

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

April 2007

CLUB CALENDAR...

- April 12 Mock Tornado Drill
- April 12 Regular meeting
- April 15 Charter Night Banquet
- April 17 SKYWARN Training
- April 21 Michigan QSO Party

APRIL MEETING(S)...

The April meeting of the M&M ARC will be held at 7:00pm Thursday April 12th at Spies Public Library in Menominee. We hope you can attend. Also, don't forget the Charter Night Banquet on Sunday April 15th. Reservations were due April 6th for the banquet, which will include the presentation of the Ham of the Year Award, and a program presented by DAR Boys and Girls Club Director Rich Crevier.

SPRINGTIME MEANS SEVERE WEATHER...

The change of seasons brings with it the possibility of severe weather. Indeed, the local

SKYWARN net has already had one call-up as a round of severe storms crossed Northeast Wisconsin in late March. Although winter appears to have set itself in for another extended stay, you can be sure warmer weather and severe weather will soon return.

Ed, KG8CX, AEC for SKYWARN operations in Marinette, Menominee, and Oconto Counties, notes that this upcoming week - April 9-13 is "Severe Weather Awareness Week" in the state of Wisconsin.

Check this link for a wealth of severe weather info <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grb/?n=taw>

On Thursday, April 12th, beginning at 1pm, all ham radio operators that can, are asked to monitor the 146.880/835 repeater system for the annual statewide mock tornado drill. Ed will be calling up a net shortly after 1pm, and all that you need to do is to respond with your call sign, location, and whether you are "portable (HT), mobile, or fixed station." When the statewide net is completed at around 2pm, Ed will give the Green Bay weather office a count of how many spotters were able to respond. Ed will also monitor the

147.000 M&M repeater, as well as Green Bay weather on 147.270.

The Tri-County Weather Spotters Net has returned for the season. It is held Mondays at 7:30pm on the 146.880/835 link. All local amateurs interested in Weather Spotting and SKYWARN are invited to check in. The 8:30pm Sunday night ARES/RACES net on the 147.000 repeater also includes information on weather-related activities.

Weather spotters are also invited to the training session being put on by the Marquette NWS office at 6:30pm Tuesday, April 17th in the EOC (emergency operations center) at the ISD building located on 41st Avenue in Menominee (1 block west of 10th St. (Highway 41).

BREAKFAST ON THE FARM...

The second annual Breakfast on the Farm at Goddard's Maple Syrup refinery in Beaver was hosted by Dave, W9DWG and his family on Sunday March 25th. According to Dave, \$519 was raised for the DAR Boys and Girls Club Ham Radio Program. Dave hopes some of the money can be used to extend our ham radio outreach to kids in the Coleman/Pound/Crivitz area.



Many of our members pitched in to help serve a delicious breakfast of pancakes with fresh maple syrup, sausage, and potatoes. Thanks to all who attended and/or helped out to make this a very successful event.



Dave Goddard, Sr. gave a demonstration on tapping a maple tree.



A special event station was put on the air with the callsign K9S. Here KS8O watches as Josh, KD8FUF, takes his turn at the microphone.

CLASSES END, NEW HAMMS PASS TESTS...

This year's M&M ARC license classes ended on March 24th with a VE session that resulted in four more new licensees, including three who were participants in this year's classes.

Congratulations to our new Technicians, Mike Lemke, KD8FUE, Josh Marcin, KD8FUF, and Brad Sellers, KD8FUG, who participated in our classes, as well as Faithann McCoy, XYL of John, W9JJM, who came over from Sturgeon Bay

to test. Josh and Brad are the 4th and 5th kids from the DAR program to get their licenses.



Ken, N0AXM teaching basic electronics at a recent class

A big thank-you to KG8CX, KS8O, N0AXM, AA9GZ, WC9E, and K8IR (and any others I forgot) who worked as instructors in this year's successful classes, and the VE's who served at the testing sessions in February and March.

KG8CX WIN AWARDS...



Congratulations to Ed Engleman, KG8CX who was voted the 2006 Ham of the Year. Ed will receive his award at the Charter Night banquet on April 15th at the Best Western Riverfront Inn in Marinette.

The nominations for Ed noted his tireless efforts working with the kids at the DAR Boys and Girls Club Radio room, as well as his involvement in many other club activities. Ed becomes the first two-time winner of the Ham of the Year Award.



And we weren't the only ones to notice Ed's hard work. KG8CX was also presented with the DAR Boys and Girls Club's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award at the DAR Youth of the Year and Awards Banquet on March 29th.

MORE RECOGNITION FOR DAR PROGRAM...

The DAR Radio Program has picked up another award. The local club received the Outstanding Program award for best new program in the State of Michigan Boys and Girls Clubs.



DAR Hammers KD8ESI, W9JJC, and KD8FUF show off the award at the recent Breakfast on the Farm.

QCWA...

The initial meeting of the proposed NEW-UP Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association was held on March 17th at the Perkins Restaurant in Menominee. Dave, W8DXX, who has been working for many months to organize an area chapter, was elected President of the group and Jim, K8IR will be the secretary-treasurer. So far, hams ranging from Manitowoc to Escanaba have indicated interest in forming the chapter, and eight were in attendance at the initial meeting. The group plans to have a table at the UP Hamfest in Escanaba in July. 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 contact W8DXX.

A SUPER TIME AT SUPERFEST...

A contingent of at least 20 persons from the M&M ARC area descended upon the Amateur Electronic Supply Superfest in Milwaukee March 31st. Superfest gives attendees a chance to check out the latest equipment, learn about the latest trends in our hobby, and have a lot of eyeball QSO's.



Gordo congratulates DAR Hammers

Among the celebrities seen this year were ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, audio guru Bob Heil, K9EID, and author and training specialist Gordon West, WB6NOA, all of who were forum presenters.



