

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: Bob Schrader AA9GZ
Treasurer: Paul Drees WC9E
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

March 2009

CLUB CALENDAR...

March 12 th	Club Meeting Spies
March 15 th	Wisconsin QSO Party
March 24 th	WX Spotter Training St. Norbert College
April 3-4	AES Superfest
April 9 th	Club Meeting
April 19 th	Michigan QSO Party
April 21 st	WX Spotter Training Meno. Yacht Club
May 14 th	Club Meeting Spies
May 15-17	Dayton Hamvention
June 11 th	Club Meeting Henes
June 27-28	Field Day
July 9 th	Club Meeting Yacht Club
August 1 st	SAGBRAW
August 16 th	Club Picnic

MARCH MEETING...

The March meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday March 12th. The repeater committee

will report on their research and recommendation for replacing the 147.000 repeater. We hope you can attend and participate in the discussion.

FISH FRY...

About 20 members and guests turned out for our March 6th Fish Fry at Little River Country Club. As usual, it was an enjoyable evening for all who attended. Thanks to Bob, AA9IB, who made the arrangements.

WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING...

Each year, the National Weather Service in Marquette presents Severe Weather Storm Spotter Training Courses across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The presentations are free, open to the public, and no advance registration is required. The program provides details on why storm spotters are so vitally important to the weather warning process, how

to become a weather spotter, and how to submit reports to the National Weather Service. The program is also open to general weather enthusiasts who want to learn more about the weather.

This year's National Weather Service talk lasts about 2 hours, and covers many important aspects of weather reporting and safety, National Weather Service severe weather criteria, what to report to the National Weather Service, how to make a good wind estimate, cloud formations, and how to receive weather information.

A class will be held in Menominee on Tuesday, April 21st, at 6:30 PM CDT. The location will be at the M & M Yacht Club on Doyle Street in Menominee, MI.

There will be a Storm Spotters session on Tuesday March 24th at Boyle Hall, Room 122 on the St. Norbert College Campus in DePere beginning at 7pm. This program is put on by the Green Bay NWS office. Some of our serious spotters like to take in the sessions from both NWS offices.

WHAT IS A SAGBRAW?

It's a scenic bicycle tour that starts in Marinette August 1st. They need hams to help provide communications when they are in the area. Ed, KG8CX will report on a planning meeting held March 4th when we meet March 12th. In the meantime, you can get more information at: <http://bikenorthwoods.com/Volunteers/GeneralHAM.html>

CQ ARTICLE ON DAR AND YACHT...

The DAR Boys and Girls Club radio project and the Young Amateur Contest Ham Team (YACHT) were the subject of this month's Kid's Korner Column in CQ Magazine. The column is written by Britany Decker, KB1OGL, a YACHT member. Congratulations to Ed, KG8CX, and Jim, KS8O for the national and international recognition of their efforts to encourage youth in ham radio.

WISCONSIN QSO PARTY...

The annual Wisconsin QSO Party is here again. It will be held Sunday March 15th from 1800Z to 0100Z, or 1pm to 8pm Central Time. There is a competition for a club aggregate score, for in-state stations, so any members operating from Wisconsin are encouraged to get on and make a few contacts. You'll find activity on 2 meter simplex as well as the HF Bands. Complete rules are on the web at:

<http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm> .

AES SUPERFEST...

Don't forget Superfest 2009 on April 3rd and 4th at Amateur Electronic Supply in Milwaukee. You'll find displays from manufacturers and clubs, seminars, VE testing, a Fox Hunt, and lots of prizes. For complete details go to www.aesham.com. Here's the Saturday schedule:

8:45 - 9:30 A.M.

BLUETOOTH® for AMATEUR RADIO
Randy Gawtry, KØCBH (CEO/CFO, Timewave Technology, Inc.)

9:40 - 10:25 A.M.

INTRODUCTION TO HF DIGITAL OPERATIONS
Steve Ford, WB8IMY (Editor, QST Magazine)

10:35 - 11:20 A.M.

