

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: Bruce Conover N9CON

Vice President: Eric Janssen KG9GH

Treasurer: Mike Lemke, KD8FUE

Secretary: Jim Callow K8IR

Officers at Large: Ed Engleman KG8CX

John Goldschmidt N9GLT

Doug Dooley KD8OVR

The MMARC Newsletter

November 2020

CLUB CALENDAR

Nov 12 Club Meeting George Webb's
Nov 14 Ham Breakfast George Webb's

CLUB MEETING...

We will meet Thursday November 12th at 7pm in the back room at George Webb's south of Peshtigo on US41. We hope you'll be able to attend. The November Ham Breakfast will be held at 9am on Saturday November 14th also at George Webb's in Peshtigo.

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FROM THE ARRL WEBSITE...

ARRL Urges Members to Join in Strongly Opposing FCC's Application Fees Proposal

10/27/2020

ARRL will file comments in firm opposition

to an FCC proposal to impose a \$50 fee on amateur radio license and application fees. With the November 16 comment deadline fast approaching, ARRL urges members to add their voices to ARRL's by filing opposition comments of their own. The *FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* MD Docket 20-270 appeared in the October 15 edition of *The Federal Register* and sets deadlines of November 16 to comment and November 30 to post reply comments, which are comments on comments already filed. ARRL has prepared a *Guide to Filing Comments with the FCC* which includes tips for preparing comments and step-by-step filing instructions. File comments on MD Docket 20-270 using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (**ECFS**). Under the proposal, amateur radio licensees would pay a \$50 fee for each amateur radio application for new licenses, license renewals, upgrades to existing licenses, and vanity call sign requests. The FCC also has proposed a \$50 fee to obtain a printed copy of a license. Excluded are applications for administrative updates, such as changes of address, and annual regulatory fees. Amateur Service licensees have been exempt from application fees for several years.

The FCC proposal is contained in a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* in MD Docket 20-270, which was adopted to

implement portions of the "Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act" of 2018 — the so-called "**Ray Baum's Act**." The Act requires that the FCC switch from a Congressionally-mandated fee structure to a cost-based system of assessment. In its *NPRM*, the FCC proposed application fees for a broad range of services that use the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS), including the Amateur Radio Service. The 2018 statute excludes the Amateur Service from annual regulatory fees, but not from application fees. The FCC proposal affects all FCC services and does not single out amateur radio.

ARRL is encouraging members to file comments that stress amateur radio's contributions to the country and communities. ARRL's *Guide to Filing Comments* includes "talking points" that may be helpful in preparing comments. These stress amateur radio's role in volunteering communication support during disasters and emergencies, and inspiring students to pursue education and careers in engineering, radio technology, and communications.

As the FCC explained in its *NPRM*, Congress, through the Ray Baum's Act, is compelling regulatory agencies such as the FCC to recover from applicants the costs involved in filing and handling applications.

M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES 10/8/2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by President Bruce Conover at George Webb's Restaurant in Peshtigo.

Motion by WN6KHG second by N9GLT to approved the September minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: N9CON reported the club's assets were \$3793.46.

Repeater Report: K9STT reported his 220 repeater is on the air. 224.600 with a negative offset and No PL.

HAT Report: K9STT has a project to be done.

Webmaster Report: There is now a page to accept contributions for the EmCom trailer on the website under the Contributions Menu.

Old Business

EmCom trailer update: The committee has developed a list of wants and work needed for the trailer.

Motion by K9STT, second by WN6KHG to adopt N9CON's logo for the club. The logo is the same as designed for the trailer, minus the ARES logo. Motion passed.

Bruce believes KD8FUE has the paperwork for the trailer.

New Business

Wooden Club Sign used at Field Day for many years. Motion by WN6KHG, second by N9GLT to dispose of the support frame, but keep the W8PIF lettered sign. Motion passed.

Cal has a 4250 watt generator available for \$250.00. Motion by K9STT second by WH6KHG to purchase the generator for the trailer.

After Christmas party: N9CON will contact KD8FUE about the party.

Club elections are coming up. The elections committee will begin their work.

There was no Correspondence.

WN6KHG suggested moving the Wednesday net to 7pm.

Motion by N9GLT, second by K9STT to adjourn. Motion passed.

Those in attendance: N9CON, WN6KHG, N9GLT, K8IR.

Submitted by Jim Callow, K8IR, Secretary.

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