

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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Vice President: Bob Schrader AA9GZ
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The MMARC Newsletter

July 2009

CLUB CALENDAR...

July 9th Club Meeting Northland
Lutheran Terrace Estates Meeting Room
July 25th Airport T-34 Event
August 1st SAGBRAW
August 8th Waterfront Festival Special Event
August 16th Club Picnic
September 10 Club Meeting Spies

JULY MEETING...

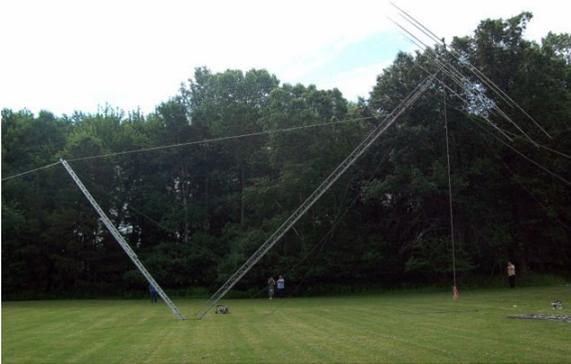
The July meeting of the M&M ARC will be held at 7pm on Thursday July 9th at the meeting room at the Northland Terrace Estates on Shore Drive in Marinette. This is a change from the previously announced location at the M&M Yacht Club. We have held the July meeting at the Yacht Club for several years, but since our meeting always coincides with the Thursday Night Concert in the Park, parking has been a

big problem that night. Lloyd and Gayle Gomez offered the meeting room at their QTH at Northland Terrace Estates on Shore Drive in Marinette. Some of our long time members will remember we met there several years ago when Mike Anuta, W8HKY (SK) was a resident there. There is a map in the back of this newsletter that should help you find the location. You turn off Shore Drive not too far north of Bay Area Medical Center. Members coming from the south can turn off US41 at the County T Intersection and follow T past the Mall, around the curve and then straight to Shore Drive where you take a left, and watch for the Northland Terrace Estates sign on the left. From the north, come down Shore Drive in Marinette, and you'll be turning right a couple of blocks before the Hospital Entrance.

We'll review Field Day, and discuss plans for the Waterfront Festival Special Event Station and picnic as well as get updates on the Airport Event, SAGBRAW, and the club picnic. We hope you can attend.

FIELD DAY...

The 2009 Field Day was a success by nearly any measure. The only disappointment was the rain Saturday afternoon which forced cancellation of the Fox Hunting on the grounds. Other than that, it was great weekend. There were plenty of hands on deck both at setup and takedown, which allowed a smooth and safe operation.



Using that mechanical advantage

This year the tower grew to 50 feet, and went up effortlessly thanks to KG9GH's planning and the use of the cantilever method. K8IR and NS8V lent their FT1000MP's so we had two fine rigs, and K8IR's 500 watt amp along with the tower and beam gave us a very satisfactory run (CQing) station. And run we did. Last year we knew the lack of operators in the chair was holding down our score.



Paul, NS8V running 20 meter CW

This year, there were 16 operators with 8 of those being youth. NS8V manned the run

station Saturday afternoon and evening. KS8O filled the overnight shift, and K8IR sat in during the Sunday morning run to the finish. Others who spent time in the chair included KC8FKE, K8NB, KG8CX, WC9E, KC9NWW, KG6KWY, KC9QCQ, KC9MLD, K9KI and several others.



Katie, age 8, on 40 phone, with the help of K8IR

Of special note was 8 year old Katie Hruska, who's been stopping in at the DAR Radio Room for a couple of weeks this summer. Katie came out with her dad, Troy Saturday evening and put 16 contacts into the log in about 45 minutes on 40 phone, getting some nice compliments from the operators on the other end. Katie has a very bright future in ham radio! We ended up with about 1335 contacts, nearly doubling last year's number!



W8DXX gets his HOTY plaque from K8IR

Besides the operating portion of Field Day, we had a successful VE session that turned out two new hams, and a nice Saturday night meal at which we formally presented the Ham of the Year award to Dave, W8DXX.

