

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

March 2007

CLUB CALENDAR...

March 8	Regular meeting
March 17	QCWA Meeting
March 24	VE Session (Tentative)
March 25	Breakfast on the Farm
April 12	Regular meeting
April 15	Charter Night Banquet
April 17	SKYWARN Training

MARCH MEETING...

The March meeting of the M&M ARC will be held at 7:00pm Thursday March 8th at Spies Public Library in Menominee. We'll be voting for Ham of the Year. We hope you can attend.

BUSY VE SESSION...

The dropping of the Morse Code requirement on February 23rd has sparked a heavy demand for new licenses and upgrades across the country, and the M&M Area is no exception. To accommodate the demand, the M&M ARC VE's held a testing session at Twin County Airport on Saturday February 24th. There were 11

candidates testing and/or doing "paper upgrades" from valid CSCE's. Dallas, KD8ESI, Charlie, KD8CHL and Diann, KC9III upgraded to General. So did Mark, KD8ESH, and Dave, W9ORD, but they didn't stop there. Both took and passed their Extra Class exams at the session. Passing their Tech exams were Libby, now KC9KXL (daughter of W9ORD), and Ron, now KD8FIX, who came down from Escanaba to test.

After coming up just short at the February 24th session, Joey, W9JJC passed his General at a W5YI VE session held at Spies Library on March 3rd.

Congratulations to all the new licensees and upgrades!

LICENSE CLASSES UNDERWAY...

License classes are continuing on Saturday mornings at Spies Public Library at 9:30am. Currently we plan sessions for March 10th and 17th to complete the material, and a review session on March 24th. A VE session is tentatively planned for 1pm March 24th at Spies

Library. Anyone working towards their Technician, General, or Extra is invited to attend the classes.

HAM OF THE YEAR...

Two members have been nominated for the 2006 Ham of the Year Award.

Pete Johnson, AB9PJ was nominated for spearheading the club's repeater project, as well as being very active in improving repeater communications in the area.

Ed Engleman, KG8CX, received three nominations. Among the reasons mentioned were his involvement at the DAR Boys and Girls Club project and getting kids involved in ham radio, running the Sunday Night Net, and his many other contributions to club activities.

We will vote on the Ham of the Year at the March meeting. If you can't make the meeting, you can email in your vote to hoty@w8pif.com before the meeting.

The honoree will receive their plaque at the Charter Night Banquet on April 15th.

CHARTER NIGHT ...

This year's Charter Night Banquet will be held Sunday April 15th at the Best Western Riverfront Inn. Rich Crevier, Director of the DAR Boys and Girls Club will present the program. A reservation form is included in this Ground Wave. Reservations are due by April 6th.

BREAKFAST ON THE FARM...

Dave, W9DWG has announced plans for the second annual Breakfast on the Farm at Goddard's Maple Syrup refinery off Highway P on 13th Road just east of Beaver on Sunday March 25th. A special event station, K9S will be operating from the farm. It was a very enjoyable event last year, and we're looking forward to it again. Dave says he is looking for some help from

club members to help prepare the food on Saturday and help cook, sell tickets, and perform parking detail on the Sunday of the event. We'll discuss it more at the March meeting.

QCWA...

Dave, W8DXX has been working to organize a Northeast Wisconsin/Upper Peninsula chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA). An organizational meeting will be held at Perkins Restaurant in Menominee on Saturday March 17th at 10:30am. Anyone who has been licensed for 25 years and over is eligible to join QCWA. If you're interested in joining the area chapter, please attend the meeting.

SKYWARN TRAINING...

Menominee County Emergency Management Coordinator Marge Bramschreiber has announced a SKYWARN Training Session will be held Tuesday April 17th at the Menominee County EOC located in the ISD building on 41st Avenue in Menominee. The program will be put on by the Marquette NWS office. All persons interested in weather spotting are invited. A special invitation goes out to our younger hams. Marge would appreciate an RSVP to margebemc@menomineecounty.com.

MORE PROOF THAT IT'S A SMALL WORLD WHEN YOU'RE A HAM...

Charlie, KD8CHL says last week his wife, a manager at Perkins restaurant in Menominee, was talking with a couple of customers. She mentioned Charlie's involvement in Ham radio and they both jumped and brightened up. They told her to tell him and the rest of the M&M ARC "thank you!" They also said "We used to live on the Gulf Coast and after Katrina, HAM radio was the only way we could talk with the rest of the world. Those HAMS helped us get in touch with family and friends, get help where it was needed and make it possible for the "real" rescuers to talk with each other. They made so many of us happy with how they helped."

These lovely folks are now living here in the UP with the rest of us.

WISCONSIN QSO PARTY...

The Wisconsin QSO Party will be held from 1pm to 8pm CDST on Sunday March 11th. There are many classes for fixed and mobile stations in Wisconsin, as well as out-of-state stations.

Check out the rules at:

<http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm> and join in the fun.

HAT TEAM PROJECTS...

The Ham Assistance Team has a couple of events scheduled for March. On Sunday March 18th, some members will meet at WC9E's QTH to plan 80 and 160 meter antennas. On Saturday March 24th, the team meets at the Goddard Farm in Beaver to erect antennas for the Breakfast on the Farm Special Event Station, K9S, which will be activated the following day.

DAR RADIO A BUSY PLACE...

The radio room at the DAR Boys and Girls Club remains a busy place. The station now features two HF and one VHF setup.

The station was opened up the past two weekends for special activities following the VE test session and during the ARRL DX Contest. K8DAR will likely be on the air March 11th for the Wisconsin QSO Party, as well



A busy afternoon at the DAR during the ARRL DX Contest

HAMFEST NEWS...

