

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: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

January 2009

JANUARY MEETING...

The January meeting will be held at 7pm Thursday January 8th at Spies Library. Dave Arnold, W8DXX is bring along his laminating machine, so if you have licenses, certificates, or anything you need laminated, here's a great chance to get it done. We'll also discuss recent issues with the 147.000 repeater, and a request regarding the repeater antenna on the roof of the former hospital. We hope to see you there.

DUES TIME...

A reminder that dues for the current year were due by December 31st. If you haven't yet paid them, please do so at the meeting, or send them to the P.O. Box. The cost is the same as last year, \$18 for individuals, and \$27 for families. We appreciate your continued support of the M&M ARC.

AES SUPERFEST...

It's not too early to start thinking about AES Superfest 09 at Amateur Electronic Supply in Milwaukee. This year's dates are: Friday, April 3rd (2:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m.) and Saturday April 4th (8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

Last year they had a record number of Ham Manufacturers and Clubs; record attendance too! Early indications are that they are going to have another great show this year. The Special Guest will be Steve Ford, WB8IMY(QST Editor and prolific technical writer). There will be VE testing, interesting forums, a fox hunt, prizes, Gordon West and more! It's an ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest. Our local Yacht Team is planning to again have a table.

YACHT GOES INTERNATIONAL...

The three newest members of YACHT (Young Amateur Contest Ham Team) are Andries ZS6VL, our coach YTC#11, and two youth

members, Mitchel ZU6M, age 11 and Melinda ZU6MM age 9. They are members #42 and #43.

Andries did an Internet search the early part of December and found both YACHT and the DAR. They fit in to his philosophy of working with youth and ham radio, and he decided to make contact with KG8CX. Within a few days, he was invited to join YACHT as well as the two youngsters, which he recommended.

Many hams in South Africa, young and older alike, are now familiar with the DAR ham radio program and YACHT.

Go to the Salsoburg ARC webpage and check out the links and photos. Our ham radio youth programs are given prominent display.

<http://www.qsl.net/zs4srk/youth.htm>

ECHOLINK INTERNATIONAL YOUTH NET...

The EYN has now become the EiYN (i for international). The first EiYN on Dec. 13 pulled in 25 check ins, with 8 check ins from South Africa. The following week we moved to 11am CST on Saturday, and had 25 again check in, with 16 coming from South Africa, including several youngsters working on their license.

The Dec. 27 net was slightly down, with 14 checking in, but still far above the usual amount that were normally heard.

The EiYN can be heard every Sat. at 11am CST (8 hours ahead in South Africa) on currently the 147.210 Sturgeon Bay repeater. Eventually Ken K9KJM will move it back to its home repeater, 444.000.

K8DAR RADIO ROOM ATTRACTS FUTURE HAMS...

The radio room at the Menominee & Marinette D.A.R. Boys & Girls Club remains a popular activity for many of the members.

Ed, KG8CX volunteers there 4 days a week from 3pm to about 5:30pm, with Jim KS8O helping out when time allows.

Current interest indicates we may have some new young hams during 2009 out of the D.A.R. ham radio program.

This photo shows several youngsters who regularly spend considerable time working HF and two meters. They are also adept at using the EQF logging program, and spotting themselves on the DX cluster, which invariably leads to many qso's.

Additional volunteers would be a wonderful thing. Any amount of time you can spare working with the "next generation of ham radio" would be appreciated.

NEW WALLACE UHF REPEATER...

Jim Pearson KS8O has his repeater up and running from a 120 foot tower in his backyard. The frequency is 444.650 with DCS. Those of you with the capability to program the 125 DCS tone to your rig can access his repeater with reasonable quality and signal strength from the M&M area. At present, access is limited to those radios capable of generating the DCS (Digital Code Squelch) tone on receive and transmit. DCS is a newer and more advanced tone system than CTCSS. Jim is also connected to Echolink, and has the capability to transmit a wide variety of messages and time reports from his controller and computer. If you do not have DCS, you can still monitor but cannot access the repeater. Check out your radio manual. If you have DCS capability, and most all radios sold within the past several years have this capability, program in 444.650 and DCS tone of 125 and enjoy yet another local repeater system.

Jim is planning more improvements during 2009 and beyond.

MICHIGAN QSO PARTY...

From Jim, KS8O

The M&M ARC is getting back into contesting. For the last three or four years, there has been a missing call sign (W8PIF) in the Michigan QSO Party and I would like to change that. The

M&M ARC for many years was a force to be reconed with and can be again with your help.

On the third weekend of April, W8PIF will be active again as a contender for the MIQP. The location will be at the shack of KS8O. We are going to try to run Multi-Multi with as many transmitters as possible. Best case configuration will be two CW stations and one or two phone stations. We will need 8 operators for this contest and they will run in shifts.

We will need to pool our resources for this operation, I will have one transceiver and one computer on site as well as a tri-bander at 120 ft, an R-7 Vertical, an 80 meter wire loop, a 40 meter sloper, and a G5RV. Lots of trees for other installations as needed. I will have all the coax needed, but if anyone has any ladder-line, we could use that for putting up some distant wire antennas. So items needed will be computers, transceivers, amps, headphones, operators, and anything else that might be needed.

