

The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club

GROUND WAVE

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

60 Years

Web Page <http://w8pif.com>



ARRL
Affiliated Club



Officers:

President: Jim Callow K8IR
Vice President: Jim Pearson KS8O
Treasurer: Bob Schrader AA9GZ
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

May 2010

CLUB CALENDAR...

May 13	Club Meeting at Spies
May 22	VE Session 9am NWTC
June 10	Club Meeting Henes
June 26	Field Day
August 7	Waterfront Special Event
August 15	Picnic
Sept 18	Oconto Fly-in

MAY MEETING...

The May meeting of the M&M ARC will be held Thursday May 13th at Spies Library. This will be the last meeting at Spies until fall. We'll review a busy month of activities, and continue preparation for Field Day and other upcoming activities. Members who did not attend Charter Night can pick up their copy of the updated Club History Book. We hope you'll join us.

CLUB CELEBRATES 60 YEARS...

Members and guests gathered at Schusslers Supper Club in Peshtigo on Saturday April 24th

to celebrate our 60th anniversary as an ARRL affiliated club. Dale Williams WA8EFK, the Michigan ARRL Section Manager and his wife Judy were our specials guests. Dale talked about the future of amateur radio and how the ARRL planned to address that future. Club President Jim Callow, K8IR took an audio-visual trip back to 1949, the year the club was chartered, to see what amateur radio was like back then, and some of the issues facing the hobby. Other Highlights of the evening were the presentation of the 2009 Ham of the Year Award to Pete Johnson, AB9PJ, and presentation of 50 year certificates from the Quarter Century Wireless Association to Tom Zeratsky, K8ICO.

VE SESSION SCHEDULED...

An ARRL VE session will be held at NWTC in Marinette with registration at 9am Saturday May 22nd. Anyone wishing to test for their license or an upgrade can contact Pete, AB9PJ at ab9pj@yahoo.com .

2009 HAM OF THE YEAR...

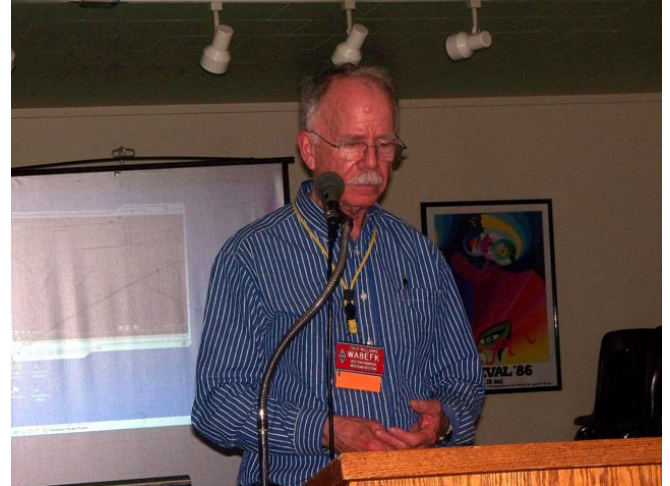


Pete Johnson, AB9PJ was presented the 2009 Ham of the Year Award at Charter Night. In his nomination, it was noted the work Pete has put in upgrading the 147.000 repeater system, his creation and coordination of the Ham Assistance (HAT) Team which has performed antenna, tower, and other projects for numerous hams and repeater groups, both locally, and around Northeast Wisconsin, his construction of several APRS digipeaters, and his active involvement in ARES/RACES. Pete is also the ARRL VE coordinator for the club. Congratulations on a much-deserved award, Pete.

CHARTER NIGHT IN PICTURES...



Before the Charter Banquet, Dale Williams, WA8EFK, toured the DAR Boy and Girls Club Radio K8DAR station. Shown left to right, Hunter, K8MBI, Jim, KS8O, Ed, KG8CX, and WA8EFK.



Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams, WA8EFK talks about the future of Amateur Radio at the Charter Night Banquet.



Jim, K8IR (L) and Dave, W8DXX (R) present QCWA 50 year licensed, and 50 years continuous licensed awards to Tom Zeratsky, K8ICO. All three are members of QCWA Chapter 219.

