

The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club

GROUND WAVE

Repeater Frequencies 147.00MHz & 444.075MHz
Club Net: Sunday 7PM 147.00MHz

60 Years



**ARRL
Affiliated Club**

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The MMARC Newsletter

July 2010

CLUB CALENDAR...

August 7 Waterfront Special Event
August 15 Picnic Henes Park
Sept 9 Club Meeting Spies Library
Sept 18 Oconto Fly-in

NO JULY MEETING...

We will not hold a regular meeting in July. We will hold a brief business meeting at the August 15th picnic, and the next regular meeting on September 9th. Have a happy summer.

CLUB PICNIC...

Mark your calendars for the annual club picnic at Henes Park in Menominee on Sunday August 15th. Marge and Bob Schrader, Maxine and Paul Drees, and Joan and Jim Callow will serve as hosts again this year. An RSVP form with complete details will be sent out in the next edition of the Ground Wave.

WATERFRONT SPECIAL EVENT...

Plan to stop by at Menominee's Waterfront Festival on Saturday August 7th where the M&M

ARC will again operate a special event station activating the North Menominee Pier Lighthouse. We will set up about 8am, and operate from about 10am to 4pm. All operators are encouraged to take part.

FIELD DAY...



Field Day each year allows the M&M ARC to show our ability to assemble an effective station and operate under simulated emergency conditions. It's also a time to demonstrate to the public what our hobby is all about. It's a time for young operators to get the feel of HF operating in contesting conditions. And it's a time to get

together and enjoy the company of other hams and guests.

Field Day 2010 accomplished all of the above, and more.



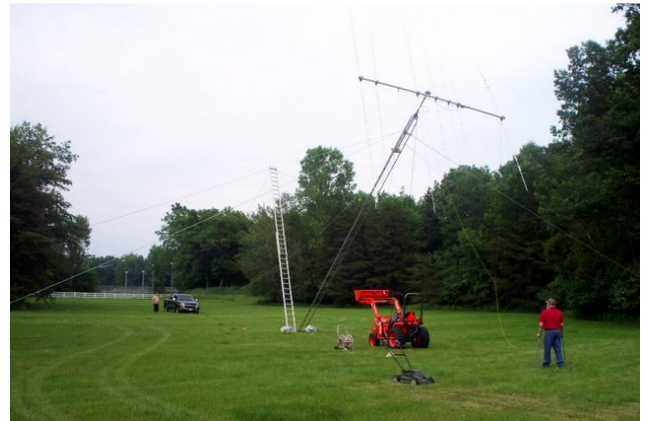
Field Day was once again held at the Ken and Debbie Jones property in Menominee. It's an excellent location with plenty of room, low noise, yet is conveniently located for the public to visit.

This year those visitors included Menominee County Sheriff Kenny Marks, Menominee Mayor George Krah, and the Eagle-Herald photographer. A total of 44 people participated in this year's event.



Field Day is an operating event, and 14 people, including 6 youths made contacts. Three of our young op's, Tyler, KC9FKE, Derek, KD8LQB, and Brett, KD8NAZ (who upgraded to General at Field Day) showed us there's a new generation of

excellent operators coming up, putting well over 100 contacts into the log.



Of course the first QSO can't happen until the station is built, and our club is blessed with many talented individuals who like to build things. Eric, KG9GH, and Mark, KD8ESH headed the team that erected the 50 foot tower and beam loaned by Dave, W8DXX. Dave is our king of power, and his 10KW tractor driven generator once again performed flawlessly. Jim, K8IR, and Paul, NS8V provided the rigs and computers that made a competitive contest station.

Many other club members contributed in many ways to make the weekend successful. On a busy weekend when many other events were going on in the area, we thank all of you for giving your time to Field Day.



We again held a VE session at Field Day which resulted in General Upgrades for Marty, KB9NNW, Brett Borski, KD8NAZ (above) , and Fr. Ron Skufca, KC8RGD. Congratulations!

HAMS SERVE AT FARM BREAKFAST...

Field Day wasn't the only event involving hams on June 27th. Again, the annual Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm Twelve Dozen Dairy Farm in Pound was a huge success! Despite the early morning rain that soaked the farm fields, the event worked out very well and was enjoyable to all of those who attended. The Marinette County A.R.E.S. group as well as A.R.E.S. members from other counties and members of the Marinette & Menominee Amateur Radio Club provided traffic control and parking control duties which allowed for fairly smooth and safe traffic flow in and out of the event (which serves an estimated 2,000 to 4,000 individuals).

- Pete Johnson, AB9PJ

REPEATER UPDATE...

Currently, we are working to resolve the noise issue that has plagued the club's 147.000 repeater. These are not the same issues that occurred prior to last year. Those two issues have been resolved, one of which was directly related to the old repeater. Later this week, we plan to swap antennas with the AB9PJ-4 APRS system. This will allow us to determine which part of the environment is being affected. Please note that this is only temporary in order to allow for adequate testing. Additionally, please email me (at ab9pj@yahoo.com) with dates, times, and the type of noise or interference issue you are experiencing. We will continue to keep you informed until this issue is completely resolved.

-Pete Johnson, AB9PJ

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS...

We would like to thank Wanda Luthardt, the wife of Gary Luthardt, KG9AD-sk, for the generous donation of a Kenwood TS850S (HF Transceiver), a Heil Goldline microphone, a desk microphone, an Astron power supply, and other associated hardware. Wanda stated that she believes that this is what Gary would have wanted and that this

would be a good way for us to remember Gary. She also stated that he enjoyed being a part of the club and being involved in the ham radio activities. Gary, who passed away in late 2009, was also an ARRL Volunteer Examiner with the M&M ARC.

-Pete Johnson AB9PJ

We also want to thank Fr. Ron Skufca, KC8RGD for donating his Kenwood 450 and Astron power supply to the club.

Over the past few years, we've been very fortunate for donations made by Wanda, Fr. Ron, Tanya Parkansky, and many others. Thanks to all.

DAR GIFT...

The DAR Boys and Girls Club has also been the beneficiary of many generous gifts. When the Marinette & Menominee ARC Ham Assistance Team completed the takedown of two antenna support structures in Kaukauna last month, the daughter of silent key, George Esler, W9MSJ, donated one of the structures for use at the D.A.R. Boys & Girls Club in Menominee, MI. This will enhance the communications station at the club and future D.A.R. Project Leader, Eric Janssen, KG9GH, is currently in possession of the structure for the purpose of reconditioning. Also, special thanks to the Ham Assistance Team for a professional takedown and to Bruce Conover for providing a trailer for the transporting of the structure and other equipment.

-Pete Johnson AB9PJ

SWAP TABLE AT PICNIC...

If you're doing some cleaning up of the shack this summer, we'll again be offering a Swap table at the August 15th picnic to help you dispose of surplus equipment. You can either sell/swap items for yourself, or we're taking donations of items to raise money for the club treasury.

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