It's time to put the M&M ARC back on the map. Time to get off our duffs and compete with the big guns out there. I have been asked on several occasions during the MIQP, What happened to W8PIF, well, lets show them we are here, we're strong, and we're BACK.

NEW DXCC FIELD CHECKER FOR NORTHEAST WISCONSIN...

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATLEY *JOHN MEYER, NZ9Z*, KELLNERSVILLE, WI, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS A "ARRL DX FIELD CHECKER" FOR THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN DX ASSOCIATION (NEWDXA) BY THE ARRL DX DESK. JOHN IS A CHARTER, LIFE MEMBER OF THE NEWDXA. HIS DXCC FIELD CHECKING APPOINTMENT IS SPONSORED BY NEWDXA.

CONTACT JOHN FOR an appointment to:
(1) check BASIC 100 CARDS FOR INITIAL DXCC CERTIFICATE
(2) make ENDORSEMENTS TO YOUR DXCC COUNT

John is available for:

- (1) QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING DXCC
 - (2) TO ASSIST ANY AMATEUR NEEDING DXCC CARDS CHECKED – NOT JUST NEWDXA MEMBERS.
- HE WILL ASSIST ANY AMATEUR AT ALL TIMES.

John's email address is: jmeyer@ticon.net if you wish to have checking done contact John regarding instructions.

YOU NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH JOHN TO HAVE CARDS CHECKED. THINK AHEAD AND CONTACT HIM AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE indicating THAT YOU WOULD LIKE CHECKING DONE ON SUCH AND SUCH A DATE. HE WILL LET YOU KNOW IF HIS CHECKING SCHEDULE WILL HAVE THAT DATE AVAIABLE FOR YOU. ALSO REMEMBER THERE IS *MONEY \$\$\$* INVOLVED IN CHECKING CARDS YOU MUST PAY A FEE AS REQUIRED BY THE ARRL.

ALWAYS provide the courtesy of contacting him early enough so preparations can be made by the checker to accommodate you. If you would like cards checked at a NEWDXA meeting, remember, other members may want cards checked also. He needs advanced notice so he can schedule to do your cards.

NEW ONLINE PRACTICE TEST SITE...

From Hamilton Carter, KD0FNR

I just created a set of free online exam practice tests that I hope hams will find useful. Within the practice tests, online study resources, (Wikipedia, NASA, ARRL, etc...), are provided for many of the questions. The list of resources available for each question is constantly growing because users can add their own favorite links to the study materials. Users can also track their test scores over time and see which subelements are giving them the most trouble. You can see all the practice tests at: <http://copaseticflow.blogspot.com/>

M & M Amateur Radio Club Meeting 11-13-2008

- 7pm Meeting called to order. The Club President led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The membership discussed their radio activities/projects since the last meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Approved as printed.
- Treasure's Report: Savings account balance \$693.38
Checking account balance \$786.54
- Communications: The Club received one QSL card from the Waterfront Festival special events station. Mr. Callow passed this card around the room for the members.
- NET Report: Mr. Engleman reported 25 check ins last week.. The Repeater is sounding very good.
- Quarter Master's Report: Current as listed on the Club's Web page.
- DAR Report: Mr. Engleman reported that there is still good student interest in the program. One person may be soon ready to take the license exam. Mr. Engleman showed the membership the new QSL Card.. The Echo link net seems to be attracting a fair amount of student participation. .
- Repeater Committee: Mr. Callow and Mr. Janssen spoke on the status of the equipment. Concusses was that the repeater is sounding the best that it has in a long time..
- HAT Team: The last major project before the winter months will be undertaken next week. A discussion among the membership about the last several projects that took place. Please contact Pete for scheduling of next springs HAT Team projects.

- QCWA: The next Chapter meeting is scheduled for November 15th in Green Bay Wis..
- Old Business: Christmas Party to be held on December 7th at Schussler's Supper Club. Civil Air Patrol has shown interest in Amateur Radio Licenses. Mr. Callow and Mr. Engleman will attend the next monthly meeting of the CAP and answer any questions that they may have. The members present had a discussion about the possibility of weekend license classes...It was brought up about planning a Friday night Fish Fry.
- New Business: Club members have expressed an interest Contest training and procedures. Michigan QSO party, the event will be held the third weekend in April. A discussion about past activities took place. Fox Hunts: members' time schedules will be evaluated after the first of the year.
- Members Present for this meeting:
 - KG8CX AA9GZ KS8O KC8WJO KG8GH K8IR
 - KD8FUE K8ZLO K7PAM K9GGV W9JJC
 - KD8ESH WC9E N5FVM

A call for adjournment was made by KG8GH, support by K8ZLO. This motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

QUARTERLY TREASURERS REPORT 12/31/2008

BY PAUL DREES WC9E

DATE	NO	TRANSACTION	PAYMENT	CREDIT	BALANCE
10/6/2008	792	George Benoit Flowers	\$42.40		558.54
10/30/2008		Auction		75.00	
11/25/2008		Christmas Party		340.00	
12/11/2008	793	Christmas Party	383.69		
12/11/2008	794	Insurance	320.00		
12/29/2008		Dues		499.00	
12/29/2008	795	JS Electronics	120.00		648.85

Checking	\$648.85
Savings	\$694.24
Total	\$1343.09

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