

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

July 2008

CLUB CALENDAR...

July 10 July meeting

August 9th Waterfront Festival Special Event

August 17th Club Picnic Henes Park

September 11th Meeting Spies Library

JULY MEETING...

The July meeting will be held Thursday July 10th at th M&M Yacht Club at the Menominee Marina behind the bandshell. We'll be reviewing Field Day, and making plans for the Waterfront Special Event station and the August Picnic. We hope you can make it.

FIELD DAY 2008...

The annual ARRL Field Day exercise is designed to demonstrate that hams are ready to provide communications under emergency conditions when commercial power and regular

stations may not be available. Thanks to some great teamwork, the M&M ARC again showed we are ready for the challenge. We need to thank each and everyone one of you who participated, but we also need to give special thanks to those who made special contributions to the effort.



The Field Day site was again the property owned by Ken and Debbie Jones near the

Menominee Water Tower Park. Thanks to Dave, W8DXX for once again arranging use of the site with his neighbors. Also a big thanks to W8DXX for loaning the club 40 feet of tower sections and a tri-band beam, as well as providing all the power we could possibly use from his tractor-driver generator.



W8DXX's tractor not only drove the generator, but also helped get some of those tower anchors out of the ground.



A big thanks to Eric KG9GH who led the crew that safely erected and took down the tower and beam safely, even in some very windy conditions. Special thanks to all who worked on the ground crew. We could not have done it without all of you being there at set-up and take-down.

And a big thanks to Mark, KD8ESH, who provided his expertise and so many necessities from garbage barrels to tent stakes, and then even more stakes after a strong wind nearly

turned our operating tent into a kite.



The tent ready for takeoff. Note operator W9JJC in the white T-Shirt. He didn't miss a beat on the air while the tent started to pull apart.



Thanks to Jim, K8IR for providing the wire antennas, radios, amplifier, and computers, and some burgers and brats for the Saturday evening meal.

Thanks to Mike, KD8FUE for the tables and chairs, and the sloppy-joes for the Saturday evening dinner.

Thanks to all who brought something for the meal, including Paul, WC9E, whose candy bars fueled the operators all the way to the end on Sunday.

Our temporary station with the tower, beam, and amp equaled a well-equipped home station and performed like it. We logged nearly 700

contacts and had some great runs on both phone and CW.



Thanks to Ed, KG8CX who worked patiently with our many young operators who got a taste of HF operating.

In all, we had 26 adults and 18 youth, a total of 44 people visit Field Day at one time or another. Seven adults and six youth put contacts in the log.

Isn't it wonderful what teamwork can do? To each and everyone who came out contributed to our success...THANKS!

NEW HAMERS...

It's become a tradition to do a VE Testing session at Field Day, and this year we were three for three.



Congratulations to Zack Ziemba, KD8IXR age

10, Jake Ziemba, KD8IXS age 9, and Jeff Lewis, KC9NWW age 15.

Jake and Zack are members of our local DAR Boys & Girls Club where they got their interest in ham radio and proceeded to earn their license. Jeff is a classmate of Tyler KC9FKE and got his initial exposure to the hobby through Tyler.



Thanks to our VE's for setting up the very productive session.

Also congratulations to Diann, KC9III, and Charlie, W8SCO, who passed their Extra Class tests at a W5YI session on the Thursday before Field Day. Both wanted to try ahead of the Saturday session at Field Day to make sure they had a second chance in case they didn't pass the first time.

ARDE RECEIVES HIS PLAQUE...



Here's K8IR presenting Arde, KA9WAR, with his plaque for winning the 2007 M&M ARC DX Challenge. The presentation was made at Field Day.

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
July 10, 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

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

- No August meeting
- Youth representative
- Election process for 2008-2009

15. Announcements/Raffle

16. Adjournment

17. Program

QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT 6/30/08 BY PAUL DREES, WC9E

DATE	NUM	TRANSACTION	PYMT	DEP	BAL
CHECKING					
4/14/2008		DUES		36.00	1389.94
4/14/2008		RAFFLES (2)		76.00	1465.94
4/14/2008	785	P.O. BOX RENTAL	40.00		1425.94
6/5/2008	786	TXRX (DUPLXER)	1360.50		65.44
6/29/2008		REPEATER FUND		470.00	535.44
SAVINGS					
6/5/2008	103	BANK INTEREST EARNED		0.86	692.51
TOTAL					1227.95
DAR	133.29				
HAT	100.00				
REPEATER	-427.25				

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