

The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club

GROUND WAVE

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

Web Page <http://w8pif.com>



Officers:

President: Jim Callow K8IR
Vice President: Bob Schrader AA9GZ
Treasurer: Paul Drees WC9E
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

August 2010

CLUB CALENDAR...

August 7th Waterfront Festival Special Event
August 7st UP Hamfest
August 15th Club Picnic
September 9 Club Meeting Spies

CLUB PICNIC...

The annual picnic will be held on Sunday August 15th at the Henes Park Pavilion next to the deer yard. The club will grill up hamburgers, brats and hot dogs. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass. There will be soda, water, and coffee provided. Please see the RSVP form in this newsletter for all the details. Please return your form by Monday August 9th if possible. After the meal, we'll hold a brief business meeting. There will be swap tables set up. If you have some items taking up space in the shack, bring them to the picnic. Even better, donate to proceeds to the club treasury, which could use a little help.

We also will be holding a silent auction to benefit the club. Dave, W8DXX has donated some "grab bags" for the auction. Bring those items gathering dust in the shack, and donate them to the auction.

WATERFRONT FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT...

The M&M ARC will again put amateur radio on display at the Menominee Waterfront Festival on Saturday August 7th. We'll be setting up a special event station at the south end of the festival grounds at around 8am Saturday. The station will be on the air starting at 10am. We're looking for operators, and hope you can come down, if only for a little while. We'll be activating the Menominee North Pier Lighthouse as that weekend is part of the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society's annual Lighthouse/Lightship Week.

UP HAMFEST...

The UP Hamfest will be held Saturday August 7st at Bay College in Escanaba. The doors open at 9am Eastern time. There will be a Talk in on the 147.15 repeater (PL 100Hz). Events include a Swap and Shop, meetings (including QCWA NEW-UP Chapter 219), and door prizes. It's sponsored by DCARS and Bay de Noc College.

M&M ARC MOBILE TEAM WINS WISCONSIN QSO PARTY, SET RECORD...



The NG9T team of operator Jim, K8IR and driver Eric, KG9GH took the honors for Single Operator in the 2010 Wisconsin QSO Party. NG9T's 832 QSO's from 18 counties resulted in a record score of 183,720 points which is a new record in the single-op category for mobiles, and in fact is the highest single-op score ever in the WIQP, mobile or fixed. All contacts were on CW. K8IR credits the win to excellent propagation and high activity. Higher sunspot activity in the weeks before the contest raised the solar flux enough that 40 meters exhibited some shorter in-state skip. Staying on 40 meters

allowed a higher rate in the last hour, while still getting enough county mults to win. The other factor was a revised route that covered 18 counties versus 11 counties last year. Jim and Eric also have had several contests to optimize the antenna system on KG9GH's truck. It was pictured in the April Ground Wave, and can also be seen at K8IR.com. Scores from NG9T and Arde, KA9WAR, gave the M&M ARC 7th place out of 30 entries in the club competition.

ARLB019 VANITY CALL SIGN FEES TO DECREASE AUGUST 17

On July 19, the Federal Communications Commission announced via the Federal Register that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will decrease 10 cents, from \$13.40 to \$13.30. The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making August 17, 2010, the first day the new fee is in effect.

In FY2010, the FCC expects to grant 14,800 vanity call signs, bringing in \$196,840 from the vanity call sign program. Earlier this year, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM), seeking to lower the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

The notice in the July 19, 2010 edition of the Federal Register --entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2010; Final Rule" -- includes all FCC regulatory fees; these fees are expected to recover a total of \$336,712,213 during FY2010, encompassing all the Services the FCC regulates.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

*Club members & guests are cordially invited to attend the annual
M & M Amateur Radio Club Family Picnic*

Your Hosts: Paul and Maxine Drees
Bob and Marge Schrader
Jim and Joan Callow

Date: Sunday, August 15, 2010
Place: Henes Park, Menominee, MI (Third Pavilion)
Time: 12:00 p.m. social
1:00 p.m. lunch

Bring your items for the Swap Table

Bring along an item for the Silent Auction to benefit the club treasury.

The club will provide Hamburgers Brats, and Hot Dogs.

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!!!

SODA, COFFEE, AND WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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 Monday, August 10th. 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

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 and leave a message so we know what you plan to bring: suggestions include Pasta salad, Fruit Tray, Cheese tray, Crackers, Fresh veggie platter, Bags of snacks, Hot Dish, Dessert.

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