

## 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: Valerie Hallam KC8WAI

Treasurer: Paul Drees WC9E

Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

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### CLUB CALENDAR...

- April 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting Spies Library
- April 12<sup>th</sup> ARRL MI Youth Forum @ Gaylord
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Weather Spotters Training
- April 19<sup>th</sup> Michigan QSO Party
- June 28-29<sup>th</sup> Field Day
- August 17<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic Henes Park

### APRIL MEETING...

The April meeting of the M & M Amateur Radio Club will be held at 7pm on Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> at Spies Library. We'll hear reports from those who attended the AES Superfest, and continue discussing our Field Day plans. We hope you can attend.

### FISH FRY...

The success of the Fish Fry in March had members asking more, so we have scheduled another Fish Fry for Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Little

River Country Club. We'll meet for socializing and ordering at 5:30pm, and eat by 6:30. RSVP's are appreciated. Let Paul, WC9E, or Bob, AA9IB, know by April 30<sup>th</sup> if you'll be attending.

### HAM OF THE YEAR...



Eric Janssen, KG9GH was voted the 2007 Ham of the Year at the March meeting. This is the second HOTY honor for Eric, who is the lead climber on the HAT team, and has volunteered many hours helping his fellow hams. Congratulations, again, Eric.

## DX CHALLENGE...

Congratulations to Arde, KA9WAR, who won the club's DX Challenge. Arde had contacts with 160 Countries and Zones during 2007, at the bottom of the sunspot cycle.

Congratulations, Arde! He will receive a plaque from the club.

## HAT TEAM...

On Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, the HAT Team repaired the 80 meter loop antenna at the DAR Boys and Girls Club.



The ladder line feeding the 80 Meter loop antenna that was installed over a year ago failed in the wind. It was broken in at least 4 places, and has been the weak link of the K8DAR radio station.

It was replaced it with RG-8 and the 4:1 balun was moved up to the antenna feed point. The antenna tunes on 80 through 6 meters.

For a list of upcoming HAT projects, browse to: [www.w8pif.com/hat.pdf](http://www.w8pif.com/hat.pdf).

If you have a project for the team, contact Pete, AB9PJ.

## CW CLASSES...

Jim, KS8O, says he is planning on-air CW Classes once again. Contact Jim if you are interested.

## AES SUPERFEST...

M&M area hams were well represented at the annual AES Superfest in Milwaukee on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.



[Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, Photo from ARRL Web]

The Yacht Team (Young Amateur Contest Ham Team ) had a table set up, and recruited 10 new members, ages 9 to 15, from across Wisconsin. Their picture even made the ARRL Web report on Superfest:

<http://www.tinyurl.com/583tpq>.

The YACHT team now has 24 members in five states. For more information on the YACHT team, check the links on the KG8CX/M&M ARC website at [www.w8pif.com](http://www.w8pif.com).

Also at Superfest, Dave, W8DXX helped man the QCWA tables. Dave is president of NEW-UP Chapter 219. Also represented were Wisconsin Chapter 55 and Southeast Wisconsin Chapter 162.

## WEATHER NOTES...

All hams are encouraged to attend the weather spotters training on Monday, April 14, 6:30pm in the Menominee High School cafeteria. It will last until 8:30pm and conducted by the Marquette National Weather Service office. The week of April 20<sup>th</sup> is tornado awareness week in Wisconsin. Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> is the date for the annual mock tornado drill in

Wisconsin. Hams will drill on the 146.880/835/147.120 linked repeaters. KG8CX will announce the start of the drill shortly after 1pm, following the alert from Green Bay. Please check in with your callsign, location, and whether you are fixed, mobile or portable (HT).

The weekly Tri-County SKYWARN net has resumed on Mondays at 7:30pm on the 146.880/835/147.120 linked repeaters. KG8CX is net control.

Here's an interesting SKYWARN website focusing on the Upper Peninsula. It was built by the Keweenaw County Repeater Association: <http://kcra-mi.net/skywarn> .

### **MICHIGAN YOUTH FORUM...**

The first youth forum for ham radio will be held in Gaylord, Michigan on April 12th from 10am to 4pm at the Mount Hope Church. There will be demonstrations, discussions, and Q&A sessions, plus a special event station. Many young hams and potential hams are expected from throughout the state of Michigan. Attending from our area will be Joey W9JJC, Tyler KC9FKE, Jim KS8O, Ed KG8CX, and Jim K8IR. Contact KG8CX for more information.

