

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

December 2006

NO DECEMBER MEETING...

The membership voted at the November meeting to not hold a regular meeting in December. The next regular club meeting will be Thursday January 11th at Spies Library in Menominee.

CHRISTMAS PARTY...

While there will be no regular meeting in December, members will gather to celebrate the season at our annual Christmas Party on Sunday December 3rd at Schussler's Supper Club in Peshtigo. The reservation deadline was November 27th. The social hour starts at 5pm, with dinner at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there. A beautiful antique quilt donated by Maxine Drees and Marge Schrader will be raffled off at the party. Tickets are \$1.00 a piece. Pete, AB9PJ will hand out CDs at the Christmas Party which will contain pictures of the various events involving the Ham Assistance Team during the year of 2006. CDs may also be handed out at the January meeting, however, this is first come first serve with priority being given to those who attend the Christmas Party.

DELTA COUNTY GUESTS...

Seven members of the Delta Country Amateur Radio Society (DCARS) dropped in on our November meeting. It was great to meet the members of the club to the north and share our experiences. We will try to visit one of their meetings sometime soon. And we welcome them back anytime. Special thanks to Rich Thompson, N8OYR, who was the high bidder for the tower sections we auctioned off at the meeting.

JUST IN TIME FOR GIFT GIVING...

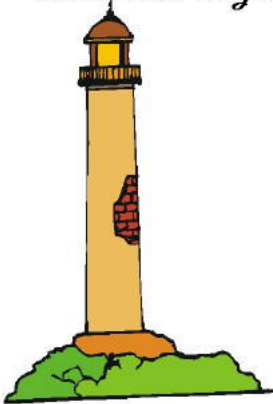
The fundraising committee announced at the November meeting that Dave, W9DWG, and his family have come up with a fundraising opportunity for the club. They are making available cedar gift boxes filled with a half pint of homemade blackberry jam, pure maple syrup, apple butter and ¼ lb. of maple nut fudge. The cost is \$34.95, and for an extra \$9, they will ship your gift. A basket without the fudge is \$29.95.

Dave will donate back to the club \$10 for each gift box purchased.



Charlie, KD8CHL, will be taking the orders. Contact him at 906-863-6743, or at dragonsong@sbcglobal.net. Make checks out to Dave Goddard.

Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society Christmas Lights



The Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society is holding their annual Christmas Lights special event starting December 16th. The DAR Boys and Girls Club station, W8PIF, will be on the air from December 18th through the 20th from 3 to 6pm, on December 21st and 22nd from 1 to 5pm, and December 26th through the 29th at various times between 1 and 5pm. DAR youngsters will be manning the lighthouse frequencies along with their control operator giving the M&M ARC's ARLHS number, 1324, and Menominee North Pier Light number 490. They will also be listening on the 147.000 repeater for two meter contacts.

D.A.R. SPECIAL EVENT IN JANUARY...

On January 31, 2007, the W8PIF DAR ham radio station will be celebrating its first year of operation. Several activities are planned for Wednesday January 31st through Friday February 2nd. A special event station with the call K8D (KIDS 8 DAR) will be on the air starting around noon on January 31st, and will feature many DAR "Ham-mers" as operators throughout the event schedule.



A busy afternoon in the DAR Radio Room

Certificates will be printed up for the many contacts we are expecting. In addition, we have invited Don Michalski, W9IXG the ARRL WI Section Manager. He has accepted the invitation, so we will have an ARRL presence for Wednesday January 31st. The section manager for Michigan was also invited, but is unable to attend.

We also plan to invite the numerous contributors to the DAR station project and their families. And, of course, we are expecting many of our club members to share in this great and special event, either in person or on the air, preferably both. Club members are coming in from time to time to view our pilot project. If you haven't paid the W8PIF ham station a visit, we are open Mon - Wed. 3pm to 6pm, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm, and sometimes even longer. When local schools are off for holidays or teacher in-service, the DAR is open during the day, and the radio room from approximately 1pm to 5pm.

We work the world from the D.A.R. ham radio communications center in Menominee, MI. The W8PIF call and the D.A.R. name is recognized around the U.S. and several foreign countries. We have worked almost 60 countries, the latest being Sao Tome and Principe Islands, Ascension Island, Japan, Russia, many of the European countries, most of the Caribbean islands, and all but four of the United States.

AREA SIX METER REPEATER ON THE AIR...

The AB9PJ six meter repeater is now on the air from the Range Line Tower, which is also home to the M&M ARC 2 meter repeater. On November 5th, the HAT Team installed a 6m low band receive antenna approximately 490 feet above the ground. The transmit antenna is approximately 375 feet above the ground level. The machine is running about 200 watts.



KG9GH on the climb (AB9PJ photo)
The frequency of the repeater is 53.110Mhz with a tone input and output of 114.8. The input is a 1.000Mhz minus offset, which equals 52.110Mhz.

The new system will provide wide coverage for users of the 6 meter band, and is a great

complement to the area 2 meter and 440 machines.

STEPHENSON REPEATER OFF THE AIR, FOR NOW...

On November 12th, the HAT team took down the antenna of K8NB's 147.33 repeater from the tower northeast of Stephenson. The system will be down until Noel can find a new site.

HAT TEAM SCHEDULE...

