

## 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

August 2006

### NO AUGUST MEETING...

It was decided at the July meeting that we will not have a regular August meeting. Any urgent club business will be taken up at the annual Picnic.

### ANNUAL PICNIC...

Our annual picnic will be held on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> in the 3<sup>rd</sup> pavilion (near the deer yard) at Henes Park in Menominee. Social begins at noon, with the meal at 1pm. The reservation form was printed in the July issue of the Ground Wave. The reservation deadline is August 13<sup>th</sup>.

At the July meeting, we discussed setting up some "swap" tables. One will be for members who have items for sale, limited to radio-related items. We'll also have a table for items whose proceeds will be donated to the club. As with our monthly raffles, these can be any type of item. Perhaps we can do a "silent auction" for these items throughout the picnic. Any donations are welcome.

### REPEATER UPGRADE A REALITY...



The new repeater antenna on the way up the tower

On Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>, the new antenna and feedline were installed on the 147.000 repeater at the Rangeline Road tower. The tower climber and a ground crew consisting of HAT team members AB9PJ, and KG9GH, K8NB, and KC8DOA (the tower owner) began work at 6am. Initial reports indicate a substantial increase in coverage in most directions.

A big thanks to Pete, AB9PJ who guided the project over the past year, and to Tanya Parkansky, whose donation of one of Lou, AA9JH's radios provided a large part of the funding for the project. And thanks to all members who made special donations to the repeater fund during the past year.

### **HAMS HELP AT AIRPORT EVENTS...**

M&M ARC members helped out for a second straight year at the Twin County Airport open house held in conjunction with the T-34 fly-in July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hams helped staff the communications center, which included radios tuned to the airport Unicom frequency used by local air traffic, the ground control frequency, and the M&M ARC 444.075 repeater used for event-related communications. Other duties included manning the PA system.

Charlie, KD8CHL was smiling after getting rides in both a T-34 on Saturday, and a vintage bi-plane on Sunday.

On Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, an airshow featuring Captain Julie Clark and the elite T-34 Lima-Lima team was held at the airport. The show came off despite severe weather in the area. The Tri-County Skywarn net was able to relay weather information from the National Weather Service in Green Bay directly to hams on the airport grounds.

The local EAA chapter, which organized the events, thanks all our members who helped out.

### **WATERFRONT SPECIAL EVENT...**

The M&M ARC was again in the spotlight at one of the summer's premier events, the Menominee Waterfront Festival. It's a chance to make the public aware of amateur radio, as well as to activate the Menominee North Pier Light during the National Lighthouse members.

Several club members, as well as a few young prospective hams took their turns at the microphone.

### **HAT TEAM PROJECT...**



On Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>, The Ham Assistance Team (HAT Team) erected a 52 foot Rohn 25 antenna support structure at the QTH of Jed, K9JDB ground). In addition, an 11foot mast and a Comet GP15 antenna were raised for a total height of 69 feet.

The HAT team continues to look for projects. If you need some antenna work or any other assistance for your station, contact Pete, AB9PJ.

### **VE SESSION TURNS OUT NEW HAMS...**

It's been a busy summer at the DAR Boys and Girls Club. KG8CX and KS8O have been teaching Technician Classes for several eager DAR kids, and two of those are now hams.



Brendan and Quinn following the VE session

11 year old Brendan Jenquin of Menominee and 16 year old Quinn Haberal of Marinette each passed their Technician test at a VE session at the DAR on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Three other kids tested, but didn't quite make it on their first try. Also at the session, Fritz, KC8UHU, of Menominee passed his general written test, and Harry, KD8BVY came down from Spaulding and passed his code test. Congratulations to all.

### CLUB SHIRTS...

Perhaps you have seen some of our members sporting their new club shirts at recent club events. If you would like one of your own, they can be ordered from ABC Printers in Marinette.



KD8CHL models his new club shirt at the airport event

The cost for most sizes is \$28.50. XXL's are \$2.00 more. The price includes your callsign and name embroidered along with the club logo.

### OFFICERS WANTED...

As October 1<sup>st</sup>, the beginning of our club year approaches, the process for electing our officers for 2006-2007 has begun. A nominating committee consisting of Pete, AB9PJ, Jim, KC8WJO, and Bruce, KC9GRC was appointed at the July meeting. If you would like to be among the officers for next year, now is the time to volunteer. Contact any of the committee members.

