

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: Jim Callow K8IR
Vice President: Pete Johnson AB9PJ
Treasurer: Mike Lemke KD8FUE
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

February 2011

CLUB CALENDAR...

February 10 Club Meeting
March 10 Club Meeting
March 13 Wisconsin QSO Party

All meetings held at NWTC Marinette

DATE ROOM

Feb 10th 310
Mar 10th 310
Apr 14th 128
May 12th 127

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING...

We will hold the February meeting at 7pm Thursday February 10th at NWTC Marinette in Room 310. Pete, AB9PJ passes along these instructions for finding Room 310:

It is in the Wisconsin Job Center section located on the west side of the campus. This is where the voting polls are held.

Park in the front parking lot near University Drive and enter at NWTC's main entrance (as the Job Center doors are locked after 5pm). Walk just past the main office, turn right and follow the long corridor into the Job Center building. At the end of the corridor, there is another corridor on the left. Follow that until you reach room 310.

Parking is limited in the front at that time so you may have to park in the rear and go in the usual entrance. If this is the case, walk down towards the main office the follow the directions previously listed.

This month we are pleased to have Gary Lysiak, K8XM. Gary is a broadcast consulting engineer. His clients include Armada Media Corporation, owners of the local radio stations. Gary has scheduled a working visit to the area to specifically to coincide with our meeting.

Gary's varied career includes many years with the FCC, including five years as the Engineer in Charge of the St. Paul Field Office. He brings a unique perspective having worked within the FCC and now is dealing with the Commission

from outside. We hope you can all attend for what promises to be a very interesting program.

MEDIA SPOTLIGHT ON M&M ARC...

On January 28th, the Eagle-Herald editorial was titled "Ham Radio Club and Asset to the Community", and singled out the club and hams in general for their contributions to the community and readiness for emergencies. The praise was unexpected, but very much appreciated. If you haven't seen the editorial, read it here...

<http://w8pif.com/eh0128.pdf>

HAM OF THE YEAR...

It's time to begin the 2010 Ham of the Year Award process. We'll take nominations until the April meeting, at which time we'll vote. The 2010 HOTY plaque will be presented at Field Day in June.

The Ham of the Year Award recognizes outstanding contributions made by a member of the M&M ARC during 2010.

17TH ANNUAL AES SUPERFEST COMING KICKS OFF APRIL...

Information has just been received that ARRL president Kay Cragie, N3KN will be attending the AES Superfest this year. In addition, the YACHT team and the Menominee D.A.R. Radio Club will have a display table right next to the ARRL table as we have had the past three years.

QCWA Chapter 219 will join with other Wisconsin Chapters manning a table at Superfest.

The dates this year are April 1 and 2. Superfest opens at 3pm on Friday, April 1 and continues from 8am to 3pm on Saturday, April 2. Check out the latest on Superfest at:

<http://www.aesham.com/superfest.shtml>

Many M&M ARC members and other local area hams are already planning to attend.

CAPITAL CITY HAMFEST...

The Capital City Hamfest will be held Saturday, February 12 in Fitchburg, Wisconsin (near Madison). Last year's 'fest was a great success. For more info:

<http://www.wd8das.net/hamfest.html>

DAR RADIO CLUB CELEBRATES 5 YEARS...

As of late January, the DAR ham radio room completed its 5th year of operation. During that time 15 young DAR members received their ham radio license. Each year 3 youngsters found a ham radio license to be worth studying for, and were licensed. The latest group to be licensed in 2010 were Blake Borski KD8ODP, Katie Marten KC9SPY, who has since moved to Illinois with her family, and Brett Borski KD8NAZ. Several more DAR youth have taken ARRL Q&A Technician manuals and are planning to work toward a license at some point during the next several months.

A major project will very likely take place this summer that will enhance the HF signal that K8DAR puts out. A tower and beam is planned to be erected on the west side of the building. Visitors are welcome to stop by at any time the DAR and radio room is open which is Mon. through Thurs. 3pm to approximately 5:30pm and see how this unique activity for kids has grown in the last 5 years. Thanks to the many great people that have helped us to reach this milestone by donations of radio equipment, funds, and their physical efforts....the M&M ARC, HAT team, The DAR administration and board, and numerous hams and non-hams from throughout the area and beyond. Without you we would have not reached this level. We are grateful to all.

