

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>



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The MMARC Newsletter

April, 2017

CLUB CALENDAR...

April 13 Club Meeting NWTC
April 15 Michigan QSO Party
May 11 Club Meeting NWTC
May 15 Weather Spotter Training
Stephenson Annex

APRIL MEETING...

This month's regular meeting will be at 7pm in Room 201 of NWTC on Thursday April 13th. All monthly meetings through June will be in Room 201. We hope you'll be in attendance.

WELCOME TO 10 NEW HAMS IN AREA...

All 10 who took the Technician class with the M&M ARC passed their exams, and received FCC calls on March 29. There

were also 2 upgrades:

David Anderson KD9IGY;
Jackie Begolka KD9IGX;
Euan Gillespie KD9IHB;
Kurtis Hallgren KD9IGZ;
Michel Paquette KD9IHE;
Jeff Pownell KD9IGV (also General);
Kyle Rivit KD9IHD;
Russell Salmen KD9IHA;
Michael Sobeck KD9IGW;
Robert Wells KD9IHC;
Tim Mellenthin (Upgrade to Extra) AC9PY
(ex KB9DEM)

Congratulations to everyone, and thanks to the VE's who sat for the exam. Special appreciation to club members who taught the class in such a way that everyone passed. This was the largest VE session held by the club, and largest group of new hams to enter the hobby in our area. Now to encourage them to use their new privileges

and invite them to club meetings, where we can help them enjoy ham radio. Let no call go unanswered. Let's put our local repeaters to good use as well as HF frequencies and modes.

ARRL GREAT LAKES DIVISION ASST. DIRECTOR VISITS YACHT NET...

Tom Delaney W8WTD paid a special visit to the YACHT youth net on March 25, and asked for some information from the young hams checking in, of which there were 14. The following excerpt comes from his report to the GL division ARRL members. Nice to be recognized...

“And speaking of youth, I have been amazed to see what happens to young people when they get turned on to ham radio. Not only do they learn to be hams, but their ambitions to do things in technology fields become really great. There's an impressive group doing a net once a week on Echolink, through the W8PIF repeater in Michigan. And there are many other youth nets going on around the country. We need to be concerned about the future of ham radio. But not too concerned. Do your part. Help a new ham. Make friends with a school group or a scout group. That will keep ham radio alive.”

MICHIGAN QSO PARTY...

The Michigan QSO Party will be held Saturday April 15th from 11am to 11pm Central Time. It's the contest where everyone will be looking for Michigan Hams to work. Even if you have a modest station, you should have no problem attracting plenty of attention, particularly if you are operating from one of the “rare” counties. For the rules, go to <http://miqp.org>. The

M&M ARC will be well represented as K8IR and KG9GH are planning another mobile expedition through 23 counties in the Lower Peninsula and Eastern Upper Peninsula.

MICHIGAN STATE PARKS ON THE AIR...

From Michigan Section Manager Larry Camp, WB8R

On April 1st, Michigan hams embarked on the most ambitious on the air project ever. Of course, I am talking about Michigan State Parks on the Air or MSPOTA as we refer to it.

Previous State Park activations on the air around the country have focused on a single weekend.

The Michigan State Parks system as a whole will be 100 years old in 2019. Some of our parks actually began operation in 1917. Hence, the celebration will begin in 2017 and continue through 2019. That is three years of State Parks on the Air! Lots of time for activators and chasers alike!

This event includes 117 MDNR Parks & Recreation sites including State Parks, Recreation Areas, Scenic Sites and State Trails rotated over the 3 years. That adds up to about 50 parks across the state active in each event year.

One park in each of the 4 Lower Peninsula regions will be active in all event years as well as all 24 of the Upper Peninsula parks. The schedule is such that regardless of what region of the state you are in there will always be parks to activate during the event.

One of the most important takeaways from the event rules is that self supporting antennas are required and that NO antennas can be affixed to trees in any of our parks. Cross contamination from tree to tree and from park to park is a serious issue. Be sure to be an asset as opposed to being a liability to the parks system during your activations.

The primary source of information is www.mspota.org and contains everything you need to get out in the great outdoors and activate some parks as well as information for the chasers from around the state, the country and the world!

Information is available on the website for QSO content requirements, log submission, and QSL process. QSL's will be available via SASE.

For chasers, working the parks early will have an additional benefit.

The DNR Parks and Recreation Department will be printing park-specific QSL cards for each park. It is expected that these park-specific cards will have a picture of that park on the face of the card. Once those 500 cards are gone, then QSL's will revert to a generic MSPOTA card.