### N9LLA SK...

We are saddened to report that Joe Yedynak, N9LLA, of Luxemburg died Saturday morning, July 15, 2006 at a Green Bay nursing home after a long battle with cancer. Our condolences to Joe's XYL Terri, N9MPR. Joe and Terri were former members of the club, and active in the Marinette/Oconto County ARES/RACES.

### SRI LANKAN AMATEUR TO VISIT MARINETTE...

The Northeast Wisconsin DX Association, NEWDXA, is planning a dinner in the Marinette area for Victor, 4S7VK on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Any M&M ARC members who would like to attend and meet Victor are invited. Please contact NEWDXA president George Croy, W9MDP at: [W9MDP@arrl.net](mailto:W9MDP@arrl.net)

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES...

Congratulations to the following with birthdays in August: 6<sup>th</sup> ... Jason Lauzer, 15<sup>th</sup> ...Nathan Luthardt, 21...Tyler Lehman, 22...Dwight Bosselman, 24...Gary Luthardt, 27...Maxine Drees.

The following are celebrating anniversaries this month: 3...Bob and Marge Schrader, 17... Jim and Joan Callow, 19...Jim and Janet Voss, 22...Dwight and Connie Bosselman. Congratulations to all.

## MINUTES OF THE M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

July 13, 2006

-Pledge-

-Intros-

-Secretary minutes approved as printed. George motion, Bob second.

-Treasurer report accepted as printed

-Raffle donated by Jim Voss; compact grill, rolling luggage

Communications-

Sending Groundwave to both section managers- Michigan and Wisconsin

Net- Ed not there

DAR test is August 9<sup>th</sup>

Pete- repeater report; hope to have antenna up soon. eep negative comments off radios about repeater

Repeater Committee will meet

HAT team very active- repaired 80 meter loop at KC8YZB

July 29<sup>th</sup>; projects at DAR

Old Business:

Field Days was a success. Tents left to dry; blew down. One okay, the other needs repair. \$137.14 from Sears-

Eric talked to owner, got info on replacement parts- \$25. Pete motion to buy new tent and fix other tent. Bob second the motion. Bill was submitted to Paul. Tent Committee is Eric/Pete.

Club apparel- \$28.50, \$30.50 for 2XL. Ordered shirts passed out.

T34's- George on PA system

Communications- Unicom

Communication ground control

Our own communications 5w

UHF- simplex

Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>; Julie Clark

New Airport manager- Tony Krysiak

Class by Jason at 7:00pm Thursday, for those who will man control central

Picnic- Maxine needs help

Reservations in early. August 20<sup>th</sup> date. Pork \$5.00, bring dish to pass.

“Swap” table, “Sell” table. Free item to make money for club.

New Business:

-VE session August 9<sup>th</sup> at DAR: Paul, August 12<sup>th</sup> Oconto Falls: Pete. 8:30 am in Oconto -Falls Community Hospital. FEMA classes ICS 100 IS 700 11am-5pm. Class is being taught by the Oconto County Emergency Manager.

-Waterfront Festival 10am-4pm, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Lighthouse designation number activated.

JOTA- Jamboree on the Air. Boy and Girl Scouts. Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Nominating Committee: Pete, Jim V., Bruce

W8DXX Dave- Quarter Century Association. Wants to start a group in this area. Sault Ste. Marie, Racine are the other nearest groups. Pete motion for club to provide support for the QCWA to form a local chapter. Charlie second the motion.

Report will be brought up under old business.

George suggested that we send a donation to Stephenson Library because we have testing sessions there tabled until September.

August meeting—forgo August meeting for picnic. If there is any business, we will conduct at the picnic.

Raffle \$55 general fund.

Adjourn- 8:20pm

Pete motion to adjourn, Charlie second.

Valerie Hallam	KC8WAI	Nancy Buchholz	KA9UZC
Jim Voss	KC8WJO	Larry Buchholz	N9OSF
Bob Jaruntowski	K8RJ	Eric Janssen	KG9GH
Jerry Woodward	Guest	Jim Callow	K8IR
Joseph Callow	W9JJC	Dave Arnold	W8DXX
Tearlach Sinclair	KD8CHL	Bob Johnson	AA8UT
Bruce Conover	KC9GRC	Arde Nelson	KA9WAR
Pam Croy	K7PAM	George Benoit	N9UGG
Floyd Croy	K8ZLO	Paul Drees	WC9E
Pete Johnson	AB9PJ		

Treasurers Report 7/31/06

Checking: \$429.56

Repeater \$520.75

DAR \$20.09

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Savings \$683.17