

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>



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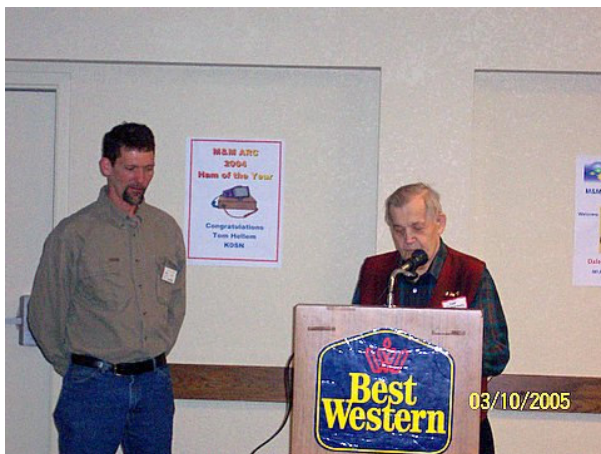
The MMARC Newsletter

April 2005

APRIL MEETING...

The April meeting of the M&M Amateur Radio Club will be held on Thursday April 14th at 7pm at the Spies Public Library in Menominee. The full agenda is in this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

K0SN PRESENTED HOTY AWARD AT CHARTER NIGHT BANQUET...



Tom Hellem, K0SN, received his Ham of the Year Plaque at the club's Charter Night Banquet held on March 10th at the Best Western Riverfront Inn.

Tom received his award from last year's recipient, Lou Parkansky, AA9JH. Tom, like many of the HOTY recipients, was praised for the many times he's helped out club members over the years. Congratulations, Tom.

We were honored to have ARRL Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams, WA8EFK as our special guest speaker. Dale's presentation



was on the organizational structure of the Michigan Section and the many areas where there are opportunities to volunteer within the ARRL Field

Organization. Dale made the long trip from his home in Dundee, Michigan to be with us.

NEW HAMS...

There are several new callsigns in the area following recent testing sessions here in Marinette and at the Superfest at AES in Milwaukee.

A snowstorm almost wiped out the scheduled testing session March 19th at the Stephenson Public Library, but a dozen prospects were able to test that day, with four new technicians and two general upgrades resulting.



Candidates testing under the watchful eyes of the VE'S.

Our congratulations to Gene Voelker, KC9HHY; John Roff, KC9HHZ, Nita Gomske, KD8BEM, and Joyce Dehne, KD8BEN, all who passed their Technician tests. Gene and John attended the Marinette classes, while Nita and Joyce studied in Wallace.

Also congratulations to Susan Becks, KC8EDZ who passed her written test and completed her upgrade to General, and to Tyler Lehman, KC9FKE who passed his code test to attain his General License.



Tyler at the mike.

Tyler, at age 11, is our youngest General Class licensee.

After coming very close at the Marinette session, 9 year Joey Callow continued studying for another two weeks and passed his Technician test at the AES Superfest in Milwaukee on April 2nd.



Joey is congratulated by Gordon West at Superfest.

Joey had his call the following Monday and was on the air that evening with his new callsign KC9HJR. Joey becomes our area's youngest ham.

Per our club policy, all the new licensees were offered complimentary M&M ARC memberships for the rest of the year.

Thanks to all our VE's who participated in the March 19th testing session, including VE Coordinator Paul, WC9E, and Ed, KG8CX; Jim, AA9PB; Jim, K8IR; Jim, KC8YZA; Bob, AA9GZ; Pete, AB9PJ; and ham helper Paul, KC8YZB. And thanks again to all the club members who helped out as instructors at the Technician Classes, and especially Pete, AB9PJ, and Jim, KC8YZA, for coordinating the classes this year.

And we're not done yet. More review sessions have been scheduled for several students who want to try again. Plans are being made for another VE testing session at the Stephenson Public Library, probably on April 30th. More information will be available at the club meeting, and on the Sunday net.

SKYWARN SEASON NEWS...

Place the date of Thursday, April 21 on your calendars. That is the date of the annual Wisconsin Simulated Tornado Drill. The week of April 18-22 has been proclaimed as "Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week" in the state by Gov. Doyle. The state drill will be similar to last year's test. The "mock" tornado watch will be issued at 1:00pm. "Mock" tornado warnings for each county will be issued for different intervals as determined by the NWS forecast office for each area. It is more realistic for warnings to be given for fewer counties at one time. A tornado warning for all 72 counties in Wisconsin at once is very unlikely. If severe weather should be present in the state on the day of the drill, the test watch and warning will be postponed until Friday, April, 22 with the same time schedule. If severe weather is forecast for Friday, the drill will be cancelled.

The schedule for the Green Bay office watch/warning area is:
1:10-1:15pm - National Weather Service Green Bay issues mock tornado warning for: Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Portage, Shawano, Vilas, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago, and Wood counties.

The mock tornado watch/warning will end at 2pm

The mock activation will be put out on the official ARES / Skywarn repeater system for our area: 146.835/146.880 linked repeaters. If you are in a position to be near a radio, please check in from your particular county. State your location when you do, and state "fixed" or "mobile". If fixed, state whether you could go mobile if needed.