### **MICHIGAN QSO PARTY...**

The Annual Michigan QSO Party will be held on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 11pm Central time. If you're operating from Michigan, you can work anybody, and you'll find activity on all open bands from 80 through 10. If you're operating from outside Michigan, you can only work Michigan stations. Wisconsin hams will likely find only 75/80 meters, and possibly 40meters useful most of the time due to the low sunspot numbers. The exchange is a serial number and your state (for out of state stations) or county (for Michigan stations). KG8CX plans to have the DAR station open for the contest, and a number of our other members will be active, both fixed and mobile. If you can, get on and hand out a few

QSO's. For more information see: [www.miqp.org](http://www.miqp.org)

### **FOXHUNT SET...**

Following up on his excellent presentation at our January meeting, Eric, KG9GH, has scheduled a 2 meter Fox Hunt on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>. Eric will provide the "Fox", which participants will try to track down. Get your direction finding antennas ready and have some fun. More details will follow.

### **FIELD DAY STATION LOCATOR UP AND RUNNING...**

(From the ARRL Website)

This year, for the first time, the ARRL has put together a Station Locator to help amateurs or those interested in Amateur Radio find a Field Day site near them. According to ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, many amateurs have been asking for something like this for many years: "So far, 287 groups in 45 states and 3 Canadian provinces had registered their Field Day site with the Station Locator. Give it a try and find our W8PIF Field Day site! <http://www.tinyurl.com/5bkhzp>

### **NEW CALL...**

Congratulations to John Browy, who is now KC9NDC. John passed his Technician test on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We'll look forward to hearing you on the air!

### **BUILD YOUR OWN TOWER...**

Think you can't afford a tower? Check the article by Ken Meyer K9KJM, of Sturgeon Bay in the April edition of Popular Communications on how to build a tower with only \$500. Get a taste of the article at: <http://www.popular-communications.com/> .

Click on the picture of the April issue and scroll down.

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
March 13, 2008

**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**

- AES Superfest
- License Classes
- Weather Spotter Training
- Fish Fry
- Fox Hunt
- Field Day
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**14. New Business...**

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**15. Announcements/Raffle**

**16. Adjournment**

**17. Program**

## M & M Amateur Radio Club Meeting 2-14-2008

7:05pm The pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Callow.

All members discussed their radio related activities since the last meeting.

Secretary's Report; approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report; accepted as printed.

Communications: A discussion took place among the membership about placing an add in the summer booklet for the D.A.R.. A motion was made by Mr. Engleman to place a half page advertisement in the booklet. This was seconded by Mr. Lemke. . The Motion carried unanimously.

Net Report, Doing well, 20 plus check ins weekly.

DAR. Report, The Radio room is doing well. Kids are interested. A lot of activity on school vacations..

Having some difficulty with the 80 meter loop antenna.

Quartermaster Report, Current as listed in the Web page.

HAT Team; A discussion among the membership took place regarding the past years projects.

QCWA Report; Net to be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month at 4pm central time on 3.825. This will start May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Repeater Committee; A membership discussion will take place during the New Business part of the meeting.

Old Business; License Classes; Six potential new Hams were present at the informational meeting at the Library. These candidates were paired up with Elmer's.

VE Session; One new Ham awaiting first call sign.

New Business; The membership voted to have a Fish Fry Friday night March 7th at 5:30pm at Little River. Mr. Drees will get the info out via email. Club Picnic, August 17<sup>th</sup>, Menominee City Park-3<sup>rd</sup> pavilion. Field Day; Mr. Callow said that Mr. And Mrs. Jones would be happy to have us back this year.

Planning will start soon. It's time to submit logs for the interclub DX Challenge. AA9GZ and KA9WAR have submitted logs. Logs will be accepted through the March meeting.

Repeater information; Pete relayed information to Mr. Callow and asked to have it discussed by the membership. Reliability issues are the biggest concern at this time. A very long membership discussion took place. Many people have spent a considerable amount of time trying to keep this repeater running trouble free. Pete recommended the purchase of new duplexers for \$1,255.55. Information was passed around for the members in attendance to look at. Concerns were expressed about the low number of members at this meeting making a decision on such an important topic. After considerable discussion, the membership reached an impasse. Mr. Drees made a motion to ask the repeater committee to swap out the repeater as a first step in the trouble shooting process. There is an offer to barrow/switch out on a temporary basis our repeater. This motion Passed.

