

The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club

GROUND WAVE

Repeater Frequencies 147.00MHz & 444.075MHz

Club Net: Sunday 7PM 147.00MHz

Simplex DX Spotting and Ragchew Frequency 146.55

Web Page <http://w8pif.com>



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President: Jim Callow K8IR

Vice President: Bob Schrader AA9GZ

Treasurer: Paul Drees WC9E

Secretary: Valerie Hallam KC8WAI

The MMARC Newsletter

June 2006

JUNE MEETING...

The June meeting of the M&M ARC will be held on Thursday June 8th at 7:00pm at Henes Park. We try for the third pavilion, and usually get it, but if it's being used we'll try one of the other pavilions. We'll be making our final Field Day plans, so please try to attend. In past years, some members have come out early and had a picnic supper before the meeting. Hope to see you there.

WELCOME NEW HAMs AND NEW MEMBERS...

A VE Testing session was held May 14th at the Twin County Airport. Congratulations to the following new Technician Class licensees:

Dave Hodgins (Crivitz) - KC9JND

Barb Hodgins (Crivitz) - KC9JNF

Nick Smith (Menominee) - KD8DQQ

Ashley Linsmeier (Menominee) - KD8DQR

Nick and Ashely are members of the local

Civil Air Patrol group. Dave also passed his General written test at the same session.

And congratulations to Paul Sorenson, KC8YZB who upgraded to Extra Class at the session!

Welcome to our new members: David and Barb Hodgins and family . Bruce Conover- KC9GRC, and Dan Nyman- W9DLN, a former member who rejoined last month.

FIELD DAY JUNE 24TH...

The annual Field Day event will be held on June 24th and 25th at the KC8WJN QTH in Menominee Township. Operating hours are 1pm local Saturday to 1pm local on Sunday. Setup can begin Friday afternoon. A VE session is planned at the site Saturday morning (See below). KS8O and the Menominee County ARES/RACES have taken the lead on organizing the event. This year's Field Day will have a theme of "get a

kid on the air.” We are going to invite youngsters from the DAR boys and girls club, as well as any Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the area that wish to attend.

Also, Saturday afternoon there will be the first annual HAM ROAST sponsored by the Menominee County ARES group. A pig-roast dinner will be followed by the selection of a Local ham to be roasted, in public, amongst his or her fellow hams.

Please try to attend sometime during the weekend. A map to get to the site is included in this Ground Wave.

Thanks to Earl and Marge Bramschreiber for hosting us again this year.

VE SESSION AT FIELD DAY...

Paul WC9E reports the next VE testing session is planned for Field Day on Saturday June 24th, with registration at 9:30 and testing at 10am.

After the candidates have passed, they will be able to enjoy and participate in the Field Day Event in the afternoon.

Contact Paul if you plan on testing at the session, or can participate as a VE.

HAT TEAM ON THE ROAD...



On Saturday May 20th the Ham Assistance Team traveled to Sturgeon Bay. With the

assistance of John, KB9VXJ, the HAT team did some repairs to the antennas at Clayton, W9OVO's QTH.



On June 2nd, the HAT team erected a 110 foot tower at KS8O's QTH in Wallace. The HAT team's biggest project to date took the whole day and evening. Shown are Eric, KG9GH and Shannon, N9RUU attaching a section to the tower, which is topped by a Diamond VHF/UHF antenna. A total of 15 HAT team members participated in the project. Bob, KB8ZXE, president the Green Bay Mike and Key Club came up to observe how our HAT Team works. KS8O says he can't say thanks enough to the team for their help.

SUMMER AT THE D.A.R. ...



The amateur radio presence at the DAR Boys & Girls Club of Menominee and Marinette

continues at a high visibility level. Over 80 youngsters have passed through the "radio shack", and most of those have had at least one opportunity to make their first radio contact. The DAR is preparing for the summer session which begins on June 12th. It will be open from 6:30am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. The DAR ham radio communications room will also reopen with the addition of a dedicated computer for call sign checks, and other ham radio related activity. Classes leading to the initial Technician license will begin on Tuesday June 13th. They will run from approximately 12:45pm to 2:15pm Tuesday through Thursday. The Gordon West book will be used along with appropriate learning activities to help the youngsters with various concepts. At this point nine DAR members have signed on for the class to be conducted by KG8CX and KS8O. Other M&M ARC members will hopefully volunteer their expertise and experience from time to time. If you would like to become an "Elmer" to a bunch of future hams, contact Ed or Jim, and we can provide for a opportunity for you to contribute to another generation of hams. The photo shown here illustrates the continuing interest ham radio has for many DAR youngsters. Stop in and feel the excitement. More information will be provided at the June meeting

YO-YO PICNIC ON JUNE 17TH...