444.075 REPEATER...

Since we've installed a newer Motorola MXR5000 repeater, activity has been practically non-existent. Where are all of you who have 70cm capabilities? Perhaps once or twice a week, the same two or three people will use it. This machine is a much newer and more efficient repeater. It has about 70 watts out,

compared to about 30 with our old repeater. Motorola audio is known for its high quality, and it's definitely heard on the 444.075. So, if you get the chance, and have the capability, throw your call out. You might get a surprise and a response.

ANTENNA BUILDING SESSION AT KS8O



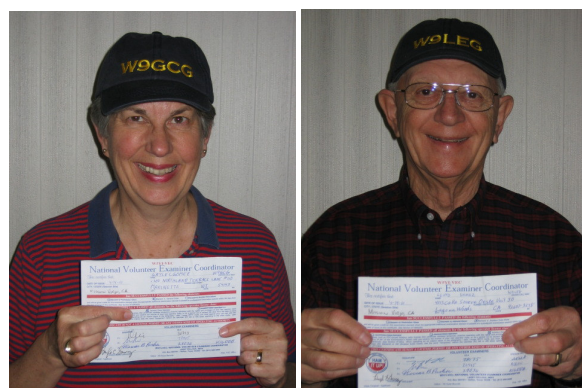
On Saturday May 1st, several local hams gathered at Jim's QTH and spent several hours building antennas. Participating, along with Jim, were K8IR, KG8CX, W8SCO, N5FVM, and K8MBI. Charlie, W8SCO build an HF wire, and Hunter K8MBI built a 10 meter antenna. Hunter already strung his up, and is now on 10 meters waiting for the next big opening. While there, Jim K8IR put a new connector on the length of coax for the second K8DAR antenna. Following the antenna construction, our resident chef, Hunter, prepared some delicious brats for a nice meal. Thanks to Jim Pearson KS8O for hosting the event and procuring the brats

K8DAR PUTS 2ND ANTENNA IN OPERATION...

The Menominee D.A.R. Radio Club has now returned to a two antenna operation, with the installation of a 40 meter dipole. The antenna had been in place for about a month awaiting some extra coax to connect with what was already in place. That was done on May 3rd thanks to Pete Johnson, AB9PJ, who climbed on the DAR roof and connected the new length of coax.

The new antenna was specifically built by Eric KG9GH to address the lack of a 40meter capability. We now have all HF bands available to the station, with the exception of 160 meters. The station has two HF rigs, a Kenwood TS-570S with built in tuner, and a Heath SB1400 connected to a digital tuner. The possibility of adding a third rig comes this summer when Lloyd Gomez W9LEG brings a Kenwood TS520 with him. It may need some realignment and work however. Other improvements are on the horizon for the DAR ham station.

CLUB MEMBERS UPGRADE...



Congratulations to Lloyd Gomez, W9LEG and Gayle Gomez W9GCG who upgraded recently at their winter residence in Laguna Wood, CA. Lloyd passed his Extra class exam and XYL Gayle her General exam. They will be back in the M&M area by May 25th or 26th, and be here for the summer and early Fall.

HAM BREAKFASTS...

Remember the monthly breakfasts held on the first Saturday of each month. They usually start around 8:30 to 9pm at Perkins Restaurant in Menominee. The next one is scheduled for June 5.

NEW REPEATER ON AIR...

N9NIQ has installed a repeater in Pound connected to the statewide WIN network. The frequency is 442.000, PL 100.0 . For more information about the WIN network go to: <http://www.winetwork.org/repeaterguide.htm> .

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

May 13, 2010

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 (Bob)

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. Youth Liason Committee (Tyler, Derek)

14. Old Business

- Charter Banquet
- AES Superfest
- Michigan QSO Party
- Antenna Building Day
- Storm Spotter Training
- VE Session
- Field Day
- Oconto Fly-in

