

The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club

GROUND WAVE

Repeater Frequencies 147.00MHz & 444.075MHz
Club Net: Sunday 7PM 147.00MHz

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The MMARC Newsletter

April 2012

CLUB CALENDAR...

Apr 12 Club Meeting NWTC Rm 129
Apr 21 Michigan QSO Party
Apr 24, Weather Spotter Training
M&M Yacht Club
May 10 Club Meeting NWTC Rm 129

APRIL MEETING...

The April meeting will be held in Room 129 at NWTC at 7pm Thursday April 12th. We will conduct the election for the 2011 Ham of the Year and continue discussions on Field Day. In keeping with the Field Day theme, our program will be the video "The Last Big Field Day" which chronicles the 2004 W3AO Field Day operation which ran Class 50A! Yes, that's 50 transmitters. Thanks to Doug, KD8OVR for supplying the video. We hope you can attend. Room 129 will be the location for all of our meetings through May.

AES SUPERFEST...



As usual a good number of local hams made the trek to Milwaukee for the annual Superfest at Amateur Electronic Supply March 30th and 31st. Above are Brett, KD8NAZ, and Blake KD8ODP, Borski with Gordon West, WB6NOA at the Yacht Team booth. "Gordo's" forum is always a highlight of Superfest. There was a full day of forums as well as vendor and club displays. We're fortunate to have such an event within a day's drive of our area.

HAM OF THE YEAR...

It's time again to select the M&M ARC Ham of the Year. We're looking to honor a club member who has made an outstanding contribution to club activities or amateur radio in general in 2011. There is a nomination form in this newsletter. Nominations can be brought to the meeting, or forwarded to Jim, K8IR at jcallow@k8ir.com. The Ham of the Year Award will be presented at Field Day.

MICHIGAN QSO PARTY...

Just a month after the Wisconsin hams had their party, it's Michigan's turn. The Michigan QSO Party runs from 11am to 11pm on Saturday April 21st. There are a few differences between the Wisconsin and Michigan contests. For one thing, the Michigan QSO Party is five hours longer, with more time in the hours of darkness, which means more time down on 75/80 meters. The exchange is longer, including a signal report, serial number, and QTH. And multipliers count again on each mode, so there is more incentive to try both phone and CW. For all the rules and other information, go to miqp.org.

WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING...

As seen in recent years, America is becoming increasingly vulnerable to weather events. Significant weather threats exist even here in Upper Michigan from winter storms to wind storms to severe thunderstorms. Each year, the National Weather Service in Marquette presents Severe Weather Storm Spotter Training Presentations across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The purpose is to get communities involved in reporting important weather information to the National Weather Service. This in turn leads to better warnings which keep residents across the U.P. safe. The presentations are free, open to the public, and no advance

registration is required.

This year's National Weather Service talk lasts about 1 1/2 hours. Some of the topics that will be covered include, the public's role in building a Weather-Ready Nation, social media's role in weather reporting, a recap of last year's storms, basic radar and cloud interpretation, weather safety, etc.

Two classes will be held in Menominee county this Spring. The first will be held at the M&M Yacht Club in Menominee, MI on Tuesday, April 24th, at 6:30 PM CDT. The second will be held at the Nadeau Township Hall in Carney, MI on Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 PM CDT. Residents from across Menominee and Marinette counties are encouraged to attend.

A calendar of additional scheduled talks can be found on the National Weather Service Marquette website at www.weather.gov/mqt or find us on Facebook. Additional information is also available by calling the National Weather Service at (906)-475-5212.

By Matt Zika
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SPEAKING OF SEVERE WEATHER...

Wisconsin's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness week is April 16-20. A statewide mock tornado drill is scheduled for Thursday April 19th. A watch will be issued at 1pm, and a tornado warning will be issued at 1:45pm. For the first time state radio and TV stations will broadcast a live test warning via the Emergency Alert System during the drill. A Tri-County SKYWARN net will be called up during the drill, and area amateurs are encouraged to check in.

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