

# The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club

## GROUND WAVE

Repeater Frequencies 147.00MHz & 444.075MHz

Club Net: Sunday 7PM 147.00MHz

Simplex DX Spotting and Ragchew Frequency 146.55

Web Page <http://w8pif.com>



### Officers:

President: Jim Callow K8IR

Vice President: Bob Schrader AA9GZ

Treasurer: Paul Drees WC9E

Secretary: Valerie Hallam KC8WAI

The MMARC Newsletter

April 2006

### APRIL MEETING...

The April meeting of the M&M ARC will be held at 7pm on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> at Spies Public Library. The agenda is included in this Ground Wave. We hope you can attend.

### CHARTER NIGHT...

About 25 members and spouses attended the annual Charter Night banquet at the Riverfront Inn.



Jim Pearson, KS8O was presented with his Ham of the Year plaque by club president Jim, K8IR. Ed, KG8CX and Paul, WC9E gave a photo presentation on the DAR Boys and Girls Club project. Charlie, KD8CHL, entertained us with some St. Patrick's Day stories.

### BREAKFAST ON THE FARM...



It was a perfect early spring day as M&M ARC members and their families gather on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> for a Breakfast on the Farm. Our hosts were Dave Goddard,

W9DWG and his family who operate the Beaver Brook Maple Syrup Farm. The event included a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast, including fresh maple syrup.



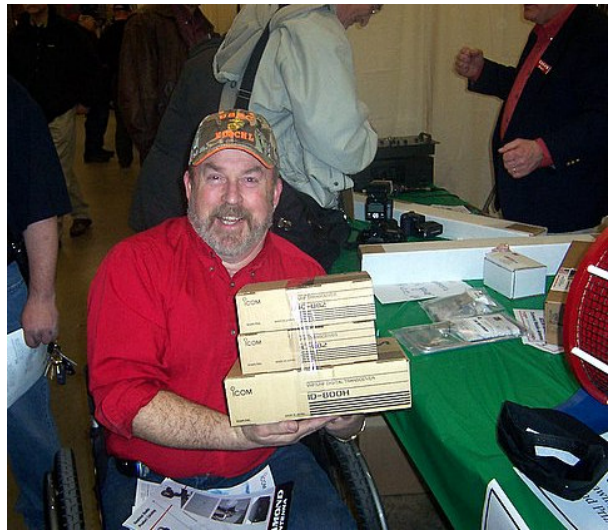
We all got to see the maple-syrup making operation up close, and after breakfast were able to take a horse-drawn wagon ride to the woods where the maple trees are being tapped.

The event raised \$260 for the DAR Boys and Girls Club. The money will be used to purchase items for the ham station at the DAR. Thanks to all who attended

Thanks to the Goddards for putting on a fun and educational event. We look forward to being able to do it again in the future.

### **AES SUPERFEST...**

It was a **SUPER**fest, especially for Charlie, KD8CHL at Amateur Electronic Supply in Milwaukee on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>. The M&M ARC was well represented at the event, which features displays by equipment manufacturers, forums on a variety of topics, special deals by AES, and prizes. And speaking of prizes, an M&M ARC member walked away with one of the major prizes for the second year in a row. Last year, Paul, KC8YZB, won an Icom 2 meter handheld.



This year, Charlie, KD8CHL was the winner of an Icom ID-800H Digital Dual Band mobile, and two UHF digital handhelds, all D-Star equipped. Those who attended the January club meeting learned about the D-Star system for transmitting digital voice and data. We had no idea D-Star would arrive in town quite so soon. Charlie has promised to do a program on his D-Star radios at this month's meeting.

### **AMATEUR RADIO ON PATROL...**



Bruce Conover, KC9GRC, has a two-meter transceiver in his Wisconsin State patrol car, and monitors regularly when he is on patrol. His car is #316, and he welcomes anyone with concerns as they are driving the local highways to contact him. His territory is from Wausaukee southward to the Marinette County border, and occasionally into Oconto

County and southward. He usually puts out his call on the 147.000 repeater when he starts his patrol. He does scan all the area repeaters including the 146.880 link.

