKee K4ZAD via email and copy us on it as well for our archive.

His email address is: atarchivist-1@imradioha.org Our email: ke0nqs.mn@gmail.com

In addition, if you need to send Tom physical copies (not originals!) of any photos or documents rather than scanning them and attaching them to email, his contact info is:

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We'd love to share your knowledge about WAS - Duluth in an upcoming edition of The Relay, so let us know! ★



Al Klopp at the WAS operating position - circa 1950. This photo is posted on Tom McKee's website and was given to him years ago by Al and Doris Klopp



Contest Calendar - March 2022

+ Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Mar 1
+ QCX Challenge	0300Z-0400Z, Mar 1
+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 1
+ AGCW YL-CW Party	1900Z-2100Z, Mar 1
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Mar 2
+ Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 2
+ A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Mar 2
+ CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 2
+ Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Mar 2
+ VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Mar 2
+ Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Mar 2
+ CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 2
+ UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Mar 2
+ AWA John Bolling Mamorial DV Contact	2300Z, Mar 2 to 2300Z, Mar 3 and
+ AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest	2300Z, Mar 5 to 2300Z, Mar 6
+ Walk for the Boson OBD Contact	0000Z-0100Z, Mar 3 and
+ Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0300Z, Mar 4
+ CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Mar 3
+ CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Mar 3
+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 3
	1800Z-1900Z, Mar 3 (CW) and
L NDALL 40m Antivity Comtant	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 3 (SSB) and
+ NRAU 10m Activity Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Mar 3 (FM) and
	2100Z-2200Z, Mar 3 (Dig)
+ EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 3
+ SKCC Sprint Europe	2000Z-2200Z, Mar 3
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Mar 4
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Mar 4



+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 4
+ K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Mar 4
+ Novice Rig Roundup	0000Z, Mar 5 to 2359Z, Mar 13
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 5 to 2400Z, Mar 6
	0600Z-0629Z, Mar 5 and
+ Wake Uni OPP Sprint	0630Z-0659Z, Mar 5 and
+ Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0700Z-0729Z, Mar 5 and
	0730Z-0800Z, Mar 5
+ Open Ukraine RTTY Championship	Cancelled for 2022 due to war
+ UBA Spring Contest, CW	0700Z-1100Z, Mar 6
+ SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated Emerg Contest	1200Z-1400Z, Mar 6
+ NSABA Contact	1200Z-1600Z, Mar 6 and
+ NSARA Contest	1800Z-2200Z, Mar 6
+ WAB 3.5 MHz Phone	1800Z-2200Z, Mar 6
+ K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Mar 7
+ OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Mar 7
+ RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 7
+ Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Mar 8
+ ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Mar 8
+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 8
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Mar 9
+ Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 9
+ A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Mar 9
+ CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 9
+ Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Mar 9
+ VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Mar 9
+ Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Mar 9
+ CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 9



+ K1USN Slow Speed Test

Contest Calendar - March 2022, Continued

+ CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Mar 10
+ CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Mar 10
+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 10
+ EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 10
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Mar 11
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Mar 11
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 11
+ K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Mar 11
+ YB DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Mar 12
+ SARL Field Day Contest	0800Z, Mar 12 to 1000Z, Mar 13
+ RSGB Commonwealth	1000Z, Mar 12 to 1000Z, Mar 13
	1200Z-1700Z, Mar 12 (20m-10m) and
+ DIG QSO Party, SSB	0700Z-0900Z, Mar 13 (80m) and
	0900Z-1100Z, Mar 13 (40m)
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Mar 12 to 2400Z, Mar 13
+ South America 10 Meter Contest	1200Z, Mar 12 to 1200Z, Mar 13
+ AGCW QRP Contest	1400Z-2000Z, Mar 12
+ Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Mar 12 to 1500Z, Mar 13
+ Oklahoma QSO Party	1500Z, Mar 12 to 0200Z, Mar 13 and
1 Oklahoma QOO Farty	1500Z-2100Z, Mar 13
+ EA PSK63 Contest	1600Z, Mar 12 to 1600Z, Mar 13
+ TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest	1800Z, Mar 12 to 0559Z, Mar 13
+ Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 12 to 1900Z, Mar 13
+ North American Sprint, RTTY	2300Z, Mar 12 to 0300Z, Mar 13
+ FIRAC HF Contest	0700Z to 1700Z, Mar 13
+ UBA Spring Contest, 2m	0700Z-1100Z, Mar 13
+ Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 13 to 0100Z, Mar 14

0000Z-0100Z, Mar 14



+ 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Mar 14
+ OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Mar 14
+ Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Mar 15
+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 15
LCLADA Chattar Bartir	1700Z, Mar 15 to 1700Z, Mar 16 and
+ CLARA Chatter Party	1700Z, Mar 19 to 1700Z, Mar 20
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 16
+ Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 16
+ A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Mar 16
+ CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 16
+ VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Mar 16
+ Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Mar 16
+ Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Mar 16
+ CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 16
+ RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 16
I Walk for the Boson ODB Contact	0000Z-0100Z, Mar 17 and
+ Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0300Z, Mar 18
+ NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Mar 17
+ CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Mar 17
+ CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Mar 17
+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 17
+ NTC QSO Party	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 17
+ EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 17
+ BCC QSO Party	1900Z-2059Z, Mar 17
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 18
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Mar 18
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 18
+ K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Mar 18



+ BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 19 to 0159Z, Mar 21
	0300Z-0500Z, Mar 19 (6m) and
	0501Z-0700Z, Mar 19 (2m) and
· CADL VIII A . I	0701Z-0900Z, Mar 19 (70cm) and
+ SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest	0300Z-0500Z, Mar 20 (6m) and
	0501Z-0700Z, Mar 20 (2m) and
	0701Z-0900Z, Mar 20 (70cm)
+ Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 19 to 1200Z, Mar 20
+ F9AA Cup, SSB	1200Z, Mar 19 to 1200Z, Mar 20
. Wheeleda OOO Barts	1400Z, Mar 19 to 0400Z, Mar 20 and
+ Virginia QSO Party	1200Z-2400Z, Mar 20
	1400Z-1700Z, Mar 19 (144) and
+ AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1700Z-1800Z, Mar 19 (432)
+ Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z-2159Z, Mar 19
+ UBA Spring Contest, SSB	0700Z-1100Z, Mar 20
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	2300Z, Mar 20 to 0100Z, Mar 21
+ K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Mar 21
+ OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Mar 21
+ Bucharest Digital Contest	1800Z-2059Z, Mar 21
+ Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Mar 22
+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 22
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Mar 23
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 23
+ Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 23
+ A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Mar 23
+ CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 23
+ Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Mar 23
+ Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Mar 23



+ CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 23
+ CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Mar 24
+ CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Mar 24
+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 24
+ EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 24
+ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 24
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 25
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Mar 25
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 25
+ K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Mar 25
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 26 to 2359Z, Mar 27
+ FOC QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Mar 26
+ UBA Spring Contest, 6m	0600Z-1000Z, Mar 27
+ K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Mar 28
+ QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 28
+ OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Mar 28
+ QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 28
+ RSGB FT4 Contest	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 28
+ Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Mar 29
+ QCX Challenge	0300Z-0400Z, Mar 29
+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 29
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Mar 30
+ Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Mar 30
+ A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Mar 30
+ CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 30
+ Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Mar 30



+ Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Mar 30
+ CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 30
+ UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Mar 30
+ CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Mar 31
+ CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Mar 31
+ RTTYOPS Weeksprint	1700Z-1900Z, Mar 31
+ EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 31

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