

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: Bruce Conover N9CON
Vice President: Pete Johnson, AB9PJ
Treasurer: Mike Lemke, KD8FUE
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

October, 2015

CLUB CALENDAR...

Oct 8 Club meeting NWTC Rm 130
Nov 12 Club meeting NWTC Rm 130

OCTOBER MEETING...

The October meeting will be held Thursday October 8th at 7pm in Room 130 at NWTC in Marinette. Agenda items will include voting on a Ham of the Year for 2014. We hope you can attend.

OFFICERS REELECTED...

The current slate of officers was reelected for the coming year at the September meeting. Thanks Bruce, Pete, Mike, and Mark for your continued service.

TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES

October marks the beginning of another club year and time to pay your annual dues. At the June meeting the membership dues were raised to \$20 for a single membership and \$30 for a family. We also have a \$10 student membership. You can pay at a meeting or send your check to P.O. Box 1082 in Marinette.

FOXHUNT ...

The Foxhunt held September 12th was won by Jim, K8IR with Eric, KG9GH a close second. The Fox, a portable 2 meter transmitter was hidden by AB9PJ in a wooded area at Menominee's Watertower Park. K8IR will share some tips and techniques at the club meeting.

HAM BREAKFAST...



We had an excellent turnout at the September Ham Breakfast at George Webb's south of Peshtigo. The October breakfast will be held Saturday October 10th at 9am. All hams are welcome.

NEW HOME FOR DAYTON?

Those who follow such things have been reading for years about the Dayton Hamvention leaving the aging Hara Arena, it's home since 1964. The arena has had financial troubles for a long time, but always remained available for the nation's largest ham radio gathering. Things seemed to have gotten worse this summer, according to an article in the Dayton Daily News passed along by Ed, KG8CX. The city of Trotwood, in which Hara Arena is located, turned down an offer to purchase the facility. That started Dayton area leaders working on a plan B for the Hamvention organizers should Hara not be available next May. The annual gathering draws 25,000, and provides an \$8.5 million dollar economic boost to the area, something the City of Dayton does not want to lose. While there are other facilities, it appears they might not be able to accommodate both the convention facilities and the massive flea market at one location, which would certainly be inconvenient for

attendees. It is a situation that bears watching in the coming months. For the complete article go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/ovtmlaw>

THE PAPERLESS FCC...

The ARRL VEC is reminding Amateur Radio license applicants that the FCC no longer routinely prints or mails license documents. In an effort to streamline its procedures and save money, the FCC went "paperless" in February 2015.

"Customer contact with the VEC has tripled since this change, as many amateurs have not heard of the change or do not understand the FCC procedures for obtaining a license copy," said ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. She said the most frequently asked question comes from Universal Licensing System users who have applied for renewal or modification, but then think the transaction was not completed because they did not get a new copy of their license in the mail.

"Once we look up the info, our answer is nearly always that the requested transaction actually was completed and appears in the FCC database, but they won't be getting a copy of the updated license in the mail," Somma said. Less frequently, her department is hearing from exam applicants who ask why they did not receive a copy of their license after they passed the test.

To help clear up any confusion, she has created an [Obtain License Copy](#) web page devoted to explaining the various ways a license holder can get an official license document from the FCC. An official license displays the FCC logo and the watermark "Official Copy" across each page. As a money saver, the FCC no longer uses distinctive paper stock to print hard copy

licenses, and instead uses standard, white recycled paper. A [printer friendly version](#) of the instructions is available on the ARRL website.

Somma said the *easiest* way for a license holder to obtain a license copy is to call the FCC at (877) 480-3201.

Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 9-10-15

7:05pm The Club Meeting is called to order. The Club President led the Membership in the Pledge of allegiance.

The Members each discussed their radio related activities since the last Club meeting.

Secretary's Report: Meeting minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: KD8FUE reported that The Club has total assets of \$1,357.47

Communications: Nothing new for this meeting,

Quartermasters Report: Nothing new reported at this meeting.

Net and DAR Report: KG8CX reported that the Sunday evening 147.000 Net has been averaging over 20 check-ins each week. The YACHT net is held the First and third Saturday of each month. He also reported that new members have joining from all over the world.

Old Business: A discussion about the Clubs need for a Field Day Operations Tent took place. The Tent selection Sub committee wanted direction from the membership. An involved membership discussion followed. The committee was asked to make recommendations with pricing. The Ham of The Year was selected at this meeting. N9CON was nominated for this honor by KD8OVR with support from K8IR. This motion passed unanimously.

Congratulations Bruce.

New Business: November 7th There will be a DAR Run/Walk. They are asking for communication help from The M&M ARC. Mr. Robert Schrader offered a motion for the continued support of the existing Club officers for one more term. A unanimous vote was cast for this resolution.

Repeater Committee. Both units seem to be working well. A discussion among the membership took place about how fortunate that we are to be working with J&S Electronics. Club members discussed how they might be able to help with maintenance at the tower site.

Fox Hunt. After the Ham Breakfast a fox hunt will take place. Freq. will be 147.555 the transmitter will be placed in the twin Cities and be on public property. This event should start about 10-10:30am.

QCWA Report: The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Sunday of the month at 8pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome.

Members present at the 9-10-15 meeting:

K8IR KD8ESH N0AWM W8DXX KG8CX WC9E AB9PJ KG9GH
AA9GZ K9GGZ N9OWD W9GCG W9LEG KD8OVR KD8EUE AC8IO
N9CON Also in attendance: Richard Sexton, Mike Sobect.

The next Club meeting will be October 8th at 7pm at NWTC Marinette. Room 130.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm 9-10-15

Submitted by KD8ESH.

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