

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

September 2006

SEPTEMBER MEETING...

A busy summer is behind us, and it's time to resume our regular meeting schedule. The September meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday September 14th at Spies Public Library in Menominee. We will be holding the election of officers, so please try to attend. There are a couple of late changes to the slate to be offered by the nominating committee. The slate will consist of the current officer lineup. As always, nominations will also be allowed from the floor, so anyone else interested in serving as an officer may also be nominated at the meeting.

TIME TO RENEW...

October 1st is the start of the new club year, and it's time again to pay your annual dues. For the first time in many years, the dues have been increased. A single membership is now \$18.00, while a family membership covering any number of persons at one address is \$27.00. A revised membership application is included in this newsletter. We would like to update our records on your areas of interest, and the equipment you

have available. Please fill it out and return it with your dues at a club meeting, or send to the P.O. Box.

ANNUAL PICNIC...

Forty-seven members and their families and guests turned out on Sunday August 20th for the M&M ARC family picnic at Henes Park in Menominee. The weather was perfect for a picnic.



Attendees making bids on silent auction items

The group enjoyed a great meal including barbequed ham left over from our Field Day pork roast, plenty of good conversation, and a silent auction of items that raised \$124 for the club treasury. We even had a portable HF station on the air from the picnic, thanks to KS8O.



Brendan, KD8ECU operates KS8O's station at the picnic

There are many people to thank in connection with the picnic, including Paul and Maxine Drees who organized the event, Joan Callow who prepared the barbeque, and Dave Arnold and the others who donated the many items for the silent auction.

NEW CALLS...

Congratulations to 11 year old Brendan Jenquin, KD8ECU, and 16 year old Quinn Haberl, KC9JYQ, who passed their Technician License Tests at a VE session held August 9th at the DAR Boys and Girls Club. They are the first to earn their licenses through our DAR program. There are several other youngsters who participated in the summer classes who we expect will pass their tests soon. Another testing session is being planned for October 14th at Stephenson Public Library in Marinette.

By the way, check out Brendan's website at: <http://www.freewebs.com/kd8ecu/> .

NEW NET APPEARS ON REPEATER, ANOTHER ONE ON ITS WAY...

Tune your transceivers to the local M&M ARC repeater, 147.000 on Friday evenings at 7:00pm,

for our newest 2 meter net. It's called the "Friday Evening Ham Sandwich Net" and is run by Brendan Jenquin, KD8ECU. As time goes on, he plans to rotate net control duties among other younger hams. Only 6 stations checked in for the first net on September 1st, so, if you are available on Friday evenings, support his net and check in. He may well be one of the youngest net controls in the country. He is planning to upgrade to General in the coming months, and has already downloaded and is active on Echolink.

Also, our other new young ham, Quinn Haberl, KC9JYQ, is planning to start a net on Echolink, Sept. 30 over the K9KJM, 444.000 repeater. His net will cover the US and if successful, the world. Quinn, along with Brendan, is doing a great job of promoting ham radio. His next goal is to master the Morse code and later move up to General class.

At this point, we have seven ham radio operators in our area and club under the age of 18, with the prospect of more on the way in coming months.

DAR RECEIVES SPECIAL HAM VISITOR...

The kids at the DAR Boys and Girls Club radio room had a special visitor on August 25th, Victor, 4S7VK, from Sri Lanka stopped by while visiting the Twin Cities.



Shown in the picture are Victor, 4S7VK, left, with John, NZ9Z, a member of the Northeast Wisconsin DX Association, center, and Jim, KS8O on the right. Victor was in Northeast Wisconsin to bring his son to UWGB, where he is

a junior. After his visit to the DAR, Victor joined a group of hams for a dinner at Little River Country Club in Marinette. 4S7VK was especially interested in the DAR program, since he's involved in training new hams in Sri Lanka. He noted a spike in interest in ham radio in his country following the Christmas 2004 Tsunami. He also said Sri Lankan hams are allowed a maximum of four radios per person, and no radio may be purchased before the model has passed a government review. Victor is a most personable fellow, and a great ambassador for his country and for amateur radio. It was a pleasure meeting him.

