

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

May 2006

MAY MEETING...

The May meeting of the M&M ARC will be held on Thursday May 11th at Spies Public Library beginning at 7pm. The agenda is included in this newsletter. We hope you can attend.

DUES TO RISE IN SEPTEMBER...

At the April meeting, a motion was passed to increase the dues from \$15 for a single membership and \$22.50 for a family to \$18.00 and \$27 respectively. This is the first dues increase in many years. It will go into effect for the club year beginning in September.

FIELD DAY 2006...

The time is rapidly approaching for Field Day. Once again, it will be held at the Bramschriber's location. Earl and Marge have

hosted this event for the last three years and have done a fantastic job.

This years Field Day will have a theme of "get a kid on the air." We are going to invite youngsters from the DAR boys and girls club, as well as any Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the area that wish to attend.

Also, there will be the first annual HAM ROAST sponsored by the Menominee County ARES group. A pig-roast dinner will be followed by the selection of a Local ham to be roasted, in public, amongst his or her fellow hams.

We are looking for anyone that can assist us with equipment, time, ideas, and support. All hams have something to offer and no one will be turned down.

This event will be fun, educational, and good old fashioned get together. Make no other plans but this one for the last weekend in June and I hope to see you there.

73 KS8O
Jim

PUBLIC SERVICE RADIO NEWS...

Bill Becks, WA8WG, recently resigned as Marinette County ARES/RACES Emergency Coordinator (EC). Bill Peterson, KB9URW, has been appointed Marinette County EC for Marinette County and Pete, AB9PJ is the new EC for Oconto Co.

A Tri County ARES-RACES net, will be held Sundays, at 8:15pm on the M&M ARC 147.000 repeater., following the 7pm M&M ARC Sunday net.

Also, all Skywarn activations will continue to take place on the 146.835/.880 linked repeaters. Tri County Skywarn Operators' Net is Monday at 7:30pm on the link system.

D.A.R. HAM PROGRAM MOVING AHEAD -

The cooperative venture between the D.A.R. Boys & Girls Club in Menominee and the M&M ARC continues to flourish. Almost 30 DX country contacts have been made, along with almost as many states. Many youngsters have had their first amateur radio exposure at the DAR, and continue to return day after day. The 100 watt Heath SB 1400 and R7 vertical have worked very well as a "window to the world." The dual band Yaesu 7800 is used for local contacts and EchoLink. At this time about 18 youngsters have signed up for summer ham classes, but of course, the actual count will probably vary from that number.



KS8O and the kids at the DAR station.

Thanks to all who have supported this project with their time. We anticipate a long positive relationship with the M&M Amateur Radio Club and the D.A.R. Check out their webpage which can be reached from the <http://w8pif.com> site.

VE SESSION...

A VE session is scheduled for 3pm Sunday May 14th in the Twin County Airport Conference room. Pete, AB9PJ is the VE Coordinator for this session. Please contact Pete if you would like to test at this session, or can work at a VE.

ON-DELIVERABLE CARD REMAINS IN "QSL LIMBO" FOR 50 YEARS...

Editors note:

I saw this item in the ARRL Letter. This should bring back some memories for any old-timers who were first licensed back in the 1950's or 60's. While today the post office may not deliver a letter with even a minor error in the address, back then it was possible to successfully send a QSL card with a minimal address. This was before Internet address lookups, and at a time frugal young hams had to make a choice between buying a Callbook or a couple of extra crystals to get you onto more frequencies. I received several QSL cards as a novice addressed to WN8OIB, Chief OP Jim, Menominee, MI. I suspected the fact that Kurt, K8BKA worked in the Post Office may have helped get those cards to the right mailbox. I wonder how many cards that I sent out may still be sitting in a dark corner of a post office somewhere.

Jim K8IR

George Hitz, W1DA, of Sudbury, Massachusetts, can finally account for one of his QSL cards--one he sent in 1956. While a newly licensed teenager living in DeLand, Florida, Hitz, then KN4DPI, fired up his

Johnson Viking Adventurer transmitter and made contact with Dave, KN6MSI, on 40 meters. Like a good operator, Hitz sent off a QSL card, addressed only to "Amateur Radio--KN6NMI, Chief Op Dave, Address Unknown, Riverdale, Calif." This turned out to be David Leaven, later WI6J, who became a Silent Key in 2003.