Diann, KC9III and Bob Heil

For a change, none of the major prizes were won by an M&M ARC member, but apparently plenty of radio equipment headed north anyway, as one of the AES sales person asked if we had brought down a bus, after seeing so many sales tickets with M&M area addresses.

MICHIGAN QSO PARTY...

The Michigan QSO Party will take place on Saturday April 21st from 11am to 11pm Central Time. The exchange is a serial number and your county for Michigan stations, or state for non-Michigan stations. K8IR and KG9GH will be heading out mobile, and hope to cover all the UP counties, and maybe a couple below the bridge as well. We hope many club members will get on the air and try out this fun contest. This year, there are two new additions. The "MiQP Rookie Of The Year" plaque will be awarded to the highest finishing Michigan single-op (fixed station or mobile) entry who has never participated in an MiQP before.

A certificate commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge, which links Michigan's lower and upper peninsulas will be awarded to any entry which can spell the word MACKINAC using the first letter of the suffixes of Michigan stations worked. For example, K8IR counts as an "I", W8C counts as a "C", etc. with each QSO counting as one letter instance. A number of participants have acquired special 1X1 calls for the event. Qualification for the award

will be automatically verified during the log checking process for all entries. It is hoped that these two new awards will increase activity in the 2007 MiQP. For complete details, check out miqp.org.

Date	QTH
4/14	KD8ESI , W9KA
4/28	Rangeline Tower, W8PIF Repeater
4/29	WA8WG Repeater
5/4	KC8WAI
5/5	WC9E, KG8CX, W8SCO

HAT TEAM PROJECTS...

Spring means things are getting busy for the Ham Assistance Team. Upcoming projects include:

If you have an antenna or other radio project for the HAT team, contact Pete, AB9PJ.

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB April 12, 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. Old Business**
 - VE Session and Classes
 - Breakfast on the Farm
 - QCWA
 - Charter Night
 - Field Day
- 13. New Business...**
 - Marinette County Classes
 - Student Memberships
- 14. Announcements/ Raffle**
- 15. Adjournment**

MINUTES OF THE M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

March 8th, 2007

Call to order- 7pm

- Pledge
- Intros
- Secretary report accepted as printed in GroundWave
- Treasurer report as printed in GroundWave

-2 General Books at DAR. New tests begin July 1st.

Communications report: AES- Superfest March 30-31 in Milwaukee

-Dale Williams, MI section manager. 50th anniversary of Mackinac Bridge walk July 27-28

-August 17, 18 North Adventure- Bessemer, MI

-Oconto Falls run/walk-- more info coming

Ed- Net at least 25 check-ins since January, with many over 30.

DAR- members taking HAM classes. K8DAR- new call sign. M&M Foundation will be visiting. Waiting to hear from National Boys and Girls Clubs contest.

MMARC to take out ad in DAR fundraising book- Taste of the Town- \$100 full page ad, \$75 ½ page, \$50 ¼ page, \$30 business card. Motion--Charlie 1st, Ken 2nd. Unanimous W9DWG offered to pay the \$100 for the advertising.

Quarter Master: removed tower sections, now up to date.

Repeater: Will talk to Noel about raising the power. Will wait until the snow is gone from the roof of the hospital.

Planning: March 18 planning session advisement on HF work.

HAT: April 14- Dallas antenna.

Fundraising: no report

Old Business: license classes are very well attended. Next three Saturday mornings. VE session the last afternoon. Tentative 24th, possible 6 candidates.

Set up for Breakfast on the Farm- Sunday March 25th. Help to arrive at 8am. Start time 10am. Clean up. Bring tables and chairs. Set up radios for special events station.

Help on Saturday with VE session.

QCWA- Dave Arnold- Organizational meeting at Perkins, March 17th 10:30am. Need 5 members.

Charter Night- reservation form in Groundwave

Field Day Sites- HWY 141 (1/4 mile north of Beaver)- W9DWG. Jim Voss (on G12 after Shakey Lakes).

Skywarn training- ISD, April 17th, 6:30pm.

WI QSO party- March 11th. Ed will have DAR open.

Ed, KG8CX wins HAM of the Year!!

Adjourn 8:15pm.

Attendance- March 8th, 2007

Valerie Hallam	KC8WAI	Joe Callow	W9JJC/AG
Paul Drees	WC9E	Ken Exworthy	N0AWM
Bob Schrader	AA9GZ	Paul Sorensen	NS8V
Diann Hallam	KC9III	Eric Janssen	KG9GH
Tearlach Sinclair	KD8CHL	Dallas Blair	KD8ESI
Dave Arnold	W8DXX	Jim Callow	K8IR
Pete Johnson	AB9PJ	Bruce Conover	KC9GRC
Pam Croy	K7PAM	Jared Alfson	KC9IPS
Floyd Croy	K8ZLO	David Hodgins	KC9KXL
Gene Voelker	K9GGV	Brian Mentch	KC8VEY
Mark Erickson	KD8ESH	David Goddard	W9DWG
Ed Engleman	KG8CX	Becky Rowell	KD8DJQ
Tyler Lehman	KC9FKE		

QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT FROM WC9E

Date	Num	Transaction	Pymt	Dep	Balance
1/24		Dues		144.00	1066.54
2/27		Dues		80.50	1147.04
2/27	766	Club Insurance	320.00		827.04
2/27	767	Picnic Pavilion	45.00		782.04
3/26		Dues		4.50	786.54
3/26		Insurance		320.00	1106.54
3/26	768	Tech Books	143.86		962.68
3/26		Tech Books		171.00	1133.68

3/31/07

Checking	1133.68	Repeater Fund	363.30
Savings	688.22	DAR Fund	99.09

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