The Copper Country Radio Amateur Association will be holding their Swap and Shop on Saturday April 21st at the VFW Hall on US41 in Chassell from 9am to noon. There will be items for sale, swap, trade, ham radio gear and door prizes. Admission is \$3 per person. Tables: \$6.00 each Half-table: \$3.00 Contact Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF for table reservations at (906) 482-7743 Talk-In will be on the 146.67 MHz – Herman Repeater

There will be changes at this year's Radio EXPO 2007 sponsored by the Chicago FM Club. Due to the sale of the Lake County Fairgrounds, the event will be held at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere, IL. The dates are being changed to September 29th and 30th. For more information, check www.chicagofmclub.org.

MINUTES OF THE M&M ARC February 8, 2007

Call to order 7.00 pm

Pledge

Intros

Secretary report..as printed in the Ground Wave, Accepted

Treasurer report..as printed in the Ground Wave, Accepted

Communications...none

Reports:

Net report ..

Not less than 30 check-ins since Jan.1

DAR First anniversary Special event station. 3 licensed HAMs licensed

2HF and 1VHF radios up and active.

Channel 6 TV interview of DAR Anniversary was broadcast. Jim K8IR has a copy for us to see.

Quartermaster

As listed on the web site.

Fund Raising

On hold for now

Old Business

License classes to begin Sat. Feb. 10 9:30 am at Spies Library four sessions are planned. 8 Gordon West Tech. books have been ordered

Pete...Repeater Committee

147.000 has a bump in power

440 will be worked on when it is warmer

Suring repeater will be a liaison for Skywarn, Green Bay Weather

Gresham will have a overhaul

Shawano..on top of Court House

HAT

Lena area mobile will be installed, J pole antenna...early March

Tripod on roof for Dallas

Antenna and rearrangement for Ed

160 loop for Paul...Paul will design.

Every project will have a project leader.

Back to old business...

Insurance...Liability insurance policy for one year Jan.16,2007 to Jan.16,2008 for \$320.00 has been purchased.

VE Session Sat. Feb.24, with registration at 9:30am testing to begin at 10:00am at the Twin County Airport.

Charter Night Sunday April 15 at the Best Western

Chicken and Tenderloin tips the DAR director will be the program and the HAM of the year award will be presented...

HOTY Nominations are being accepted

Club picnic will be August 19th at 3rd Pavilion at Henes Park

Breakfast on the farm March 25 in Beaver...Special event station will be up.

Dave W8DXX is still working on the Quarter Century Club.

New Business

Field Day June 23,24 we may need a new site..Dave Goddard has offered his place.

A BIG THANK YOU to Dave Goddard for the antenna support structures he donated to the DAR project.

Adjourn.

ATTENDANCE:

Valerie Hallam	KC8WAI
Paul Drees	KC9E
Diann Hallam	KC9III
Bob Schrader	AA9GZ
Tearlach Sinclair	KD8CHL
Dave Arnold	W8DXX
Pete Johnson	AB9PJ
Pam Croy	K7PAM
Floyd Croy	K8ZLO
Gene Voelker	K9GGV
Mark Erickson	KD8ESH
Ed Engleman	KG8CX
Tyler Lehman	KC9FKE
Joe Callow	W9JJC
Ken Exworthy	N0AWM
Paul Sorensen	NS8V
Eric Janssen	KG9GH
Dallas Blair	KD8ESI
Jim Callow	K8IR

Guests:

Chance Johnson

Dakota Johnson

TREASURERS REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28TH By WC9E

Checking	\$782.04
Savings	\$687.03
Total	\$1469.07

(DAR Fund \$99.09)

(Repeater Fund \$361.72)

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
March 8, 2007

1. Call meeting to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Recognize guests and/or new members

Members introduce themselves with their call sign and talk about their HAM Radio activities in the past month. DX Stations worked, Antenna Projects, Contests worked, etc.

4. Approve Secretary's report as printed in the Ground Wave

5. Treasurer's Report (Paul)

6. Communications to read (any club officer)

7. Net report (Ed)

8. DAR Project Report (Ed)

9. Quartermaster Report (Ed)

10. Repeater Committee Report (Pete)

11. HAT Report (Pete)

12. Fundraising Committee Report (Charlie)

13. Old Business

- License Classes
- VE Session
- Charter Night
- Ham of the Year
- Breakfast on the Farm
- QCWA
- Field Day

14. New Business...

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15. Announcements/Raffle

16. Adjournment

16. Program ?

***Club members and guests are cordially invited to
attend the M & M Amateur Radio Club
2007 Charter Banquet***

**Featuring the presentation of the Ham of the Year Award
Program by Rich Crevier, DAR Boys and Girls Club Director**

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!
PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION**

Date: Sunday April 15, 2007

Place: Best Western Riverfront Inn
1821 Riverside Ave.
Marinette, WI 54143

Time: 5:00 p.m. social - cash bar
6:00 p.m. dinner

Reservations are due no later than Friday April 6, 2007.

Make check payable to M & M Amateur Radio Club and send to:

M & M Amateur Radio Club
P. O. Box 1082
Marinette, WI 54143

MENU

Family style Chicken and Tenderloin Tips. Includes a tossed salad, fresh rolls, a beverage, mashed potatoes/gravy, and California blend of veggies.

Cost: \$14.50 per person which includes tax and tip.

Mail this portion with your check

Name of club member _____

Number @ \$14.50 _____ Total Amount Enclosed _____

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