HAT TEAM UPDATE...

On Saturday, August 26th, the Marinette and Menominee Ham Assistance Team provided tree clearing service at the Rangeline tower location, where the club's 147.00 repeater is located.



About three-dozen trees and brush were removed. The clearing of trees will enable tower crews to operate more efficiently with tag lines and also prevent trees from falling on other structures such as a fence and the tower's guy lines.

On September 2nd, members of the H.A.T. team traveled to a site in Langlade County about 13 miles northeast of Antigo for a tower project. The project involved raising a 4-element commercial antenna, 3 support arms and 7/8" feedline to a height of approximately 260 feet above ground level.



The ground crew starts pulling up the new antenna

This is for a repeater system that will be utilized by the amateur radio operators of Langlade County.



From the top looking down...taken by Eric, KG9GH

We can be very proud of the work and professionalism of our H.A.T. team. If you need help with a project, large or small, contact Pete, AB9PJ.

ANNIVERSARIES/BIRTHDAYS...

* Anniversaries greetings to: Sept. 3 Jim and Cindy Armstrong, KB8PCQ; Sept. 6 Tom and Nancy Zeratsky, K8ICO; Sept. 12 Al and Mary Grenier, N9QAA; Sept. 13 Bob and Fran Osier AA9IB; Sept. 24 Gary and Wanda Luthardt, KG9AD.

* Birthdays greetings to: Sept. 12, Joe Callow; Sept. 17, Paul Brennan, WA9SKK; Sept. 24, Wanda Luthardt.

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

September 14, 2006

1. Call meeting to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Recognize guests and/ or new members

Members introduce themselves with their call sign and talk about their HAM Radio activities in the past month. DX Stations worked, Antenna Projects, Contests worked, etc.

4. Approve Secretary's report as printed in the Ground Wave

5. Treasurer's Report (Paul)

Checking	\$408.04
Savings	\$684.46

Total	\$1092.50
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Repeater Fund	\$20.75
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6. Communications to read (any club officer)

7. Net report (Ed)

8. DAR Project Report (Ed)

9. Quartermaster Report (Ed)

10. Repeater Committee Report (Pete)

11. HAT Report (Pete)

12. Old Business

- Picnic
- QCWA
- Loaned Radio
- Nominating Committee Report
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13. New Business...

- VE Sessions
- JOTA
- Election of Officers
- New Members
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14. Announcements/ Raffle

15. Adjournment

M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Membership Application and Renewal Form
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name of primary member _____ Call Sign _____
E-mail address _____

For family membership: (additional amateur radio operators)
_____ Call Sign _____ e-mail address _____
_____ Call Sign _____ e-mail address _____
_____ Call Sign _____ e-mail address _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Is this a new address? Yes _____ No _____ Number of family members who belong to ARRL * _____

***ARRL membership is not required, but is recommended to keep amateurs informed of all the up-to-date rules & regulations, via a subscription to QST Magazine, the official publication of ARRL and a voice in changes which concern all amateurs. Our ARRL club charter requires us to have at least half of our members as ARRL members.**

Would you prefer to receive your club newsletter via: E-mail (preferred) _____ US Mail _____

What club activities are you willing to work on: (please indicate all you wish to work on)

Field Day ____ Social Activities ____ Newsletter ____ Nominating Committee ____

Club Officer _____ Instructor radio classes _____ DAR Program _____

Ham Assistance Team ____ Special Event Station ____ Present a Program at a meeting _____

List any additional way you wish to participate within the club: _____

Please indicate amateur radio equipment you have and are licensed to use:

2 meter hand held ____ mobile ____ base ____ APRS ____

440 hand held ____ mobile ____ base ____

HF _____ SSB _____ CW _____ DIGITAL _____

Membership will not be processed without this form and annual club dues:

\$18.00 Individual _____ \$27.00 Family _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: "M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB"

Submit check and completed form to:

M&M Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 1082
Marinette, WI 54143

AS A MEMBER OF THE M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, I (WE) WILL ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB AND ALL "FCC RULES AND REGULATIONS" PERTAINING TO AMATEUR RADIO.

Date: _____

Signature of primary club member

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