Thanks to some nice publicity from the Eagle-Herald and local radio stations, we had many visitors over the weekend, some who came out specifically because of the news articles to find out what ham radio is about. A total of 69 persons attended Field Day over the two days.

Field Day is a demonstration of the capabilities we have as a club when we tap the resources of each member. A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out and helped or provided some equipment or supplies. Special thanks to Dave, W8DXX, who again lent us his tower and beam, provided the tractor and generator that gave us a steady and reliable emergency power source, and procured the wonderful site. Thanks to Ken and Debbie Jones for allowing us to invade their yard again this year. Thanks to Mark, KD8ESH, who always seems to have a source for a needed item, no matter what it is. Mark donated the diesel fuel for the tractor. Mike, KD8FUE lent a rig for the K8DAR tent, among other contributions. Thanks again to Eric KG9GH for helping us safely erect our tower. Safety is something we sometimes take for granted, but must never forget, as the next article details. Thanks to everyone who brought something for the dinner. Again, thanks to everyone, and we're already looking forward to next year.

FIELD DAY TRAGEDY...

In case we need to be reminded that safety must be job number one, this article from the ARRL Letter...

A tower accident during Field Day preparations around 11 AM EDT on Saturday, June 27 claimed the life of Larry Prelog, KE4PM, of Niles, Michigan. Prelog, a member of the Blossomland Amateur Radio Association, was airlifted from Watervliet to a Kalamazoo hospital where he passed away early Sunday morning. He was 57. BARA Public Information Officer Matt Severin, N8MS, told the ARRL

that Prelog "...was very passionate about Amateur Radio and was very involved in club activities. He was the driving force behind the first high altitude balloon launch for our club. Larry was the kind of guy who would give you the shirt off his back even if he didn't have another one for himself. He will be dearly missed."

FOUR NEW HAMS IN FOUR DAYS...

On Saturday June 27 at our Field Day ARRL VE session, we had two successful candidates: Gayle Gomez KC9QCR and Anna Marten KC9QCQ.



Gayle and Anna

Their calls were posted on the FCC website on Tuesday, only three days later.

Then on Wednesday, the local W5YI testing team followed up with two more successful candidates: Mike Schultz, the son in law of W7LT Dave, and Derek Hockin, a DAR member from Stephenson. Their calls will be coming shortly.



Mike and Derek

Congratulations and welcome to ham radio!

Also, at the session, Paul Drees WC9E, officially turned over the reins of the M&M ARC ARRL VE Coordinator to Pete Johnson AB9PJ.



WC9E

AB9PJ

Many thanks to Paul for all the years he faithfully carried out VE testing sessions for the club. Anyone wishing to test for their initial license, or to upgrade can contact Pete for information on upcoming test sessions. The area has two excellent VE organizations for immediate or almost immediate testing....the M&M ARC VE program and the W5YI program administered by Jim Pearson, KS8O. Over a dozen local area hams are authorized by one or both VE organizations, so setting up a testing session will not be a problem.

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI SWORN IN AS FCC CHAIRMAN...(From the ARRL)

On the afternoon of Monday, June 29, US Supreme Court Justice David Souter -- in one his last official duties on the high court -- swore in Julius Genachowski as the new Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. Genachowski, who clerked for Souter after finishing law school, will complete the four years remaining in the term of outgoing FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein. Both Genachowski and current FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell -- Genachowski for his initial term and McDowell for his first fullterm -- were confirmed by the US Senate on June 25. Adelstein has been nominated by President

Obama to be the Administrator for the US Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS); a nomination hearing before the Senate's Agriculture Committee is scheduled for July 7.

Genachowski praised Adelstein's record, thanking him for his more than six years of "outstanding public service" as an FCC Commissioner. "Throughout his tenure at the Commission," Genachowski said, "he has tirelessly championed the public interest. The FCC and the public have benefited greatly from his rich understanding of media and technology policy, and his devotion to the democratic process. While I regret that I won't have the pleasure of serving with Jonathan at the FCC, I look forward to forging a strong partnership with him in his future work."