All severe weather alerts ("heads-up" or activations) for the link system coverage area, will be carried on the 146.835/880 repeaters. KG8CX will again function as net control. Your participation, as always, is very much appreciated.

For more information on Skwarn Activities, listen to the ARES/RACES net at 7:30pm Mondays on the 146.835/146.880 system. Following the ARES/RACES check-ins and business, net control is turned over to KG8CX for the latest Skywarn updates. All amateurs, whether ARES/RACES members or not, are invited to check-in to the Skywarn portion of the net.

HIGHWAY WATCH TRAINING...

Marinette County EC Bill Becks, WA8WG, announces that "Highway Watch" training will be held Saturday, April 23rd at 10am at the Spies Public Library in Menominee.

Bill Peterson, KB9URW will be the presenter. An invitation is extended to all members of the M&M ARC as well as to amateurs from the surrounding areas of Northeast Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

Highway Watch is a program sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and is focused at citizens that frequently travel the same areas to become aware of suspicious activity that could be linked to potential acts of terrorism.

2005 MICHIGAN QSO PARTY...

ATTENTION MICHIGAN HAMS!!!

This is just a reminder that the Michigan QSO Party is just a week away. You are invited to join in on the fun! It is the activity of Michigan hams that will make this event a success. The "word" about the 2005 MiQP is going out far and wide. We expect lots of both "out state" and "in state" activity. So, be it an hour, or the entire event, your participation and support will be appreciated. Let's make Michigan "Radio Active" on the 16th of April!!

See the details below and visit our website. <http://www.miqp.org>

Date /Time: Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z April 16th until 0400Z April 17th. Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon to 12 midnight local Michigan time on April 16)

Modes and Categories: Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, and mobile categories. Single-op entries are categorized by output power, QRP (5W or less), Low Power (100W or less), and High Power (greater than 100W)

Multipliers: Work stations once per band and mode. Work other states and Michigan Stations. MI to MI QSO' s are allowed. Work portables and mobiles again as they change county, state or province.

Exchange: Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others).

Scoring: One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Count multipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers.

Freqs: Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3850, 7225, 14250, 21300, 28450.

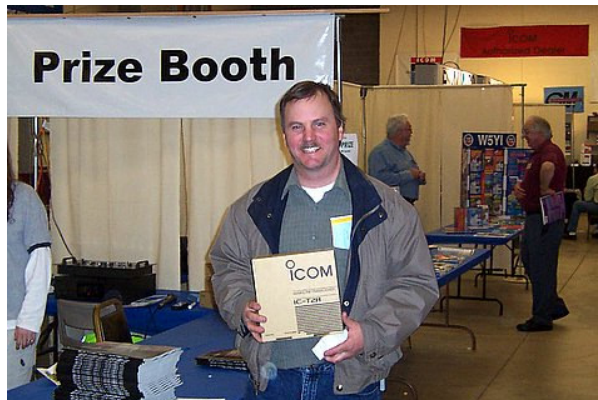
Log Submittal: Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or via e-mail to logs@miqp.org

The W8PIF team is planning a multi-single operation this year. Anyone interested in participating should contact Jim, AA9PB.

ANOTHER SUPER FEST...

At least a dozen local hams made the trek to Amateur Electronic Supply in Milwaukee for their annual Superfest Event on Saturday April

2nd. A number of manufacturers were on hand to display their equipment and answer questions, plus there were several interesting presentations put on throughout the day.



Why is this man smiling? It's Paul, KC8YZB, with the Icom 2 meter handheld that he won at Superfest. Congratulations, Paul!

RAFFLE PRIZES WANTED...

If anyone has an item for the April meeting raffle, please contact Paul, WC9E. . Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. The first raffle garnered \$50 for the club' s treasury.

FREE LIGHT FIXTURES...

Paul, WC9E reports he may soon have available as many as 50 120 volt, 2-lamp fixtures, with reflector shields, 90% in working order, to give away. If interested, contact Paul.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES...

Anniversaries:
4th - Tanya and Lou Parkansky; 5th - Diane and Jim Mans.

Birthdays:
10th - Tom Rynish; 14th - Bob Schrader.

Congratulations to all.

MINUTES OF THE M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2005

Meeting started at 7 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Introductions of members were made.

Treasurer's report was made. Checking \$677.19, savings \$863.32 for a total of \$1360.51.

A new member was introduced, Dave Christenson KA9ZRR.

Quartermaster's report was given by AA9GZ.

Fish fry Friday 18 at Little River.

Field Day Committee AA9PB and KC8WGN will chair.

Picnic Committee WC9E.

The Sunday Net had 26 people respond.

Antenna Committee WA8WG said the problem should be determined with pictures if possible. Wind causes noise?

Recommended tower climber exploratory one hour. Stabilize and clean-up junk and then/or replace jumper.

\$300 has been set aside for this.