Check out the K8DAR QRZ webpage

<http://www.qrz.com/db/k8dar>

M & M Amateur Radio Club Meeting 11-11-2010

- 6pm The Club Meeting is 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 meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Approved as printed by the membership.
- Treasure's Report: Approved as printed in the Ground Wave. \$839.07 total in the M&M ARC accounts.
- Communications: A discussion with a representative of the Civil Air Patrol took place regarding licensing requirements for Amateur Radio. An in depth discussion took place regarding the methods and materials required for the Technician Class licensing.
- NET Report: KG8CX reported that NET activity has been good. Ed also reported that activity on the Echo Link youth NET has slowed somewhat.
- The Quartermasters Report: The club web page is current and up to date.
- HAT Team: A letter from KS80 was read to the membership regarding insurance for the HAT Team. Considerable discussion among the membership took place about club projects and the HAT Team. A motion "Requesting AB9PJ to keep a spread sheet of club projects/activities that had HAT Team Assistance" was made by KC9GRC. Support was given by NOAWN. This motion passed unopposed.
- New Business: A request for payment for Liability Insurance was brought to the membership. A brief discussion took place. This request passed unopposed. The Club will have its Christmas Party December 11th at The First United Methodist Church of Marinette. (This has been changed due to a snowstorm.) A Discussion about the club meeting time took place. The membership decided the club meetings would go back to 7pm start time. This will start with the January club meeting.
- The DAR Report: KG8CX reported that student activity has been good. Echo-link is very popular with the young people.
- WSPR Propagation Information: Mr. Callow put on a presentation to the membership on WSPR digital mode propagation information. His system

could be a help for contesters in checking for band openings. Thank you Mr. Callow.

- Members present:

KD8FUE	KD8ESH	KD8OVR	KC9GRC	KC9NWN
N9ZF	N5FVM	K9GGV	AB9QC	N0AWM

- KG8CX KC9FKE AB9PJ AA9G
- Guests attending this meeting: Dan Paul Tom McKay Bill Niece
- A motion for adjournment was made by KC9GRC; this motion was supported by AA9GZ. This motion passed at 8pm 11-11-2010.
- Submitted by KD8ESH

- M & M Amateur Radio Club Meeting 1-13-2011

- 7:00pm the meeting is 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.
- The Secretary's Report: Accepted as printed by the Membership.
- The Treasure's Report: End of the Year financial report is printed in The Ground Wave. The Club spent \$240.00 on the Christmas party, Membership donations provided \$250.00. There were many positive comments from the membership on this years Christmas Party.
- New Business: KD8FUE donated a copy of "Stand up for Standing Wave" for the Clubs use.
- Net Report: KG8CX reported that the repeater has been working well. The NET has been averaging 22-23+ check-ins. The DAR Echo-link area has been getting a lot of interest from students. Ed ordered a few new Technician Class License books.
- Quartermasters Report: Current and up to date as listed on the web site. An updated Club Membership roster has now been posted on the web site.

- Repeater Committee: AB9PJ reported that the 440 repeater is working well. Questions have been raised about station identification. We are currently in compliance. Pete has been looking in to the 147.000 issues. At this point we are unsure if this is a Kenwood issue or a Front end Issue.
- HAT Team Report: AB9PJ reported that he has received a request for help on/with the 147.210 tower. The Hat team is now starting to set up projects for the summer season. Please talk to AB9PJ if you need help with a project.
- QCWA Report: The next meeting will be at the February 5th in Negaunee Mich. Ham Fest. The QCWA Net takes place on the second Saturday of each month. This Net is held at 4pm, on 3838 kHz. All are welcome to check in.
- Old Business: K8IR asked the membership about the need for License Classes. After a brief discussion it was decided to hold off until we receive more information from the Civil Air Patrol. Several people have approached members on the potential of a VE testing session. The General Class Test will be changing this summer. Looking at scheduling a Fish Fry get together some time soon. We will set a date at the February meeting.
- A presentation by N5FVM on his time in Iran: Damian presented a photo essay on his time working as a contractor building listening stations during the 1960's. A very interesting presentation. Thank you.

- Members present :

AA9GZ KD8ESH K8IR KD8FUE KD8OVR N8OQU WC9E
 K9GGV AB9QC N5FVM AB9PJ KC9GRC KG8CX
 KC9FKE W8DXX
 Taylor Johnson was present
 at this meeting.

- The Next Club Meeting will be held February 10th in room number 310 at NWTC.
- A call for adjournment was made by WC9E at 8:15pm. Support by KD8FUE. This motion passed unopposed.
- Meeting minute submitted by KD8ESH.

YEAR:2011

Balance from 2010

\$1,301.01

M & M Amateur Radio Club

Savings Account \$396.82
 Checking Account \$492.69
 Total Club Assets \$889.51

Opening Bal	904.43	492.69	522.69	522.69	95.79	522.69	95.79	95.79	522.69	522.69	95.79		
Credits	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DX	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations													
Merchandise Sold	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meals Collected	142.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	142.50
VE Exams	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Auction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Raffle	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Members Dues	126.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	156.00
Subtotal	268.50	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	298.50
Debits													
Repeater	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
J & S Electronics	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DAR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VE Exams	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Restaurant Meals	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
Merchandise	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc Expenses	320.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	320.00
DX Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	680.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	680.00
Closing Bal	492.69												

Reviewed by Mike Lemke. KD8FUE, Treasurer