

## 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

January 2008

### CLUB CALENDAR...

January 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
February 5<sup>th</sup> VE Session  
February 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### HAPPY NEW YEAR...

We hope you had a happy holiday season. It's time for the first meeting of 2008. We'll meet at 7pm Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup> at Spies Library. We hope you can attend.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY...

27 members and guests gathered at Schusslers Supper Club in Peshtigo for the club's annual Christmas Party. A highlight of the program was the presentation to Tom Zeratsky, K8ICO of a 40 year service certificate from the Civil Air Patrol. The presentation was made by Gene, K9GGV, another long time CAP member.



K9GGV makes presentation to Tom, K8ICO

### HAT TEAM PROJECT...



Diann, KC9III is now active on the HF bands after the Ham Assistance Team paid a visit on

Saturday, December 29th, 2007. A G5RV HF antenna was installed and tested. Diann will now enjoy hours of HF operation with her General Class privileges.

### **KG8CX NAMED ASM...**

Congratulations to Ed Engleman, KG8CX on being named Assistant Section Manager, Wisconsin for Youth. Don Michalski, W9IXG recently made the appointment. Don has always been very supportive of our efforts to bring youngsters into the hobby, and is recognizing Ed for his hard work at the DAR Boys and Girls Club, as well as helping to organize the Young Amateur Contest Ham Team, which has grown into a multi-state organization. Find out more by checking the YACHT links on the KG8CX M&M ARC website at <http://w8pif.com/>.

### **YEAR END ROUNDTABLE A SUCCESS...**

Calls for an end of 2007 two meter roundtable on the linked repeater system were accepted by 14 operators who fired up their stations for the last time in 2007. Stations from lower Michigan, Gladstone, Green Bay, Algoma, Sturgeon Bay, as well as the tri county area contributed to discussion of one sort or another. We hope to make this an annual event on the link, which will soon be expanded to the Cooks, Mi 146.700 repeater, to give almost entire U.P. coverage.

### **ARES NET MOVES...**

The Marinette-Oconto County ARES net formerly held on the M&M ARC 147.00 repeater will officially move to the Suring 145.470 repeater as of Sunday, January 6 at 8:30pm. The tone access is 114.8. The reason for the move is mainly to allow Oconto and Marinette County members to more reliably access the repeater and be able to participate in any ARES activity.

The Menominee County ARES net will continue to be held on the 147.000 repeater, but will start at 8:15pm to allow ARES members to check into both nets if they desire.

### **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER FOR 2008...**

The roster for the New Year has now been updated on the M&M ARC website, to reflect those who have paid their membership dues as of Jan. 1, 2008. If you have yet to renew your membership, please consider doing so. We would like all 2007 members to return, if possible. Your name will be added to the roster as soon as we receive your check. Dues are \$18 per member, \$27 for family, and \$9 for youth under age of 22 and attending school. This newsletter is going out to everyone, but will be the last for those who have not renewed membership dues by Feb. 1.

For paid up members, please contact WC9E if you would like your membership card.

### **VE EXAMS...**

Amateur Radio exams will be administered on Tuesday, February 5th at the newly remodeled Stephenson Public Library in Marinette. Registration is at 5:30 and testing begins at 6pm. VEs, please notify WC9E if you are available for this session.

### **HAM OF THE YEAR...**

It's time to start thinking about whom among our members is worthy of the 2007 Ham of the Year honor. The plaque will be awarded at the Charter Night Banquet.

There is a nomination form included in this Ground Wave. We'll vote at the February meeting. Nominations will be taken up to that time.

### **NEGAUNEE SWAP AND SHOP...**

Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association will hold their annual Swap and Shop on February 2, 2008.

This year's event as usual will take place at the Negaunee Township Hall, midway between Negaunee and Marquette on highway M-35. From the intersection of highways U.S. 41 and M-35, go south on M-35 approximately one (1) mile and you'll be there. For the folks coming from the south and on M-35, just keep on a comin', you won't miss the place.

The talk in frequency will be the 147.27+ repeater with a 100 Hz PL Tone, using the K8LOD callsign.

Doors will open at 9:00am and the event is scheduled to end at 2:00pm. Admission is only \$4.00. There will be plenty of door prizes and as always the raffle drawing (need not be present to win any of the raffle prizes). If you want to reserve a table give Bob, N8PKN at 906 225-6773 a call. Bob can also be reached via email at [n8pkn@aol.com](mailto:n8pkn@aol.com). Tables are \$6.00. There's no need to bring a lunch or go out to eat as there will be plenty of food, treats, coffee and sodas available at the refreshment stand.

### **HAM STATION FOR SALE...**

This was passed along by George, W8FWG:

Ham Station \$ 500.00

1 40 Meter Dipole  
2 Keyers  
1 Power Supply ( Tentec )  
1 Desk Mike

1 SWR Meter (Tentec )  
1 HFTransceiver ( Tentec ) Model #  
560C0RSA1R

I am selling for a Ham Friend who lives in Fl at this time, but I have it here at my place in Iron River, Mi. 1-906-265-4900  
[darsmith@myvine.com](mailto:darsmith@myvine.com)

Tnx Donald WD8KQF

### **SOLAR CYCLE 24 BEGINS...**

SpaceWeather.com reported on January 4<sup>th</sup> that that the first sunspot of the new sunspot cycle 24 was seen on the sun's surface. Sunspots of the new cycle are magnetically reversed as compared to those of the waning cycle 23, and appear at higher latitudes, in this case 30 degrees north. The first identified sunspot of the new cycle doesn't guarantee an increased sunspot number anytime soon, but it's an indication that we are at least near the very bottom of the cycle. The ARRL's K7RA Propagation Update reports the latest NASA estimate for the bottom of the cycle is now sometime between December 2007 and April 2008. There still appears to be a split consensus on whether the next cycle will be a strong or weak one. Only time will tell. In the meantime, keep up on the latest space weather at [www.SpaceWeather.com](http://www.SpaceWeather.com) .

**AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**January 10, 2008**

**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)**

**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. QCWA Report (Dave)**

**13. Old Business**

- License Classes
- VE Session
- Fox Hunts
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**14. New Business...**

- Charter Night

**15. Announcements/Raffle**

**16. Adjournment**

**17. Program**

**QUARTERLY TREASURERS REPORT BY WC9E**

DATE	Num	TRANSACTION	PAYMENT	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
10/15/07	DEP	Raffle		42.00	1140.57
10/15/07		DAR		100.00	1240.57
10/15/07		DUES		99.00	1339.57
10/15/07		HAT		100.00	1439.57
10/15/07		DONATION		30.00	1469.57
10/15/07	778	DAR	65.80		1403.77
12/6/07		CHECK STORAGE		50.00	1463.77
12/6/07		CHRISTMAS PARTY		418.95	1872.72
12/6/07		REPEATER FUND		5.00	1877.72
12/6/07		ANTENNA SALE		25.00	1902.72
12/6/07		DUES		225.00	2127.72
12/6/07		DUES		189.00	2316.72
12/6/07		INSURANCE	320.00		1996.72
1/2/08	779	CHRISTMAS PARTY	447.36		1549.36
CHECKING		1549.36			
SAVINGS		689.94			
TOTAL		2239.30			
REPEATER FUND		548.25			
HAT		100.00			
DAR		133.29			

**2007 HAM OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM:**

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ call \_\_\_\_\_ for Ham of the Year for the following reasons:

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Take to a meeting, or mail to:  
**M & M Amateur Radio Club**  
**P. O. Box 1082**  
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