He would like to become more involved in local ham activities, and in attending meetings when his schedule permits. It will be very helpful to have a law enforcement officer, especially during Skywarn season, to communicate with when the situation requires it. It was also very nice to have Bruce stop in to our "Breakfast On the Farm" March 26, and spend a short time meeting some of the local hams.

-Ed, KG8CX

### **CLUB RAFFLES...**

The April raffle will feature a spool of #6 bare copper weighing 24 pounds. Could be invaluable for many radio projects. BTW, scrap value is over a \$1 a pound.

Jim, KC8WJO, has a small electric grill and a piece of luggage (recently won at a credit union dinner) ready to be donated toward another raffle. These items could be very appropriate for Field day or the Henes Park Picnic when we will have more participants.

Thank you for all the raffle donations. We are now looking for May donations.

-Paul, WC9E

### **WHY BUY WHEN YOU CAN BUILD?**

After a recent QSO with a new Fellow Ham, I learned that there is a misconception that "Commercially Purchased Antennas are better than a Home Made Antenna" this is simply NOT TRUE.

I myself, would rather spend \$20 on an antenna book than on a brand new out of the box antenna.

But you don't have to spend any thing with the Internet at your fingertips.

I did a quick Google search on "J Pole Dual Band" and came up with a lot of easy to build Antennas THAT WORK, like this "Copper Cactus Dual-Band Super J-Pole Antenna" that I have Bolted to my Chimney.

[http://www.n7qvc.com/amateur\\_radio/copper.html](http://www.n7qvc.com/amateur_radio/copper.html)

or

[http://www.vcars.org/tech/J\\_Pole2M.html](http://www.vcars.org/tech/J_Pole2M.html)

bolted out an upstairs window.

I think at a club meeting this summer or at field day, we can/should have all the supplies at hand to put on an "Antenna Building 101". In years past we have done this and it helped me.

Why Buy when You Can Build & Save., and Learn.

What do you think?

-Eric, KG9GH

### **CHASSELL SWAP N SHOP...**

When? April 29, 2006

Where? Chassell – VFW Hall – U.S. 41

Sponsor: Copper Country Radio Am. Assoc. (CCRAA).

Time: 9am until Noon

(Sellers allowed to set up on Friday night, April 28 at 6 pm)

Items for sale, swap, trade, ham radio gear Door Prizes.

No sales permitted before 9am, Saturday, April 29

Admission: \$3 per person

Tables: \$6.00 each Half-table: \$3.00

Contact Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF for table reservations: (906) 482-7743

Talk-In: 146.67 MHz – Herman Repeater

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY...**

Happy Birthday to Bob Schrader, AA9GZ on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

# AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

April 13th, 2006

- 1. Call meeting to order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Recognize guests and/or new members**

Members introduce themselves with their call sign and talk about their HAM Radio activities in the past month. DX Stations worked, Antenna Projects, Contests worked, etc.
- 4. Approve Secretary's report as printed in the Ground Wave**
- 5. Treasurer's Report (Paul)**
- 6. Communications to read (any club officer)**
- 7. Net report (Ed)**
- 8. Quartermaster Report**
- 9. Repeater Committee Report**
- 10. HAT Report**
- 11. DAR Project Report**
  
- 12. Old Business**
  - Motion for dues increase
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- 13. New Business...**
  - VE Session
  - April Breakfast
  - Field Day
  - Waterfront Festival Special Event
  
- 14. Announcements/Raffle**
  
- 15. Adjournment**
  
- 16. Program (KD8CHL)**

# MINUTES OF THE M&M ARC

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006

- Called to order 7:05pm
- Pledge
- Introductions
- Secretary's as report printed—accepted
- Treasurer report as printed—accepted

## Communications

ARRL—Hello—PR campaign

AES—Superfest in Milwaukee

UP HAM directory \$3.00 contact George Thurner--- grt@pasty.net

ARRL- Host Division Convention???

