

## 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: Bob Schrader AA9GZ

Treasurer: Paul Drees WC9E

Secretary: Valerie Hallam KC8WAI

The MMARC Newsletter

July 2007

### CLUB CALENDAR...

July 12 Regular Meeting (Yacht Club)  
July 21 Airport Open House  
August 4 Waterfront Special Event  
August 19 Picnic (Henes Park)

### MAY MEETING...

The July meeting of the M&M ARC will be held at 7:00pm Thursday July 12th at the M&M Yacht Club, located behind the Bandshell in Menominee. We'll review Field Day and discuss upcoming events, including the Waterfront Festival special event station and the annual picnic. The agenda is included in this newsletter. We hope you can attend.

### FIELD DAY...

Field Day 2007 featured a new location, great weather, and plenty of activity on the weekend of June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The M&M ARC Field Day station was set up on the property of Ken and Debbie Jones, south of Water Tower Park in Menominee. It was a great location, centrally located, with plenty of space, and well placed trees for hanging antennas.

A VE session was held at the site before the Field Day event began, resulting in 5 upgrades and one new license. Hams from Door County, Powers, and Appleton came here to test. Congratulations to Josh Marcin, KD8FUF who upgraded to General, and to Aaron Hodgins, who passed his Tech license and is now KC9LWA. Aaron becomes the fourth licensed ham in his family. (Also congratulations to his sister, Libby, KC9KXL just upgraded to Extra at a W5YI test session).



Josh, KD8FUF/AG putting his new callsign to use at the Field Day site.

We had record attendance this year, with 61 people stopping by sometime during the weekend. 17 operators took their turn at one or more of the five stations that were set up. A total of 669 QSO's were made.



W9GRO's VHF setup

Gary, W9GRO from Cudahy came up to join us again this year and set up stations for 6 and 2 meters. Paul, WC9E set up a PSK31 station Saturday afternoon. Paul's contacts included a VE8 in the Northwest Territories of Canada.

Saturday evening's meal featured Tenderloin steak grilled by K8IR, as well as many delicious side dishes supplied by Jeanne Arnold and others.

Jim, KS8O, took the overnight shift while Jim, K8IR and Joe, W9JJC slept out under the stars nearby. Before dawn, the dew made it too cool to sleep any longer, so K8IR and later, W9JJC got back to the radios, and helped KS8O make the 4am hour our best of the whole event with 86 QSO's.

Thanks to every one who helped out with Field Day in any way. Special mention goes to Ken and Debbie Jones for allowing us to use their property, to Dave, W8DXX who not only lined up the site, but again powered us with his trusty 10KW tractor-driven generator, to Larry, N9OSF, who donated the fuel for the tractor (and that's getting to be a very significant contribution with the current fuel prices), to Mark, KD8ESH who provided garbage containers and other items for the site, and to Jim, KS8O, whose accurate casts with his fishing gear got the antenna support ropes at the top of the trees.

### **HAT TEAM KEEPS BUSY...**

A busy month began on June 9<sup>th</sup> with a re-lamping project at the Range Line Tower, home of the 147.000 repeater. New climber Aaron Hodgins, now KC9LWA climbed the 500 foot tower along with AB9PJ.

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, the HAT team completed installation of a GAP Challenger HF antenna along with tweaking a G5RV antenna at the QTH of Dave, W9KA.

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, the HAT team, along with a group from Shawano County was in Oconto Falls installing two feedlines,

two UHF antennas, and a two meter antenna. This project is planned to enhance the Tri-County Skywarn spotters linked system and link the Shawano County area up to the Tri-County area.



KG9GH on the tower at AA9JH

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the HAT team removed a tower and beam at the QTH of AA9JH (SK). Eric, KG9GH had become concerned about the tower starting to lean, and Tanya, AA9JH's XYL agreed it was time to take down the tower and put the tower, beam, and associated equipment up for sale. KG9GH reports a local ham has offered to buy the complete package.

Finally, a G5RV antenna was installed at the QTH of Dallas, KD8ESI on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE...**

The local EAA chapter has again asked for our help at the open house at Twin County Airport on Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>. The T-34 planes will be in town training

for the EAA, plus a sky-diving team and a car show are planned at the airport that day. In past years we have assisted with communications and helped out as needed. Anyone interested in helping this year should contact Jim, K8IR.

### **TRI-COUNTY YOUTH NET ADDS HF...**

The Tri-County Youth net continues to meet at 7:30pm Fridays on the 147.000 repeater. The net control is one of our young hams. Hams of all ages are invited to check in. Each week features a question designed to share our ham experiences. This past Friday, some of the group moved to 75 meters on 3860 KHz after the 2 meter net and held a ragchew that lasted well into the evening. It is hoped this will continue and give the young hams a chance to use their HF privileges.

### **UP HAMFEST...**

A reminder that the UP Hamfest will be held at Bay De Noc Community College in Escanaba on Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm EST). Events include a Swap and Shop, meetings, and Door Prizes. Admittance is \$5:00. Talk in on the 147.24 Repeater (107.2 Tone).