Who can contact all of the Michigan Parks early enough to obtain park-specific QSL Cards? Who knows, there may even some sort of an award for the first ones to complete this achievement!

We all remember the fun of the ARRL Centennial QSO Party and the ARRL National Parks on the Air events. Now it is time for the Michigan ARRL section to showcase our beautiful state parks and get radioactive!!!

MICHIGAN DISTRACTED DRIVING BILL UNDER CONSIDERATION...

From Michigan Section Manager Larry Camp, WB8R

On March 31, I had the pleasure meeting up with our Great Lakes Division Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK to attend a Press Conference at the Southfield Police Department regarding the recent introduction of House Bill 4466 by Michigan District 41 Representative Martin Howyrlak. This bill is co-sponsored by a bipartisan Representatives Frank Liberati, David LaGrand, Peter Lucido, Michael Webber, and Jim Ellison.

HB 4466 deals with Distracted Driving and thanks to our State Government Liaison Ed Hude, WA8QJE, amateur radio operators are specifically exempted from these regulations in this bill. We have been working with Representative Howyrlak since September, 2016.

You can obtain a copy of HB4466 here:

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2017-2018/billintroduced/House/pdf/2017-HIB-4466.pdf>

The pertinent reference is as follows: Page 10, line 16: 'PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE DOES NOT INCLUDE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE EQUIPMENT USED BY A LICENSEE OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.'

This is a long ways from becoming law and it most certainly will take months to get this on the Governor's desk.

There are two messages here:

One is that there is serious interest in tightening up the laws concerning use of mobile electronic devices while driving.

The other message is that if this bill were to become law as it currently reads, it appears that our operation of amateur radio equipment when driving will not be restricted.

We will continue to monitor the progress of HB4466 as it moves forward in the Legislature.

NEW MAJOR HAMFEST COMING TO MICHIGAN IN OCTOBER...

Great Lakes HamCon is being organized by the Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association. GLARA was formed to coordinate the activities of a consortium of local amateur radio clubs interested in supporting an event too large for one club. The event is planned for the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Michigan (Southeast of Jackson) on October 7th and 8th. For more information see <http://glhamcon.org/>

National Weather Service Spring Weather Presentation/ Storm Spotter Training



When: Monday, May 15, 2017, 6:00 – 8:00 PM CDT

**Where: Menominee County Annex Bldg
(Stephenson Annex) Conference Room
S904 US Hwy 41, Stephenson, MI 49887**

**Topics: Your role in building a Weather-Ready Nation,
social media's role in weather reporting, recent U.P.
severe weather, basic radar and cloud interpretation,
weather safety, etc.**

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 3-9-17

- 6:00pm The Club Meeting is called to order. The Club President (KG9GH) led the Membership in the Pledge of allegiance. This is an early meeting to accommodate the Amateur Radio License Class.
- The Members each discussed their radio related actives since the last Club meeting.
- KD8OVR led a discussion about the license classes and the progress that the candidates are making. Progress appears to be good. Instructors are optimistic. License exams are scheduled for March 16th. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this class happen. This was a huge success.
- Secretary's Report: A motion to accept/approve minutes as submitted by N9CON. Support by AC8IO. This motion passed unopposed.
- Treasurers Report: KD8FUE reported that The Club has total assets of \$874.90 The Treasurer's report was accepted by a unanimous vote.
- Communications: KD8FUE reported two items. The Wisconsin Association of Repeaters renewal notification and a notice to W8DXX.
- Net Report: The 147.000 net is averaging between 16 to 20 check-ins per week. Thank you to Ed and John for running our Net.
- Repeater Committee: N9CON and AB9PJ reported that both repeaters are functioning well.
- DAR Report: KG8CX reported that Lloyd and Gail will be returning April 19th.
- Old Business: 501C3 update: The bylaws committee has been reviewing The M&M ARC by-laws. (AB9PJ, KD8FUE, N9CON, and KC9FKE.) The Committee wants to discuss possible revisions with the membership at the next Club Meeting.
- New Business; This summer's club picnic will be held on Aug 13th at Henes Park in Menominee.
- QCWA Report: The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Sunday of the month at 8pm on Echo-Link on the 147.000 repeater. All are welcome.
- Member's present at the 3-9-17 meeting:
K8IR KD8ESH KD8FUE KD8OVR AC8IO KG9GH KG8CX
N9OSF AB9PJ AB9QC KE8EYF KD8FKE WC9E N9CON Also
present at this meeting Mr. Richard Sexton (Menominee County Emergency Services Manager) Mike Sobect, and Jackie Begelke.
- A motion to adjourn was made by AC8IO, Support provided by WC9E. This motion passed unopposed.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.
- Submitted by KD8ESH

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