

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: Valerie Hallam KC8WAI

Treasurer: Paul Drees WC9E

Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

Septemeber 2008

CLUB CALENDAR...

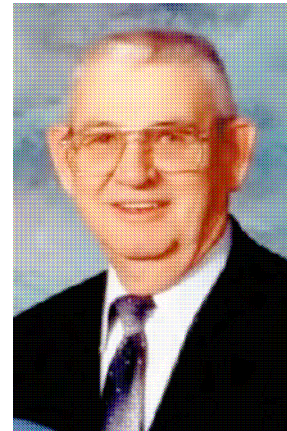
September 11th Meeting Spies Library

SEPTEMBER MEETING...

The M&M ARC will hold it's September meeting on Thursday September 11th at 7pm at Spies Public Library. The election of officers will take place. Mike, KD8FUE will present the nominating committee's slate of officers, and nominations will be taken from the floor, as well. If you would like take a leadership position in the club, here's your chance.

We'll also review the summer's activities, and discuss whether there might be a better meeting day and time for the club. We hope to see you there.

N9UGG SK...



It is with deep regret that we report the passing of George Benoit, N9UGG. George, who was 83, died on at the Luther Home on August 17th. George was one of our most enthusiastic members, who always had a story or two to tell. We will miss him greatly.

PICNIC A SUCCESS...



It was another enjoyable M&M ARC picnic on Sunday August 17th at Henes Park in Menominee. Not only did the nearly 30 people attending enjoy some great food and conversation, but a silent auction raised around \$400 for the club treasury. A big thank you to all who helped with putting on the picnic, especially Mark, KD8ESH, who did much of the organizing, and provided the best table cloths we've ever had. And thanks to all who donated items to the silent auction, with a special thanks to Floyd, K8ZLO, Dave, W8DXX, and Tanya Parkansky. And thanks to all who bought those items, and helped to beef up the treasury again.

MEETING TIMES...

There was a discussion at the picnic about the fact that some members and potential members are not able to make our Thursday night meetings due to other commitments. So perhaps we should visit this issue and see if a change makes sense. Some suggestions were Saturday morning, or Sunday afternoon or evenings. We'll discuss it at the meeting Thursday night. If you can't be at the meeting, you can drop an email to K8IR at jallow@k8ir.com or give him a call at 863-2479, and let him know what would work and not work for you.

HAT TEAM ROAD TRIP...

The Ham Assistance Team was out Saturday, August 30th, in Wausau, WI working with Wausau area hams to take down numerous antennas and a 60 foot antenna support structure. It was a long hot yet very successful day.



KG9GH up amongst the aluminum

Later in the evening, everyone involved enjoyed burgers and brats at the QTH of Travis, W9HDG.

VANITY CALLSIGN FEES TO INCREASE...

On August 11, the Federal Communications Commission announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 60 cents, from \$11.70 to \$12.30. Now that notice of the increase has been published in the Federal Register, the increase will take effect in 30 days, September 25, 2008.

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.

- M & M Amateur Radio Club Meeting 7-10-08
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- 7:08pm the club President led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- It was noted that Sally Mans passed away on 4-7-08. Members discussed possible attendance at the funeral service.
- Secretary's Report; Approved as printed.
- Treasure's Report: The largest expense was the cost of the duplexers. A total of \$1,227.95 remains.
- Communications: None to report. One Antenna tower advertisement from Anderson Communications,
- Net Report: Mr. Engleman is out of town.
- Dar Report: Mr. Engleman is out of town.
- Quartermaster's Report: Current as listed on the web page.
- Repeater Committee: The duplexers are on site, they will be installed soon. No new information since Field Day.
- HAT Report: A discussion among the membership about the recent work on the Beam antenna at KS80's home.
- QCWA: The National Director will be present at the August 2nd 11am meeting at the U.P. Fair grounds in Escanaba Michigan.
- Old Business: field day 2008. A membership discussion took place. The consensus was that we built a very good station! The group thought that training on contesting would be a good investment before next year. The Water Front Special event station: Set up will be August 9th (Saturday Morning) at 8am. Help is needed.
- Picnic: August 17th, 12 noon Lunch. Silent auction in the afternoon, we are in need of donations. The Club provides soda, and water. KD8FUE said that he could provide tablecloths and plastic tableware remaining from field day operations. Needed items to include burgers, brats salad Jell-O and deserts. Please call KD8ESH (Mark) at 863-1954 to coordinate food.
- Youth Ham Challenge: A challenge has been made to all Amateur Radio clubs to get licensed five new youth Ham radio operators. A discussion took place and a lot of credit should go to the DAR program and Mr. Engleman's involvement and dedication.
- No August Meeting.
- Nominating Committee for Elected Club Officers: Mike KD8FUE, has volunteered to chair the nominating committee, and bring to the September meeting a list of candidates interested in running for elected Club Officers.
- Members Present
- W8DXX K7PAM K8ZLO KD8FUE
- WC9E K8IR K9GGV N9OSF
- KC8WAI KD8ESH
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:53pm

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