

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>



Officers:

President: Jim Callow K8IR

Vice President: Valerie Hallam KC8WAI

Treasurer: Paul Drees WC9E

Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

June 2008

CLUB CALENDAR...

June 12th Club Meeting Henes Park

June 28-29th Field Day

July 10 July meeting

August 9th Waterfront Festival Special Event

August 17th Club Picnic Henes Park

JUNE MEETING...

The June meeting will be held Thursday June 12th at Henes Park. We try to use the 3rd pavilion, by the deeryard, but since we don't reserve it, we could end up at another pavilion. We'll be making final Field Day plans, so we need you there. We'll also fire up a grill about an hour before meeting time, so if you'd like, bring something to grill up for dinner.

REPEATER UPDATE...

By the time you read this, or shortly thereafter, the new duplexer should be on-line at the

147.000 repeater. At the May meeting, a motion to purchase a TX RX Systems, Inc. duplexer model number 28-37-02A was approved unanimously. The total cost, included shipping, was \$1,360.50, which almost totally depleted the club checking account. However, thanks to some generous donations received at the May meeting, the balance is up by another \$400, which should get us by. Further donations are most welcome.

Pete, AB9PJ, reports the duplexer has arrived on site, and should be put on-line shortly. Thanks to AB9PJ for taking care of ordering the duplexer, which we all hope will take care of the problems that have been affecting the 147.000 machine.

FIELD DAY...

The 2008 ARRL Field Day Activity will be held from 1pm Saturday June 28th until 1pm Sunday June 29th. The M&M Field Day will again be

held on the Ken and Debbie Jones property at the west end of 32nd Avenue in Menominee, south of the Water Tower. We can begin setup anytime after 1pm Friday. We're hoping to get up a beam this year, since W8DXX has a tower and beam on the ground at his adjacent QTH. We are planning a VE session at 10am Saturday on the Field Day site. We hope everyone can stop by at least for a little while over the weekend. We'll finalize our plans at the June meeting.

INAUGURAL FOX HUNT A SUCCESS...

By Eric Janssen, KG9GH

On May 24th, The MMARC hosted a hidden transmitter locating exercise "Fox Hunt". The Foxhunt was scheduled to start at 10:00AM, didn't get on the air until 10:10 due to my technical difficulties. The first problem was a loose Cigarette lighter plug that kept ejecting it's self out of the socket. Then I forgot to turn the volume down on my remote fox, which triggered a "turn off" just after it got done transmitting. Once I cobbled every back together with a large twist tie, and adjusted the volume, the fox did its job perfectly.

The fox transmitted a pre-recorded message for 10 seconds then a tone for 20 seconds, then it paused and stopped transmitting for 1 minute and a half, then it repeated over, Every 2 minutes, giving enough time for every body to take signal strength measurements, and drive a little closer towards the fox.

I also placed a few fake foxes around town, to confuse the hunters. I know of at least one was checked out by a few of the hunters.

Clues were given about every ½ hour as to where the fox was hidden, I think the clues helped, because the fox was found by everybody within an hour and a half.

I found it very interesting that I didn't see a single directional antenna, everybody used HT's and various methods of body beaming to

attenuate the strong signal, which was heard all over the Marinette/Menominee area.

We had a great turnout, I checked in 13 people. The following hams and future hams were able to locate the transmitter and show up for cookout after:

Taylor Johnson AB9PJ, Third Party and her dad AB9PJ, K8IR & W9JJC, KG8CX & KC9FKE, Art & Jeff Lewis (no call), KD8ESH and KG9GH.

KS8O checked in and out again because of a CW contest the same day.

Also checking in were W9JJM from Door County, and K9XOK who was passing through the M&M area.

Congratulations to TAYLOR JOHNSON who was the first to find the hidden transmitter, her dad said she was overwhelmed with joy and let out a very loud scream of happiness! Great Job TAYLOR.

Taylor won the special ham radio fox hunting prize. (see picture below)



I had a great time, and I hope this type of activity keeps on happening.

Eric, KG9GH

Editor's note:

A big thanks to KG9GH for not only setting up the fox, but for grilling up an excellent post-hunt meal for the participants.

MICHIGAN YOUTH CONFERENCE REPORT...

Unfortunately, none of our members were able to make the first Michigan Youth Conference in April due to a snowstorm. But it still was deemed a success in this report:

From Simon Boehme, KC8ZYD ARRL
Michigan Section Youth Coordinator

When Michigan SM Dale Williams, WA8EFK and I first met up at the hotel in Gaylord, we were both unsure of what the potential of this Conference . We had a total of 7 youth participants (not including myself). The youth came from Midland, Grayling, Shepherd & Lansing. The ages ranged from 11 years old to 14 years old.

