

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: Eric Janssen KG9GH
Vice President: Pete Johnson, AB9PJ
Treasurer: Mike Lemke, KD8FUE
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

February, 2017

CLUB CALENDAR...

February 9 Club Meeting NWTC
February 11 Ham Breakfast George Webb's
March 9 Club Meeting NWTC
March 12 Wisconsin QSO Party

FEBRUARY MEETING...

We're back to our regular meeting schedule on Thursday February 9th at 7pm at Room 201 of NWTC. All monthly meetings through June will be in Room 201. We hope you'll be in attendance.

HAM RADIO CLASSES...

The M&M ARC will conduct license classes starting Thursday February 16th at 7pm in Room 201 at NWTC. A number of

members have agreed to serve as instructors. A VE testing session will be held on Thursday March 16th. If you know someone who would like to take the classes, have them contact Ed, KG8CX at 906-863-3477 so we have an idea of how many students we'll have.

YACHT MEMBER RUNS NET...

The following YouTube video was taken on the Jan. 21 Yacht Net using the W8PIF 147 repeater and echolink. Shelby is 12 years old and this was his first time doing net control. Well done for a young ham.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOeYB_p9nJw&feature=youtu.be

The video covers the entire net time. The YACHT youth team is growing rapidly with the latest members coming from Atlanta, TX

and New Orleans, LA. Youth members are from 8 to 18 years old, with many adults also joining in the adult section. Over 150 are now members, both youth and adults. Our Facebook page has enrolled almost 60 members since Jan. 2, 2017. All told, a great rise in popularity as we enter Yacht's 10th year.

Eight of our members have been invited to participate in the Youth Forum at the Dayton Hamvention since 2015. This year two so far have received invitations at Xenia, the new venue for Hamvention.

The weekly Yacht Youth Net is very popular and can be heard at 7pm Sat. on the 147 repeater using our echolink capabilities.

A new webpage has been started by Jerry W5BFF of Atlanta, TX. It is still under construction, but you can check it out at <http://yacht.younghams.org> A new YACHT youth oriented HF net can be heard at 3pm CST on 14.325.00 - + qrm, conditions permitting.

AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT ON FAST TRACK...

From the ARRL:

Just 10 days after being introduced, the 2017 Amateur Radio Parity Act legislation, [H.R. 555](#), passed the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill's language is identical to that of the 2015 measure, H.R. 1301, which won House approval late last summer but failed to clear the U.S. Senate last fall.

H.R. 555 calls on the FCC to establish rules prohibiting the application of deed restrictions that preclude Amateur Radio communications on their face or as applied. Deed restrictions would have to impose the minimum practicable restriction on Amateur

Radio communications to accomplish the lawful purposes of homeowners association seeking to enforce the restriction.

AFTER CHRISTMAS PARTY...

Chalk up another successful After-Christmas Party held January 21st at Riverside Golf Club. We had plenty of good conversation, good food, and another interesting white elephant gift exchange.



Thanks again to Mike, KD8FUE for making the arrangements.

Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 12-8-16

- 7:00pm The Club Meeting is called to order. The Club President (KG9GH) led the Membership in the Pledge of allegiance.
- The Members each discussed their radio related actives since the last Club meeting.
- Secretary's Report: KD8ESH was out of town for the October meeting. No minutes were posted.
- Treasurers Report: KD8FUE reported that The Club has total assets of \$1,780.90 A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Bruce (N9CON), support provided by Ken (N0AWM) this motion passed unopposed. All bills are current. Insurance bill is \$320.00 \$210.00 Tower rental.
- Communications: The Club has received a survey to update the 211 information system. The Secretary will fill this out and return it.
- Net Report: The 147.000 net is averaging between 16 to 20 check-ins per week.
- Repeater Committee: The 444.075 antenna on top of the Harbors Building was inspected. The antenna is getting older; the age could be contributing to the de-sense issues. The coax looks good. The repeater has been moved. SWR is good. The cabinet is not grounded. A poly phaser needs to be added to our system. Grounding is the current project.
- DAR Report: KG8CX is back at the DAR on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ed commented on the good job that Lloyd and Gail had done during his absence. We are starting our 11th year of the radio room.
- Old Business: 501C3 update: Incorporation of the club was discussed. A bylaws committee was formed, (AB9PJ, KD8FUE, N9CON, and KC9FKE.)
- New Business; M&M-ARC Christmas Party is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in January. (Jan. 21.) The Membership discussed the possibility of running Amateur Radio Licensing classes. A group of instructors will be needed. The type and style of course was discussed. (Cram vs. conventional.) Advertising this course was also talked about. This summer's club picnic will be held on Aug 13th at Henes Park in Menominee.
- QCWA Report: The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Sunday of the month at 8pm on Echo-Link on the 147.000 repeater. All are welcome.
- Member's present at the 12-08-16 meeting:
K8IR KD8ESH KD8FUE N9CON K9GGV KD8OVR AC8IO
KC9FKE N0AWM KB9NTN KG9GH KG8CX W8DXX Also
present at this meeting Mr. Richard Sexton(Menominee County Emergency Services Manager),
- KD8OVR put on a presentation about "The Fuller Phone". This was Military communications in WW1. Thank you Doug. Well done.
- A raffle was provided by W8DXX. Proceeds will benefit the M&M ARC Treasury fund.
- A motion to adjourn was made by K8IR, Support provided by KG8CX. This motion passed unopposed.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.
- Submitted by KD8ESH

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