John, KB9VXJ reports the 2006 Yo-Yo Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 17th, at the Pavilion at Holtwood Park in Oconto, where it has been since the 2nd generation restarted the tradition in 2002. It will be much the same as in the past.... No reservations, no fees, no donations are expected (or accepted). He figures to be there around 10am or so, but

the pavilion is ours for the day, so anyone who is there earlier is fine. Show up when (and if) you can, whenever and however long you wish. Please bring your own food and beverages.

Feel free to pass the word around to anyone as ALL are welcome...Whether you ever checked into the Net or not, or even if your a Ham or not. Talk-in will be on 146.55 Simplex.

The Yo-Yo Net is held each Saturday evening at 8pm on the Crivitz repeater (145.470).

KIDS DAY...

The next ARRL Kid's Day event is June 17th. Kid's Day is intended to encourage young people (licensed or not) to enjoy Amateur Radio. It can give young people hands-on on-the-air experience so they might develop an interest in pursuing a license in the future. It is intended to give hams a chance to share their station with their children. The hours are 1800 to 2400Z. The suggested exchange is Name, age, location and favorite color. You are encouraged to work the same station again if an operator has changed. Call "CQ Kid's Day." Suggested Frequencies are 28350 to 28400 kHz, 21380 to 21400, 14270 to 14300 kHz and 2-meter repeater frequencies with permission from your area repeater sponsor. For more information, see the ARRL Website. KG8CX and KS8O hope to have the DAR station on the air for the Kid's Day event.

DAYTON 2006...

By Jim Callow, K8IR

For anyone passionate about ham radio, the Dayton Hamvention is something you need to do at least once. I'm fortunate to have a

brother-in-law who lives near Dayton, so I've been able to attend the last seven in a row (if the count of my Yaesu hats is correct). My wife and her sister come along, and they enjoy a family get-together while I play radio for a couple of days. It's a win-win situation.

After making the trip for several years, I find I spend less time in the flea markets and the exhibits, and more time in the seminars and renewing acquaintances. As a contester, it's a chance to meet the faces behind those callsigns I work every weekend.

Some observations about the Hamvention:

The attendance, which peaked around the year 2000, has fallen off a bit. Higher gas prices and some other growing events have kept some people away. Part of the problem was the larger attendance was stretching the capabilities of the Hamvention facility and staff. The good news is they got their act together, and it's run a lot better than a few years ago. I didn't wait for a bus more than 4 minutes this year. That's service!

The Flea Market continues to shrink, as the Internet market place has become an alternative. It's still huge, but nothing like it used to be. If you're a boat anchor collector, this is the place for you. There are also plenty of vendors of those electronic parts for your projects.

Hamvention always has a great lineup of forums covering all areas of amateur radio. The problem is deciding which ones to attend. You never are able to get to all that sound interesting, so you have to pick the ones of greatest interest to yourself. This year I started by sitting in on a presentation about the "ham friendly" Motorola BPL system. The Antenna Forum is always a must-attend. This year's speakers stressed the safety aspects of tower projects. Saturday

I started with a forum on software defined radios (SDR'S). It was standing room only. I was aware of these radios, which use a PC to do the demodulating and signal processing, but I was amazed at the performance of these radios. They continue to evolve at a rapid pace. Then I stopped in to hear Riley Hollingsworth of the FCC give his annual speech. He reminded repeater operators they need to take more responsibility for what happens on their systems. Next was the DX forum, with presentations on the major Dxpeditons of the past year, including KP5, 3Y0X, and K7C. The stories and pictures are always fascinating, and you get a real appreciation for the efforts some go through so you can get a QSL card from some obscure corner of the earth. I finished the day at the contesting forum, which included a presentation on mobile contesting, one of my top interests.

