

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 2013

CLUB CALENDAR...

October 10th Club Meeting NWTC
November 14th Club Meeting NWTC

OCTOBER MEETING...

We will meet at 7pm Thursday October 10th at Room 129 at NWTC. Room 129 has been reserved for us through December. This month's agenda a discussion of activities for the new club year. We hope you can attend.

DAR GETS NEW ANTENNA

A new R8 vertical antenna was put into service on Oct. 6 at the K8DAR ham station. It works beautifully. Without a tuner it shows a 1:1 SWR on 10 - 20 meters. The station now has two good antennas, the other one is our original loop which has served us well since 2006. Next summer, a

tentative project is to replace all the coax and connectors at the K8DAR station. Thanks to Jim K8IR for the antenna, Lloyd W9LEG, Eric KG9GH, Pete AB9PJ, and Randy AB9QC for assisting with its erection on the roof of the DAR building. We continue to have one of the best equipped ham stations for youth anywhere.

DUES TIME...

The start of the new club year means it's time to pay your yearly dues. They remain the same, \$18 for a single membership, and \$27 for a family. You can pay at a meeting, or send your check to the P.O. Box.

FCC SHUTDOWN...

The government shutdown has shut down most operations at the FCC, including processing of Amateur licenses. Here is

what is happening, according to the ARRL Website:

- The ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator ([VEC](#)) is open and conducting business as usual, within the constraints of the FCC shutdown (tel 860-594-0300).
- No VECs are able to file *any* applications with the FCC, nor can they research anything on an FCC online database.
- The FCC CORES registration system to obtain an FCC Registration Number (FRN) is unavailable during the shutdown.
- The ARRL does not expect the FCC to resume granting any Amateur Radio-related applications until it is again open for business (in other words, the FCC likely will not reopen *immediately* after shutdown ends; it will take some time to ramp up operations). If the FCC is unable to restore electronic filing systems on the day the government reopens, it may issue a *Public Notice* further extending filing deadlines.
- Volunteer Examination sessions may proceed as scheduled, at the discretion of the VEC and session sponsors; examination applicants should be made aware that application processing will be delayed.
- The ARRL VEC will receive and hold for filing any exam session applications and paperwork. VE session paperwork requires batch filing and an FCC filing number,

but *no* VECs can file any applications or paperwork until the FCC reopens.

- Radio amateurs whose licenses expire between October 1 and the day after normal FCC operations resume may continue to operate until then, even if they have not yet filed a renewal application. Pending an official FCC announcement that states otherwise, applicants should apply for renewal no later than one day after the FCC reopens, if they want to continue to operate.
- Amateur Radio applicants who passed an upgrade examination may still operate with their new privileges, even if their applications have not been accepted for filing by the FCC. Applicants must have a *Certificate of Completion of Examination (CSCE)*, issued by the VE team. Follow the identification instructions on the back of the *CSCE*.
- The ARRL VEC is still processing International Amateur Radio Permit ([IARP](#)) applications.
- It is still possible to reserve a 1 × 1 [special event call sign](#), since that is not an FCC function.

Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 9-12-13

- 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: Stand approved as printed.
- Treasure's Report: KD8FUE reported that the club has total assets of \$1,525.30
- Communications: A message from Trina Rabida (The Menominee County Emergency Director) reported that two hand held dual band radios are now available at the Emergency Communications Center, These radios were made available by a Hannaville grant...
- NET and DAR Report: The 147.000 net has been averaging 20 plus check-ins weekly. The 147.000 unit is performing well. The DAR program is just starting, looks like some interested young people. Antenna work will be needed in the not to distant future. A discussion about the possible installation of a vertical antenna took place among the membership... A new repeater is now on the air and available, 444.500
- Quartermasters Report: The report is current and up to date.
- Repeater Committee: Both Systems are working well.
- HAT Team: KG9GH talked about on going activities with the membership present.
- QCWA Report: The next meeting will be November 3rd. The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Saturday of the month at 4pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome.
- Old Business: A discussion about the summer events: Field Day 2013, great results with a shorter tower and good operators. A very nice event. Bill Gerber donated an amp so we can now operate a second station. Our young operators were impressive with their results. Waterfront Special event Station: 29 contacts and good tragic. Breakfast on the Farm, Both events went well. Sagbrow Bike Tour: The event went well once again. The Club Picnic was great. They seem to be getting better every year. Many positive comments about the location. We had a very busy summer. It would not have been possible with out everyone's help...
- New Business: Election of Club Officers. Many members volunteered. After much discussion, the current slate of officers will serve another term. K8IR-President, Vice President-AB9PJ, Treasurer-KD8FUE, Secretary-KD8ESH, Quartermaster-KG8CX. A motion was made by AC8IO" To extend the current officers of the M&MARC for one additional term." Support was provided by KG8GH. The membership vote was unanimous. Thank you to the Club Officers for their involvement with the M&MARC...
- A Video Tour of WLW's 500,000 watt transmitter was provided by K8IR. Very interesting how they were able to get that amount of output. Thank you, Mr. Callow.
- A raffle was provided by W8DXX. Thank you for your support.
- Members present at the 9-12-13 meeting: KD8FUE
KG8CX KG9GH AB9QC KD8OVR W8DXX K9GGV AG9P
AB9QC KD8ESH K8IR AC8IO NOAWM W9LEG W9GCG
AA8UT K8BKA
- The next Club meeting will be September 12th in room 130 at NWTC in Marinette.
- A motion for adjournment was made by AC8IO, Support was provided by KD8OVR. The motion passed unopposed. Meeting adjourned at 8pm 9-12-13. Submitted by KD8ESH.

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