

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
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At Large – Mike Lemke, KD8FUE
At Large – Doug Dooley, KD8OVR

The MMARC Newsletter

February 2025

CLUB CALENDAR...

Thurs 3/13 7PM Monthly Meeting

Thurs 4/10 7PM Club Meeting

CLUB MEETING...

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday March 13th at inVenture North in Marinette. We'll have a program SWR. We hope you can make it.

444.075 REPEATER UPDATE...

The wires-x node software has been set so it no longer stays connected/auto reconnects to the Minnesota-Wisconsin Room. The only time wires-x should now be connected to a room on the 444.075 repeater is when

someone is actively using it or if they forget to disconnect from the room when they are finished. Fusion users are welcome to connect to rooms when they are using the repeater. Otherwise, the repeater is available for Analog use.

TECH LICENSE CLASS IS A WRAP...

This year's Technician License class completed the instruction phase on February 27th

The VE Session scheduled for Wednesday March 5th was postponed to this week due to a spring snowstorm. Hopefully we will have some new hams and upgrades to report at the meeting Thursday.

Marinette & Menominee Amateur Radio Club
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 13, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm at inVenture North in Marinette by club President Jim Callow, K8IR.

Motion to approve the January meeting minutes was made by Doug Dooley, KD8OVR and seconded by Paul Sorensen, NS8V. The motion was accepted and carried.

Treasures Report: NS8V reported the income and expenditures for the past month. The ending balance for the month of January was \$7,259.07. KD8OV reported the financial review was conducted last month and no improprieties were found.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports

ARES Report: No report.

Fundraiser: No report.

Yacht Report: No report.

ARRL/Webmaster Report: No report.

Old Business

Technician Class: KD8OVR reported two classes have been held so far and 5-7 people were in attendance.

Repeater: John Goldschmidt, N9GLT and NS8V checked the 444.075 repeater and found it was it fixed digital out mode. A programming change was made and now the repeater will operate normally in either digital or analog modes. N9GLT will work with Mike Lemke, KD8FUE to correct an issue with our WIRES-X node configuration so we can completely disconnect from WIRES-X rooms when a member is not using it.

Bicycle Tour: No update

Escanaba Link: No updates.

Charter Night/After Christmas Dinner: The group thanked Mike Lemke, KD8FUE for setting up the dinner. Positive remarks were made about the food, service, and private room.

New Business

Summer Picnic: A tentative date of Sunday, August 3rd was chosen for the club summer picnic. K8IR will reserve the pavilion.

Dry Erase Board: KD8OVR talked with Ashley at InVenture about purchasing a dry erase board for the meeting room. The club may help with the purchase.

Announcements: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by NS8V and seconded Dale Paust, KD9MVZ. The motion was accepted and carried. Meeting ended at 7:24 pm.

7 members present: N9GLT, K8IR, KD9MVZ, KD9MWA, KD8OVR, KD9IGW, and NS8V.

Minutes respectfully
submitted by John
Goldschmidt – Secretary

FROM THE ARRL LETTER

ARRL is equipping the next generation of radio amateurs with the knowledge to get active on the air. “On the Air Live” is a monthly interactive webinar series that does deep-dives into topics aimed at the new and intermediate ham. It complements material found in *On the Air* magazine. February’s event had nearly 130 people in attendance.

The events are hosted by ARRL Education Specialist Wayne Greene, KB4SDF. “OTA Live” has seen rapid growth and good engagement in the two months it has been going. “The most recent ‘On the Air Live’ covered programming a handheld radio, and we got a lot of good questions,” said Greene. “Being an interactive webinar, we have the opportunity to spend time discussing things on which members need more information.”

“On the Air Live” is accessed through the ARRL Learning Center at learn.arrl.org. It is a benefit of ARRL membership, and members must be logged into the web site to access it for live or archived sessions.

The next “On the Air Live” is Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 8:00 PM Eastern. It will focus on advanced functions of handheld radios, including getting them on digital modes. “We’re going to take the handheld radio and expand its capability by attaching it to a soundcard,” said Greene. Those who attend will learn how to use APRS and VARA (including Winlink).

“We had a great time with members on the last one, and I hope more people will join us in March,” said Greene.

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