

The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club

GROUND WAVE

Repeater Frequencies 147.00MHz & 444.075MHz
Club Net: Sunday 7PM 147.00MHz

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The MMARC Newsletter

March, 2016

CLUB CALENDAR...

March 10 Club meeting NWTC
March 12 Ham Radio Breakfast
At George Webb's 9am

MARCH MEETING...

The March meeting will be held Thursday March 10th at 7pm, in Room 127 at NWTC Marinette. Eric, KG9GH will present a video on "Ham Radio, Now What" featuring a speech by Ward Silver, N0AX at the recent ARRL/TAPR Conference. We hope you can attend.

WISCONSIN QSO PARTY...

There are two reasons to have March 13th circled on your calendar. On that Sunday we turn the clocks ahead to Daylight Saving Time, and it's also the date for the 2016 Wisconsin QSO Party. It's the contest where Wisconsin stations are the target for

stations both in-state and around the world. It's a short contest, just 7 hours, from 1pm to 8pm Central Time, so it's easy to get involved. For complete rules go to: <http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm>.

HAMCATION...



Orlando's Hamcation convention in February is becoming an increasingly popular destination. Pete, AB9PJ and Dave, W8DXX were in attendance. In the picture above, AB9PJ is seen with Carole Perry WB9MGP, who moderates the Dayton Hamvention Youth Forum, among her many activities.

NEW SECTION MANAGER...

On July 1st, Patrick Moretti, KA1RB will take over from Gary Sorenson, W9ULK as Wisconsin Section Manager. Patrick is currently the Official Observer Coordinator for the section.

CANDY NET CONTROL...

Ed, KG8CX reports he will be out of town for the March 13 and 20 Candy nets. John, KB9VXJ will take at least one and possibly both, unless someone else wants to experience being a net control.

FROM THE ARRL:

HAM FOR LIFE?

The FCC is seeking comments on a Petition for Rule Making (RM 11760 - available on the web at, <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=60001333714>) that asks the FCC to grant lifetime Amateur Radio licenses. Mark F. Krotz, N7MK, of Mesa, Arizona, filed his request with the FCC last November. He wants the FCC to revise Part 97.25 of its rules to indicate that Amateur Radio licenses are granted for the holder's lifetime, instead of for the current 10 year term. Krotz noted that the General Radiotelephone Operator License (GROL) already is issued on a lifetime basis, and he maintained that not having to renew licenses would lighten the FCC's workload.

"It would be mutually beneficial for the FCC and Amateur Radio operators to update Part 97 to grant operator licenses for lifetime, Krotz said in his filing. "The FCC would benefit by reducing administrative costs."

In 2014 the FCC granted lifetime credit for examination elements 3 and 4, but applicants seeking relicensing under that provision still must pass examination element 2.

FREQUENCY COMING TO TV?

The buzz from Hollywood is that a TV series based on the 2000 movie "Frequency" now is in development on — appropriately enough for a show featuring ham radio — the CW. Amateur Radio served as a plot device in the movie and will do the same in the TV series.

In November 2014, *The Hollywood Reporter* indicated that NBC had committed to a "Frequency" series, but those plans apparently fell by the wayside.

Now, the CW has ordered a pilot episode of "Frequency," and if the network does go forward with the project, the modern-day version of "Frequency" the TV series would feature a young female police detective named Raimy, who uses ham radio to communicate through time with her deceased father, played by Riley Smith. Actress Peyton List is said to have landed to role of Raimy, reprising Jim Caviezel's movie character.

When the original "Frequency" movie debuted, the ham radio theme and the chance to see vintage ham gear and real, glowing vacuum tubes on the big screen generated considerable interest within the Boat Anchor community.

The ARRL worked with the film's producers.

Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 2-11-16

- 7:05pm 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.
- Treasurers Report: KD8FUE reported that The Club has total assets of \$1,375.86.
- Hat Team: Eric trimmed treetops that were interfering with the beam at K8IR.
- QCWA: A meeting will be held at the Golden Corral in Green Bay on February 20th with a tour of the National Railroad Museum to follow.
- Old Business: Mike, KD8FUE reported on the possibility of the club becoming a 501c3. CPA Kevin Cegelski would work with us to do the initial filing and the annual paperwork. The filing fee would be \$850. There would be a 2-6 month wait for approval from the IRS with no guarantee of getting it. A discussion of the potential benefits of being a 501c3 followed.
- New Business: Ed, KG8CX reported a new UP Ham Directory was being published. The club could purchase a quantity at \$5 each.

Ken, N0AWM made the motion, seconded by Eric, KG9GH to purchase a \$100 ad in the DAR boys and Girls Club booklet for their Taste of Marinette and Menominee Counties fundraiser. The motion passed unanimously.

- Eric, KG9GH introduced a video on Active Shooter situations.
- A motion to adjourn was made by AC9IO, supported by N0AWM to adjourn.. This motion passed. The next Club meeting will be March 10th, 7pm at NWTC Marinette. Room 127.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.
- Submitted by K8IR Acting Secretary.

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