

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>



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The MMARC Newsletter

April 2013

CLUB CALENDAR...

April 11th Club Meeting NWTC
April 25th Weather Spotter Training
Menominee Boaters Lounge
May 9th Club Meeting NWTC
June 21-22 Field Day

APRIL MEETING...

The April meeting will be held at 7PM on Thursday April 11th. We're back at NWTC this month in room 130. Ham of the Year voting, Field Day, and a video on the 600CW DXpedition to Somalia are on the agenda. Thanks to Doug, KD8OVR for arranging for the program. We hope you can make the meeting.

FISH FRY...

About 25 members and guests attended a Fish Fry on Friday March 22nd at Little

River Country Club in Marinette. It was an enjoyable evening and thanks to Paul, WC9E for making the arrangements.

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 2012. There was a nomination form in last month's newsletter. Nominations can be brought to the meeting, or forwarded to Jim, K8IR at jcallow@k8ir.com. Voting will be at this month's meeting. The Ham of the Year Award will be presented at Field Day.

WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING...

The National Weather Service Marquette Office will hold a weather spotters training

session on Thursday April 25th at the Boaters Lounge at the north end of the Menominee Marina (the old water plant building). The session starts at 6:30pm. Even if you've attended weather spotter training in the past, the sessions always contain new, updated material, and are always interesting.

SIMULATED TORNADO DRILL...

As a part of Wisconsin's Severe Weather Awareness week, a simulated tornado drill will be held on Thursday, April 18 starting at 1pm. Ed, KG8CX reports he will be holding a Tri County Skywarn practice call-up on the 147.000 M&M ARC repeater for check-ins on that day. He will also be listening to the 444.075 M&M ARC repeater. If have the time and are near your HT, base, or mobile, check in with your callsign and location for this special simulated weather event. For the second year, broadcast radio and TV stations will be issuing an actual test Tornado Warning via the Emergency Alert System during the drill

AES SUPERFEST...

Once again the M&M Area was well represented at the AES Superfest in Milwaukee on April 5th and 6th , including a table promoting the K8DAR program and Yacht Team.



Pictured are Brett, KD8NAZ, Jeremy, and Tom Horvath WD8OSE. Tom was came up for Superfest from Illinois. Jeremy, 16, from Stephenson is studying for his Tech License.

A highlight of their day was when the Yacht Team was asked to staff the ARRL table while Bob Inderbitzen from ARRL HQ and Section Manager Don Michalski left for a special presentation at a forum. Photo Courtesy of Ed, KG8CX.

FCC TAKES A LOOK AT RF EXPOSURE RULES...

It may get more difficult for amateurs to prove compliance with the FCC's RF Exposure limits. The ARRL reports:

"On March 27, the FCC released a First Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and a Notice of Inquiry (ET Docket Nos. 13-84 and 03-137). The documents seek to reassess the FCC's RF exposure limits and policies, as well as to propose changes to the FCC's rules regarding human exposure to RF electromagnetic fields.

The FCC is proposing to delete the special exemptions from evaluation in the Amateur Radio Service in Section 97.13(c) of its rules.

"We appreciate that Amateur Radio operators are knowledgeable about the appropriate use of their equipment, such that separation distances are likely to be maintained to ensure compliance with our exposure limits," the FCC said. "However, since the existing amateur exemptions are based only on transmitter power and do not consider separation distance or antenna gain, exempt transmitting antennas that are unusually close to people could potentially

lead to non-compliant exposure levels." The FCC said that a separation distance of at least 24 feet would meet its proposed exemption criteria, "considering a currently exempt 50 W transmitter at VHF in accord with Section 97.13(c) and assuming an antenna gain of 6 dBd."

"The ARRL has an RF Safety Committee, consisting of experts in the field," explained ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ; "The committee members, as well as Board members and staff are reviewing the lengthy document and will formulate a response."

Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 3-14-13

- 7PM the Club Meeting was 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 club meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Approved as printed with one correction.
- Treasure's Report: KD8FUE reported that the club has total assets of \$1,644.21
- January's total club assets were reported incorrectly in the minutes, it should have been reported as \$1,576.97
- Communications: The Menominee County Emergency Manager wanted to remind all the M&M-ARC members about the storm spotter training to be held at the boaters lounge on the north side of the Menominee Marina, April 25th, at 6pm.
- NET and DAR Report: KG8CX reports the 147.000 net has been averaging 20-24 plus check-ins weekly. Echo link has been working well since its move.
- Repeater Committee: Work continues on building #2 at the transmitter site. When remodeling is complete, the 147.000 repeater will be relocated.
- HAT Team: Nothing new to report.
- QCWA Report: The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Saturday of the month at 4pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome. The next meeting date and time have not been posted at this time.
- Old Business: Ham of the year nominations are being received. AB9PJ reported that the Club Logo design is being worked on.
- New Business: The membership discussed the upcoming MCC 5K run. Field Day 2013; Members discussed power requirements, antenna and mast combinations, W8DXX is going to ask the Jones family to use their property again this year. AB9PJ talked to the membership about Breakfast on the Farm this year. The date has been changed this year so it will not conflict with field day. This event will take place on June 30th. AB9PJ is requesting help with this event.
- Power monitoring/metering. W8DXX showed a number of power meters that he owns/has used over the years.
- Members present at the 3-14-2013 meeting: KD8FUE KG8CX
K9GGV KG9GH N9OSF KD8SGR KC9VIH KC9ZES AB8PJ AG9P N9CON
AC8IO N9GLT W8DXX AB9QC KD8OVR KD8ESH K8IR Taylor Johnson was also present at this meeting.
- The next Club meeting will be April 11th at NWTC in Marinette.
- A motion to adjourn was made by K9GGV, support was provided by AC8IO. This motion passed without opposition.
- This meeting adjourned at 8:05pm 3-14-13.
- Submitted by KD8ESH.

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