Commissioner Michael Copps, who had served as Acting Chairman since the resignation of then-Chairman Kevin Martin this past January, welcomed Genachowski to the Commission, saying Genachowski begins "what promises to be a public-spirited and distinguished tenure as Chairman. He knows the FCC well, brings impressive private sector and technology experience with him, and enjoys deserved renown for innovative thinking and new approaches. I look forward to working with him on the many issues awaiting his attention."

Copps also expressed his thanks for Adelstein's tenure on the Commission: "Jonathan and I have worked closely together on so many issues that it makes it hard for me to imagine a Commission without him. Our thoughts most often run in the same direction, whether the issue is media, broadband, rural America, the disabilities communities, reaching out to non-traditional stakeholders or upholding a shared vision of the public interest.

There has been no word as to when Commissioner McDowell will be sworn in for his new term.

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
July 9, 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

- Field Day
- Airport Event
- SAGBRAW
- Waterfront Festival Special Event
- Picnic

14. New Business...

- 2009-2010 Election process

15. Announcements/Raffle

16. Adjournment

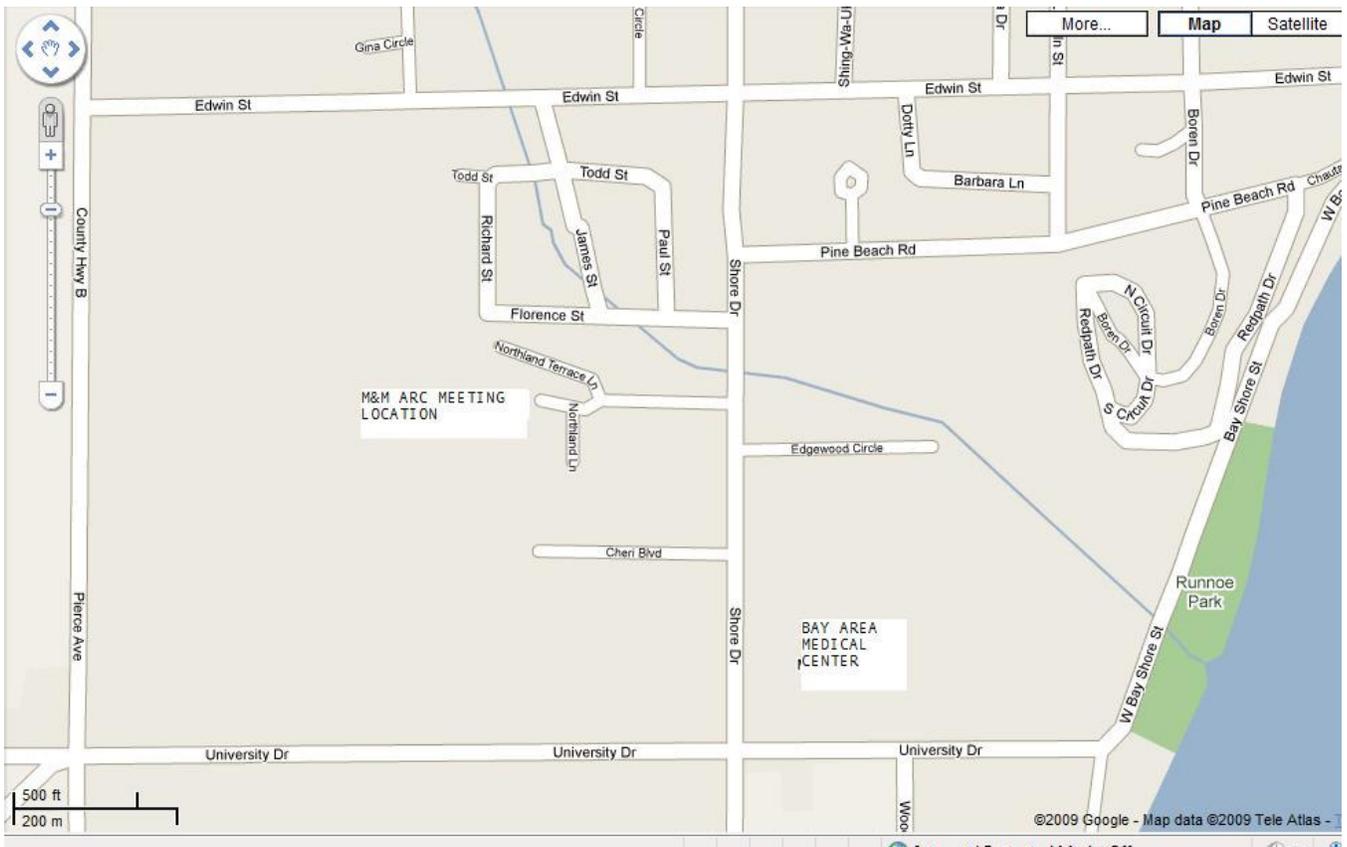
- M & M Amateur Radio Club Minutes. 6-11-2009

