

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 2007

CLUB CALENDAR...

August 19 Picnic (Henes Park)

September 13 Regular Meeting

NO MEETING THIS MONTH...

There will be no regular meeting this month. Any urgent club business will be taken up at the club picnic on August 19th. Our next regular meeting will be September 13th at Spies Public Library, which will include the election of officers for the new club year,.

ANNUAL PICNIC...

Our annual picnic will be held on Sunday August 19th in the 3rd pavilion at Henes Park in Menominee. The reservation form was included in the July Ground Wave. Reservations should be mailed to the club P.O. Box by August 12th. Paul and Maxine Drees will again be our hosts, assisted by Jim and Joan Callow. Be sure to let

Maxine know what type of dish you are planning on bringing.

After the meal, we'll have a round of Radio Bingo, hosted by Dave and Jeanne Arnold.

If you have any radio related items you'd like to sell, we'll have a swap table set up.

REPEATER TUNE-UP...

Pete, AB9PJ reports Sunday July 29th was another successful day for the HAT Team, this time performing needed repeater maintenance on the club's 147.000 repeater.

As most of you are aware, the repeater had experienced decrease in receiver sensitivity in recent months along with "stray" noise which was being retransmitted. Thanks to Noel, K8NB, the repeater trustee and technical guru, various technical issues were corrected, and the

club's duplexer was installed after being repaired and retuned.



K8NB troubleshooting the 147.000 repeater

Additionally, the tower climbers helped by attempting to simulate the noise factors. At this time, the repeater is back up to 60 watts transmit power and approximately 46 watts out of the duplexer. The estimated ERP is around 184 watts. Preliminary reports from operators using mobile and portable radios indicate that the repeater is now in good working order.

The next HAT team project is tentatively scheduled for September 1st, hanging a 2 meter antenna in Gresham.

TWO CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS...

The Foundation for Amateur Radio ([FAR](#)) has announced the 2007 winners of 56 scholarships it administers. The scholarships were open to all licensed radio amateurs who met the qualification and residence requirements of the various sponsors. Congratulations to Diann Hallam, KC9III who received a \$1000 10-10 International Net Scholarship, and to Pete Johnson, AB9PJ, who received a \$1500 WARAC Memorial Scholarship from the West Allis Radio Amateur Club.

Congratulations to Diann and Pete.

U.P. HAMFEST...

The M&M Area was well represented at the U.P. Hamfest held at Bay College in Escanaba on Saturday July 28th. Besides a dozen or so familiar faces from our area in attendance, the schedule of programs included one by KG8CX and KS8O on the DAR Ham Radio Program. Also the NEW-UP Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association was present, signing up three new members at their recruiting table and later holding a meeting. Dave, W8DXX, president of the NEW-UP Chapter, was formally presented with his certificates for 50 years as a ham and 50 years of being continuously licensed. Congratulations to Dave.



Jim, K8IR presents QCWA Certificates to Dave, W8DXX

YOUNG HAMS ENCOURAGED TO BE ACTIVE ON HF...



Dallas, Joe, Libby, Tyler, and Josh

On July 27th, Ed, KG8CX and Jim, KS8O hosted five of our young hams with HF privileges for a lunch at the Perkins Restaurant.

KS8O introduced plans for a local competition that will encourage the young hams to get on the air and work towards their Worked All States and DXCC awards. The competition will begin this fall, and plans are to have so local awards available to work towards, as an added incentive.

YOUTH NET UPDATE...

The Tri County Youth Net is rolling along every Friday evening at 7:30pm on the 147 repeater. An average of 10 to 12 check-ins each week has contributed to its success. Our young ham group act as net controls each week rotating amongst each other. They have all sounded very good, and some have said they sound like seasoned hams.

Following the 2 meter net, those with HF privileges move to 3860 MHz. and continue with an informal roundtable. Joe Tenor N9UPU, and his young son Jackson KC9KVU, of Green Bay usually join us, and along with a few others, manage around 30 to 60 minutes of conversation. All hams are welcome to participate in both of these nets....the more the better.