Charter night is March 1 at The Riverfront with Dale Williams WA8EFK ARRL section manager as the speaker.

Membership is now at 60.

Election for Ham of the Year. Elected was Tom Hellem KOSN.

Give membership to new hams when they pass their test up to December of that year. It was moved by KC8WJO, seconded by AA9PB.

By-Laws Committee. Last update August of '95. The new committee is AA9PB, K8IR, and KW8WJO.

Adjourned to program given by Pete Johnson AB9PJ on PL/DL XBand.

Valerie Hallam

Secretary

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

David Cunningham NS9R

Pete Johnson, AB9PJ

PJ Johnson, Jr. W9LPJ

Tyler Lehman, KC9FKE

Rebecca Gondek K9RLG

Larry Buchholz N9OSF

Noel Beardsley, K8NB

Earl Bramschreiber KC8WJN

Jim Mans AA9PB

Ed Engleman KG8CX

Jim Callow K8IR

David Christensen KA9ZRR

Dave Arnold W8DXX

Jim Voss, KC8WJO

Bob Schrader AA9GZ

Ken Exworthy N0AWM

Bob Jarnutowski K8RJ

Bill Becks WA8WG

Paul Drees WC9E

Valerie Hallam KC8WAI

Dwight Bosselman W9YQ

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

April 14th, 2005

- 1. Call meeting to order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Recognize guests and/or new members**
Welcome to: Joyce KD8BEN, Nita KD8BEM, Gene KC9HHY, John KC9HHZ & Joey KC9HJR new hams and new members of the M&MARC.

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)**
Please come and operate with the W8PIF call sign at the Michigan QSO Party BAWA Headquarters. AA9PB with latest news.
- 7. Repeaters report**
Update on the W8PIF repeater operation.
- 8. Net report (Ed)**
- 9. Old Business....**
Update from the By-Laws Committee. AA9PB
Update from the Education Committee. KC8WJO
Hazardous materials books update. KC8WAI
Picnic update. WC9E
Field Day progress. AA9PB
- 10. New Business...**

- 11. Welcome to K0SN for an informative discussion about modeling the antennas we will be using at field day this year.**

M&M ARC CALENDAR

April 2005

14 MMARC Meeting

16 Hamfest NS9Rcfest Grayslake,
IL <http://www.ns9rc.org>

16 MI QSO Party – Ontario
QSO Party

17 Hamfest Madison
<http://www.qsl.net/mara/swap05/swap05.html>

24 Florida QSO Party

May 2005

7 Hamfest Cedarburg, WI
<http://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org/swap.shtml>

7-8 New England QSO Pty

14-15 Mid Atlantic QSO Pty

14 Fists Spring Sprint

12 MMARC Meeting

20-22 Hamfest Dayton Hamfest

27 CQ WW WPX Contest CW

June 2005

4-5 Hamfest Starved Rock Radio
Club, IL
<http://www.qsl.net/w9mks/hamfest.htm>

9 MMARC Meeting

11-13 ARRL June VHF QSO
Party

12 Hamfest Wheaton, IL
<http://www.qsl.net/k9ona>

25-26 ARRL Field Day

July 2005

1 RAC Canada Day Contest

9 SMARC Swapfest Oak Creek
<http://www.qsl.net/wa9txe/>

9 Fists Summer Sprint

9-10 IARU HF World
Championships

10 Hamfest FRRL Batavia, IL
<http://www.frrl.org>

14 MMARC Meeting – form
nominating committee

17 Hamfest Kankakee, IL
<http://www.w9az.com>

CQ WW VHF Contest

18 North America RTTY QSO
Party

August 2005

7-8 NA CW QSO Party

7-8 Ten-Ten Summer QSO Party

6-7 ARRL UHF Contest

11 MMARC Meeting

14 MMARC Picnic

21 Hamfest BARS Joliet, IL
<http://www.k9bar.org>

20 North American SSB QSO
Party

Waterfront Festival and Annual
Picnic

September 2005

8 MMARC Meeting

10-12 ARRL September VHF
QSO Party

16-17 W9DXCC Convention
Northern Illinois DX Association
<http://www.w9dxcc.com>

17-18 Hamfest Grayslake
<http://www.chicagofmclub.org/>

25-26 CQ WW RTTY DX
Contest

MMARC Hamfest and Campout, Yearly Elections

October 2005

2-3 CA. QSO Party

9-10 PA. QSO Party

8 Fists Fall Sprint

10 NA RTTY Sprint

13 MMARC Meeting

17-18 IL. QSO Party

30-31 CQ WW DX Contest SSB

November 2005

5-7 ARRL November CW SS

6-8 ARRL CW Sweepstakes

6 Hamfest Menasha, WI
<http://www.w9zl.org/>

10 MMARC Meeting

20-22 ARRL SSB Sweepstakes

27-28 CQ WW DX Contest CW

December 2005

3-5 ARRL CW 160 Meter Contest

8 MMARC Meeting

10 - 11 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

11-12 ARRL CW/SSB 10 Meter
Contest

27 RAC Canada Winter Contest