

The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club

GROUND WAVE

Repeater Frequencies 147.00MHz & 444.075MHz

Club Net: Sunday 7PM 147.00MHz

Simplex DX Spotting and Ragchew Frequency 146.55

Web Page <http://w8pif.com>



Officers:

President: Jim Callow K8IR

Vice President: Bob Schrader AA9GZ

Treasurer: Paul Drees WC9E

Secretary: Valerie Hallam KC8WAI

The MMARC Newsletter

January 2007

JANUARY MEETING...

The January meeting of the M&M ARC will be held at 7pm on Thursday, January 11th, at Spies Public Library in Menominee. We'll be planning some of the activities for the first part of 2007. We hope you can make it.

FINAL REMINDER ON DUES...

Here's a final reminder that the deadline for paying 2006-2007 dues was December 31st. For the many who have paid, thank you. For those who have forgotten, please send your check, or bring it to the January meeting. The membership roster and Ground Wave mailing list will be updated shortly, reflecting the paid-up membership.

CHRISTMAS PARTY...

About 30 M&M ARC members and family members attended the annual Christmas Party at Schussler's Supper Club in Peshtigo.



As usual, we enjoyed a lot of good conversation, a good meal, and even learned some little-known facts about ham radio during K8IR's trivia contest. Paul, WC9E was the winner of the Quilt raffle, which raised \$89.00 for the club treasury. Thanks again to Maxine Drees and Marge Schrader for donating the beautiful quilt.

VE SESSION PRODUCES 3 NEW HAMS...

The final VE session of 2006 was held November 30th at the Twin County Airport Terminal.

Congratulations to three new Technicians who passed their exams. They are Mark Erickson, KD8ESH of Menominee, 11 year old Dallas Blair, KD8ESI, and Kris Ingenthron, KC9KNC of Oconto Falls. Dallas is the third young ham to get his license through the DAR program.

A BUSY YEAR FOR THE HAT TEAM...

With the raising of an 80 meter loop at the new W9JTL QTH in Wallace on New Years Eve, the Ham Assistance Team closed out it's first year with 49 projects accomplished. Pete, AB9PJ has already been scheduling projects for 2007. Two projects are on the January Calendar. An 80 meter loop will be raised at AB9PJ on January 14th, and another loop will be raised at the DAR, along with maintenance on the existing antennas, on January 27th.

If you need help with an antenna or other radio-related project, contact AB9PJ, and your project will be added to the HAT Team schedule.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS AVAILABLE...

For the paid up members who have not received and who wish to receive a membership card, please contact Paul, WC9E at 715-735-7397 or Pdrees@new.rr.com. He will deliver or mail your card.

VE MEETING...

Paul, WC9E reports for those interested, VEs or not, a brunch session will be held on Sunday, January 14th, at 11am at the new George Webb Restaurant. We will discuss 2007 plans, changes, updates, and address other issues. It will be an open agenda. We're looking forward to a relaxing breakfast; all are certainly welcomed.

DAR RADIO ROOM 1ST ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE...

On January 31st, the DAR ham radio project will complete its first year, and in observance, Special Event station "K8D" will be on the air from the

DAR. The special event will be observed through Friday February 2nd, from the hours of 3 to approximately 6pm on Wednesday and Friday, and from 1pm to 5pm on Thursday. DAR "ham-mers" will be manning the station as much as possible. Don Michalski, W9IXG, Wisconsin ARRL section manager will drive up for the day to participate in our observance. It would be appreciated if as many club members as are available would stop in and help us in this very special event as control operators, or at least respond to our CQ calls on either 2 meters or HF, and qualify for a neat certificate and QSL card. More information may be available at the January club meeting.

WAGN SPOTLIGHTS DAR HAM RADIO PROJECT...

On Thursday December 28th, Rich Crevier, The D.A.R. executive director, and four youngsters from the DAR gave an outstanding report on the W8PIF DAR ham radio project during WAGN Radio's "Our Town" program. Besides Rich, the following "ham-mers" were interviewed: Dallas Blair KD8ESI, Travis Hulsizer, Lance and Wade Crevier. An MP3 file was made of the interview by Jim, K8IR, and can be accessed on the W8PIF website. The DAR ham radio goal for this year is: "Seven in 07", meaning seven new hams by the end of the year. We already have three licensed, and several more are waiting in the wings.

Currently Ed, KG8CX is the main control operator three to four days a week, assisted by Jim, KS8O when he is available. However, we could use more ham radio volunteers to come in from time to time, and work with the "Future of Ham Radio." This is a great opportunity to continue this outstanding program, and satisfaction in knowing you had a part in educating our youth in the many facets of ham radio, which undoubtedly will "open doors" for them as they grow and move ahead through life.

FEMA COURSE SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 13th...

Pete, AB9PJ, ARES/RACES District Emergency Coordinator for the Northeast Wisconsin District reports a training class for the FEMA course IS-200 to be held at the Oconto Falls Community Memorial Hospital. **The date is Saturday, January 13th, 2007 from 9am to 4pm.** Steve Haskell, KC9JRL, the Shawano County Emergency Management Director, will be the instructor for the day.

