

The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club

GROUND WAVE

Repeater Frequencies 147.00MHz & 444.075MHz

Club Net: Sunday 7PM 147.00MHz

Web Page <http://w8pif.com>



Officers:

President: Jim Callow K8IR

Vice President: Jim Pearson KS8O

Treasurer: Bob Schrader AA9GZ

Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

January 2010

CLUB CALENDAR...

January 14 Club Meeting at Spies
February 11 Club Meeting at Spies
March 11 Club Meeting at Spies
April 8 Club Meeting at Spies
April 24 Charter Night

JANUARY MEETING...

The New Year, and for that matter, a new decade, is here, and it's back to the normal meeting schedule. We'll get together at the Spies Public Library meeting room at 7pm on Thursday January 14. The program will be a presentation by Jim, KS8O on the Echolink system. As you are probably aware, Jim is hosting the Echolink node that links our 147.000 repeater to the world. We also will talk about the 60th anniversary Charter Night scheduled for April 24th. Bring your ideas to make this a memorable night worthy of the milestone of 60 years of ARRL affiliation. We hope to see you there on Thursday.

DUES DEADLINE...

December 31st was the deadline to keep your membership current by paying your dues for the current club year. The cost remains the same, \$18 for a single membership or \$27 for the whole family. You can drop your check in the mail to P.O. Box 1082 Marinette, or better yet, drop it off at a meeting. Thanks to those who have already renewed their memberships. We thank you for continued support of the M&M ARC.

WA9SKK SK...

We sadly report that Dr. Paul Brennan, WA9SKK, passed away Thursday, December 10, 2009, at the age of 88. Paul was first licensed in the late 1960's, and served as club President in the 1969-70 year, later serving a year as Vice President in 1973-74. He was elected a life member in 1999 during the club's 50th anniversary celebration. We send our condolences to the Brennan family.

WINTER COMES IN LIKE A LION...

The first major storm of the season was the worst for the Marinette/Menominee area in many years. The 9+ inches of snow was mixed with enough water that it coated trees, power lines, and antennas with a heavy layer of wet snow which then froze solid. Areas of the City of Marinette and the Town of Peshtigo were without power for so long that an emergency warm-up shelter was opened at the Marinette Middle School. The storm took its toll on some local amateurs, including KG8CX and K8IR. Ed's G5RV was downed by the ice, while Jim's C4 beam was twisted into a V-beam, and tipped nearly vertical by the ice loading.



K8IR's beam twisted by heavy ice coat.

Fortunately, the sturdy Force 12 beam suffered no permanent damage, and returned to its normal shape once the ice fell off. HAT team lead climber Eric, KG9GH took care of both Ed and Jim, and their skyhooks are back in service. Thanks Eric!

HAM BREAKFASTS BACK TO STAY?

There was a good turnout for the first Ham Breakfast of the Year on Saturday January 2nd at Perkin's Restaurant in Menominee. Thanks to KS8O and KG8CX for organizing the event, which they hope can become a monthly happening. The conversation covered many topics both Ham and non-Ham. One topic

covered at some length was computerized antenna modeling, a favorite pastime of Bill, WA8WG. There was talk of a Saturday workshop on the subject sometime this winter. Stay tuned for future announcements.

ECHOLINK AT KS8O...



This is the equipment that Jim, KS8O uses as the Echolink Node that can be accessed through the W8PIF 147.000 repeater. The node is in operation most hours when Jim is at home. Come to the January meeting for a program on Echolink.

NEGAUNEE HAMFEST COMING...

The 31st annual Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association Ham Radio and Electronics Swap and Shop will be held February 6th at the Negaunee Township Hall, from 9am to 2pm. For complete details, and a map, go to: www.qsl.net/k8lod/swapandshop2010.html

NET LIST...

John, KB9VXJ passed along a list of area VHF/UHF nets compiled by Jeff, KC9PGH. The list is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

Nets in Northeast Wisconsin

Day:	Time ^(a)	Location:	Frequency:	Shift:	PL:	Notes:
Sunday	0900	Kewaunee	146.805	-	146.2	ARES/RACES
Sunday	1000	Manitowoc	146.610	-	107.2	Manitowoc Club Net
Sunday	1830	Waushara	147.285	+	123.0	ARES/RACES
Sunday	1900	Winnebago	147.240	+	100.0	ARES/RACES
Sunday	1900	Marinette - Menominee	147.000	+	107.2	Candy Net
Sunday	1930	Calumet	147.300	+	107.2	Club Net
Sunday	2000	Brown	147.120	+	107.2	ARES/RACES
Sunday	2000	Outagamie	146.655	-	100.0	ARES/RACES
Sunday	2015	Waupaca	146.925	-	118.8	ARES/RACES
Sunday	2030	Marinette - Menominee	146.880	-	136.5	ARES/RACES Note: This is linked with Oconto
Sunday	2030	Oconto Falls	146.835	-	107.2	ARES/RACES Note: This is linked with Marinette - Menominee
Monday ^(b)	1900	Wisconsin	443.400	+	100.0	^(b) First Monday of Month – Statewide ARES/RACES
Monday	2000	Shawano	147.225	+	114.8	ARES/RACES
Tuesday	1900	Manitowoc	146.610	-	107.2	ARES/RACES
Tuesday	2045	Green Bay	147.120	+	107.2	Green Bay Mike & Key 2m Net
Wednesday	1930	Calumet	147.300	+	107.2	ARES/RACES
Thursday ^(c)	1930	East Central WI	443.400	+	100.0	^(c) Second Thursday of the Month – East Central ARES/RACES
Friday	2000	Marinette - Menominee	147.000	+	107.2	Echolink Youth Roundtable
Saturday	2000	Suring	145.470	-	114.8	Yo-Yo Net
Daily ^(d)	0800	Door	147.210	+	107.2	Good Morning Net ^(d) Mon-Sat