Ham of the year; Hold until next month.

SKYWARN Training; April 14<sup>th</sup> to be held at Menominee High School Cafeteria. 6:30 until 8:30pm.

A second session of training will be held at the Stephenson Legion Building (W5554 River Rd., 2blocks west of the Michigan State Police Post) on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 until 8:30pm.CDT

Members Present:

K8IR	WC9E	KG8CX	KC9FKE
N9GAH	NS8V	KD8FVE	K8ZLO
K7PAM	KD8ESH		

A guest was present, a Mr.. Dan Zwickey.

# M&M Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes.

## March 13<sup>th</sup> 2008

7:00 Meeting called to order by Mr. Callow

- The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- All members discussed their radio related activities since the last meeting.
- Secretary's Report: approved as printed. (With some minor grammatical corrections.)
- Treasure's Report: Correct as printed in the Ground Wave.
- Communications: The City of Menominee is requesting donations for flowers and planters to be displayed along First Street. After a group discussion the membership decided that this was "outside" of the mission of this organization.
- Net Report: The Sunday night net is averaging 20 to 25 check ins weekly.
- The DAR Report: Ed reported that two HF radios are working. We have a feed line issue with the 80-meter loop. A discussion about the radio equipment took place. Spring Break is coming up soon, should be very busy. The Yacht Team will have a table at the AES Super fest. The membership was encouraged to stop by.
- Quartermaster's Report: Current as listed on the Web page.
- HAT. Team: At this time only 6 projects are listed on the schedule.
- QCWA Report: We will have a table at AES Super Fest. There will be a meeting at Schloegel's Bay View Restaurant May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Repeater Information: Jim Swanson has loaned the club a repeater to help trouble shoot the 147.000 issues. This should be changed out soon.
- License Class: Three of the five people have already taken and passed Technician level license..
- Fish Fry: 28 people attended the event. All had a Great time. Members present wanted to make this event happen more frequently. Plans are to have another get together the weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- DX Challenge: This contest was started 14 months ago. The results have now been totaled. The winner is KA9WAR with 160 countries and zones. A plaque will be purchased and then presented. Congratulations!.
- New Business: Weather Spotter Training will be held April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Menominee High School Cafeteria. A second training session will be planned for May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Stephenson Legion Post. Field Day 2008. We have been invited back to the Jones property in the North end of Menominee. Planning to start shortly. The Membership voted on Ham of the Year. Four candidates were in the running. KG9GH was selected. A plaque will be purchased and presented. Congratulations! Dave (W8DXX) brought in several items to raffle off. This raffle earned \$40.00 for the club. Thank You Dave.
- Members Present:

K8IR	W8DXX	KD8FUE	K8ZLO	K7PAM	N9QAA
N9OSF	KC8WAI	KC9III	KG8CX	KC9FKE	W9JJC
AA9GZ	KC9NDC	N0AWM	KG9GH	N5FVM	KD8ESH
- Robert (AA9GZ) moved for adjournment. At 8pm. Support by Diane (KC9III)

## Quarterly Treasurers report 3/31/08 from Paul Drees, WC9E

DATE	NUM	TRANSACTION	PYMT	DEPOSIT	BAL
CHECKING					
1/2/2008	779	CHRISTMAS PARTY	447.38		1549.36
1/20/2008	781	JS ELECTRONICS	120.00		1429.36
2/7/2008		DUES		99.00	1528.36
2/14/208	782	MANUALS	37.42		1490.94
2/14/2008	783	PICNIC	50.00		1440.94
3/31/2008		DEP CK RETURN	27.00		1413.94
3/31/2008		RETURN CHARGE	10.00		1403.94
3/31/2008	784	DAR AD	50.00		1353.94
SAVINGS					
2/8/2008	101	BANK INT EARNED		0.86	690.80
3/31/2008	102	BANK INT EARNED		0.85	691.65
			TOTAL		2045.59
REPEATER FUND		450.65			
HAT TEAM FUND		100.00			
DAR FUND		133.29			

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