Lot of interest at DAR. Contacts made by children all over the world.  
4 books about HAM donated to DAR by Paul WC9E.

Quartermaster report as reported on W8PIF.COM

Repeater Committee Report- Pete AB9PJ

Waiting for feed line: should be here tomorrow. Clamps okay; need cable ties, grounding bonding material. Aim set for mid-May.

HAT- a few projects

W9DWG- needs antenna on silo or barn. Two bucket trucks available, Peshtigo/ Shawano. Third Saturday of every month.

New business: Pancake breakfast Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> at W9DWG's house. Wagon rides to follow.

Maxine (WC9E's wife) in charge of picnic. August 20<sup>th</sup> at Henes Park. Third Pavilion

Marinette/Oconto ARES/RACES would like to use the repeater. Bob S. made the motion; Pete second the motion.

Twin City CAP-MOV-MOA ARRL

Bob S. made motion; Al second the motion.

Participate agreement ARRL & CAP

New Members- Pam & Floyd Croy (Family) - Jeff & Mary Rymer (Family) , Shannon Rysewyk— Pete made motion for approval; Bob J. second the motion,

Motion by Pete to raise dues to \$18.00 from \$15.00. Individual \$22.00; \$27.00 for family, beginning 2007 due to increases in activities:

I, Peter Johnson, Sr., make a motion (to become effective with the dues for the 2007 membership year) to amend SECTION 4 of the M&M ARC by-laws to reflect that the regular annual assessment of \$15 per individual membership be updated to \$18 per individual membership **AND** that the regular annual assessment of \$22.50 per family membership be updated to \$27.00 per family membership. Furthermore, a family membership may consist of any amount of FCC licensed amateur radio operators and/or non-licensed individuals registered with the M&M ARC as residing within the same property address or “mailing address”.

To be brought up next month for a vote, due to the need to change the by-laws.

Motion will be published in Groundwave

Raffle \$31.00

May NEWDXA meeting @ Schloegels  
QSO Party, Sunday March 12th  
Field Day—June 24th

Adjourn 8:30pm

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Attendance

Valerie Hallam	KC8WAI
Jim Callow	K8IR
Paul Drees	WC9E
Jed Buechler	K9JDB *** (new call sign)
Ed Engleman	KG8CX
Allan Grenier	N9QAA
Peter Johnson, Sr.	AB9PJ
Peter Johnson, Jr.	W9LPJ
Eric Janssen	KG9GH
Tearlach Sinclair	KD8CHL
Bob Jarnutowski	K8RJ
Jim Voss	KC8WJO
Gene Voelker	K9GGV
Shannon Rysewyk	N9RRU
Bob Schrader	AA9GZ

# TREASURERS REPORT - 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2006 By WC9E

DATE	NUM	TRANSACTION	PAYMENT	DEPOSIT	BAL
1/11/06	743	COMPROD-Antenna	1687.89		2393.93
1/11/06	744	POSTMASTER-Registered	10.38		2383.55
1/30/06	745	DAR (ARLHS, Frame \$28.97)	47.33		2336.22
2/22/06		DUES		45.00	2381.22
2/22/06	746	DAR Antenna	70.00		2311.22
2/22/06	747	Repeater Coax	942.71		1368.51
2/23/06				75.00	1443.51
3/10/06	749	Plaque HOTY	63.71		1339.80
3/14/06	DEP	Raffle		31.00	1370.80
3/14/06		Charter Night		269.00	1654.80
3/19/06	750	Charter Night	306.65		1348.15
3/28/06		Charter Night		81.50	1429.65

**3/28/06**

**Checking Balance            1429.65**

**Savings Balance            683.17**

**Total Cash                    2112.82**

**Repeater Fund Balance    1160.94**

**DAR Fund                      111.64**