

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>



Officers:

President: Jim Callow K8IR
Vice President: Pete Johnson, AB9PJ
Treasurer: Mike Lemke, KD8FUE
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

June 2013

CLUB CALENDAR...

June 13 Club Meeting NWTC
June 22-23 Field Day
June 30 Breakfast on the Farm
August 3 Waterfront Special Event
August 18 Picnic
September 12 Club Meeting

JUNE MEETING...

The June meeting will be held at 7PM on Thursday June 13th in room 130 at NWTC. We will do the final planning for Field Day. We also have an excellent program planned. Our friend, Jack Hudson, W9MU will be in town Thursday and wants to try out a program on antenna and transmission line modeling that he is working on for the DX University at W9DXCC in September. As we talk about Field Day antennas, this should be a timely and interesting program. Please try to attend.

HAM OF THE YEAR IS KD8ESH...

By unanimous vote, Mark Erickson KD8ESH was voted Ham of the Year 2012. In nominating Mark, Ed, KG8CX cited Mark's participation in on our MCC Run/Walk events and SKYWARN, his participation in Field Day, his acting as Secretary of the Club for several years, and his being a fine representative of ham radio throughout the community. Mark will receive his plaque at Field Day.

FIELD DAY...

The M&M Amateur Radio Club will again set up our Field Day station on the Jones property at 32nd Avenue and 18th Street in Menominee. Setup will begin Friday afternoon June 21st. The operating hours are 1pm Saturday June 22th to 1pm Sunday June 23rd. We hope to erect the tower in the late afternoon on Friday and

take it down after 1pm on Sunday. Those are the times we need as many hands as possible. We hope everyone will take a turn in the operating chairs when they are available.

Other Field Day activities include a VE Session at 10am Saturday. Let Pete, AB9PJ know if you would like to test. The traditional Field Day picnic supper will be held at about 5pm Saturday. Join us and bring a dish, salad, chips, or desert to pass K8IR will be grilling some burgers, hot dogs and brats. We hope you'll be able to take part in this important and fun event.

YACHT NET RETURNS TO LOCAL REPEATER...

Ed, KG8CX has announced the weekly YACHT Youth net will return to the W8PIF repeater. The net has been running through the Michigan Conference Node for several weeks. Hams of all ages are welcome to check into the net which is held at 7pm Saturdays either on the 147.000 repeater, or via the W8PIF Echolink node 481872.

NEW ARRL LEADERSHIP IN WISCONSIN...

Wisconsin will have a new Section Manager as of July 1: Gary Sorensen, W9ULK, of Oxford, has been appointed Wisconsin Section Manager. ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, made the appointment after current Wisconsin Section Manager Don Michalski, W9IXG, of Madison, announced that he was stepping down. Patton received Michalski's recommendation and consulted with ARRL Central Division Director Dick Isely, W9GIG, before making the appointment official. Michalski has served as Section

Manager since July 1999. Sorensen will complete the current term of office that continues through June 30, 2014. He is currently the Wisconsin Section Emergency Coordinator and a Public Information Officer.

Don, W9IXG has been a good friend of the M&M ARC and the DAR program, and we thank him for his service as Section Manager and wish him the best.

MODEST INCREASE PROPOSED FOR VANITY CALLSIGN FEE...

From the ARRL...

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on May 23, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs by 20 cents. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$15 and is good for 10 years. The new fee, if approved, will go up to \$15.20 for 10 years.

The NPRM can be found in PDF format at, http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2013/db0523/FCC-13-74A1.pdf

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 15 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 Report and Order).

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date.

License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the FCC License Renewals web page at <http://www.arrl.org/renewals>.

Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 5-7-13

- 7PM 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: Stand approved as printed.
- Treasure's Report: KD8FUE reported that the club has total assets of \$1,662.21 as of 5-7-13.
- Communications: A request from the "Relay for Life" was received. They are asking for The M&M Amateur Radio Club to help provide security at their outdoor event that will be held on June 28th. AB9PJ is requesting help with the up coming "Breakfast on The Farm" events. The Oconto county event will be held June 9th just north of Lena. The Marinette County event will take place on June 30th at the intersection of high way 180 and "G". Volunteers are needed to help with traffic and communications at this event. Please contact AB9PJ if you are willing help. The Sagbrow Bike Tour will start August 4th at the UW. Marinette Center. The Organization is asking local Amateur Radio operators for help with communications.
- NET and DAR Report: DAR/YACHT had a table at SuperFest. Lots of visitors stopped by. Yacht has a total of 82 members. The 147.000 net has been averaging 20 plus check-ins weekly.
- Quartermasters Report: The report is current and up to date.
- Repeater Committee: Both Systems are working well.
- HAT Team: Antenna work is scheduled at WC9E'S site in June. Antenna work at BAMC is going to be scheduled soon.
- QCWA Report: The next meeting of QCWA will be held August 3rd at the U. P. Hamfest. The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Saturday of the month at 4pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome.
- Old Business: The Repeater agreement with Ares/Races. This document was discussed with the membership about a year ago. This agreement has now a hold harmless clause for the M&M-ARC. The M&M-ARC will grant use of the repeaters to Ares as a third party. The Club Officers signed this agreement with permission from the members present. The Club picnic will take place Sunday August 18th in the first pavilion at Henes Park in Menominee. AB9PJ and his daughter are working on a new Club Logo. A discussion about the design took place with the membership.
- New Business: Field Day 2013: A discussion took place among the membership: permission to use the site, power requirements, and thoughts on antenna use for the up coming event was discussed. The portable rest room has been ordered. 2013 Ham of the year Election: Two persons were nominated, W8DXX and KD8ESH. Prior to the discussion, W8DXX asked that his name be removed and the membership cast a unanimous vote for KD8ESH. This was supported by N0AWM. The membership cast a unanimous vote. Thank you to all who were present for this election.
- A raffle was provided by W8DXX.
- Members present at the 5-7-13 meeting: KD8FUE KG8CX
KG9GH AB9QC KD8OVR W8DXX N9CON AG9P AB9QC KD8ESH K8IR
AC8IO N0AWM AB9PJ K9GGV Also present Trina Rabida, Menominee Emergency Services Director.
- The next Club meeting will be June 13th in room 130 at NWTC in Marinette.
- A motion for adjournment was made by AC8IO, Support was provided by N9CON. The motion passed unopposed. Meeting adjourned at 8pm 5-7-13.

Submitted by KD8ESH.

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