

## 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: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

November 2008

### CLUB CALENDAR...

November 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Spies Library

December 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

### NOVEMBER MEETING...

The November meeting will be held at 7pm Thursday November 13th at Spies Library. We hope to see you there.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY...

The M&M ARC Christmas Party will be held at Schusslers in Peshtigo on Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, taking the place of the December meeting. Social Hour at 5pm, and Dinner at 6pm. The RSVP form is in this issue. At the October meeting, the club voted to set the cost at \$15 per person to try to make it more affordable for everyone, with the club making up the difference. Please return your reservations by

the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the holiday season.

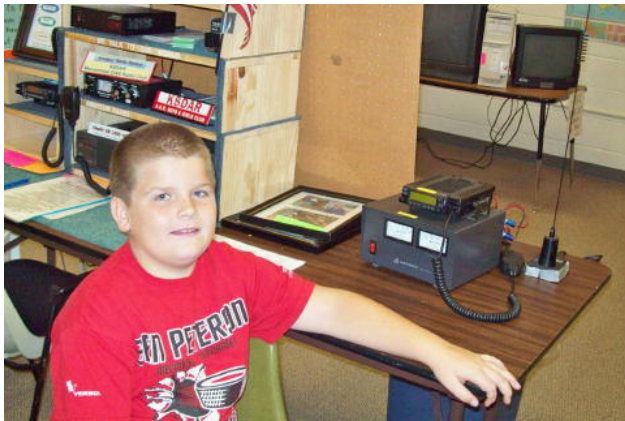
### DUES TIME...

It's time to renew your memberships. The cost is the same as last year, \$18 for individuals, and \$27 for families. Send the dues to the PO Box, or pay at the meeting. We appreciate your continued support of the M&M ARC.

### N9UGG DONATES RADIO GEAR TO DAR...

Before his passing recently, George Benoit, N9UGG requested his radio equipment be given to the Menominee D.A.R. Boys & Girls Club for use in their ham radio program. A dual band HT, mobile radio, a 20 amp power supply, several mag-mount antennas, many patch cables, and numerous other gear is now

residing at the DAR club for the loan use of newly licensed young hams.



Currently Hunter Mans, K8MBI is using the dual band mobile, power supply and mag antenna.

Ed KG8CX and the DAR staff deeply appreciates this donation. Thanks to the family of N9UGG, and to Eric Janssen KG9GH for bringing the gear over to the DAR club.

### **K8DAR HOSTS CQ WW SSB CONTEST...**

On Saturday, October 25th, the K8DAR radio room was a busy place. From 10am to 6pm, a number of youth participated, assisted by several control operators. Licensed young hams taking part were Hunter Mans, K8MBI, and Neil Touzinsky, KC9MLD from Kimberly.



Other youngsters from the DAR were: Matt Nowack, Kody and Kyle Klumb, and Austin Stanek. Adults helping out were M&M ARC

club members, Ed Engleman KG8CX, Jim Pearson KS8O, Paul Sorensen NS8V, along with Andy Michels N9QPJ, and John Touzinsky K9KI.

Using a new logging program specifically geared to major contests, we accumulated a total of 6032 points, with 46 q's, and 34 countries.



We used one youth calling, one writing down the calls, and one logging on the computer. Several times during the contest, the 2nd rig was used to spot stations.

Pizza and soda were provided to the participants along with hefty doses of contest chatter and fun.

Several contesters inquired as to the ages of the youngsters, and sounded quite impressed with their operation.

### **ARRL VEC ANNOUNCES EXAM FEE INCREASE...**

On November 6, The [ARRL VEC](#) announced that as of January 1, 2009, the fee to take an ARRL Volunteer Examiner (VE)-administered Amateur Radio license exam will increase by \$1, from \$14 to \$15.

According to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, ARRL VE teams may retain up to \$7 of this fee to directly reimburse their teams' out-of-pocket examination expenses; currently, VE teams keep \$6. This is the first time in four years that the examination fee has been adjusted.

- **M & M Amateur Radio Club Meeting 10-9-2008**

- 7:00 pm The club President called the October meeting to order and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The membership discussed their radio activities/projects since the last meeting..
- Secretary's Report: Approved as printed.
- Treasures' Report: Checking total \$558.54 Savings total, \$693.38. A couple of checks remain outstanding. Total all accounts \$1251.92.
- Communications: The Club received two each tickets to the swap fest in Appleton Wis.
- Net Report: Mr. Engleman reported that we are averaging 20 plus check ins per week.
- DAR Report: A good number of students showing interest in the DAR program. The DAR will be open for the October 25<sup>th</sup> CQ World Wide Side Band Contest. It would appear that several students are interested in working the contest.
- Quarter Master report: Current and up to date as listed on the web page.
- Repeater Committee: No official report Comments received from the membership was positive.
- HAT Team: Information was discussed about the 147.210 site project.
- QCWA. Report. The next meeting will be held November 15<sup>th</sup> in Green Bay Wis.
- Old Business: KD8ESH reported that the old duplexers are secure at the tower site. These duplexers may be repairable with used parts available from Mr. Swanson. Tuning and testing time will be an expense. Jim was unable to give me any kind of a dollar estimate for these processes.
- New Business: Christmas Party to be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Schussler's Supper Club. A social hour will start at 5pm. Dinner will be at 6pm. A discussion among the members resulted in a motion by `The Club Vice-President and supported by Mr. Engleman. "Cap the cost at \$15.00 per meal, and have The Amateur Radio Club pick up the difference." This motion passed unanimously. The membership also had a discussion about Friday night fish fry's. Mr. Engleman passed around a book titled "50 years of Amateur Radio-1930 to 1980." For the members to look at. Mr. Callow passed out printed copies, and read excerpts from an article titled "The evaluation of the Call Sign." K9GGV asked if Mr. Callow and Mr. Engleman would meet with the CAP membership to discuss some interest in Amateur radio license classes.
- Members Present:
- KD8ESH      K8IR              W9JJC              K9GGV              K8ZLO              K7PAM              W8DXX  
AA9GZ      KG8CX              KC9FKE              K8MBI              WC9E              AB9QC
- A call for adjournment at 8:00pm was made by AA9GZ, support by K9GGV. This motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURERS REPORT October 31st 2008 from WC9E:**

Checking    \$786.54  
Savings      \$693.38  
  
Total            \$1479.92



***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 7, 2008***

***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 Tip with mashed potatoes and veggies.***

***Cost: \$15.00 per person which includes tax, tip and beverage. Children under 10 \$10.00.***

***Reservations are due no later than Monday, December 1st. 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_**



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