"I was 14, and like me, Dave was a new ham, and he wasn't in the call book," Hitz told ARRL. "I hoped there would be someone at the Riverdale post office that would know who Dave was, and it would get to him." But Hitz made one mistake: he addressed the card to Riverdale instead of to Dave's actual QTH, Riverside. That simple error left the card sitting in QSL limbo from 1956 until now.

"In 1956, I was just a Novice operator with a primitive station and even more primitive operating skills," Hitz explained. "Back then, with my radio built from a kit and my BC-348 World War II Army Air Corps surplus receiver and a 60-foot long wire antenna that was 15 feet high, California, was like a whole other country. And I needed that California QSL!"

Hitz had put a return address on his card, but for reasons perhaps best known to the US Postal Service, it finally was returned to his former Florida address in early April. It turned up in the mailbox of Mack McCormick, a

nonham now living in Hitz's childhood home.

"The card apparently has been in the 'Twilight Zone' for 50 years," McCormick said. "It's not wrinkled or anything."

McCormick offered to return the card to Hitz, but Hitz declined. "What would I do with it?" he said. "I understand the guy who found it is going to frame it and place it on his coffee table!"

THE EAA NEEDS YOU...

The EAA has asked that members of the radio club come to their next meeting on May 10th at 6:30pm at the airport. They want to start planning for the July 22nd T-34 Fly-in. We helped with communications and other jobs at the Fly-in last July. Please contact Jason if you have any questions.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES/BIRTHDAYS...

Congratulations to Paul & Maxine Drees celebrating their anniversary on the 29th;

These persons are celebrating birthdays...

1....Arlene Berge; 6... Jim Callow, Marge Schrader; 10...Andrew Buchholz; 11....Nancy Zeratsky; 27...Fran Osier; 30...Jim Armstrong; Andrew Janssen

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

- Field Day
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13. New Business...

- Approve new members
- Summer meetings
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14. Announcements/ Raffle

15. Adjournment

16. Program

M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB April 13,2006

Meeting called to order at 7pm by President Callow,
Pledge to the flag

Introductions with the activities of the members.

Secretaries report as printed in the Ground Wave, accepted

Quarterly report by the Treas. As printed in the Ground Wave, accepted

K8IR mentioned the membership for ARRL are: REG. \$39.00, Senior \$36.00 and STUDENTS \$20.00. The Club gets a percentage of the membership and all are encouraged to join.

KG8CX report for DAR : 10 books for the DAR members, Gordon West new book out in May.
Pictures of the "radio room" were circulated.

NET very good response to the net on Sunday nights 25-30.

REPEATER report: AB9PJ waiting for the climber to give a firm date.
We still need either steel hangers or cable ties for the tower.

HAT Team a new schedule has been put on the web site.

Old Business:

AB9PJ motion to raise the dues. Constitution requires a majority vote to set dues.
Up for a vote, Second Joey W9JJC
Individual membership \$18.00 Family membership \$27.00. Vote 8 for 6 against .
Dues will go up in September.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tech classes by AB9PJ

Week-ends

April 22,23

May 6, 7.13,14

Sat. 9-12 Sun. 2-5

Twin County Airport in the large conference room.

TEST 4:30 registration 5:00 MAY 14,2006 at the airport.

April Breakfast 7:30 AM Schloegels in Menominee.

FIELD DAY... K8SO will talk to Earl Bramschreiber.

Special Events August 5 10AM to 3PM at the Menominee Waterfront ..A Lighthouse event.

Discussion on G5RV ANTENNA for DAR.

People that take classes sponsored by MMARC and pass the test will be given a 6 month club membership.

RAFFLE: copper wire donated by Paul Drees.....\$36.00

PROGRAM;

A talk by KD8CHL on the digital capable radio he won at the AES Hamfest.