^(a) = All times local (CDT/CST)

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
September 10, 2009

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 (Bob)

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. QCWA Report (Dave)

13. Youth Liason Committee (Tyler, Derek)

14. Old Business

- Christmas Party Review
- VE Session
- Charter Banquet Planning

15. New Business...

16. Announcements/Raffle

17. Program -Echolink

18. Adjournment

M & M Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes 11-12-2009.

- 7:00pm the meeting is called to order. The Club President led the membership in The Pledge of Allegiance.
- The Membership discussed their radio related activities/projects since the last club meeting.
- The Secretary's report: Accepted as printed in the Ground Wave.
- The Treasure's report: The names of the new Club Officers have been updated with the bank. The account balances were discussed with the membership and accepted as printed.
- Communications: One QSL card from Field Day was received. This was shared with the membership.
- The Net Report: KG8CX reported that last week we had 17 check INS. The week prior we had 31 checks INS. The "new" repeater is up and on line. More on this topic later.
- The DAR Report: KG8CX reported that one of the antennas was damaged in a recent wind storm. A discussion ensued regarding repair/replacement.
- Quartermasters Report: The W8PIF web page is current and up to date.
- Repeater Committee: K8IR presented information from AB9PJ. Pete has been working with Mr. Swanson on the noise issue. The next time the noise occurs the plan is to pull the power on other systems operating on the tower. The intent is to see if other operations are causing interference with our system. The noise seems to be a feed back type sound. The system audio is excellent, sensitivity is good. Pete wanted the membership to be assured that this problem is being pursued aggressively.
- HAT Team Projects: Several APRS. Digi-peters have been installed recently. Currently building infrastructure for Sky-warn and ARES/RACES.
- QCWA Information: The QCWA Net takes place on the Second Saturday of each month, at 4pm central time on 3835.kHz.
- Youth Representatives: We will be looking for materials for projects. Please evaluate any extra materials that you may have. More information will be talked about in future meetings.
- Old Business: The Echo link hook up is working well. Friday will start an Echo link youth round table net. Requests by several members for more information on

using Echo Link were brought up. More on this topic after the first of the New Year. Christmas Party: To be held December 6th at Schussler's Supper Club. Two kinds of chicken and ham will be served. Please send in your reservation as soon as possible. Charter Banquet: This will be the 60th Anniversary of the M & M Amateur Radio Club's association with the ARRL. At this time open dates are April 10th and April 24th. Mr. Dale Williams is available on either date. An interesting discussion among the members took place, regarding the past 50+ years and the changes in our technology. Possible meeting places were brought up for the Charter Dinner. Members are checking into Murray's, The Menominee River Golf Course and Schusslers as possible locations. More information will be brought up in January's meeting. A VE. Testing session will be held December 5th at NWTI. At 9:30am. A group discussion about Radio classes took place. WC9E suggested that instruction be handled on an individual basis.

- ARES/RACES Announcement: A SET Exercise is being planned. More information will be coming at the January meeting.
- A motion for adjournment was made by AA9GZ, this was supported by WC9E. This motion passed unopposed.

- Members Present:

KC9FKE	KD8LQB	AA9GZ	KG8CX	K8IR	K9GGV
KD8FUE	WC9E	N5FVM	KC9NWW	N0AWM	
AB9QC	KC9III				

- Submitted by KD8ESH

As of 1/9/10

Year: 2010

Balance from 2009 \$528.08

M & M Amateur Radio Club

Credits to date \$27.00

Savings Account \$395.17

Debits to date \$120.00

Checking Account \$435.08

Total Club Assets \$830.25 Balance on hand \$435.08

Opening Bal	528.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	
Credits	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
DX Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Merchandise Sold	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Meals Collected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
VE Exams	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Auction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Raffle	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Members Dues	27.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00
Subtotal	27.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		27.00
Debits													
Repeater	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
J & S Electronics	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		120.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
DAR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
VE Exams	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Restaurant Meals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Merchandise	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Misc Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Subtotal	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		120.00
Closing Bal	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08	435.08		

Reviewed by Robert Schrader, Treasurer

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