

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

May, 2015

CLUB CALENDAR...

May 14 Club meeting NWTC
May 15-17 Dayton Hamvention
May 18th Storm Spotter Training
June 11th Club Meeting

MAY MEETING...

The May 14 meeting will be held on Thursday May 14th at 7pm at NWTC Room 127. Although several members will be on their way to Dayton that evening, we will hold a meeting. Field Day planning will be among the agenda items. We hope you can attend.

DAYTON HAMVENTION...

The 63rd Annual Dayton Hamvention will be held May 15-17th. A good sized contingent from our area will be attending the nation's largest ham radio gathering.

Ed Engleman, KG8CX, co-founder of Y.A.C.H.T. (Young Amateurs Communications Ham Team) program, will be a presenter at the Instructors Forum Friday morning at 10:30am. Ed will speak on Promoting Ham Radio to Youth in a Boys and Girls Club Setting and Creating and Maintaining Activity and Interest through an Echolink Youth Group and Net.

Some YACHT members will be presenters at the Saturday morning Youth Forum.

We're proud to have one of our members presenting at this national event.

WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING...

The National Weather Service has scheduled the annual Menominee County Storm Spotter Training for Monday May 18th at 6:30pm at the Menominee County Annex

Building in Stephenson. The training session is always interesting, whether it's your first time, or whether you are a veteran storm spotter.

There is also on-line training. Information is available on the Green Bay NWS website at <http://www.weather.gov/grb/skywarn>.

SUCCESSFUL VE SESSION...

There will be a couple of new callsigns on the air shortly, as we had two successful candidates at the VE Testing Session at George Webb's in Peshtigo on Saturday May 9th.



Mike Christopherson



Scott Luedtke

Mike Christopherson passed both the Technician and General Tests, and Scott Luedtke passed his Technician Test. Congratulations, guys!

A VE Testing session will be held at Field Day on June 27th.

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?...

The FCC has allocated a new LF band, 135.7 to 137.8 kHz, to the Amateur Service on a secondary basis. Allocation of the 2.1 kHz segment, known as 2200 meters, was in accordance with the *Final Acts* of the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07). The Commission also has proposed a new secondary 630 meter MF allocation at 472 to 479 kHz to Amateur Radio, implementing decisions made at WRC-12. No Amateur Radio operation will be permitted in either band until the FCC determines, on the basis of comments, the specific Part 97 rules it must frame to permit operation in the new bands. Amateur Radio would share both allocations with unlicensed Part 15 power line carrier (PLC) systems operated by utilities to control the power grid, as well as with other users

The FCC said it wants to hear from both PLC system users and radio amateurs regarding technical requirements it would have to put into place to permit both users to operate comfortably and without compromising the PLC systems. The Commission suggested that other requirements might include limits on antenna heights, transmitter power limits, and operating privilege limits based on license class or mode. The ARRL will file comments in the proceeding.

The FCC will accept comments for 60 days following publication of the *Report and Order, Order, and Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in the *Federal Register*. Reply comments would be due 30 days after the comment deadline.

Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 4-9-15

- 7:00PM 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: The minutes were accepted as printed in The Ground Wave.
- Treasure's Report: KD8OVR reported that the club has total assets of \$1,079.87
- Communications: None noted.
- Wisconsin QSO Party: K8IR reported that He and KG9GH logged 570 contacts in the Wisconsin QSO Party. Congratulations, Once again, you both did very well.
- NET and DAR Report: KG8CX reported that The Yacht Net is doing very well. The Sunday net is drawing 20 to 25 participants every week. Dayton 2015: KG8CX will be speaking at the Instructors Forum on Friday. On Saturday,- four members of the YACHT group will be presenting during the Youth Forum. The YACHT membership has risen to 127 operators. Considering a Special Events Station for The 100 year anniversary of the DAR.
- Repeater Committee: Both repeaters are working very well. AB9PJ talked about programming tips for the Baofeng radio.
- HAT Team: Please contact AB9PJ or KG9GH with requests for assistance.
- QCWA Report: The next meeting will be held April 25th at 9am. The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Saturday of the month at 4pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome.
- Old Business: AB9PJ reported on the Club Logo. Work is continuing, we should have a sample in the next couple of weeks. "The Ham Breakfast" is held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9IS at George Web's restaurant in Peshtigo.
- New Business: Weather Spotter Training will be scheduled soon. KG9GH informed the membership that the IEEE Group would like to see a demonstration on Amateur Radio Communications. AG9P led a discussion with the Membership about the possibility of using a Digital Repeater that he would provide. This system could be installed on the current "Harbors" antenna... This system would be able to transmit pictures. This repeater does have a GPS mode. This would be an upgrade to our current systems. A motion was made by K8IR to "move forward with the Coordination of a second VHF frequency, and to work with AG9P on the acquisition of the digital repeater." Support was provided by KG9GH. This motion passed unopposed. "Relay for Life" will be held on June 28th. Communications help would be appreciated. Field Day 2015: Still planning on the Jones property, bathroom facilities have been ordered. Tent rental is \$155.00. No screened sides are available with this style of tent. More information next month.
- Member's present at the 4-9-15 meeting:
KD8OVR K8IR KG8CX AG9P N0AWM AC8IO K8BKA
KD8ESH AB9PJ K9GGV AB9QC AC8IO AA8UT N9OWD
W9CYN KC2IIT KG9GH Also attending this meeting: Taylor Johnson and Scott Luedtke.
- The next Club meeting will be May 14th at NWTC. Room 127. 7PM.
- A motion for adjournment was made by AC8IO. Support provided by KD8OVR, this motion passed unopposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm 4-9-2015. Submitted by KD8ESH.

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