ADJOURN Motion by AB9PJ

Jim Callow	K8IR	Tearlach Sinclair	KD8CHL
David Hodgins	Guest	Damian Schumacher	N5FVM (Guest)
Libby Hodgins	Guest	Allen Grenier	N9QAA
Barbara Hodgins	Guest	Bruce Conover	KC9GRC (Guest)
Floyd Cray	K8ZLO	Ed Engleman	KG8CX
Pam Croy	K7PAM	Tyler Lehman	KC9FKE
Eric Janssen	KG9GH	Jed Buechler	K9JDB
PJ Johnson	W9LPJ	Joe Callow	W9JJC
Jim Voss	KC8WJO	Bob Jarnutowski	K8RJ
Pete Johnson	AB9PJ	Valerie Hallam	KC8WAI
Jim Pearson	KS8O		

TREASURERS REPORT 4/29/06: Savings \$683.17 Checking \$1425.65 Total \$2108.82
Repeater \$1196.94 DAR \$111.64

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MARINETTE-MENOMINEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Updated: May 2006

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the club shall be the Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

The objects of this club are the promotion of interest in amateur radio communication and experimentation, the relaying of messages by radio without charge, the furtherance of the public welfare, the advancement of the radio art, the representation of the radio amateur in legislative affairs, the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct among its members, and the promotion of such other activities as are allied thereto.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall by its By-Laws provide.

ARTICLE IV

ORGANIZATION

There shall be elected for a term of one year, a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The immediate Past-President and an Activities Manager (who shall be appointed by the newly elected President), together with the Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be the Executive Committee.

In the event the immediate Past-President is unavailable to serve on the Executive Committee, the newly elected President shall appoint a person to serve on the Executive Committee.

The following section was added 1/12/06:

The Quartermaster shall be an elected position but not to be considered an officer of the club. The "Quartermaster" will not have any officer-related responsibilities of the club and this elected position will be a one-year term.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF OFFICES

1. PRESIDENT. The President shall preside at all meeting of this club and shall conduct the same according to the rules adopted; he/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by the club, and none other, and perform all customary duties to the office of President.

2. VICE-PRESIDENT. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. He/she shall be responsible for all meeting programs.

3. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall receive and keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. The Treasurer shall pay no bills without proper authorization. At the end of each quarter, the Treasurer shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. In addition, the Treasurer shall maintain an accurate and up-to-date club roster. A copy of the club roster shall be submitted to the editor of the club newsletter each month in which there are changes in membership and/or addresses.

The Treasurer shall also advise members by mail early in October that the membership fees and the autopatch fees of the Marinette-Menominee Amateur Radio Club are due and payable to the Treasurer. When dues are paid, the Treasurer will promptly issue a new membership card to the member.

Any member failing to pay dues by December 31st will be dropped from the club roster.

4. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep a written record of the proceedings of all meetings, submit a written copy of the minutes of the club to the Editor of the club newsletter within one week of the meeting to ensure inclusion of the minutes with the mailing of the club newsletter each month, carry on all correspondence of the club, read communications at each meeting, except when excused by action under the By-Laws.

5. ACTIVITIES MANAGER. The Activities Manager shall organize club member radio station activities, contests for enjoyment and general interest maintenance. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the ARRL Emergency Coordinator of SEC, who has jurisdiction, in order to further the fullest possible club participation in ARRL Emergence Corps. He/she shall keep informed by questionnaires or other means as to which members possess station equipment to facilitate emergency organization and to help in planning general interest activities. He/she shall encourage new stations in reporting activities to the club and to the elected section communications official of the ARRL; all these things to make the standing of the club and amateur radio activities in the community as outstanding as possible. He/she may appoint traffic committees or assistants to aid him/her in specific branches of activity.

6. QUARTERMASTER. The Quartermaster shall secure in their possession and maintain a written record of the club's equipment (herein referred to as quartermaster log) and related assets to include but not limited to repeater systems not in use, radios, antennas, ham gear, feedline, coax, tools, etc. The Quartermaster will not need to secure repeater systems that are in use, but shall maintain a written record of the whereabouts of all repeater systems that are considered in use and on air. The Quartermaster shall maintain a detailed log of all items checked out by individual club members. The Quartermaster shall only allow items to be checked out upon an approved motion with 51% of the club membership present with the exception of club approved sponsored events and activities.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At the meetings, twenty (20) percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTIONS

Elections for the officers of the club and for the quartermaster will be held annually in September with new officers taking office by the first meeting in October.