YAM time. Youth Assessment of Michigan was the primary focus of the Conference. We hoped to gather what the youth thought of Ham Radio and how to get more youth involved. This was the most time spent at the Conference and involved all of the youth and the adults. Dale was the Official Scribe while I tried my best to open the brains of the youth and see what their ideas, views, and observations of Ham Radio in Michigan were. We took many pages of notes on the big poster board and those notes are in the current stages of being copied and analyzed into a final report. Look in the future for this report.

At the conference we were also lucky to have the Civil Air Patrol trailer to demonstrate what they do and special event station N8ES. Many of the young Hams made a few connections on HF and for those who connected with us, will be receiving a certificate. To say the least, it was a highly successfully day.

One step I would like to make, and as some could put it, my first "Official Act" is to challenge all the clubs across Michigan. Operation license the YOUTH! Each club in the Michigan Section will try to get a minimum of 5

licensed hams under the age of 19 by September 25th. Those who reach this or go beyond the goal will be recognized at the Kalamazoo ARRL Michigan Section Conference in October.
73,

Simon KC8ZYD

YO-YO PICNIC SCHEDULED...

CQ CQ... The 2008 (7th Annual) Yo-Yo Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 21st. After a little scrambling and internet research, (due to procrastination on my part), I have decided to call and reserve the Pavilion at Copper Culture State Park in Oconto early next week. It was available as of Thursday, and there is a picnic grounds and museum there too.

As usual, it will be a "bring what you want" as far as food or beverages. (Keeps me from cooking, hihi). No fees, no reservations, and like I said, bring what you want.... Those that want to bring something to share will not be turned away, however.... Devious, aren't I??? I've always gone home overfed...

I hope to arrive around 11 AM or so, but anyone can arrive and leave as they please, and as usual it's not restricted to Hams, etc., all are welcome to show up, meet in person, and chew the rag!

Talk in will be on the 145.470 moved " Rudy Peater", the Park is located on Mill St., 1/4 mile west of Highway. 41. Feel free to pass this info on, and any changes that take place, I'll let you know.

73, John
KB9VXJ

NEW VANITY CALLSIGN...

Hunter Mans is now K8MBI (M-ichigan's B-ig I-ndian) as a tribute to his grandpa Al KG9BI (Big Indian), who is well known amongst many Michigan hams.

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
June 12, 2008

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

- Fox Hunt
- Field Day
- Waterfront Festival Special Event Station
- Picnic
- Club Youth Ham Challenge
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14. New Business...

- July meeting

15. Announcements/Raffle

16. Adjournment

17. Program

M & M Amateur Radio Club Meeting 5-8-2008

- 7pm The meeting was called to order. The club President led the membership in The Pledge of Allegiance.
- Secretary's Report: A revised copy of the club meeting minutes 4-10-2008 was passed out and was approved as written.
- Treasure's Report: WC9E was not present; Mr. Callow informed the membership about account totals. Several members contributed to the repeater fund at this meeting.
- 2 Meter Net Report: KG8CX was not present. Mr. Callow commented on problems with the repeater. One Sunday the Net was switched to the 146.880 repeater due to interference problems more information on this topic latter in the meeting.
- Dar Report: A late season snowstorm prevented area members from attending the Youth Forum in Gaylord Michigan.
- Quarter Masters Report: No report.
- QCWA Report: Next meeting is May 10th, 12noon at Schloegel's Bay View Restaurant.
- Old Business: The Weather Spotter Training classes had a very good turn out.. The National Weather Service will present a class at the Menominee Yacht Club titled "Weather Over Water." This class is scheduled for April 28th at 6:30pm. The Fish Fry had 18 members present. The event received a lot of positive feed back. A Fox hunt will take place May 24th. Check in will take at 10am. On 147.550.
- HAT. Report The membership was told about the project at W8SCO's residence.
- New Business; The June meeting will be held at The Menominee City Park. (5-12-08) We will be in the third Pavilion. (By the deeryard.)
- Repeater Problems: The intermittent problem has been found. The written report is in the Ground Wave. The membership present reviewed this problem from a historical perspective. It was also brought up that this repeater is important to our young members as they are using HT's. Questions were also raised from the members present on how the repeater fund is to be used. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by KC8WJO to purchase two new duplexers for the 147.000 repeater. This motion was supported by KG9GH. The motion carried; there were no opposing votes.
- Members Present:

K8IR	KD8ESH	KA9WAR	
AA9GZ	K9GGV	K8ZLO	K7PAM
KC9VDC	KG9GH	N5FVM	KC8WJO
			W9JJC
- A motion for adjournment was made by AA9GZ. Meeting ended at 7:50pm.

5/31/08 Treasurers report from WC9E

Checking	\$65.44 (plus \$400 in donations received)
Savings	\$692.51
Total	\$757.95
HAT	\$100.
DAR	\$133.29
Repeater	(\$897.25)

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