

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, 2016

CLUB CALENDAR...

April 13 Michigan Tornado Drill
April 14 Club meeting NWTC
April 16 Michigan QSO Party
April 16 Wisconsin Tornado Drill

APRIL MEETING...

The April meeting will be held Thursday April 14th at 7pm, in Room 127 at NWTC Marinette. We hope you can attend.

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS...

While so far April has given us mostly winter-like weather, we are embarking on the time of year where severe Thunderstorms and Tornadoes become possible. Both Wisconsin and Michigan will be holding simulated Tornado Drills the week of our meeting as part of their Severe Weather Awareness weeks. Michigan has scheduled their drill for Wednesday April 13th at 12:30pm Central Time. Wisconsin's

drill will be held on Thursday April 14th with two simulated Tornado Warnings at 1:45pm and 6:55pm. In all cases, the National Weather Service will be issuing Tornado Warnings through their systems. While it is a test, the actual tornado warning code will be used, which will activate weather radios and the Emergency Alert System on broadcast radio and TV stations and Cable. Ed, KG8CX will start up a SKYWARN net Thursday at 1pm on the 147.000 repeater. You are asked to check in if you are able with your call, location, and whether fixed, mobile, or portable. Ed hopes to monitor the repeater during the evening test from the Club meeting room at NWTC. The tests are usually cancelled if there is the possibility of real severe weather on the day of the test.

STORMSPOTTER TRAINING...

Spring is also the time for SKYWARN storm spotter training.

The Marquette National Weather Service office will hold a training session on Monday May 9th at the Menominee Country Annex building in Stephenson.

The Green Bay Weather office is offering a Storm Spotter Web Seminar on Tuesday April 19th at 6:30pm. This is limited to residents of Northeast Wisconsin. Go to <http://www.weather.gov/grb/spotterschedule> for information on how to sign up.

MICHIGAN QSO PARTY...

March saw the Wisconsin QSO Party. Now it's Michigan's turn. The Michigan contest is 12 hours long, from 11am to 11pm Central Time on Saturday April 16th. Michigan stations can work anyone. Other stations can only work Michigan. Besides being a longer contest, the main differences from the Wisconsin QSO Party are a longer exchange which includes a serial number, and a separate multiplier for Phone and CW for each county, which is an incentive to find stations on each Mode. Complete information is available at miqp.org. K8IR and KG9GH plan to be on the road again this year, activating about 25 counties in the Northern Lower Peninsula and Eastern Upper Peninsula.

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You can place your order with the club.

N9GRK SILENT KEY...

Former club member Don Conant, N9GRK, of Marinette passed away on March 6. He was 85 years old. Don first learned ham radio while serving in the Air Force during the Korean War years. He lived in Marinette after his retirement.

Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 3-10-16

- 7:00pm The Club Meeting is called to order. The Club President led the Membership in the Pledge of allegiance.
- The Members each discussed their radio related activities since the last Club meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Approved as printed in The Ground Wave.
- Treasurers Report: KD8FUE reported that The Club has total assets of \$1,215.05
- Communications April 13th will be Michigan's State wide Tornado test. Richard Sexton reported that May 9th at 6pm will be The National Weather Service Storm Spotting class. Matt Zeka will be the presenter. The Wisconsin State wide Tornado Drill will take place on April 14th. There will be an afternoon warning at 1:45pm. This year there will also be an evening warning at 6:55pm.
- Quartermaster's Report: Nothing new reported at this meeting.
- Net and DAR Report: Local Net on 147.000 is doing well.
- Old Business: Tent Purchase: A discussion about the Type of/size/number needed took place among the members present. A decision is to be made at the next Club meeting. Also more information will be discussed about 501-C3 status.
- New Business: KG9GH presented a video titled "The next 100 years of Amateur Radio."- "Ham Radio, Now What?." This was a very good, forward looking view of Amateur Radio's future. Interesting thoughts. Definitely worth watching again. Thank you Eric.
- Repeater Committee. The UHF Repeater roof top components were recently inspected. It was reported that everything looks good.
- QCWA Report: The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Sunday of the month at 8pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome.
- Member's present at the 3-10-16 meeting: K8IR
KD8ESH N0AWM KD8FUE AC8IO N9CON K9GGV KG9GH
AG9P W8DXX WC9E N9OSF Also in attendance: Mr. Richard Sexton,
Menominee County Emergency Manager.
- A motion to adjourn was made by N9OSF, support provided by KD8ESH. This motion passed. The next Club meeting will be April 14th, 7pm at NWTC Marinette. Room 127.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. 3-10-16.
- Submitted by KD8ESH. .

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