The next HAT team project is scheduled for Saturday January 27th at the DAR Boys and Girls Club, weather permitting. The project will involve maintenance on the existing antennas and installation of an 80 meter loop.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE SOON...

Unless you have recently renewed, your membership expires on December 31st. After that date, the current roster will be updated on the website, and all non-renewed members will be dropped from the list. We would like everyone back, so please consider sending in your renewal soon. The address is M&M Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 1082, Marinette, WI 54143

NEW MEMBER...

We welcome our newest member, Don Uecke WA9ERI. Don lives in Milwaukee, and also has a place in Sister Bay.

BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES...

...Anniversaries: Cheryl & Eric Janssen, 8th
...Birthdays: Eric Janssen, 5th, Cindy Armstrong, 18th; Steve Mellenthin, 20th; Nancy Buchholz, 21st; Noel Beardsley, 22nd; Al Grenier, 23rd, Jim Voss. 30th.
Congratulations to all !

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all M&M ARC members and their families!

MINUTES OF THE M&M ARC November 4, 2006

Call to order 7:05 pm
Pledge to the flag
Intros

Seven guests from Escanaba Ham Club

Secretary's report accepted as printed in the Groundwave.
Treasurer's report accepted as printed in the Groundwave.

Communications:

We are sending the Groundwave to the MI and WI Section Managers.
Letter from Jim Sanford K8ZZU from Detroit ...He used to live here.
Frank Benish K8IFH sent a DVD to encourage amateur radio
Janet Anuta Dalquist, Editor of the Anuta Autobiography.

Net:

Ed 30 plus checkins every Sunday.

DAR FIRST anniversary Jan. 31,2007

Quartermaster: equipment is up to date and posted on the net.

Repeater:

Took down extra cables from the tower.

6 meters 53.110 1MHz. offset PL 114.8
Noel tuned up on 147.000 Turned the PL tone down

HAT Team Explained for visitors what they have been doing.
Sunday K8NB repeater 733 down Tower sold to company who wants fees
A weekend is being planned for Door County in the spring.

Fund Raising Committee:

Dave W9DWG and his family offered Maple Syrup Baskets Syrup, apple butter Blackberry jam gift baskets \$29.95 and with Maple fudge \$34.95. Can ship all over the country for \$9.00
They will donate \$10.00 from each sale to the club.

Waterfront:

Waiting for call back, sell pasties???

Maxine Drees and Marge Schrader donated a quilt. Chances are \$1.00.

Old Business:

JOTA at DAR 6-7 Scouts and many club members everyone there for about three hours.

Donation to both Spies and Stephenson Libraries for \$100.00 Motion, Jim second Charlie unanimous.

Dave W8DXX a certificate from the CQCWA for 50 years continuous license.

Rohn tower sections plus the sections 3 plus 2 compatible for a total of 49 feet bidding was won by N8OYR Rich Thompson from Escanaba for \$10.50 per section.

New Business:

New member applications Don Uecke W9ERI
Motion to accept Pete, second Bruce ..Unanimous

Tech Classes:

January open to the public and DAR Members.

VE Nov.30 at the Airport 6:00 pm registration 6:30 testing. We will have Field Stocking of exams.
Have the required material for code oscillator...anyone wishing to send code back and forth contact Charlie.

Jim K8IR sent for information on insurance for the HAT Team and any club sponsored event. Marsh Ins. Co. recommended by ARRL

Jim will check into incorporating the club for \$15.00 a year.

Paul WC9E Do we want or need Membership cards?

Suggestion Plastic laminated cards with a year affixed to show current membership.

Motion Charlie, second Bob to continue with cards. unanimous.

Do we want Sweatshirts with the club logo?? Valerie will get color options and price.

Escanaba club:

Repeater linking Fair grounds-steam engine club village telegraph office.

August 5th 2007 UP HAM FEST

Christmas Party Dec.3 NO meeting in DEC.

Motion Bob second JIM Carried

6 meter tip for VX5R and VX7R antennas. Bob J K8RJ will send for them if there is a need.

Field Day Listing in QST. 48 people 4 stations 800 contacts most CW

Adjourn Bob J Second Charlie 8:20 pm

Program the DVD about Amateur radio.

Valerie Hallam	KC8WAI	Bruce Conover	KC9GRC
Bob Jaruntowski	K8RJ	Tyler Lehman	KC9FKE
Dave Arnold	W8DXX	Dallas Blair	Guest
Paul Drees	WC9E	Joe Callow	W9JJC
Pam Croy	K7PAM	Jim Callow	K8IR
Tearlach Sinclair	KD8CHL	Jared Alfson	KC9IPS
Pete Johnson	AB9PJ		
Floyd Croy	K8ZLO		
Ed Engleman	KG8CX		
Diann Hallam	KC9III		
Ken Exworthy	N0AWM		
Bob Schrader	AA9GZ		
Jim Voss	KC8WJO		
Gene Voelker	K9GGV		
Rich Thompson	N8OYR		
Howard St. John	W8HSJ		
Les Elder	WA8LE		
Dave Palmgren	N8DP		
Lowell Seeley	KA8RPB		
Joe Thompson	W8JRT		
Walt Aho	K8WLT		
Kurt Berge	K8BKA		
Shannon Rysewyk	N9RRV		
Dan Wagner	N9OWD		