

# 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: Jim Callow K8IR  
Vice President: Pete Johnson, AB9PJ  
Treasurer: Mike Lemke, KD8FUE  
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

February 2014

### CLUB CALENDAR...

February 13<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting NWTC  
March 13<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting NWTC

### FEBRUARY MEETING...

Our February meeting will be held at NWTC Room 127 at on Thursday at **7:15PM**. Note the later start since the room is being used until 7:00pm. We will discuss the logos which Pete presented at the party. We also have a video on 100 years of the ARRL. Please try to join us.

### AFTER CHRISTMAS PARTY...

Our After-Christmas Party was held on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Golf Club in Menominee. Twenty-seven members and guests attended. By all accounts those who attended enjoyed the venue and the meal. We hope everyone came home with a useful gift from the White Elephant exchange. Again, thanks to Mike, KD8FUE for arranging the party.



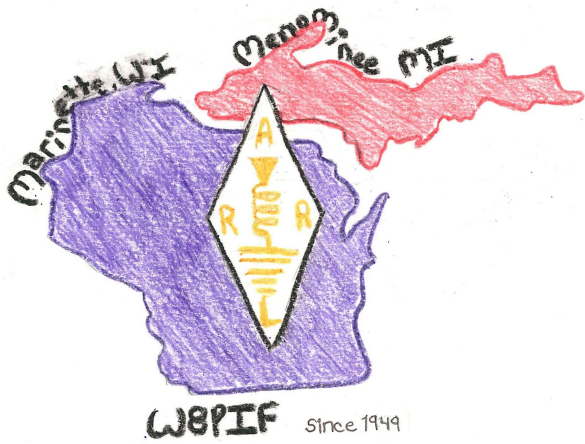
M&M ARC After Christmas Party at Riverside Golf Club



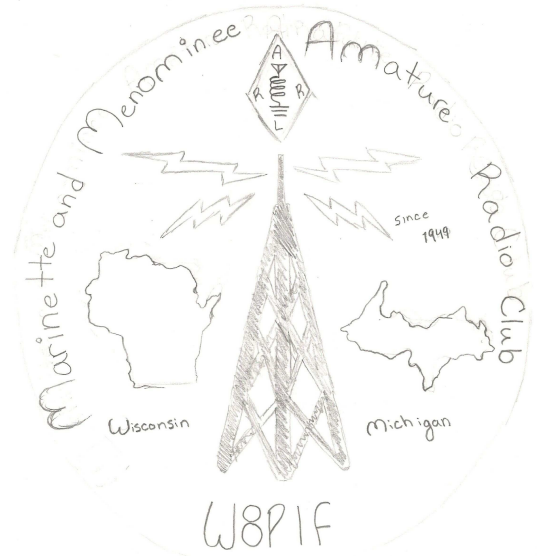
AB9PJ with a special gift, a shirt for Tower Climbers

# CLUB LOGO...

At the party, Pete, AB9PJ presented four possible designs for a club logo. Thanks to Taylor Johnson for drawing the samples. Please review the four designs, and bring your ideas to the club meeting. The designs are idea starters, and we are open to any ideas you have.



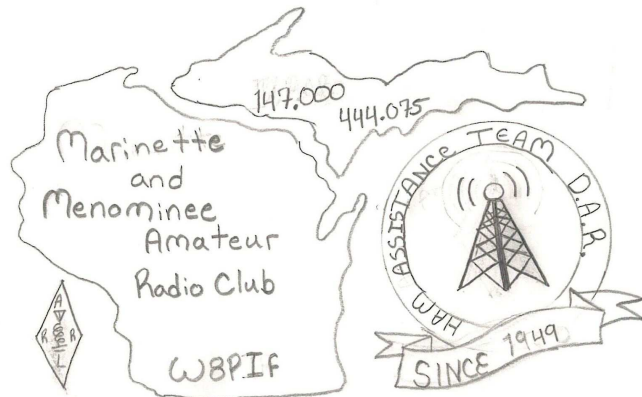
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## 8 YEARS OF HAMMING AT THE DAR...

