

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: Pete Johnson AB9PJ
Treasurer: Mike Lemke KD8FUE
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

October 2010

ATTENTION: NEW MEETING TIME IS 6:00PM

CLUB CALENDAR...

October 14 Club Meeting
November 11 Club Meeting

OCTOBER MEETING...

The October meeting marks the beginning of the new club year. We meet at 6pm Thursday October at Spies Library in Menominee. We want to talk about club activities in the coming year. We also will update you on the 147 repeater issues and some work that needs to be done at the DAR. Please plan to join us.

NEW OFFICERS IN PLACE...

The 2010-2011 slate of officers was elected at the September meeting. Jim Callow K8IR, and Mark Erickson, KD8ESH continue as President

and Secretary respectively. Thanks to Pete Johnson, AB9PJ for accepting the Vice President's post, and to Mike Lemke, KD8FUE for stepping forward to be treasurer for the coming year. And thanks to Jim Pearson, KS8O and Bob Schrader, AA9GZ for serving as officers during the past year.

DUES TIME...

The beginning of the new club year also means it's time to pay dues. The rates remain the same, \$18 for individuals, \$27.00 for families, and \$9.00 for students. Dues can be paid at the meeting, or sent to P.O. Box 1082, Marinette, WI 54143.

REPEATER UPDATE...

As many of you are aware, the 147.000 repeater has experienced some severe noise issues

recently. The problems got bad enough that the Sunday evening net was moved to a different repeater on October 3rd. Pete, AB9PJ and Jim, K8IR did some troubleshooting on October 9th, and it appears the culprit is the duplexer. There was intermittent, significant noise into the receiver when the repeater was transmitting. For the time being, the repeater receiver has been connected AB9PJ's APRS antenna, and the noise issue appears to be gone. The receive antenna is about 200 feet below the transmit antenna, so the range will be somewhat less than we have been used to, but still quite adequate. AB9PJ will be arranging to have the duplexer looked at by someone with the necessary test equipment.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION K9Z...

Members of the M&M ARC helped to put special event station K9Z on the air from the Oconto Airport Fly-In on September 18th. Marc Denis, N9ZF organized the special event station and brought along his Yaesu FT2000 and HF antennas. Ed, KG8CX brought a 2 meter set-up. Lloyd, W9LEG also helped in setting up the station and spent some time in the operator's chair. Several other members stopped by during the day. Several thousand attended the 2nd annual Fly-In.



Marc, N9ZF and Lloyd, W9LEG at the controls of K9Z.

DAR STATION CONTINUES TO GROW...

Thanks to continuing donations, the K8DAR station at the DAR Boys and Girls Club continues to grow. The latest addition is Echolink, set up on a new Windows 7 computer, which is also set up to accommodate digital modes.



Work is continuing to erect a tower and beam at the DAR, and most of the hardware is now on hand.

WA8WG REPEATER BACK ON THE AIR...

Ed, KG8CX reports the WA8WG 146.88 repeater is back on the air. The repeater, formerly located at McAllister, is now transmitting from Wausaukee. It is again linked to the 146.835 repeater in Oconto Falls.

NEW COUNTRIES ON THE AIR...

Sunday, October 10, five Caribbean islands changed their governmental status at the same time. Two DXCC entities (the island pair of Bonaire & Curacao and the three island group of St Maarten, Saba and St Eustatius) will be deleted from the DXCC list of active entities and be replaced by up to five new entities.

Activity is expected to be fast and furious this month, as operations are on the air from all the new entities. A Band Plan has been established to bring some order to the pileups. Go to the ARRL website (arrl.org) for more information.

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
October 14, 2010 6:00PM

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

Oconto Fly-in

15. New Business...

2010-2011 Activities

November meeting

16. Announcements/Raffle

17. Adjournment

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