

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>



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President: Jim Callow K8IR
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The MMARC Newsletter

November 2013

CLUB CALENDAR...

November 14th Club Meeting NWTC
December 12th Club Meeting NWTC

NOVEMBER MEETING...

We will meet at 7pm Thursday November 14th in Room 129 at NWTC. Room 129 has been reserved for us through December. KD8FUE will report on options for the (Post) Christmas Party. We also will have an interesting program by AB9PJ and KG8CX on APRS. Pete will be in North Carolina Thursday night, and will deliver the program via Echolink. You'll see a very cool use of APRS. We hope you can attend.

DUES TIME...

Thanks to all who have already paid for the new year.

You can pay at a meeting or via the PO Box. Dues remain \$18 for a single membership, and \$27 for a family.

WA9ERI SK...

We sadly report the passing of Don Uecke, WA9ERI. Don died in Milwaukee on October 30th. He split his time between Milwaukee and Door County. He had been a member of the M&M ARC for a number of years. Our H.A.T. Team had put up an antenna for him at his summer home in Sister Bay several years ago. He also checked in to the Kandy Net many times via Echolink.

HAM BREAKFAST REVIVED...

Thanks to Bruce, N9CON and his XYL Char, a popular M&M ARC activity was revived on Saturday as local hams gathered

at the Hometown Family Restaurant in Marinette, with a good turnout reported.

CLUB PIO...

At the October meeting, we discussed ways to raise the club's visibility in the community, and Eric. KG9GH has volunteered to be the Club's first Public Information Officer. Thanks for stepping up, Eric!

FOR SALE...

Jack, W9MU reports he has a couple of Yaesu HF radios for sale, an FT-950 with FSK and PSK31 interface and an FT-2000 200 watt version. Pricing a little below going levels on E-ham. Contact Jack if interested.

ARRL CENTENNIAL QSO PARTY STARTS JAN 1ST ...

In conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the ARRL, the [ARRL Centennial QSO Party](#) is set to kick off January 1 for a year-long operating event in which participants can accumulate points and win awards, as well as working new stations and making new friends. During 2014 W1AW will be on the air from every state (at least twice) and most US territories, and it will be easy to work all states solely by contacting W1AW portable operations. This marks the first ARRL-sponsored operating event where every member is worth at least one point. The event is open to all, although only ARRL members and appointees, elected officials, HQ staff and W1AW are worth [points](#). Working ARRL's president, for example, earns 300 points!

To qualify for points all contacts must be two-way (no cross-band or

cross-mode contacts), using CW, phone (FM, SSB, AM, digital voice), digital (any



digital mode, such as PSK31, RTTY) on 160, 80, 40, 30, 17, 15, 12, 10, 6, 2 and 1.25 meters, plus 70 centimeters and satellite.

Stations [exchange](#) signal report and ARRL abbreviation. Contacts do not have to be contest-style and it isn't necessary to give the ARRL organizational information. A centennial database will assign point values to all logs submitted electronically.

The Centennial QSO Party is scored by totaling the values of all eligible contacts. There are no multipliers or bonus points. Logs submitted via Logbook of the World ([LoTW](#)) will be scored automatically.

Awards

Work W1AW operating portable from all 50 states. Working W1AW in Connecticut does not count for Connecticut, however. Participants can earn W1AW Connecticut credit only for working W1AW/1 in Connecticut. A W1AW WAS certificate and plaque will be available. For an extra challenge, work all 100 W1AW portable operations -- essentially a double WAS with W1AW!

For more information on the ARRL Centennial QSO Party, as well as more awards like the Centennial Points Challenge, go to the ARRL Website.

Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 10-10-13

- 7PM the Club Meeting was called to order. The Club President led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The Membership discussed their radio related activities/projects since the last club meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Stands approved as printed.
- Treasure's Report: KD8FUE reported that the club has total assets of \$1,557.30 Membership dues can now be paid.
- Communications: Trina Rabida has resigned as Menominee County Emergency Services Director. Chris Rohde has informed K8IR that the two portable radios are programmed and in the cabinet, ready. NEWDXA brochures were passed around to the membership. The Fox Cities Armature Radio Club 2013 Swapfest brochure was all so passes around for the membership.
- NET and DAR Report: The 147.000 net has been averaging 20 to 25 plus check-ins weekly. The 147.000 unit is performing well. An R-8 Antenna is now up on the roof of the DAR and working. Thank you to Randy, Eric, Pete, and Lloyd on the installation of this antenna.
- Quartermasters Report: The report is current and up to date.
- Repeater Committee: Both Systems are working well. A discussion about recent band openings and possible interference from other stations took place among the membership...
- HAT Team: KG9GH talked about on going activities with the membership.
- QCWA Report: The next meeting will be November 3rd at the Fox Cities Radio Club 2013 Swapfest. The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Saturday of the month at 4pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome.
- Old Business: None noted.
- New Business: AB9PJ reported that a couple of new Club Logo possibilities will be ready for evaluation soon. The after Christmas Holiday party was discussed. A suggestion was made to have a longer social hour for the members to gather. KD8FUE is going to check into the details for this year's party. Details will be discussed at the next meeting. K8IR will make reservations for next summer's M&MARC picnic right after the 1st of the New Year. A discussion among the membership about an outreach to the community took place. One thought was to publish the meeting times and schedule in the paper. Eric (KG9GH) volunteered to serve as the Club's first Public Information Officer. We are still waiting for the results of the Michigan QSO party contest. W9GCG and W9LEG are leaving for their California home on the 13th. Have a safe trip; we will see you in the spring.
- A raffle was provided by W8DXX. Thank you for your support.
- Volunteers are still needed for the Healthy Youth Run. Please report to the Menominee High School parking lot by approximately 7:15am Saturday...
- Members present at the 10-10-13 meeting: KD8FUE KG8CX
KG9GH AB9QC KD8OVR W8DXX K9GGV AG9P W9CYN KD8ESH
K8IR AC8IO NOAWM W9LEG W9GCG AA8UT K8BKA N9CON
N9OSF AB9PJ Taylor Johnson was also present.
- The next Club meeting will be November 14th at NWTC in Marinette.
- A motion for adjournment was made by AC8IO, Support was provided by N9CON. The motion passed unopposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm 10-10-13.

Submitted by KD8ESH.

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