The NEW-UP Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association that was recently formed in our area plans to have a table at the Hamfest, and will hold a chapter meeting at Noon (EST).

The U P Hamfest is sponsored by DCARS & Bay de Noc Community College. For more information see: <http://www.uphamfest.dcars.org/>

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
July 12, 2007

**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
- VE Session
- Waterfront Special Event
- QCWA
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**13. New Business...**

- Airport Event
- Nominating Committee
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**14. Announcements/Raffle**

**15. Adjournment**

# **MINUTES OF THE M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

## **June 14th, 2007**

Call to Order 7:05pm at Henes Park

Pledge

Introductions of Members and Guests: Dave Arnold mentioned it's possible to get the same call letters on plates for multiple vehicles in Wisconsin.

Communications: Charlie, W8SCO requested permission to hold a Wednesday evening net on the club repeater for the discussion of topics of current concern. Following discussion, a motion was made to suggest 75 meters as an alternative. Motion by Ed, KG8CX seconded by Mark, KD8ESH, carried.

Net Report: 30+ check-ins

DAR Report: Positive and encouraging. Several members will be testing on Field Day.

Jerry Proft, N9NGI donated a code practice tape and several mobile radios that could be loaned out to new hams.

Old Business: Dave, W8DXX updated the club on QCWA matters.

Field Day: A lengthy discussion was held on Field Day details. Table, chairs, and Portable Toilet have been ordered from J&D Rental. K8IR will supply two stations, antennas, and computers. Beverages will be provided by the club. K8IR will donate tenderloins for Saturday PM dinner. Larry, N9OSF will donate diesel fuel for tractor/generator.

New Business: The decision was made to do a special event station at the Waterfront Festival.

The club will assist at July 21<sup>st</sup> Airport open house if requested.

Paul and Maxine Drees will host the picnic on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Raffle: The drawing raised \$55.00. Prizes were two bags donated by W8DXX. Winners George, N9UGG, and Tyler, KC9FKE.

Motion to adjourn at 7:51pm. Made by AA9GZ, second by W8DXX, carried.

Submitted by

Bob Schrader, AA9GZ, Acting Secretary.

Those in attendance:

Jim Callow K8IR	George Benoit N9UGG
Joe Callow W9JJC	Bob Schrader AA9GZ
Tyler Lehman KC9FKE	Floyd Croy K8ZLO
Dallas Blair KD8ESI	Pam Croy K7PAM
Ed Engleman KG8CX	Larry Buchholz N9OSF
Mark Erickson KD8ESH	Nancy Buchholz KA9UZC
Gene Voelker K9GGV	Paul Drees WC9E
David Hodgins W9KA	Dave Arnold W8DXX
Aaron Hodgins	Mike Lemke KD8FUE
Nellie Bibb	Jerry Proft N9NGI
Arde Nelson KA9WAR	Gail Proft N9RKO

## July 1<sup>st</sup> Treasurers Report By Paul Drees, WC9E

### CHECKING

Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	Deposit	Balance
4/3/2007	769	Postmaster Rental	40.00		1093.68
4/16/2007	770	HOTY Plaque	42.20		1051.48
4/16/2007	771	Void			1051.48
4/16/2007	772	Best Western	391.50		659.98
4/18/2007		Charter Banquet		334.00	993.98
5/14/2007		Dues		18.00	1011.98
5/14/2007		Raffle		53.00	1064.98
5/15/2007		DAR Ad	100.00		964.98
6/21/2007		Dues		27.00	991.98
6/21/2007		Raffle		55.00	1046.98

### SAVINGS

3/8/2007		Interest earned		1.19	688.22
7/2/2007		Interest earned		.86	689.08

Checking	\$1046.98
Savings	\$ 689.08

Total	\$1736.06
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DAR	\$99.09	Repeater	\$379.05
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# Club members & guests are cordially invited to attend the annual M & M Amateur Radio Club Family Picnic

**Date:** Sunday, August 19, 2007  
**Place:** Henes Park, Menominee, MI (Third Pavilion)  
**Time:** 12:00 p.m. social  
1:00 p.m. lunch  
Ham Radio Bingo to follow lunch

**Hosts:** Paul & Maxine Drees

The club will provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Brats.

Each club member is asked to provide a food item to share. (see below)

**IF YOUR FOOD ITEM REQUIRES REFRIGERATION, PLEASE TAKE ALONG A COOLER WITH ICE!!!**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE. COFFEE AND WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE IF REQUESTED.**

Price per person: \$ 5.00 per adult  
\$ 3.00 per child ages 12 and under

Reservations are required and must be submitted with your check no later than Sunday, August 12th. Make check payable to the M & M Amateur Radio Club and mail to:

M & M Amateur Radio Club Picnic  
P. O. Box 1082  
Marinette, WI 54143

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**mail this portion with your check**

Name of club member \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 5.00 per adult  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 3.00 per child  
Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose an item to share, and call Maxine Drees at 715-735-7397 so we know what you plan to bring:

Pasta salad, Fruit Tray, Cheese tray, Crackers, Fresh veggie platter, Bags of snacks, Dessert.

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