By Ed Engleman, KG8CX



On Jan. 30, 2006, ham radio became a regular full time activity for members of the Marinette & Menominee D.A.R. Boys & Girls club. Members of the M&M ARC set up a simple station and antenna and we were on the air. Paul Drees WC9E and Rich Crevier, DAR director, set the ball rolling several months earlier, and with the help of a few hams and the cooperation of the DAR staff, we went on the air for the first time from the DAR location on 8th Ave. in Menominee.

Ed KG8CX became the control operator and trustee of the call sign K8DAR. 16 youth have gotten their ham licenses while a DAR member during that time.

We have rapidly moved forward with newer and more varied equipment. Lloyd, W9LEG and Gayle W9GCG came on board in 2009 and worked with Ed during the summer session each year since. Jim Pearson KS8O also contributed time and effort in the early years of the ham radio program.

We have accumulated a sizable inventory of donated radios and related gear, some of which is in excellent condition.. These range from HF to 2 meter transceivers and HT's, and can be seen in the DAR radio room.

Our current working radio lineup is: HF #1...Kenwood TS480 HTX capable of 200 watts into either an R8 Vertical or loop antenna. HF#2 is the Kenwood TS570. We also have a dual band Yaesu transceiver and an echolink station. Three computers are part of our station equipment with the two HF related ones also running the E-QF logging program.

We have contacted over 125 countries and all 50 states in our 8 years, and have received hundreds of QSL cards. Over the past few years, we have been recognized in CQ magazine, NCJ (National Contest Journal), and ARRL youth news. We have also had a display at the annual AES Superfest in Milwaukee.

Look us up on QRZ at

<http://www.qrz.com/db/k8dar> . An offshoot of the DAR ham radio activity is Y.A.C.H.T.

(Young Amateurs Contest Ham Team) organized in July of 2007. Team members are located in 20 states and several foreign countries. The YACHT Youth net is on Sat. at 7pm CST on the 147.000 echolink repeater.

Our webpage is

<http://yachthams.webstarts/index.html>

Invitation is open for any club member to stop by and visit this unique ham radio station. It is open during the school year from 3 to 5:30pm, and summer months from about 1 to 4pm. The DAR club will be observing their 100th anniversary in 2015, and plans are to have a special event station during the summer of that year.

## Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 1-9-2014

- 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: Approved by the membership as printed.
- Treasure's Report: KD8FUE reported that the club has total assets of \$1,676.54
- Communications: None for this meeting.
- NET and DAR Report: KG8CX reported that The 147.000 net has been averaging 20 to 25 plus check-ins weekly. 2015 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the DAR. The YACHT Net has been doing very well.
- Quartermasters Report: The report is up to date.
- Repeater Committee: The Membership agreed that both systems are working well. Both repeaters have only minimal issues.
- HAT Team: Cold weather has slowed activity. A discussion took place among the members about past projects. Work is continuing on the transmitter building at the tower site. AB9PJ reported to the membership that Logo's are completed and will be available for consideration.
- QCWA Report: The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Saturday of the month at 4pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome. The next meeting will be held in Negaunee Mich. on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Old Business: K8IR mentioned that he would reserve the first pavilion for the picnic after the first of the New Year when reservations can be made.
- New Business: None noted.
- A video presented by KG9GH showed the installation of The Town of Wagner Fire Department radio tower. A very informative video. Thank You.
- Members present at the 1-9-14 meeting:
- KD8FUE KG8CX KD8OVR AB9PJ AG9P KD8ESH K8IR AC8IO  
NOAWM N9CON W9GCG W9LEG KG9GH N9GLT KC9FKE Also  
present Mike Sobeck from Lena Wis.
- The next Club meeting will be February 13th in room 127 at NWTC in Marinette. This meeting will start at 7:15pm...
- A motion for adjournment was made by N9CON, Support was provided by AC8IO. This motion passed unopposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm 1-9-2014.
- Submitted by KD8ESH.



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