

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>



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President: Jim Callow K8IR
Vice President: Pete Johnson, AB9PJ
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The MMARC Newsletter

January 2012

CLUB CALENDAR...

Jan 10th Ham Radio Introduction
Dar Boys and Girls Club
Jan 12 Club Meeting NWTC Rm 129
Feb 4 Technician Classes begin
NWTC Rm 105
Feb 9 Club Meeting NWTC Rm 129
Feb 18 Winter Party United Methodist Church

JANUARY MEETING...

The January meeting will be held in Room 129 at NWTC at 7pm Thursday January 12. With the Christmas Party being delayed until February 18th, we ARE holding a January meeting. Planning for ham radio classes starting February 4th and the winter party are on the agenda. We hope you can attend. By the way, Room 129 will be the location for all of our meetings through May.

WINTER CLUB PARTY...

Due to questions about the availability of the United Methodist Church fellowship room on January 14th, we are moving the club's "Christmas Party" to February 18th. Other than the date, the plans are the same, with a Ham dinner and white elephant gift exchange. The RSVP form will be in the February Ground Wave.

TECHNICIAN CLASSES...

The first step in our winter license classes is taking place Tuesday January 10th. We are holding an introductory meeting for people interested in the hobby. It will be held at the DAR Radio Room at 5:30pm. The event has been advertised in local media. If you know anyone interested in taking the classes, ask them to attend, or contact Ed, KG8CX at 906-863-3477. We'll provide an introduction to amateur radio, live demonstrations of the equipment at

the DAR, and let them know about the text we'll be using at the classes.

Those classes will be held at NWTC Room 105 beginning February 4th. We are delaying the start of the classes by a couple of weeks due to a VE session and an ARES-RACES meeting on January 28th. It will also allow students time to acquire their texts and do some pre-study.

RESOLUTION RUN...



Pictured above are hams and Auxiliary Police who helped out with Menominee Catholic Central's Resolution Run on January 7th. The Menominee Catholic Central School and their principal, Dan Paul, continually speak of how important we are to their Run/Walk events. The next event is the St. Patrick's Day Shuffle, March 17. Ham radio will, of course, be there. Thanks for those who take their time to volunteer.

SUNDAY NET RESPONSE FOR 2011..

It was another good year for the "Kandy Net". From the logs of KG8CX comes a weekly average response rate of 20.6 check-ins. Round it up to 21 and you have a picture of excellent support from the club and ham community. Ed has been running the Sunday evening net since early 1992. A rough check shows almost 1000 nets during this period that have been aired. We have used three different versions of the 147.000 repeater at two locations. The ham population in the Tri-cities has definitely increased throughout the past 20 years or so just as it has nationwide. With the upcoming ham radio technician classes, we hope to raise that number even more.

ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR K8DAR...

In January of 2012, the Menominee D.A.R. Radio club station will observe 6 years on the air. This unique project started in late January of 2006, and has accumulated many hundreds of contacts world-wide, with about as many youth being exposed to the excitement and technology of amateur radio. 15 youngsters have been licensed during this time, with several still active on the air. A quick check shows that the DAR station has contacted 127 DX countries and received QSL card confirmation from 25. All 50 states have been logged as well. Today's radio gear consists of two HF stations, one VHF-UHF, and one echolink, for a total of four separate stations. Three computers are used for daily operation including one exclusively for echolink. The station is known nationwide for its unique program and has been written up several times in two national ham radio magazines. Thanks to the many supporters from the M&M Amateur Radio club who set up the original station in 2006 and have continued to keep it in good operation. We are also appreciative to the staff of the DAR facility and many hams throughout the area who have donated funds and equipment.

UPCOMING HAMFESTS...

The HARA winter Swap and Shop will be held Saturday, February 4th, 2012 at the Negaunee Township Hall, 42 hwy M-35, Negaunee Mi, Doors open at 9 am, close at 2 pm Eastern Time. QCWA NEW-UP Chapter 219 will hold their winter meeting at the event.

For more information, contact John / N8RSE at 906-228-9417 or carczar52@gmail.com

The Capital City Hamfest will be held Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 9am to 1pm. at Memorial U.C.C. Fellowship Hall, 5705 Lacy Rd, Fitchburg, Wisconsin For more information, visit:

<http://www.wd8das.net/hamfest.html>

Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 12-8-2011

- 7PM the Club Meeting was 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.
- Secretary's Report: Approved by the membership as written.
- Treasure's Report: Approved as printed in The Ground Wave.
- Communications: From Menominee County Sheriff Ken Marks: He is looking for Amateur Radio Operators to help with/and participate in "Project Lifesaver". This program will provide training with Menominee County's newly acquired radio direction finding equipment. The M&M ARC received a premium notice for the insurance for the next year. A motion was made by AC8IO to pay this bill, support was given by KD8OVR. This motion passed unopposed.
- NET and DAR Report: KG8CX reported that check-ins have been averaging approximately 20 per week. Interest in the K8DAR program remains good. There will be no 147.000 NET on Christmas Night.
- Repeater Committee: AB9PJ reported that the Repeaters have been performing very well.
- HAT Team: Winter weather has now become a limiting factor. Please contact AB9PJ with requests for assistance.
- QCWA Report: The QCWA. Monthly Net on the second Saturday at 4pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome.
- Old Business: The Club Christmas Party was discussed. Because of building repair delays the club Christmas party will be postponed and held in February.
- New Business: A discussion about License classes, course materials that would be used, and potential times and locations took place. KG8CX will write an article for the paper regarding a meeting January 10th at the Dar Radio Room for those interested. AB9PJ talked about the radio system on the roof at BAMC, and its intoned use.
- Presentation by K8IR: Mr. Callow presented a video on the VP8ORK DX- expedition to the South Orkney Islands. This video showed how much work goes into a radio expedition. Many positive comments were heard from the membership after this presentation. Thank you, Mr. Callow.

- Members present at the 12-8-2011 meeting: AA9GZ K9GGV AB9PJ KC9FKE
KC9PLW N5FVM KD8OVR AC8IO WC9E K8BKA KG8CX KD8ESH
K8IR. Also attending this meeting: Taylor Johnson.
- The next Club meeting will be held at NWTC in Marinette.
- A motion for adjournment was made by AC8IO; this motion was supported by AA9GZ. This motion passed unopposed 9pm 12-8-2011.
- Submitted by KD8ESH.

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