

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

October 2006

OCTOBER MEETING...

The October meeting of the M&M ARC will be held on Thursday October 12th at 7pm at the Spies Public Library in Menominee. We hope you can make the meeting, the first of the new club year, and catch up on the latest club activities.

OFFICERS RELECTED...

At the September meeting, the current slate of officers was re-elected for the 2006-2007 club year. Thanks to Jim, K8IR, Bob, AA9GZ, Paul, WC9E, and Valerie, KC8WAI, for agreeing to lead the club for another year.

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

October 1st marks the beginning of the new club year. Looking back at 2005-2006, we can be very proud of what we have accomplished. The 147.000 repeater project was finally completed, with a new antenna and feed-line installed that should serve us for many years. The coverage has improved significantly, and we hopefully have fixed the wind noise that has plagued us for

several years. We also started the Ham Radio program at the DAR Boys and Girls Club, a project that has taken a life of its own, with extensive publicity locally, as well as at the state and national levels of the ARRL. We've already successfully licensed two young hams through the program, and there will no doubt be others coming along soon. The Ham Assistance Team (HAT Team) was started during the year, and has helped numerous club members with their antenna and other radio-related projects. The ability and professionalism of this group has led to requests from other groups and individuals outside our immediate area to help with repeater antenna projects. Outside the club structure, our members have been exceptionally active in SKYWARN and ARES/RACES activities.

Amateur Radio is truly alive in the M&M Area, and it's pleasing to see the membership rolls at record levels. All of this is possible because so many members of the club have chosen to take an active part. As your president, I've been amazed at how many hands raise when volunteers are sought for one project or another at our meetings.

We've got a good thing going, and I hope we can continue the momentum through the coming year.

As we get more involved in various projects, we are seeing a need to find some new ways of raising money. Charlie, KD8CHL, and Diane, KC9III have asked if they could form a fundraising committee. I therefore have appointed them, and anyone else who would like to join them will be appointed as well. Charlie and Diane will discuss some of their ideas at the meeting, and Paul, WC9E says he has an idea as well.

Unfortunately, my job will have me out of town on the night of this month's meeting, but I'm sure Bob, AA9GZ will handle things nicely in my absence. I hope you will be able to be there.

73
Jim, K8IR

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 3RD...

The annual M&M ARC Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 3rd at Schussler's in Peshtigo. The Sunday date was chosen so some of our members who can't attend on a weeknight will be able to make it. The menu will be Family Style Chicken and Tenderloin Tips with all the trimmings. The cost will be \$15.00 per person, including beverage, tax, and tip. Please mark the date on your calendar. An RSVP form will be included in the November Ground Wave.

VE SESSION OCTOBER 14TH...

A VE testing session will be held on Saturday October 14th at Stephenson Public Library in Marinette, starting at 10:30am. Anyone interested in testing or VE's who can assist at the session should contact Paul, WC9E.

DAR RADIO PROJECT GETS GRANT ...

The DAR radio room has received a grant from the M&M Community Foundation in the amount

of \$1210. Thanks to Rich Crevier, the DAR director, for providing the foundation with a summary of our program and pictures, as well as arranging a personal visit from a key member of the Foundation. We are looking at upgrading the HF radio in the near future, as well as some other needed items.

More great news from the DAR radio project should be on the horizon. Thanks to all who have provided equipment and materials for this very unique and important ham radio venture. The youngsters and those working with them appreciate it.

Anyone wishing to volunteer their time and effort in a very worthwhile activity working with kids would be readily accepted and appreciated. At the present time, Ed, KG8CX, is the only person working with the kids on a regular basis. With KS8O working a day/night shift, it is difficult for him to devote much time to the DAR radio program during the times it is open. Additional help, especially when conducting ham classes is essential, if the program is to remain operational at the current level.

The DAR is open at the following times: Monday through Thursday 3pm to 8pm, and Friday from 3pm to 6pm. Exceptions are when either Menominee or Marinette schools are off for convention, vacation, or in service days. Then the DAR is open days from 9am to 5pm.