15. New Business

- Waterfront Festival Special Event
- Summer meetings

16. Announcements/Raffle

17. Program -Echolink

18. Adjournment

M & M Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes 4-8-2010

- 7pm The Meeting is 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 meeting.
- The Secretary's Report: Accepted by the Membership as printed.
- The Treasure's Report: Accepted as printed in The Ground Wave.
- Communications: Our Club is being asked to support The Nomination of Wisconsin Section Manager Don Michal ski W9LXG or the Joe Knight Distinguished Service Award. A letter will be composed and forwarded to the Club Secretary. The North American Center for Emergency Communications is looking for Amateur Radio Operators to join/assist with their cause.
- NET Report: Weekly check-ins averaging over twenty. The post Net communications have been very interesting of late. Amateur Radio Operators from Japan, Southern California, and Maine have participated in these discussions on Echo Link.
- DAR Report: Several students are looking forward to becoming Amateur Radio Operators soon. The DAR needs 50 feet of coax so the second antenna can become operational. The DAR program will have a display at The AES Superfest.
- Yacht Program: 63 Members and 19 Coaches.
- Quartermasters Report: Current and up to date as listed on The Web page.
- Repeater/HAT Team: The 444.075 Repeater replacements have been installed. The MSF-5000 has an out put of 70 watts. This is approximately 2.5 times the power of the old unit. A Thank You in order to all of those who helped to install this new unit. AB9PJ asked the membership to consider donating the unused UHF Repeater to the ARES/RACES linking project in NE Wisconsin. After some discussion a motion was made to donate the Club's unused UHF repeater to the Linking Project be KS8O. This motion was supported be NOAWM. This motion passed unopposed. If you require help with a radio project, please contact AB9PJ for dates available. KG8CX, KS8O, or AB9PJ are available to act as Project Managers.
- QCWA Report: Chapter 219 will have a booth at the AES Superfest. A reminder to the membership that the QCWA Net takes place on the Second Saturday of each month. The Net is held at 4pm central time, on 3635 kHz. (Alternative frequency is 3838 kHz.)
- Youth Reprehensive: Will be attending the AES Superfest.
- Up-Coming Activities: Michigan QSO. Party April 17th K8IR will be working CW on 80/40/20meters. The Charter Banquet is April 24th with Mr. Dale Williams. The New Historical Booklet for the 60th Anniversary is being worked on by KS8O, AB9PJ and KG8CX. The Ham of the Year Plaque will be presented at The Charter Night Banquet. May 1st is Antenna Building day at KS8O's residence. May 6th at 6:30pm is Storm Spotter Training.

This training will take place at the Menominee Yacht Club meeting room. This is located behind the Band Shell on Marina Drive. A VE Testing Session is scheduled for May 22nd at 9am. The testing will be held at the NWTC Campus classrooms. Field Day is June 26th 2010. KS8O asked that Club Members to contact local officials and ask that they visit our Emergency Radio Station. A discussion among the membership followed regarding specific equipment that is available and set-up requirements. September 18th is The Oconto Fly-in. A discussion about equipment requirements and location took place. Much discussion took place about facility access at the Airport, two-way communications on-site, and involvement of younger Amateur Radio Operators in this event. More on this event in future Club meetings...

- Charter Night: April 24th. Mr. Dale Williams will be arriving Saturday. He and his Wife will be staying at The Best Western Hotel. A new booklet is being developed for the Membership for Charter night.
- A Motion for adjournment was made by AA9GZ. Supported by AB9PJ. This motion passed unopposed at 8:17pm April 8 2010.

- Members Present:

KG8CX	KS8O	N5FVM	WC9E	KG9GH
N9ZF	AA9GZ	K8IR	NOAWM	W8DXX
N8OQU	K9GGV	AB9QC	KD8ESH	AB9PJ

- Submitted By KD8ESH.

MEETING
DATES

Year: 2010

Balance from 2009 \$528.08

M & M Amateur Radio Club

Credits to date \$813.70

Savings Account \$395.86

Debits to date \$746.41

Checking Account \$595.37

Total Club Assets \$991.23

Balance on hand \$595.37

Opening Bal	528.08	601.08	546.08	584.08	595.37	595.37	595.37	595.37	595.37	595.37	595.37		
Credits	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			100.00
DX Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Merchandise Sold	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Meals Collected	0.00	0.00	0.00	387.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			387.70
VE Exams	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Auction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Raffle	36.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			56.00
Members Dues	207.00	45.00	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			270.00
Subtotal	243.00	45.00	38.00	487.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			813.70
Debits													
Repeater	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Supplies J & S	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Electronics	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			120.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
DAR	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			100.00
VE Exams	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Restaurant Meals	0.00	0.00	0.00	432.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			432.41
Merchandise	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			50.00
Misc Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			44.00
Subtotal	170.00	100.00	0.00	476.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			746.41
Closing Bal	601.08	546.08	584.08	595.37	595.37	595.37	595.37	595.37	595.37	595.37			

Reviewed by Robert Schrader, Treasurer

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