- 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/activities since the last meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Accepted as printed in the Ground Wave.
- Treasure's Report: Accepted as printed in the Ground Wave.
- Communications: Nothing new since the last meeting.
- The NET Report: KG8CX reported 27 check-ins last week. The Repeater is still working well. No date for the replacement unit as of yet.
- The DAR Report: Many changes to the station at the DAR. KG6KWY (Lloyd) has been providing a lot of assistance with improving the computer operations in The Radio room. The DAR's Radio Room is now set up as a full fledged contest station. Thank You to W8DXX for the donation of the "Ham Call CD" to the DAR program.
- The Quartermasters Report: The Quartermaster's report is current, and up to date as listed in the Club's web page.
- The HAT Team: KG9GH reports that three projects have been completed so far. If you have a project, please contact AB9PJ to be placed on the docket.
- QCWA Report: The Next meeting will be August 1st at the UP. Hamfest in Escanaba Michigan. at the Fair Grounds.
- Old Business: Field Day 2009 preparations, Set-up is to take place at the Jones property after 3pm on Friday afternoon. KD8ESH to order the bathroom and get fuel for tractor, K8IR to get additional tent frame pieces. A discussion about better anchor points for the antenna guy wires took place. W8DXX offered his beam again this year. WC9E said that he would bring his PSK radio and would run the VE testing session for the last time before turning over The Testing Administration duties to AB9PJ. The Saturday evening meal would be at 5pm. Please bring a dish to pass. The Club will provide water and soda. Menominee Waterfront Festival Special Event Station, We will be in need of operators to work the radio during this event. The Menominee Amateur Radio Club Picnic is to be held August 16th. Members are being asked to bring a dish to pass, Mrs. Drees is being asked to coordinate the food selection. NS8V has volunteered to bring bratwurst. The membership thought that a silent auction would be a good idea.. More information on this topic at the next meeting. The July meeting of The M & M ARC. Will be held at the Northland Terrace meeting room. Northland Terrace is located across from the Hospital off of Shore Drive. The Club would like to thank Lloyd and Gayle Gomez for the use of this meeting room. The next club meeting will be held on July 9th at 7pm.
- Members present for this meeting:

K9GGV	KC9FKE	KG8CX	W8DXX	KC6KWY	K8MBI
NS8V	KD8FUE	KG9GH	K8IR	WC9E	AA9GZ
N5FVM	K8BKA	KD8ESH			
- A call for Adjournment was made by AA9GZ at 7:55pm. Support for this motion was provided by KD8FUE. This motion passed unopposed. Submitted by KD8ESH.

QUARTERLY TREASURERS REPORT BY PAUL DREES, WC9E

Date	Num	Transaction	Pymt	Dep	Balance
4/10/2009	797	Picnic Pavilion	50.00		777.85
4/30/2009	DEP	Repeater Fund		510.00	1287.85
4/30/2009	DEP	Raffle		36.00	1323.85
4/30/2009	DEP	Dues		27.00	1350.85
4/30/2009	798	P.O. Box Rental	42.00		1308.85
5/26/2009	DEP	Repeater Fund		135.00	1443.85
5/26/2009	DEP	Raffle		51.00	1494.85
6/30/2009	DEP	VE Exam		45.00	1539.85
6/30/2009	799	VE Exam	45.00		1494.85
Savings					694.76
Total					2069.28



Map to July meeting location at Northland Terrace Estates

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