

# The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club

## GROUND WAVE

Repeater Frequencies 147.00MHz & 444.075MHz

Club Net: Sunday 7PM 147.00MHz

Simplex DX Spotting and Ragchew Frequency 146.55

Web Page <http://w8pif.com>



### Officers:

President: Jim Callow K8IR

Vice President: Bob Schrader AA9GZ

Treasurer: Paul Drees WC9E

Secretary: Valerie Hallam KC8WAI

The MMARC Newsletter

November 2006

### NOVEMBER MEETING...

The November meeting of the M&M ARC will be held on Thursday November 9th at 7:00pm at Spies Public Library in Menominee. The agenda is included in this newsletter. We'll have a very interesting program...a brand new video introduction to amateur radio co-produced by Frank Benesh, K8IFH, a Menominee Native.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY...

Don't forget the annual M&M ARC Christmas Party on Sunday, December 3rd at Schussler's Supper Club in Peshtigo. The reservation form is included in this newsletter. Reservations are due by November 27th.

### DAR PROJECT WINS STATE AWARD...

In just 10 short months, our DAR ham radio project has won a state award. Rich Crevier, director of the DAR Boys and Girls Club, reports they have received the Professional Association Great Lakes Chapter's Tom Smart Youth

Development Award as the top "Education and Career Development project within all clubs in Michigan.



Also this month a new Kenwood TS-570SG HF and 6 meter transceiver was put into service at the DAR radio room. A grant from the M&M Community Foundation made this addition possible. The DAR radio room is open from 3 to 8 on Monday through Thursday and 3 to 6 on Friday. Please stop in and see the station for yourself.

## NEED A TOWER? ...

The club recently acquired three sections of Rohn 20 tower through a HAT Team project. Paul, WC9E has donated two additional sections, making a total of 49 feet of tower, consisting of four regular sections and a top section. There is also a 10 foot mast. Anyone who would like to bid on any or all of the sections is invited to do so. We will consider the bids at the November meeting. If you'd like to see the three sections that were taken down by the HAT team, contact Eric, KG9GH, who is storing the them for now.

## HAT TEAM PROJECT...

On October 15th, the HAT Team set up an 80 meter loop for Jason, W9JTL.



Shown above, HAT team members solder a balun to the ladder transmission line. Anyone who needs assistance for an antenna or any other radio related project should contact Pete, AB9PJ to get on the HAT Team's schedule.

## NEW CALL SIGNS APPEAR...

The two individuals who passed their Technician exams on October 14th received their calls the following Thursday. Congratulations to Erin Eichhorn, KD8ELF, and Jon DeGroot, KC9KGA. Also, we pleased to report that Jason Lauzer, W9JTL, passed his General written and is now studying for the code. He should have his



Jason, Erin, and Jon taking their tests on October 14th

General ticket in just a few weeks. Several others are doing the same, so we should see a rise in our General ranks soon.

## NOVEMBER VE SESSION...

The next VE Session has been scheduled for Thursday November 30th at 6:30pm at the Twin County Airport Terminal Building. If you are planning on testing, or can attend as a VE, please contact Paul, WC9E.

## W8HKY AUTOBIOGRAPHY...

"Michael J. Anuta, an Autobiography" will be available December 1st, according to Janet Anuta Dalquist of Houghton, who edited the book from her father's notes. Mike, W8HKY died in 2004 at the age of 103. Mike was active in the club in the starting in the 1950's when he was first licensed. After an absence of many years, he rejoined the club when he was in his late 90's. He was a regular check-in on the Sunday Night net, often with an interesting historical story. The book includes mention of his ham radio activities. After December 1st, copies will be available for \$20.00 at Aurora Books in Menominee.

## FORMER HF NET MAKES A COMEBACK...

The old M&M SAP Net (Sunday Afternoon Party) that was a fixture on 3907 during the 40's 50's 60's and 70's has reappeared. Thanks to Jim, KS8O, an HF net has been started on 3860 +-

QRM, every Sunday at 1pm. This should give some new upcoming Generals an opportunity to get involved with HF, and encourage others to upgrade, now that there is a net for them to participate in.

