

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: Steve Mellenthin K9STT
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Char Conover

The MMARC Newsletter

April, 2021

CLUB CALENDAR...

Club Meeting April 8

CLUB MEETING ...

The M&M ARC membership meeting will be this Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7 PM. This month we will be meeting at **inVenture North, 1320 Main Street, Marinette, WI.** We will not conduct the meeting on the air this month. We have a fairly lengthy agenda this month so we hope you can attend.

GET YOUR CLUB MUG...

It's a new fundraiser for the club! Get your Club Mug with the club logo on one side, and your call sign & name on the other for only a \$15 donation! The entire \$15 goes to the club for projects and operations -

Support our club today and thank you! Mugs can be ordered on the w8pif.com website.

STATEWIDE TORNADO DRILL WITH CHANGES THIS YEAR...

KG8CX will still run a simulated weather alert on the 147.000 and see how many operators respond at 1:45pm on April 15th as just a test to see the ham radio response.

Wisconsin's statewide tornado drill is an annual event, typically held in mid-April during the Thursday of Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week. During the drill, everyone in the state is encouraged to discuss and practice their plans on what to do during a tornado warning. For many people, this includes going to their designated tornado shelter, whether they are at school, work or home.

Since 2012, the statewide drill has included an Emergency Alert System (EAS) live code test, triggered by the National Weather Service and relayed to NOAA Weather Radios and Wisconsin broadcast television and radio stations. At 1:45pm and 6:45pm, anyone near a device set up to receive those alerts would see or hear a message advising them of the drill. Many communities also participate by sounding their outdoor warning sirens during the drill times. Due to concerns about the technical limitations of the drill, a decision has been made by Wisconsin Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, and Wisconsin Emergency Alert Systems (EAS) Committee to permanently discontinue the EAS live code test portion of the drill. Other aspects of the drill, including associated public messaging safety campaigns encouraging people to practice their plans during the 1:45pm and 6:45pm time slots, will proceed as planned on April 15th, 2021.

ONLINE STORM SPOTTER TRAINING...

The National Weather Service–Green Bay is once again conducting Storm Spotter/SKYWARN trainings via webinar during the month of April. Storm Spotters are volunteers who help their community and NOAA’s National Weather Service by keeping an “eye on the sky” during severe weather.

Attendees will learn about cloud formation, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and reporting procedures. First responders and the general public are invited to attend. You must be over 15 years of age to be a Spotter. There is no charge for the class; however, since it is a webinar it will use data from your internet plan.

There will be eight sessions total; six Standard courses and two Advanced courses. Each session should last approximately 60 to 75 minutes. The schedule includes daytime, evening, and one Saturday session. For Storm Spotter training dates and to register, you can visit the NWS Green Bay website at <http://www.weather.gov/grb/spotterschedule>

REPEATER UPDATES...

440.075 is up with Yaesu Fusion & WiresX Thanks to the hard work of Pete (ab9pj), Bruce (n9con)Shannon (), Eric (kg9gh), and Steve (k9stt) the new machine has been installed and operational. I have been working on the digital side trying to get Yaesu's Wires-X up which is finally working, node #62285 (3/27) - and a big thank you to Rick (w9ric) in Appleton for his guidance on WiresX and Yaesu Fusion!

The 224.600 K9STT repeater is now mounted at the Menominee location, with a wider range. The footprint puts Marinette & Menominee area within reach with an HT, and extends its mobile footprint to about 15 miles.

These improvements bring new technology and bands to our area for our members, and bring the WiresX DAR Youth room to life for the HamShack at the DAR Boys & Girls Club in Menominee!

Thank you to the many people who worked to make this happen!

DAR RADIO ROOM REOPENS APR 6

Volunteers needed for the DAR Boys & Girls Club HAM RADIO ROOM!

We are looking for a couple of volunteers who can work a couple of days a week from 3 PM to 5 PM on Tues & Thurs starting in April. For more info call KD8FUE or K9STT or fill out the form on the website.

MARINETTE AND MENOMINEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 11, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm at Brothers Three Restaurant in Marinette by club President Steve Mellenthin, K9STT.

Motion to approve the February meeting minutes was made by Bruce Conover, N9CON and seconded by Pete Johnson, AB9PJ. The motion was accepted and carried.

Treasures Report: Club treasurer Mike Lemke, KD8FUE reported a balance of \$4,722.42

Repeater Report: AB9PJ reported both the 147.000 and the 444.075 have been working well except for the noise issue with the 147.000 on windy days. There are plans to climb the tower and repair the jumper on club's antenna as soon as the weather cooperates.

Webmaster Report: K9STT reported he has been doing some minor updates to the website. The website is due for a big update in the next week or so.

ARRL Report: K9STT reported we are current and in good standing with ARRL.

Education and Training: Doug Dooley, KD8OVR reported that we still getting a few inquiries from the web. He will be checking with the library and NWTC to see if there have been any changes that would allow the club to hold ham radio classes at those location again in the near future.

HAT Team: Eric Janssen, KG9GH reported he has a request from a HAM in Kellnersville to remove a large HF log periodic antenna from the top of a tower. The team could use people who are interested in climbing towers.

Board Meeting: The club board met over the air on February, 24th. Topics of discussion were liability insurance, fundraising opportunities, wish lists, club social outings, and the membership recruitment letter was accepted.

Old Business

Changes to the liability insurance carrier has been tabled for now.

The membership letters have been mailed and to date we have gained 6 new members and a couple of renewals.

Char Conover was nominated by the election committee to fill the vacant At Large Board Member.

No additional nominations. Char was approved by unanimous vote to fill the position.

New Business

Cynthia Patterson, W9CYN thanked VE's Jim Callow, K8IR, Noel Beardsley, K8NB and Doug Dooley, KD8OVR for conducting a testing session for her on February 18th, where she successfully passed her Extra class exam. Congratulations Cynthia!

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by N9CON and seconded by Tim Mellenthin, WN6KHG. The motion was accepted and carried. Meeting ended at 7:29 pm.

23 members present: K9STT, N9GLT, WN6KHG, KD9IGW, N9CON, KD9IGX, N9OSF, AG9P, W9CYN, N9WVH, K8IR, AB9PJ, KA9JSV, KE8KWU, AB9QC, KD9BKC, KD8FUE, WC9E, KG9GH, KZ4TEQ, K9WAR, KD8OVR and AC8IO

Minutes respectfully
submitted by John
Goldschmidt – Secretary

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