

# 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: Pete Johnson, AB9PJ  
Treasurer: Mike Lemke, KD8FUE  
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

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### CLUB CALENDAR...

Feb 11 Club meeting NWTC  
Feb 13 Ham Radio Breakfast  
At George Webb's 9am

### FEBRUARY MEETING...

The February meeting will be held Thursday  
February 11th at 7pm, in Room 127 at  
NWTC Marinette. We hope you can attend.

### HAM OF THE YEAR...



Congratulations to Bruce Conover, N9CON,  
on his election as the M&M ARC Ham of  
the Year for 2015. Bruce put in his first full  
year as Club President in 2015. We thank  
him for all his work for the club. That's  
Bruce on the left receiving his plaque from  
Vice President Pete Johnson, AB9PJ.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY...



It was another pleasant evening for club  
members and their guests at the annual

After-Christmas Party at Riverside Golf Club in Menominee. The venue provides a great atmosphere and a fine meal. Thanks to Mike KD8FUE for again making the arrangements. And as usual, the most fun was the White Elephant gift exchange where some were delighted with their gift, and others were still trying to figure out how to use that treasure from the bottom of someone's junk box.

### **LOOKING FOR LOW POWER 2 METER RADIOS...**

John Meyers, NZ9Z, a NEWDXA member has been working to help hams in Sri Lanka for many years. John is looking for donations of 2 meter radios with a power of 25 watts or less to send to Sri Lanka. This is due to the requirements of a certain class of license in Sri Lanka. If you've got an old rig laying around the shack that you could donate, contact John at [nz9z@arrl.net](mailto:nz9z@arrl.net).

### **NEW LEADERSHIP AT ARRL...**

Rarely do we review the activities at an ARRL Board meeting, but the January meeting saw a significant changing of the guard. Longtime ARRL CEO Dave Sumner is retiring this year, and the board has selected Tom Gallagher NY2RF as Dave's successor. Sumner has been working fulltime at ARRL headquarters for 44 years. He will retire on April 18<sup>th</sup>. In another change, Kay Kraigie, N3KN is retiring after 6 years as ARRL President. First Vice President Rick Roderick, K5UR was elected as President.

### **CHANGES IN 80/75 METER BANDPLAN REQUESTED...**

The ARRL has petitioned the FCC to fix a "shortfall in available RTTY/data spectrum"

the regulator created when it reapportioned 80 and 75 meters a decade ago. The League's January 8 [Petition for Rule Making](#) asks the FCC to shift the boundary between the 80 meter RTTY/data subband and the 75 meter phone/image subband from 3600 kHz to 3650 kHz. The proposed change was adopted as policy by the League's Board of Directors in July 2015. At that time the Board also agreed to seek RTTY and data privileges for Technician and Novice licensees within the portion of the 15 meter band where they now may operate CW and to do the same on 80 meters, contingent upon the 80/75 meter subband revision.

Specifically, the petition asks the FCC to make the following changes, with regard to 80/75 meters:

- Modify the 80 meter RTTY/data subband, so that it extends from 3500 kHz to 3650 kHz.

- Modify the 75 meter phone/image subband, so that it extends from 3650 kHz to 4000 kHz.

- Make 3600-3650 kHz available for General and Advanced Class licensees, as was the case prior to 2006.

- Make 3600-3650 kHz available to Novice and Technician licensees for telegraphy -- consistent with existing rules permitting Novices and Technicians to use telegraphy in the General and Advanced RTTY/data subbands on 80, 40, and 15 Meters.

- Modify the rules governing automatically controlled digital stations (ACDS), to shift the 80 meter ACDS segment from 3585-3600 kHz to 3600-3615 kHz, consistent with the IARU Region 1 and 2 band plans

## Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 1-14-16

- 7:00pm The Club Meeting is called to order. The Club President led the Membership in the Pledge of allegiance.
- The Members each discussed their radio related activities since the last Club meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Approved as printed in The Ground Wave. Motion to approve by K8IR. Support provided by KG9GH. Motion passed unopposed.
- Treasurers Report: KD8FUE reported that The Club has total assets of \$1,312.96
- Communications It was reported that Mr. Bill Beck will be retiring the end of January.
- Quartermaster's Report: Nothing new reported at this meeting.
- Net and DAR Report: Local Net on 147.000 is doing well. The DAR Radio Room went on the air 1-31-2006. The DAR radio room is now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year of operation. Congratulations on a great program. W9RIC will be working on the new repeater (Yaesu-Fusion) programming. We will need a set of duplexers for VHF. AB9PJ will be looking for a cost effective 4 can duplexer.
- Old Business: The after Christmas party is planned for January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Riverside Country Club at 5pm.
- New Business: Questions were raised by the membership on the status of the Field Day tent purchase selection process.
- Repeater Committee. BMAC has contacted AB9PJ about installing a Tri-band antenna on the Hospital roof. This would be a temporary location. The planning of a new building complex has been announced. Some discussion among the membership about this project took place. Approvals and mounting decisions will have to be clarified with Hospital Management.
- QCWA Report: Next meeting will be held at "Golden Corral" in Green Bay on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am. The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Sunday of the month at 8pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome.
- Member's present at the 1-14-16 meeting: K8IR  
KD8ESH N0AWM KG8CX KD8OVR KD8FUE AC8IO N9CON  
K8BKA K9GGV AB9PJ KG9GH AG9P W8DXX KC9FKE Also in  
attendance: Mr. Richard Sexton, Menominee County Emergency Manager.
- A motion to adjourn was made by K8IR, support provided by AC8IO. This motion passed. The next Club meeting will be January 14th, 7pm at NWTC Marinette. Room 127.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. 1-14-16.
- Submitted by KD8ESH.

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