

# The Landline

Newsletter of the  
Copper Country Radio Amateur Association, Inc.  
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Hancock Repeater: 146.880 MHz (100.0 Hz)

Herman Repeater: 146.670 MHz (100.0 Hz)

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**LATE BREAKING NEWS:**

*(At the CCRAA meeting of August 5, 2008, George, W8FWG, was appointed as "Acting Secretary" for the club, by the President and was appointed as the new Newsletter Editor, of the publication "THE LANDLINE", by the Chairman of the "Publications and Public Relations Committee" (Jack Dueweke, KC8NPI). For my initial report to you, here is the August 2008 copy of our new newsletter.*

***(In the interest of helping the CCRAA, I, George Thurner, W8FWG presented the following at the August 5, 2008 meeting of the CCRAA at the CCRAA's Clubhouse in Osceola.)***

"From what I have seen on the CCRAA's web page ([www.ccraa.net](http://www.ccraa.net)) it looks like we haven't had a newsletter published since July of 2007. In the interest of keeping members informed as to what the club is doing, I have offered my services to the club as the Newsletter Editor for the next year. Since we have a great group of hams wanting to know how the club is doing, and "what" we are doing, I proposed editing the "Landline" for the coming months and at least until the next election in the Spring of 2009. I am asking club members for their support and have asked the Chairman of the "Publications and Public Relations Committee" (Jack Dueweke, KC8NPI), for the appointment of Newsletter Editor; he has done so, and as the new Newsletter editor I have also spoken with David Torrey, KD8GBH, and he has accepted my idea of presenting him with the finished copy, and he in turn would send it along to the CCRAA's web page for others to view. ([www.ccraa.net](http://www.ccraa.net)) Individual copies would also be sent to those members having an E-Mail address at this writing. I know that our CCRAA members, and members of other clubs are interested in getting the newsletter; and in this day and age of electronic-publishing it is a very easy task to put together a newsletter and send it out via E-Mail. For those who do not have a computer, we would do, as we did in years past; send it via USPS. Since USPS copies are a costly item for the club, I propose that anyone with a computer please accept the newsletter in electronic form (E-Mail.). We want all club members to be able to participate, by submitting articles to the Editor for publication in the newsletter, meaning that you may submit articles that you think would be suitable for publication, and of interest to your fellow radio amateurs. If, for any reason, this is not acceptable to you, please notify me of your preferences, and I will comply. If you wish to submit an article for publication, please submit your articles by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to ensure they will be included in that month's newsletter. All I ask is a chance to prove to you that I can do the job for you. Thank you for your time and interest in bringing you the amateur radio news; of, by and for radio amateurs to 'THE LANDLINE.'"

*George R. Thurner, W8FWG, Acting Secretary*

## **MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2008 CCRAA MEETING**

(No minutes were available at the July meeting)

## **MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2008 MEETING**

The meeting opened at 7:02 pm EDT with the Secretary (KD8CTL) reading the minutes of the July 1, meeting. (Not reported during the July meeting) They included a report from the Property committee showing that the clubhouse is in good shape, and all systems were working. No other committee reports were available. Since there was a health issue with the present Secretary, Gavrielah Hojnacki (KD8CTL) George, W8FWG offered his services to fill in the remainder of her term as "Acting Secretary." This offer was accepted by the existing Secretary, and approved by the President, with an amendment to serve up to the time of the next election in March of 2009. This was agreed to by George, W8FWG. Self introductions followed, with the following radio amateurs present at the meeting: KD8CTL, KB9RQZ, N8ZBJ, WA8JSF, W8ERB, W9VLM, W8ILS, W4KAR, WB8ZYL, WA8QNF, K6IPC, W8DAO, KB8XI and W8FWG. Our President voiced concern of the ongoing uncertainty of the operation of our 146.670 MHz repeater in Herman. George, W8FWG reported for Chuck, WB8FCY, that this property may have already been sold by the DNR, to a radio or TV broadcasting company but that we had no assurance that that had taken place. George offered to contact the DNR (a ham in the DNR, whom he knows) to get the latest information on that site, and to report back to the President of the club, ASAP. Treasurer's Report: By Paul, W9VLM, indicated we have received a request from the State of Michigan regarding our charter and status as a non-profit organization. This means a charge of \$20 annually, and the Treasurer was instructed to pay it. At 7:36 pm Gavrielah had to leave suddenly (no reason given) and the roster of those present was turned over to George, W8FWG. Glenn, WA8QNF asked this question of the President. "Mark, in the interest of the CCRAA would you be willing to step down as President of the organization.?" The answer given by Mark was "No!" In view of the "turbulence" that occurred, the Property Chairman's report (W8FWG's report) did not get read, but it is included here as follows: All utilities within the building are operational, and the weekly routines are being kept up, the monthly check of the emergency engine was completed, an additional operating chart was made up and a new antenna tuning guide was added. The lawn was not mowed, per the President's request, because of his allergy to newly mown grass. The water leak at the roof has been corrected and one problem with a door switch remains and that should be taken care before the next meeting. Cataloging of the small parts cabinet continues, and now that we have a new computer this should be completed by year's end..