Trying out K8IR's Kenwood TS570 at the DAR. A TS570SG, 160-6 meter radio is on the way for the DAR station, thanks to a grant from the M&M Community Foundation.

DAR HAM RADIO WORKS RARE DX...

On Monday, October 2nd, in response to a CQ call, a very rare DX country was added to our growing list. An 8 year old was calling CQ, and a station answered from GREENLAND. A short QSO ensued, which was marginal, but both calls were exchanged, and it was a good contact. We also managed a good contact with Puerto Rico, which was another new one for us. Our country count is now up to 44 worked. Quite an accomplishment for the short time we have been in operation. Also, a new Kenwood TS-570 S(G) has been ordered and should be on the table and in active operation within the week. We are definitely a "Radio-active" group. Stop in to see what we have and our many accomplishments. Check out the "DAR Ham Radio" website for updated pictures and news. It can be accessed from the club webpage.

JOTA SET FOR OCTOBER 21ST...

The annual JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) is scheduled for the weekend of October 21st. This year, we will open up the DAR radio room for the afternoon and give area Scouts an opportunity to experience ham radio. Spread the word to any Scouts (both boy and girl) and encourage them to spend some time talking to other Scouts throughout the country and the world.

NEW CALL...

Paul, formerly KC8YZB has a new vanity call. Congratulate Paul the next time you hear NS8V on the air.

HAT TEAM ACTIVITIES...

The Ham Assistance Team was busy again this month.

New ham, 11year old Brendan Jenquin (KD8ECU), now has a base station setup with a copper J-pole made by Eric and Charlie. The HAT Team installed Brendan's antenna on September 10th.



On September 17th, the HAT Team installed a 6 meter sloper at the QTH of KD8CHL.



Contact Pete, AB9PJ if you have a project for the HAT Team.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES...

Celebrating birthdays this month are Tom Zeratsky, K8ICO on the 7th; Becky Gondek on the 8th, and Linda Hellem on the 25th. Congratulations.

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
October 12, 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)

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

- VE Session October 14th
- JOTA October 21st
- Repeater Frequency Signs (Charlie)
- Donations to Libraries
- QCWA
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13. New Business...

- Fundraising Committee (Charlie, Dianne)
- Rohn Tower Sections donated to club
- 6 meter crossbanding request from KB9VXJ
- New member applications, if any received

14. Announcements/ Raffle

15. Adjournment

16. Program

MINUTES OF THE M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

SEPT. 14,2006

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Jim Callow.

Pledge to the flag

Intros and recent radio activities

Sec. report approved as printed in the Ground Wave

Treas. is absent, report given by Jim K8IR Bob AA9GZ will take any dues tonight.

Communications:

KS8O wrote concerning the orientation of the repeater antenna.

He suggests the antenna be turned so as to give northern Menominee County better coverage.

AB9IF web site <http://usrepeaters.com> would like to link to our web and will link to his web.

Ed KG8CX stated the Young HAMS net was not a success on Friday night Maybe Saturday would be better

DAR project... back in fall session.

A \$500.00 donation from a civic group for use in the Radio Room.

Quartermaster report:

Club's 2M Kenwood was lent to Brendan KD8ECU.

Repeater Committee:

Discussed the letter from KS8O concerning the orientation of 147.000

KS8O stated the 262 degrees should be 287 degrees for northern Menominee County.

Actual placement is 270 degrees - west, with gain S&N.

Pete AB9PJ and others drove in Northern Menominee County and tested ...They could receive and broadcast to Perronville before problems came up. A computer model should be done before actual movement of the antenna. Noel suggested PL tone is too high. Jim Swanson the tower owner suggests a cable banging may be the noise sometimes audible.

Thanks to AB9PJ Pete for spark-plugging the repeater committee.

HAT TEAM:

Cleared trees and brush at the tower site.