ARTICLE VIII

DUES OR ASSESSMENTS

The Club by a majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objects as set forth in Article II. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Club within the discretion of the membership.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

The Constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members at a regular meeting provided there is a quorum present. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and may not be voted on until the next regular session.

BY-LAWS OF THE

MARINETTE-MENOMINEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

SECTION 1

SECRETARY: It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Marinette-Menominee Amateur Radio Club and have the same with him/her at every regular and special meeting. He/she shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.

QUARTERMASTER: It shall be the duty of the quartermaster to keep the quartermaster log of the M&M Amateur Radio Club and have the same with him/her at every regular meeting. He/she shall cause all amendments, changes, and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.

SECTION 2

MEMBERSHIP: Applications for membership shall be submitted at a regular meeting in writing and each application must express a willingness of the applicant to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws and such rules as shall from time to time be promulgated by the club. Two-thirds (2/3) of those present shall approve the applicant before he/she shall be considered elected to the membership.

SECTION 3

MEETINGS: Meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (local time) at a place designated by the President.

Special meetings may be called by the President or upon written request of any five (5) members of the Club in good standing. Notices shall be sent to all the members of the Club in good standing informing them of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. Such notices shall be sent so that in ordinary postal delivery, they shall arrive at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time therein set for the meeting. Only such business as is designated in said notice shall be transacted at such special meetings.

SECTION 4

DUES: Effective September 2006, a regular annual assessment of Fifteen Dollars (\$18.00) per member is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE VIII of the Constitution for the purpose of providing funds. Autopatch privileges are included in the above assessment.

Effective September 2006, the regular annual assessment for family membership shall be \$27.00 per family membership. 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".

(Editor's note: the following paragraph from the 1993 version was eliminated in 1995)

In addition to regular club membership dues, anyone wishing to participate in the autopatch portion of the Marinette-Menominee Amateur Radio Club will pay the autopatch dues consisting of a one time charge of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to join the autopatch portion of the club, and a fee of Twenty-eight Dollars (\$28.00) per year, per person, to maintain active membership in the autopatch portion of the Marinette-Menominee Amateur Radio Club. Dues for the autopatch are due and payable at the November meeting of the Club. Persons wishing to participate in the autopatch must be members in good standing of the Marinette-Menominee Amateur Radio Club and follow the current Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations regarding use of an autopatch.

SECTION 5

COMMITTEES: There shall be the following standing committees:

1. **HOUSE COMMITTEE:** This committee shall see that the meeting place is in good order for a meeting and see that it cleaned up after the meeting. It shall see that properties normally stored at the meeting place shall be properly stored before leaving.
2. **PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** This committee shall function under the direction of the President and shall provide interesting and educational programs for Club meetings. Information of the programs shall be furnished in advance to the newsletter editor so that he/she may include it on the meeting notice.
3. **PICNIC COMMITTEE:** While this activity is a whole Club activity, it shall be under the direction of the Chairman who will be directly assisted by the Activities Manager and the other members as he shall select.
4. **CHARTER NIGHT COMMITTEE:** This committee shall make all arrangements for the Charter Night Banquet, such as location, food and menu arrangements, program, tickets, notices, publicity and other details of Charter Night
5. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** Such committees shall be appointed as required/necessary by the President.

SECTION 6 (Added 10/2005)

REPEATER FUND

A permanent "Repeater Maintenance and Expense Fund" shall be created to pay for all repeater expenses for both the 147.000 repeater and the 444.075 repeater. The Fund shall be kept in a separate account under control of the club treasurer.

2. The following revenue sources shall be directed to the above said account for the purpose of current and future repeater expenses for the purpose of maintaining the two club repeaters in a high quality fashion on an ongoing basis.

- a. 35% of all club membership fees on an annual basis beginning with the 2006 membership dues and continue every year thereafter.
- b. 100% of all donations from members specifically "indicated" for repeater maintenance and/or fund.

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