A motion made by Glenn, WA8QNF and seconded by Roy, WB8ZYL to "Remove Mark, KB9RQZ from the office of President of the CCRAA" was introduced, and a discussion followed. When it came to a vote, there was one ABSTENTION, one NO vote, 11 YES votes, and the motion carried. George, W8FWG, being appointed Acting Secretary took ending notes. The next meeting of the CCRAA is scheduled to be held at the Osceola Clubhouse on September 2, 2008 at 7:00pm EDT. Since there was no longer a quorum (without a President or Vice President present), a motion to adjourn was entertained by Roland, KB8XI and seconded by Glenn, WA8QNF, and the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm EDT

**THE DAY AFTER:**

Roy, WB8ZYL asked why his Vanity Call sign was taking so long to process, (He had waited three weeks), well, to make a long story short, the license arrived that very day (and only discovered “after” the meeting!), that Roy’s new call is W8RAP (initials of his name) was there, and the old call sign of WB8ZYL was now cancelled. Congratulations to Roy, on his new Vanity call!

**NEW HAM IN THE CLUB:**

On July 17, 2008, one of our new Associate Members, William La Bell of Allouez, became licensed as KD8JAM. “Bill” is now a FULL MEMBER of the CCRAA (automatically) We welcome Bill as a continuing member with full club privileges now, including that of being a voting member.

**HAM RADIO OPERATION IN CANADA:**

RIC-3 - Information on the Amateur Radio Service 5. Reciprocal Operating Agreements and Arrangements 5.1 Convention between Canada and the United States of America The operation of amateur radio service equipment and stations in the territory of the other country is covered in Treaty Series 1952 No. 7 — /Operation of Certain Radio Equipment or Stations, Convention between Canada and the United States of America. .Visiting amateurs are not required to register or receive a permit before operating their amateur radio stations. Each amateur station shall indicate at least once during each contact with another station its geographical location as nearly as possible by city and state or city and province. The amateur station shall be operated in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country in which the station is temporarily located. Canadian amateurs operating in the U.S. have the same privileges as they have in Canada, limited by U.S. band edges and mode restrictions in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations(CFR), Title 47, Chapter I (FCC), Part 97, /Amateur Radio Service./U.S. amateurs operating in Canada must abide by the Radiocommunication Regulations and Radiocommunication Information Circular 2, /Standards for the Operation of Radio Stations in the Amateur Radio Service/ (RIC-2). Those who are qualified to send basic, Morse code and Advanced U.S. amateurs who are not qualified to send and receive Morse code may operate in accordance with privileges accorded to holders of the Amateur Radio Operator Certificate with Basic Qualification .accordance with privileges accorded to holders of the Amateur Radio Operator Certificate.

*(Thanks to Howard, KD8ABP for submitting this article to us)*

## URL'S - WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

ARRL DATABASE:.....<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/fcclook.php3>  
ARRL HOMEPAGE:.....<http://www.arrl.org>  
BUCKMASTER:.....<http://hamcall.net/call>  
CANADIAN HAM CALL DATABASE:... [www.rac.ca/callbook/](http://www.rac.ca/callbook/)  
FCC HOME PAGE:.....<http://www.fcc.gov>  
FCC FORMS:.....<http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>  
FCC ULS:.....<http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>  
N4MC VANITY HQ:.....<http://www.carroll-usa.com/vanity>  
QRZ:.....<http://www.qrz.com>  
QRZ DAILY REPORT:.....[http://www.qrz.com/new\\_hams.html](http://www.qrz.com/new_hams.html)  
SUNNYVALE VEC.....<http://www.amateur-radio.org/vanity/htm>  
UALR:.....<http://callsign.ualr.edu/callsign.shtml>  
WM7D.....<http://www.wm7d.net>

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ARRL:..... 1-860-594-0200 (Main switchboard)  
FCC (GETTYSBURG, PA).....1-888-225-5322 (1-888-CALLFCC)  
FCC HELP DESK (WASHINGTON, DC).....1-877-480-3201

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## FCC FORMS

[Obtain forms directly off the world-wide-web] Goto: [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

159	Remittance Advice (For Vanity Call signs)
160	CORES - Registration Form
161	CORES - Update/Change
162	CORES - Certification
605	FCC Quick Form (Long Form)
NCVEC 605	VEC Quick Form (Short Form)
606	TIN Registration (Taxpayer Identification Number....SS#)
610B	Renewal/Modification of Amateur Club License

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**A GOOD URL:**

Vintage radio equipment and diagrams can be found here. Just insert “Nostalgia Air” into “GOOGLE” and find some good viewing!

**OFFICER LISTING:** (Modified as of 2045 EDT, August 5, 2008)

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<b>CCRAA, INC.</b>	<b>Next meeting: Sept. 2, 2008</b>
<b>POB 217</b>	<b>LOCATION: Osceola Clubhouse</b>
<b>DOLLAR BAY MI 49922-0217</b>	<b>TIME: 7:00 PM EDT</b>