This training session is open to all ARES/RACES members, general ham population, all Civil Air Patrol members and Community Memorial Hospital staff.

It is **highly requested** that all members of the Michigan and Wisconsin Cooperative ARES/RACES Net attend this training session if you have not tested for IS-200. That includes members from Oconto County, WI, Marinette County, WI, Menominee County, MI, Florence County, WI and Dickinson County, MI. All other counties are welcome as well.

Please note: These courses are free, however, please contact your local EC and let him/her know that you will be participating so that I may obtain a headcount. Non-ARES/RACES amateurs respond to AB9PJ directly.

More details will follow soon and please monitor the 147.000 repeater (tone - 107.2) Sundays at 8:30pm for more ARES/RACES updates.

FCC RULING MEANS HF FUN FOR EVERYONE...

By Jim Callow, K8IR

The FCC delivered its long-anticipated decision to drop the Morse code requirement for license classes with HF privileges in a Report and Order announced December 15th. The new rules will go into effect 30 days after they are published in the Federal Register, probably sometime in February. This means new applicants for General and Extra classes licenses will need to only pass the

appropriate written tests. According to the ARRL Website, those persons who have passed the General written test and have a non-expired CSCE (they are good for a year) will have to attend a VE session after the new rules go into effect to get the paperwork done to upgrade their privileges. The upgrade will not occur automatically.

The same Report and Order that removes the Morse Code testing requirement also gives all Technicians, whether they passed the code test or not, the same HF privileges. Ironically, most of those are CW band segments. With the FCC's Omnibus Rulemaking that went into effect December 15th, those CW privileges are now the same as for the General Class license on the 80, 40, 15, and 10 meter bands. There are also RTTY, Data, and SSB privileges on the 10 meter band. To be specific, the band segments to be opened to all Technicians are:

3525-3600 kHz CW only
7025-7125 kHz CW only
21,025-21,200 kHz CW only
28,000-28,300 kHz CW, RTTY and Data
28,300-28,500 kHz CW, SSB

The power limit is 200 W PEP output for Technician operators.

What this means is soon all of our licensed club members will have at least some HF privileges. Even without being proficient at CW, all will be able to try out the SSB, RTTY, or other data, modes on 10 meters. Right now, we're at the bottom of the sunspot cycle, and the band may sound dead a lot of the time, but there still are openings that will give you a chance to try out the band. During the December 10 meter contest, I worked 16 countries and 43 states and provinces, in just two days. In about three years, the sunspots will rise, and 10 meters will come alive with worldwide DX, often workable with a small antenna and low power.

The bottom line is, the FCC has made it a lot easier to get active HF bands. Let us know how the M&M ARC can help you get in on the fun on HF.

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
January 11, 2007

1. Call meeting to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Recognize guests and/ or new members

Members introduce themselves with their call sign and talk about their HAM Radio activities in the past month. DX Stations worked, Antenna Projects, Contests worked, etc.

4. Approve Secretary's report as printed in the Ground Wave

5. Treasurer's Report (Paul)

6. Communications to read (any club officer)

7. Net report (Ed)

8. DAR Project Report (Ed)

9. Quartermaster Report (Ed)

10. Repeater Committee Report (Pete)

11. HAT Report (Pete)

12. Fundraising Committee Report (Charlie)

13. Old Business

- Insurance Quote
- License Classes
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14. New Business...

- Charter Night
- Ham of the Year
- Picnic Date and place

15. Announcements/ Raffle

16. Adjournment

16. Program ?

QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT 12/28/06

By WC9E

DATE	NUM	TRANSACTION	PAYMENT	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
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CHECKING

10/13/2006		DUES		148.00	806.04
10/13/2006		DAR		54.00	860.04
10/30/2006		DUES		54.00	914.04
11/15/2006		DUES		117.00	1031.04
11/15/2006		CHRISTMAS PARTY		60.00	1091.04
11/15/2006		RAFFLE		50.00	1141.04
11/15/2006	761	STEPHENSON PUB LIBRARY	100.00		1041.04
11/15/2006	762	SPIES PUBLIC LIBRARY	100.00		941.04
12/6/2006		DUES		45.00	986.04
12/6/2006		RAFFLE		89.00	1075.04
12/6/2006		CHRISTMAS PARTY		377.00	1452.04
12/6/2006	763	SCHUSSLERS	399.64		1052.40
12/6/2006	764	JS ELECTRONICS	120.00		932.40
12/6/2006	765	ABC PRINTERS-CARDS	54.86		877.54
12/28/2006		DUES		45.00	922.54

SAVINGS

12/7/2006		BANK INTEREST EARNED		1.28	687.03
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TOTAL ASSETS	CHECKING	922.54
	SAVINGS	687.03
	TOTAL	1609.57

DAR	99.09
REPEATER	403.14