Antigo Sept.2 260 feet on a Langlade County tower owned by the County

147.255 PL114.8

Sept 23 Cooks MI to link it with the McAlister tower.146.700

100 feet of feed line YAGI antenna

Sept.16 at Charlie's

Quinn's antenna is on hold since he is away at school.

October 14 VE session then to Ed's to tweak.

Hat team e-mail list includes ARES/RACES and ARRL people.

Jim Swanson allows the HAT Team to use much equipment. - Thanks

What should we do with 400 feet of old feed-line ???

Pete motion to abandon the old feed-line to the tower owner.

Second Bruce KC9GRC
Vote.. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ed KG8CX, Eric KG9GH, Jim K8IR attended an United Way/Info-Link meeting to discuss a disaster plan and HAM Radio's capabilities.

Picnic was a great turn out Thanks to Paul and Maxine for heading the committee.
Thanks to Dave Arnold W8DXX for the silent auction items.

Quarter Century Club:

Jim C sent e-mails to surrounding clubs.

Nominating Committee:

Pete Jim K8IR Pres.

Paul WC9E Treas.

Bob AA9GZ Vice pres.

Valerie KC8WAI Sec.

Ed KG8CX Quartermaster

Unanimous Ballot

Motion Bob AA9GZ

Second Arde KA9WAR

Reminder...VE session Sat October 14 at the Stephenson Library 10:30 am
new and upgrades.

Paul suggested quarterly sessions and post them on the calendar.

JOTA Jamboree on the air Girl and Boy Scouts October 21-22 (last year at Earls)

Ed will check with the Director of DAR about opening the room.

New Members: Brendan Jenquin KD8ECU

and Quinn Haberl, KC9JYQ

Motion by Bob Charlie second, vote unanimous.

Ed...

Suggested a plaque for the DAR radio room with the names of the silent keys and others who have donated equipment to that room.

Tabled----Donation to Spies and Stephenson Libraries.

Christmas Party...Schusslers Dec. 2 or 9,

16 as a last resort

Ed will check dates.

\$54.00 was collected from passing the hat for the plaque, money to go into DAR Fund

Motion to Adjourn by Bob second by Arde

Attendance

Jim Callow K8IR

Valerie Hallam KC8WAI

Arde Nelson KA9WAR

Bob Schrader AA9GZ

Gene Voelker K9GGV

Floyd Croy K8ZLO
 Pam Croy K7PAM
 Diann Hallam KC9III
 Tearlach Sinclair KD8CHL
 Eric Janssen KG9GH
 Paul Sorensen KC8YZB
 Ed Engleman KG8CX
 Brendan Jenquin KD8ECU
 Tyler Lehman KC9FKE
 Dave Arnold W8DXX
 Pete Johnson AB9PJ
 Anthony DelGenio KC9GXQ
 Bruce Conover KC9GRC
 Guest Joshua

QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	Deposit	Balance
CHECKING					
7/18/06	DEP	Shirts		429.23	940.93
7/18/06	DEP	Raffle		55.00	995.93
7/18/06	758	ABC Shirts	429.23		566.70
7/18/06	759	Tent	137.14		429.56
8/11/06	DEP	Picnic		210.00	639.56
8/11/06	DEP	Dues		143.50	783.06
8/11/06	DEP	Repeater Fund		300.00	1083.54
8/12/06	DEP	Bank Error/Bank Charge		0.48	1083.54
8/12/06	760	Tower Climber	800.00		283.54
8/14/06	761				283.54
8/21/06	DEP	Picnic Swapfest		124.50	408.04
9/27/06	DEP	Dues		225.00	633.04
9/27/06	DEP	Dar Plaque		25.00	658.04

SAVINGS

8/12/06		Bank Interest Earned		1.29	684.46
9/7/06		Bank Interest Earned		1.29	685.75

TOTAL ASSETS 9/30/06

Checking	658.04
Savings	685.75
Cash	54.00

Repeater fund - \$20.75

Dar - \$74.09 .