The first net on Sunday, Oct. 22 brought in six hams, and lasted almost 45 minutes. Each week a different topic of conversation will be presented for anyone to comment on. Of course, you can also check "in and out" but the whole idea of an HF net is to encourage everyone to participate and talk about your experience with ham radio, yours or other's radio gear, and general comments about ham radio or related topics. The new net is really a revival of an old one that had wide popularity. It will be called the "SAP Net II" (Sunday Afternoon Party) and is open to all licensed hams. We have already received a positive report from a former local ham now living in the Madison area. With time, Jim and all of us are hoping this net will have a wide acceptance, and give us some quality HF time on Sunday PM. Of course, noon Packer games may take their toll, but when they are not playing at noon, at half time, and when the season ends, all should have time to check in and join a great group of hams.

### **M&M NET CONTINUES WIDE SUPPORT...**

The Sunday evening "candy net" continues to draw many check ins, usually 20 plus, and more often 25 to 30 and upward. All hams are welcome to check in, and listen to local comments, club activities, ARRL audio news, and now, a special segment covering activities at the D.A.R. ham radio station.

Many check "in and out", but you can also check in "short time" which means you will be given priority and called upon right away, regardless of when you check in.

### **ANNUAL SKYWARN SPECIAL EVENT...**

The weekend of December 1st will again be the focus of the National Skywarn special event, which features NWS stations on the air from all

over the U.S. Everything will begin at 6pm CDT on both HF and local repeaters. Locally, the Green Bay station WX9GRB will solicit contacts most likely over the 147.000 repeater as they have previously. The Marquette station, WX8MQT will probably be looking for contacts in our area over the 146.880 repeater. A contact with just one NWS station will qualify you for an attractive certificate. Those of you with HF capabilities can work for a number of certificate levels depending on how many U.S. stations you contact. We have a high level of trained spotters in our area, and encourage as many of you as possible to monitor your radios and answer the NWS stations when they call.

### **TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES...**

A reminder to those who haven't done so yet, the annual dues can be paid, either at a club meeting, or to the club's P.O. box. Dues are now \$18.00 for individuals, \$27.00 for families.

### **NEW MEMBERS...**

Welcome to new members Becky Rowell, KD8DJQ and Brian Mentch KC8VEY, who were voted into membership at the October meeting.

### **THIS MONTH IN CW HISTORY...**

There was an item on the news that November 3rd was the 100th birthday of the official adoption of the SOS distress call. It replaced the older CQD call for distress. For all you ever wanted to know about SOS, check out: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SOS>.

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES...**

Congratulations to those celebrating November Birthdays: 4<sup>th</sup>, Jim Pearson; 5<sup>th</sup>, Sally Mans; 7<sup>th</sup>, Kurt Berge.

And Happy Anniversary on the 26<sup>th</sup> to Tom & Linda Hellem.

**AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**November 9, 2006**

**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 (Paul)**

**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. Fundraising Committee Report (Charlie)**

**13. Old Business**

- JOTA
- Donations to Libraries
- QCWA
- Rohn Tower Sections
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**14. New Business...**

- New member application(s)
- Technican Classes
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**15. Announcements/ Raffle**

**16. Adjournment**

**16. Program "Amateur Radio: Wireless Window to the World"**

## October 12, 2006 MMARC Meeting

Call to order 7:02pm -Bob Schrader

Pledge

Intros

Secretary report. Changed to read—Bruce KC9GRC, Jim KC8WJO, Pete AB9PJ nominated Jim Callow for President--- not Pete.

Treasurer report- accepted as printed

35% of the dues goes to the repeater fund. The raffle money to the general fund.  
\$240 for the electrical usage of the tower to Jim Swanson.

