

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:

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Treasurer: Mike Lemke, KD8FUE  
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

December 2012

## CLUB CALENDAR...

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting NWTC Rm 130  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
Jan 19<sup>th</sup> After-Christmas Party

## DECEMBER MEETING

We will hold the December meeting at 7:00pm Thursday December 13th at NWTC Room 130. Our program will be a video "The Story of the Queen Mary and W6RO" provided by Doug, KD8OVR. We hope you can join us for the last meeting of 2013.

## AFTER CHRISTMAS PARTY...

After some research, Mike, KD8FUE has made reservations at Stewys in Menominee for our After-Christmas Party on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Mike found this will be less expensive than catering a meal. We'll discuss the details at the December meeting, and the

RSVP form will be in your January Ground Wave.

## DUES REMINDER...

Thanks to all who have already paid your dues for the 2012-2013 club year. If you haven't yet, they are \$18 per person or \$27 per family. Pay at a meeting or via the P.O. Box.

## FROM OUR MICHIGAN SECTION MANAGER...

PRB-1 is the FCC's regulation that states local zoning authorities must make reasonable accommodations for amateur radio antennas. It has become state law in 29 states, including Wisconsin. There is an opportunity for it to be passed in Lansing, but all Michigan hams need to help, as this article states.

Greetings to all Michigan Hams December 8, 2012

This is a special email alert for all Michigan hams concerning our ongoing PRB-1 effort in Michigan.

I have good news to report in that after a Senate Hearing on December 5, based on a 3 – 0 vote, SB1244 was passed and is moving onto the Senate Floor. This means that on December 11, our bill may be voted on by the Senate. If we are successful there, the bill will move to the House, and if successful there as well, it could end up on the Governors' desk for his signature.

I am asking each Michigan ham to act now and visit <http://www.miarrlprb1.org/> which is our PRB-1 website and click on the "Update Alert" tab to read the notes from Wednesday's Senate Committee Hearing. Please download the "sample" letter available by clicking on the "What Can I Do?" tab. Simply fill in your senator's name, add your name and address at the bottom and email to your senator. There is no need to add anything to the letter.

You can find your senator's email address by clicking on the "Find Your Senator" tab. Some senators have a direct email listed, others may have a form email where you may have to cut and paste your letter into their form. Please send a copy to [wb8r@arrl.org](mailto:wb8r@arrl.org) so we can see how much of the "market" we are covering and we can send a copy to any senators who do not get a letter from a constituent. For those that use an email form, please send a note directly to me at [wb8r@arrl.org](mailto:wb8r@arrl.org) telling me which senator you sent the letter to and that you used an email form.

There is a possibility that our bill may time out if it is not possible to get the process

completed by the end of the legislative session. Not to worry. We will start all over again in January and already have our primary sponsor lined up. We have some good support in the Senate and we feel that we are in good shape.

Thank you in advance for your fine assistance. This is an important issue and we need to blanket the Senate with our letters.

73,  
Larry, WB8R  
Michigan Section Manager

### **DRUMMING UP THE CODE...**

Ed, KG8CX passed along this interesting You Tube link from CQ magazine. Aficionados have long likened CW notes to music. And this video proves the point!

<[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=6XHwygN9CKM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=6XHwygN9CKM)>

### **CAPITAL CITY HAMFEST...**

The Capital City Hamfest will be held Saturday, February 9, 2013  
0900 - 1300 (Vendor set-up 0800) at  
Memorial U.C.C. Fellowship Hall  
5705 Lacy Rd, Fitchburg, Wisconsin

Advance tickets and tables can be ordered and prepaid (cash, check, or PayPal) before January 20, 2013. Be sure to order your tables in advance, as space is limited.

For more information, visit:  
<http://www.wd8das.net/hamfest.html>  
or contact Steve Johnston, WD8DAS by email [wd8das@arrl.net](mailto:wd8das@arrl.net)

## WIQP CHAIRMAN RESIGNS...

The Board of Directors of the West Allis Radio Amateur Club has recently accepted the resignation of Lynn Tamblyn, K9KR, as Chairman of the Wisconsin QSO Party. Lynn has worked tirelessly in support of the QSO Party for over 25 years, over half that time as chairman. During his watch, the short, seven-hour format was introduced, log checking entered the computer age and

entries increased dramatically. WIQP would not be what it is today if not for Lynn's efforts.

The West Allis Radio Amateur Club is committed to continuing its sponsorship of WIQP and a new committee is being formed. The new chairman and committee members will be announced shortly.

The 2013 Wisconsin QSO Party will be held March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 11-9-12

- 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: Meeting minutes stand approved as printed.
- Treasure's Report: KD8FUE reported that the club has total assets of \$1,529.73
- Communications: The Merrill Wisconsin Amateur Radio Club is looking for used Amateur Radio Equipment to replace a station that was stolen.
- NET and DAR Report: KG8CX reported that interest at the DAR has been good; two test books have been checked out. In January the Radio room will celebrate its seventh year of operation. The 147.000 net has been averaging over 20 plus check-ins weekly.
- Quartermasters Report: The report is current and up to date on the Web page.
- Repeater Committee: AB9PJ reported that the repeater will be transferred to the other side of the transmitter building. The amplifier will also be changed. Echo link as encountered a few problems with phone activation.
- HAT Team: The Green Bay Mike and Key Club's project has been completed. AB9PJ reported that KG9GH has been doing the bulk of the work.
- QCWA Report: The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Saturday of the month at 4pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome.
- Old Business: The Club Christmas Party is currently set for January 19<sup>th</sup>. AB9PJ informed the membership that the club emblem (s) is being developed.
- New Business: The Club President brought up the idea of classes for new operators, and the membership brought up possible incentives for students to complete the course work.
- Video: "Field Day 2012 W8PIF" KG8CX presented a video of the high lights of this last years "Field Day" A lot of positive comments were herd from the membership. Thank you Mr. Engleman.
- Members present at the 11-9-2012 meeting:  
KD8FUE WC9E  
N5FVM AB9PJ N0AWM K8BKA AC8IO KG8CX KC9FKE KD8OVR  
KD8SGR AB9QC KD8ESH K8IR
- Also present at this meeting: Taylor Johnson and Trina Rabida (Menominee County Emergency Manager.)
- The next Club meeting will be December 13th in room 130 at NWTC in Marinette.
- A motion for adjournment was moved by AC8IO, support provided by W9CE. This motion passed unopposed.
- This meeting adjourned at 8:15pm 11-9-2012.
- Submitted by KD8ESH.

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