

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 2012

CLUB CALENDAR...

Feb 9 Club Meeting NWTC Rm 129
Feb 18 Winter Party United Methodist Church
Mar 8 Club Meeting NWTC Rm 129

FEBRUARY MEETING...

The February meeting will be held in Room 129 at NWTC at 7pm Thursday February 9th. Agenda items include the February 18th Party, a Memorandum of Understanding with ARES/RACES (attached for your review), and hopefully a chance to meet Trina Rabida, the Menominee Co. Emergency Services Director. We hope you can attend. Room 129 will be the location for all of our meetings through May.

WINTER CLUB PARTY...

The RSVP form is attached. Please try to return it by February 14th.

VE SESSION REPORT...

An ARRL VE session was held on Monday, January 30th at NWTC. One new Technician and an extra upgrade was the result. Steven Lingis passed his Tech test with flying colors. He is the father of one of the DAR kids who also may follow his dad's footsteps soon and get his initial license.

Dottie Staffeldt WB9NCT upgraded to Extra class. She is a long time ham who was active in the radio club and on the UP net for many years. She first became licensed when she was 11 years old. Congratulations to both successful candidates.

Anyone who would like more information on VE testing can contact Pete Johnson AB9PJ, the local coordinator.

YACHT MEMBERSHIP AT ALL TIME HIGH...

With the addition since Christmas, of 5 new youth members and one coach, this group is experiencing its "second wind". 98 members are now on the membership roster. One family in Royal Oak, Michigan with three young hams and their dad as our newest coach have joined, and Pete KB3WIH of Harrisburg, PA. YACHT was organized in July of 2007 by Ed KG8CX and Jim KS8O with seven original members. Now almost five years later, we are close to reaching the 100 level.

YOUTH NETS ON UPSWING

The YACHT group will be re-starting their net on Sat. Feb. 4 at 7pm on the W8PIF-R repeater and echolink system. It will be called the YYES net (YACHT Youth Echolink System) and run each week on both our system, the Michigan Echolink conference #96170 and IRLP #9617 in Oak Park, Michigan. The YACHT net is open

to any youth or ham who promotes youth and ham radio.

Another youth net that is rapidly becoming popular is the WK1RK Kids Net out of Royal Oak, MI and run by Michael KD8OEV, a 12 yr old General soon to get his Extra. That net can be accessed on the W8PIF-R system which connects up to the Michigan Echolink conference, and then in to an IRLP network. Yet another youth net is run by Pete KB3WIH from Harrisburg, PA and heard on the W8PIF repeater Fridays at 7pm.

Consider supporting these nets and youth in general. You can have a positive part in the future of ham radio.

Here are the nets again, all accessible through the 147.000 repeater:

- * Friday 7pm CST - KB3WIH youth net on the AB1JU-L - Net control is Pete KB3WIH
- * Saturday 11am CST - WK1RK Kids Net on the Mich. Echolink Conference and IRLP - net control is Michael KD8OEV
- * Saturday 7pm CST - YACHT (YES) Net on the Mich. Echolink Conference and IRLP - net control is Ed KG8CX and various young hams.

PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club, W8PIF, owner of the 2-way communications repeater systems located in and near Menominee, Michigan, coordinated with The Upper Peninsula Amateur Radio Association (U.P.A.R.A.) on the radio frequencies of 147.000/147.600MHz and 444.075/449.075MHz, hereby grants permission pertaining to the use of the repeater systems by the below listed Amateur Radio Emergency Services groups for the purpose of communication exercises, radio communication nets, and other communications as permissible by the United States Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) as defined in F.C.C. Part 97. This agreement coincides with the understanding that any imminent life- or property-threatening and severe weather communications shall have priority use of said systems. Furthermore, it is understood, that by signing this agreement, the groups listed below shall hold harmless and waive the right to any and all claims of liability against the Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club, its officers, its members, the radio site property owners, and all radio site co-located tenants for any communication(s) failures relating to the above-listed radio systems.

This agreement is to be considered auto-renewed on an annual basis unless otherwise notified in writing by the Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club.

For the Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club:

Groups

The National Weather Service Office (Green Bay, WI) WX9GRB

Marinette (WI) County A.R.E.S./R.A.C.E.S.

Oconto (WI) County A.R.E.S./R.A.C.E.S.

Menominee (MI) County A.R.E.S./R.A.C.E.S.

Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 1-12-2012

- 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: Approved by the membership as written.
- Treasure's Report: KD8FUE discussed with the membership the Club's financial statement. The M&M ARC has \$1,070.70 on hand.
- Communications: AB9PJ asked the membership to approve an agreement to allow the Marinette County Emergency Coordinator to use the Club's repeaters in the event of an emergency or severe weather. A discussion took place among the membership about liability and some language within the agreement. The membership gave permission to The Marinette County EC to use The M&M ARC repeaters. AB9PJ was going to work out some of the agreement language for the club. Also brought to the attention of the membership by AB9PJ was the training session by Matt from the National Weather Service of Marquette that will be held March 8th in Peshtigo. This session is sponsored by the Tri-County Safety Committee.
- NET and DAR Report: KG8CX reported that check-ins have been averaging approximately 20 per week. Interest in the K8DAR program remains good.
- Repeater Committee: Both repeaters have been performing very well.
- HAT Team: Please contact AB9PJ with requests for assistance.
- QCWA Report: W8DXX reminded the Club about the QCWA. Monthly Net on the second Saturday at 4pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome.
- Old Business: We have had little response to License classes. The M&M ARC Christmas/Winter Party is to be held at 6pm on February 18th. Price is \$8.00 per person. Help with set up and clean up will be appreciated.
- Members present at the 1-12-2012 meeting: W8DXX KD8FUE
KD8OVR KC9FKE W9CYN N5FVM N0AWM AA8UT AC8IO AB9PJ
KG8CX KD8ESH K8IR.
- The next Club meeting will be held February 9th at NWTC in Marinette.
- A motion for adjournment was made by AC8IO; this motion was supported by KG8CX. This motion passed unopposed at 9:05pm, 1-12-2012.
- Submitted by KD8ESH.

***Club members and guests are cordially invited to
attend the M & M Amateur Radio Club
Mid-Winter Party***

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2012

***Place: First United Methodist Church Hall
813 Owena Street, Marinette, WI***

***Time: 5:00 p.m. socializing
6:00 p.m. Dinner***

***Volunteers wishing to come early and/or stay late to setup/cleanup are most welcome.
If you can, bring along a pie or other desert.***

A "White Elephant" Gift exchange will be held after dinner. Bring something laying around the shack or house that you'd like to "unload" on someone else. The more humorous the better.

MENU

Roast Ham and Turkey Breast Dinner and all the trimmings.

Cost: \$8.00 per person.

Reservations are due no later than Monday, February 14th. Make check payable to M & M Amateur Radio Club and send to:

**M & M Amateur Radio Club
P. O. Box 1082
Marinette, WI 54143**

Or leave a message with Mike Lemke, KD8FUE at 715-587-2584 and let him know you plan to attend.

Mail this portion with your check

Name of club member _____

No. attending _____ @ \$ 8.00 Amount Enclosed _____

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