Besides the forums I attended, there are many others in the areas of public service, youth and education, and special interests such as County Hunting, VHF/UHF/Microwave, AMSAT, RTTY, QRP, and many, many others.

Plus, you get to see all the latest equipment from the equipment vendors. The new Yaesu FT-2000, due out in July looks very interesting.

Hamvention 2007 dates are May 18, 19, and 20. Start thinking about making a trip now!

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES/BIRTHDAYS...

Congratulations to Larry and Nancy Buchholz on their June 20th anniversary.

Birthdays celebrated in June are: Larry N9OSF, 10th... Tim Mellenthin, KB9ZKN, 13th... Tom, K0SN, 26th...Al KG9BI, 27th.

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

June 8th, 2006

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. **Old Business**
 - Field Day
 - Club Apparel
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13. **New Business...**
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14. **Announcements/Raffle**
15. **Adjournment**
16. **Program**

MINUTES OF THE M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

May 11, 2006

MMARC- Called to order.

Pledge

Introductions

Secretary report accepted as printed.

Treasurer report accepted as printed

Communications- KF4MH from Florida sent a letter to Ed to congratulate the work done with the DAR.

ARRL- Bay Lakes Boy Scout- JOTA sub-committee. Looking for people to be on council. Contact Kevin Hinz KC9EYA ucbsa@new.rr.com

Ed- Net- 32. Quartermaster inventory on Internet.

Tent NS9R- Requested for field day. KS8O

Motion by Ed for 10 Gordon West Tech books. 5 by DAR; 5 by Club. KS8O second the motion.

Unanimous passed.

R7 antenna for DAR donated by W8DXX.

Repeater Committee: Connectors donated by unnamed person. Waiting for one more part. Tower climber 3-6 weeks. Climbers cost should come down, due to shared work. Motion by Charlie to increase to \$750. Second by Larry. Vote unanimous passed.

New members: David Hodgins and family - no call sign yet. Bruce Conover- KC9GRC. Dan Nyman- W9DLN.

HAT Team- Pete. Tyler- tower down. Eric taught PJ how to climb a tower. Next project Saturday afternoon Dave- silo project. Need 4-5 people. Sunday no projects; VE session.

VE session 3pm at airport. 4 VE's available.

Field Day- June 24th. Boy and Girl Scouts, DAR. 3 stations. At Earl Bramschreiber's place. Pig roast, ham roast, bring plate to pass. Tables needed. Budget for Field Day \$150. Motion by Pete, second by Charlie. Vote unanimous passed.

Approximately 17 kids per week at DAR using HAM equipment.

EAA- T34's fly-in July 22. July 25th- Julie Clark- communications.

Old Business: none

New Business: New members motion by Bob, second by Joey.

Next meeting--June 8th- Henes Park pavilion.

Club apparel—Look into pullover microfibre with embroidery. Polo's, sweatshirts, hoodies, etc...

Mi-WI Coop ARES net Sunday 8:15pm.

Adjourn- motion by Bob, second by Shannon.

Those in attendance:

Valerie Hallam	KC8WAI	Robert Schrader	AA9GZ
Jim Callow	K8IR	Kurt Berge	K8BKA
Paul Drees	WC9E	Dan Wagner	N9OWD
PJ Johnson	W9LPJ	Arde Nelson	KA9WAR
Jed Buechler	K9JDB	Joe Callow	W9JJC
Ed Engleman	KG8CX	Larry Buchholz	N9OSF
Tyler Lehman	KC9FKE	Nancy Buchholz	KA9UZY
Bruce Conover	KC9GRC	Dan Nyman	W9DLN
Jim Pearson	KS8O	Pete Johnson	AB9PJ
Tearlach Sinclair	KD8CHL	Taylor Johnson	-----
Pam Croy	K7PAM	Shannon Rysewyk	N9RRU
Floyd Croy	K8ZLO	Diann Hallam	KC9III

Treasurer' s Report:

Checking:

DAR	\$20.09
Repeater	\$577.75
General	\$146.32
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Total Checking	\$744.16
Savings	\$ 683.17
TOTAL	\$1427.33

Please notify WC9E if you have a raffle item for the June meeting. Our coffers need replenishing and our membership thanks you for your support.