MICROPHONES 101 (& MORE!)
Bob Heil, K9EID & Chip Margelli, K7JA (Heil Sound Ltd.)

11:30 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.

EXPLORING THE VHF DIGITAL WORLD
Steve Ford, WB8IMY (Editor, QST Magazine)

1:00- 2:00 P.M.

STORM SPOTTING
Michael Fish (WTMJ-TV & Radio Meteorologist)

2:15-3:00 P.M.

GORDON WEST SHOW
Gordon West, WB6NOA
Gordo traditionally closes Superfest with fun stuff – don't miss it!

The local YACHT team and QCWA Chapter 219 will be in attendance.

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
March 12, 2009

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. QCWA Report (Dave)

13. Old Business

- Fish Fry
- License Classes
- QSO Parties
- Field Day
- SAGBRAW
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14. New Business...

- Repeater recommendation
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15. Announcements/Raffle

16. Adjournment

17. Program

• M & M Amateur Radio Club Meeting 2-12-2009 By KD8ESH

- 7pm The Club meeting is 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 meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Approved as written.
- Treasure's Report' Accepted as printed in the Ground Wave.
- Communications: KG8CX addressed the membership about a large bike tour that will start from the Marinette Area. This tour is the week before the Waterfront Festival. This tour is estimated to include 500+ cyclists. Requests are made of the Amateur Radio Clubs along the Tour rout for assistance with communications. "This would be a great opportunity for all local Hams to get involved." KG8CX asked the membership to consider this community activity..
- Net Report: Good activity 24-25 check-ins.
- DAR Report: The Radio room is now starting into the Fourth year of operation at the Boys and Girls Club. By this summer we could have a few more students licensed.
- Quartermasters Report: KG8CX has now received the serial numbers from the Duplexers and they have been added into the records.
- Old Business: March 6th for the Club Fish Fry. AA9IB Needs a reservation list. Members to gather at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm. License classes: A group discussion followed. An announcement will be placed into the newspaper to check for interest.. A decision about classes will be made at that time. Wisconsin QSO party: Plans were discussed among the membership. KG9GH brought up the possibility of a Expedition station. K8DAR will be an active station. More information at the next club meeting. Michigan QSO to be held in April. KS8O will be hosting an event. He can run up to Four radios. Jim would like to use the Club W8PIF call sign. Field Day 2009: The dates are the 27th and 28th of June. A discussion about antenna possibilities, and set up for this event took place.
- New Business: The request for an advertisement in "The Taste of Marinette/Menominee." was discussed among the membership. A motion for the M & M ARC to take out a \$100.00 advertisement was made be KG9GH. Support was given by KS8O. This motion carried unanimously. KS8O asked the membership for money to cover the costs of mailing QSL cards at the DAR. A motion by KS8O to purchase 100 stamps was supported by KD8FUE. This motion passed unanimously. The Club Picnic will be held Sunday August 16th at the third pavilion.
- Repeater Committee: A discussion about Noel as a trustee for the W8PIF call sign took place. Mr. Callow indicated that in his recent conversation with Noel that he wished to remain in that position. KS8O asked if the Repeater Committee could investigate a new repeater. After a considerable discussion, the Club President asked if there is motion. KS8O made a motion to have the Committee look into a new

repeater. This motion was supported by KC8WAI. This motion passed unanimously. KS8O and KG8CX volunteered to be on the repeater committee to assist with this project.

- K8IR brought up the two articles talking about the YACHT Team in the new issue of QST magazine.

- Members present for this meeting:

K8IR	KG8GX	KC8WAI	AA9GZ	KD8ESH	KS8O
KD8FUE	KG9GH	N9OSF	N5FVM		
K7PAM	K8ZLO	K9GGV	KC9FKE		

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm on February 12th 2009

TREASURERS REPORT 2/28/09 FROM WC9E:

Checking \$927.85

Savings \$694.76

Total \$1622.61

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