

## 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>



### Officers:

President: Jim Callow K8IR  
Vice President: Bob Schrader AA9GZ  
Treasurer: Paul Drees WC9E  
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

May 2009

### CLUB CALENDAR...

May 14<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Spies  
May 15-17 Dayton Hamvention  
June 11<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Henes  
June 27-28 Field Day  
July 9<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Yacht Club  
August 1<sup>st</sup> SAGBRAU  
August 8<sup>th</sup> Waterfront Festival Special Event  
  
August 16<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic

### MAY MEETING...

The May meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>. We will hold a vote for the 2008 Ham of the Year. KS8O will discuss plans for a Fox Hunt at Field Day. We also need to start firming up plans for Field Day, and we'll get an update on the repeater replacement project. We hope you can attend. It's the last meeting at Spies Library until fall. Next month, we'll meet at Henes Park.

### HAM OF THE YEAR...

We're a little late, but we will vote on the 2008 Ham of the Year at the May meeting. Ed, KG8CX has nominated Dave Arnold, W8DXX for the award base upon Dave's many contributions to the club including providing prizes for monthly raffles and at the Club Picnic, where his Ham Bingo is always popular. Dave's 10KW Generator and his Kubota tractor have provided reliable power at Field Day for several years. He was also instrumental in securing the Field Day site we have used for the past two years. Last year he let us use his tower and beam which gave us a very effective setup. Dave also was the driving force in establishing a local chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association. All this, and Dave's support of the club and it's activities are reasons Ed has nominated Dave.

Other nominations will be received up to meeting time on Thursday. Contact K8IR if you would like to submit a nomination.

The Ham of the Year Plaque will be presented at Field Day this year.

### **REPEATER UPGRADE...**

Thanks to some early donations from some generous members, by the April meeting we felt we had the resources to go ahead and purchase the new Kenwood repeater. Even after paying for the repeater we will have several hundred dollars in the treasury to get us through our other obligations during the rest of the year. Any additional donations are most welcome. Just send a check to the P.O. Box, or bring it to the meeting.

### **WEATHER SPOTTER SEASON...**

Members of the Tri County Skywarn have been busy already this spring. Besides a couple of activations and participation in the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin State-wide Mock Tornado Drill, several members attended a Weather Spotter Training Class on April 21st M & M Yacht Club. This training session was conducted by the Marquette National Weather Service Office, and contained several very interesting new pictures and videos of weather phenomena. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Bill Becks, WA8WG gave the team a very interesting program on APRS and it's uses by weather spotters in the field, as well as on software that can be used to display and interpret Doppler Radar images. Don't forget the weekly Tri-County Skywarn Net at 7:30pm Mondays on the 146.880/146.835 linked system.

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

The 2009 Michigan QSO Party was held Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, and the M&M ARC was

well represented. The club's W8PIF call was on the air from KS8O's Wallace location.



Future ham Derek, W9JTL and KC9FKE operate at W8PIF

KS8O reports most of the operation was run by W9JTL and 4 youths ages 11 to 14. Operators included KC9FKE, K8MBI, KC9MLD, KS8O, KG8CX, W9JTL, KD8FUE, W8SCO, and K9KI. The operation netted 237 contacts.

K8IR and KG9GH went mobile, hitting all U-P counties except Chippewa.



It was K8IR's 8<sup>th</sup> MIQP mobile trip, his third with KG9GH. This year the team used KG9GH's truck with antennas that reached nearly as high as the 14 foot clearance on the Portage Lift Bridge in Houghton. The team made 652 contacts during the 12 hour contest. Results are expected to be announced by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
May 14, 2009

**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**

- Repeater
- Michigan QSO Party
- Field Day
- Airport Event
- SAGBRAU
- Waterfront Festival Special Event

**14. New Business...**

- Ham of the Year Election
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**15. Announcements/Raffle**

**16. Adjournment**

**17. Program-Foxhunting**

## • M & M Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes 4-9-2009

- 7:00pm The Meeting is called to order...The Club President led the Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance..
- The Membership discussed there radio related projects/activates since the last meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Accepted as printed in the Ground Wave.
- Treasure's Report: Accepted as printed in the Ground Wave. A total of \$1,522.61 is the current balance in the Club's accounts. Several very generous donations have been received toward the purchase of the new repeater. WC9E explained to the members how the club spends the money that it receives from membership dues.
- Communications: A letter was read from The City of Menominee. The City is requesting funds to help support the hanging flower basket program. The Membership decided to take no action on this request.
- The NET Report: KG8CX reports that the net had 25-26 check ins last week,
- The DAR, Report: Activity in the radio room is doing well. The Menominee DAR Radio room has received an award as "The Best Existing Radio Program in The State of Michigan". This is a very nice honor to this program and those involved. Good Job.. The DAR Radio Room did very well with the Wis. QSO party. The CQ Magazine article was passed around to the membership. This is a very nice article about the DAR radio room and the YACHT group.
- Quarter Master's Report: The Quarter Master's report is current and up to date as listed on the web site.
- Repeater Committee: Condition of the transmissions seem to be varying. Signal seems to get better with the length of time that is being used.
- HAT Team: Now is the time to get your project on the calendar for this summer. Please talk to AB9PJ for scheduling.
- QCWA Report: QCWA had a booth at The AES Superfest, 24 plus members registered. Several members from Chapter 165 were present. The Chapter 165 is a Global Woman's chapter. QCWA Net had 6 check ins on 3.835Hz.
- Old Business: Repeater Funding was the first topic discussed in this portion of the meeting. Questions were raised regarding tax status, (501C or not) from a historical Club perspective. A Pro-and-Con discussion of the different tax statuses for The Radio Club took place. Fund raising and the direction of The Club activities also took place. Mr. Callow and Mr. Drees discussed with the membership how much money is now available.. A motion was made by KS80 to purchase the new repeater from J&S Electronics. The motion was seconded by KG8CX. There was no further discussion, This motion passed unanimously.
- New Business: Michigan QSO Party at KS80's residence. To be held April 18<sup>th</sup> in Wallace Michigan. Six antennas available, room for three transmitters, the clubs tent will be set up outside, hamburgers and brats will be cooked on the grill. Please come and participate in the radio fun. Field Day 2009: discussion about antennas, equipment, and a review of last years station. Will finalize requirements at the next club meeting.. We have received one nomination for "Ham of the Year" Mr. Arnold (W8DXX) has been nominated. We will vote on this next month. No new information received on the Airport Fly-in or the SAWBRAW bike Tour. Waterfront Special Event Station: Mr. Callow will enter the paper work. Paul, (WC9E) has decided to step down from the duties as the VE. Coordinator. Pete, (AB9PJ) will be taking over these duties.
- A Power point presentation was put on by K8IR and KS80 about contesting for the Membership. They included a logging program software demonstration. Thank You for sharing this information

with us..

- The Raffle brought in \$36.00 dollars. Thank You W8DXX for bringing in the materials.
- Members present;  
K8IR      KD8ESH      WC9E      K8MBI      K8SO  
KD8KMT    KG8CX      KG9GH      K8ZLO      K7PAM  
W8DXX      KD8FUE      N5FVM      AB(QC      KG9FKE      AB9PJ
- Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.
- Submitted by KD8ESH

### **TREASURERS REPORT BY WC9E**

Checking	\$1308.85
Savings	\$694.76
TOTAL	\$2003.61

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