TCYN net control duties through September are as follows:

Aug. 3 KC9KXL; Aug 10 KD8FUF;
Aug 17 KC9KVU; Aug 24 KD8ESI;
Aug. 31KC9FKE; Sept. 7 W9JJC; Sept.
14KC9KXL; Sept. 21 KD8FUF; Sept.
28KC9KVU.

Perhaps by October, we can plug one more new young ham into the schedule.

Please try and adhere to your assigned date.

Contact KG8CX if you cannot make the time slot, and the next net control will fill in.

We have had some great success with the TCYN and the "post net" since its inception on June 1, and our goal is to continue to promote and expand these opportunities for our growing group of young hams.

Our young ham program has attracted attention from other area clubs, such as the Delta County Amateur Radio Society in Escanaba. They are hoping to start something similar in their area, especially now that they have a nice club station

set up in one of the "old village" buildings within the U.P. state fairgrounds.

OFFICER ELECTION COMING IN SEPTEMBER...

Officers for the new club year will be voted on at the September 13th meeting. As a start to the process, a nominating committee consisting of Mark, KD8ESH, and George, N9UGG was appointed at the July meeting. Anyone interested in serving as a club officer should contact Mark or George.

TANYA VOTED A LIFETIME MEMBER...

At the July meeting, a motion was passed to make Tanya Parkansky, XYL of Lou, AA9JH (SK) a lifetime member of the club. Tanya's generous gift of one of Lou's radios was instrumental in funding our repeater upgrade. Tanya continues to keep up to date on local ham happening by listening in on 2 meters. Thanks, again Tanya!

STUPAK SIGNS ON WITH BPL BILL...

The ARRL has been pushing a bill in Congress to require that would request a study by the FCC on the interference caused by Broadband over Powerlines (BPL). ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver reports that thanks in part to the efforts of hams in Michigan's First Congressional District who contacted Congress Bart Stupak on the issue, the Menominee Congressman has signed on as a co-sponsor of the bill. HR462 has been referred to the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, of which Stupak is a member.

A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate.

MINUTES OF THE M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

July 12, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:08 at the M&M Yacht Club.

Pledge

Intros

Secretary's report as printed in the Groundwave

Treas quarterly report as printed in the Groundwave both approved

Communications none

Net

DAR

Quartermaster no reports Ed is on vacation

Repeater Committee no report---no Pete

HAT report in the Groundwave...The tower is down at Tanya Parkansky's W8DXX has it.

Field Day Report

61 people 669 contacts score was submitted

Was in operation for 24 hours.

Thank you to Ken and Debbie Jones for the use of their property \$50.00 Gift Certificate to the Landing

Lloyd Gomez KG6KWY gave Jim a disc with pictures he took on Field Day.

VE Session at Field Day 7 Candidates, with 6 passing

Waterfront Special Events Station Aug 4 10 am to 4 pm Lighthouse activation All welcome

Dave W8DXX showed us the Chapter 219 Banner (the quarter century club) it will be set up at the UP Ham Fest July 28 at Bay College. The banner is blue and gold.

The banner was the joint effort of Pam and FLoyd Croy and Dave Arnold

New Business:

Airport Open House

need a few volunteers

Think about officers for next year.

Nominating committee:

Mark Erickson

George Benoit.

A motion was approved to make Tanya Parkansky a Lifetime Member of the club.

Attendance July 12,2007:

Randy Zandt KB9ZES Guest
George Benoit N9UGG
Dave Arnold W8DXX
Floyd Croy K8ZLO
Pam Croy K7PAM
Jim Callow K8IR
Joe Callow W9JJC
Paul Drees WC9E
Brian Mentch KC8VEY
Eric Janssen KG9GH
Kurt Burge K8BKA
Jeff Rymer KE9S
Ashley Rymer Guest
Mark Erickson KD9GSA
LLoyd Gomez KG6KWY
Valerie Hallam KC8WA

July 31, 2007 Treasurers Report:

Checking	\$755.57
Savings	\$689.08
Total	\$1444.65

DAR Fund \$99.09

Repeater Fund \$379.05

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