Communications—  
Quarter Century Club- Dave Arnold

Ed KG8CX—  
Net Report- 25-30 check-ins  
VE Session, Saturday, October 14, at 10:30am at Stephenson Library. Testing begins at 11am. Cost \$14.

DAR Report—Now has a Kenwood 570S transceiver 6m. Recently talked to Japan.

Quarter Master List- on-line on the web site. All the equipment is listed.

Repeater Committee—  
HAT team very busy. Langlade County project was very well received that we can now climb on Jim Swanson's tower.  
Noise on the repeater was caused by another antenna, that is now down. Will tune the PL code.

Jim Swanson has some Bagley tower work. Crivitz is moving to Suring. The 6m Range Line Road repeater 495 feet receive and 380 feet transmit.

JOTA at DAR noon to 4pm, October 21<sup>st</sup>. HF and 2meters.

Charlie wants to put signage up entering both towns.

Donation to library has been tabled until November meeting.

Dave Arnold- W8DXX

E-mails were sent to area clubs regarding starting a local quarter century club.

New Business:

KD8CHL and KC9III are the fundraising committee. Pasties were suggested for a Waterfront Festival booth.

W9DWG- suggested maple homemade maple syrup and jam.

Paul WC9E, suggested a raffle through Rotary.

Eric KG9GH suggested the Rohn tower to be auctioned off. WC9E has possible extra feet to add. About \$50 per section used, \$119 new. Parts are interchangeable and will not rust.

KD9VXJ wanted to know if we can cross-band on the 444.075 for the 6meter net.

New member application: Brian Mentch and Becky Rowell. Ed first, Ken second, vote unanimous.

Ken: spoke of an article in QST magazine about broadband marine antennas and the need to keep the plastic tip water tight. As water will destroy the interior of the antenna.

Adjourn 8:12pm.

Program: Charlie and Eric to talked about j-pole antenna making.

Attendance:

Valerie Hallam	KC8WAI
Jim Voss	KC8WJO
Bob Jaruntowski	K8RJ
Eric Janssen	KG9GH
Dave Arnold	W8DXX
Paul Drees	WC9E
Pam Croy	K7PAM
Tearlach Sinclair	KD8CHL
Pete Johnson	AB9PJ
Floyd Croy	K8ZLO
Dave Goddard	W9DWG
Becky Rowell	KD8DJQ
Ed Engleman	KG8CX
Allan Grenier	N9QAA
Rebecca Gondeck	K9RLG
PJ Johnson	W9LPJ
Taylor Johnson	Guest
Gene Voelker	K9GGV
Diann Hallam	KC9III
Ken Exworthy	N0AWM
Brian Mentch	KC8VEY
Bob Schrader	AA9GZ
Joshua B.	Guest

## TREASURERS REPORT 10/31/06

Checking	\$914.04
Savings	\$685.75
Total	\$1599.79

DAR Fund \$99.09

Repeater Fund \$330.69



***Club members and guests are cordially invited to  
attend the M & M Amateur Radio Club  
Christmas Party***

***RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!  
PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION***

***Date: Sunday, December 3, 2006***

***Place: Schussler's Supper Club (Small Banquet Room)  
W 3529 County Trunk B  
Peshtigo, WI 54157***

***Time: 5:00 p.m. Camaraderie and Christmas Cheer  
6:00 p.m. dinner***

***MENU***

***Family style Chicken and Tenderloin Tips. Includes all the trimmings: Cheddar/Ranch Mashed potatoes and Gravy, Dressing, hot House Veggies, Relishes, Rough Cut Cole Slaw, Cranberries, Homebaked Rolls & butter and Beverage, and a light dessert.***

***Cost: \$15.00 per person which includes tax, tip and beverage.***

**Reservations are due no later than Monday, November 27, 2006. Make check payable to M & M Amateur Radio Club and send to:**

**M & M Amateur Radio Club  
P. O. Box 1082  
Marinette, WI 54143**

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**Mail this portion with your check**

**Name of club member \_\_\_\_\_**

**No. attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_**