

## 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: Bruce Conover N9CON  
Vice President: Pete Johnson, AB9PJ  
Treasurer: Mike Lemke, KD8FUE  
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

July-August, 2015

### CLUB CALENDAR...

Aug 8 Waterfront Special Event  
Aug 8 Ham Breakfast  
Aug 16 Club Picnic Henes Park  
Sept 10 Club Meeting NWTC

### AUGUST PICNIC...

The Club Picnic will be held Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> at Pavilion 1 at Henes Park. We'll gather around noon and eat around 1pm. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. The club will provide burgers, hot dogs and brats and beverages. Following the meal, there will be a short meeting and then the popular Ham Bingo. Bring your nominations for 2014 Ham of the Year. An RSVP form is included in this newsletter.

### WATERFRONT SPECIAL EVENT...

The club will once again set up a special

event station at the Menominee Waterfront Festival on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>. Set-up will begin at 8am. All club members are urged to come out and take a turn at the microphone as we showcase our hobby.

### HAM BREAKFAST...

The monthly Ham Breakfast will be held at 9am Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> at George Webb's Restaurant in Peshtigo.

### FIELD DAY...

1233 contacts made it a very successful Field Day 2015. Brett Borski, KD8NAZ, Derek Hockin, KD8LQB, and Jeremy Pickl kept the SSB station humming with nearly 900 QSO's on 20 meters alone. Jim, K8IR added 192 CW QSO's. Contacts were made on all bands from 80 to 6 meters. Yes, the solar activity the week before had even 6 meters open on Sunday morning.



The SSB station operated from this trailer, arranged by Mike, KD8FUE. He also arranged for an air conditioner!



The second station was set up in this inflatable tent owned by Menominee County. Emergency Manager Rich Sexton took advantage of our Field Day Operation to test the shelter for the first time. It goes up and comes down in just minutes and has plenty of room for an Incident Command Post.



That's Brett, KD8NAZ operating from the inflatable shelter.

As usual, many thanks need to be given out. In addition to those whose contributions have already been mentioned, thanks to the Jones Family for again letting us take over a corner of their property for the weekend, to Dave, W9DXX, for providing the inverter/generator that powered the site, and his tractor which was invaluable in setup and takedown, to Mark, KD8ESH for his many contributions to building the site, to all who came out to help get the tower up and down, to all those who brought something for the Saturday meal, especially Eric, KG9GH, who spent the day tending to the smoker that produced the delicious ham, and to each of the 50 plus people who attended our annual demonstration on how ham radio can work in the event of an emergency.

### UP HAMFEST...

The annual UP Hamfest was held in Escanaba on Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>. The M&M area was well represented



Here are the ARRL Youth Coordinators for Michigan, Gordon Baldwin, W8CT, and for Wisconsin, Ed Engleman, KG8CX who met at the UP Hamfest. George manned the ARRL Booth there.

## Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 6-11-15

- 7:00PM the Club Meeting was called to order. The Club President led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The Membership discussed their radio related activities/projects since the last club meeting.
- Secretary's Report: The minutes were accepted as printed in The Ground Wave.
- Treasure's Report: KD8FUE reported that the club has total assets of \$1,030.97
- Communications: The Relay for life walk is looking for Amateur Radio operators to help with communication for this event. "Breakfast on the Farm" is looking for assistance with communications for this event. Contact AB9PJ if you can help.
- NET and DAR Report: The DAR is entering its 100<sup>th</sup> year. Activity on the Youth Net is good. Weekly 147.000 net is averaging 17 to 20 checking-ins per week.
- HAT Team: Please contact AB9PJ or KG9GH with requests for assistance. A discussion too place regarding the DAR's Radio room antenna.
- QCWA Report: The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Saturday of the month at 4pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome.
- Old Business: "The Ham Breakfast" is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each Month at the George Webb restraint South of Peshtigo Wis. At 9 AM.
- New Business: Field Day 2015: Still planning on the Jones property, bathroom facilities have been ordered. Generator will be provided by W8DXX. A discussion about over night operation was held. The membership decided that for this year we will try using a camping trailer for our radio operations. KD8FUE has helped to obtain the use of an inflatable building from the Menominee County Emergency Manager. Gathering for set up about 3pm.
- Motion by K8IR to raise membership dues to \$20. Single and \$30. Family. \$10. For student membership. This motion was supported by WC9E. This motion passed unopposed.
- Member's p resent at the 6-11-15 meeting:  
KD8OVR KD8ESH K9GGV AB9QC W8DXX WC9E W9LEG  
KD8FUE AB9PJ KC9FKE KG8CX K8IR W9MU AG9P W9CYN  
W9GCG
- The next Club meeting will be at the Club Picnic August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- A motion for adjournment was made by AC8IO. Support by KD8OVR. This motion passed unopposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm 6-11-2015.
- Submitted by KD8ESH.

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

**Date: Sunday, August 16, 2015**

**Place: Henes Park, Menominee, MI FIRST PAVILION**

**Time: 12:00 p.m. social  
1:00 p.m. lunch**

**Bring your items for the Swap Table.**

**A brief Business Meeting and Ham Radio Bingo with Dave and Jeanne Arnold to follow lunch.**

**The club will provide Brats, Hamburgers 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: \$ 7.00 per person**

**Please choose an item to share, and call Bruce or Char Conover at [bconover@centurytel.net](mailto:bconover@centurytel.net) or 715-789-2605 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.**

**Please contact the Conovers to let them know you will be coming so we have a head count. You can pay at the picnic.**

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