

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

July 2006

JULY MEETING...

The July meeting of the M&M ARC will be held on Thursday, July 13th at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the M&M Yacht Club, located behind the band shell in Menominee. Thanks to Val, KC8WAI for securing use of the Yacht Club for our next two meetings. We'll return to Spies Library in September. Please try to join us. We'll be reviewing the Field Day event, and make plans for upcoming club events including the T-34 weekend at the airport, the Waterfront Festival special event station, the club picnic on August 20th (see the reservation form in this newsletter), and the Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) scheduled for October. The full agenda is contained in this newsletter. It'll be a busy meeting. See you there.

FIELD DAY 2006...

A little rain along the way did not dampen the 2006 M&M ARC Field Day. Thanks to Earl and Marge Bramschreiber for letting us again use their property, which has been our Field Day site for several years. And thanks to Marge for

procuring two 12x 20 foot tents that really came in handy when the rains came.



A big thanks to Jim, KS8O who coordinated the event, and along with his friend John mowed the site and access road. The site never looked better. Electric power has not been an issue for the M&M ARC since Dave, W8DXX, a one-man power company, has been letting us use his 10KW tractor-driven generator. Fueling the small club generator every two hours in the darkness (and often in the rain) is a distant memory thanks to Dave's fine setup. And thanks to all who came out to the site. We counted 47 persons, including 22 club members on site

sometime during the weekend. Almost a third of our members attended, a very good showing.

Conditions were pretty good for Field Day. As usual, much of the activity was on 40 and 20 meters, but there were some good E-skip openings on 15 and 10, and 80 meters was not terribly noisy.



We logged about 800 contacts on the 4 main stations, and the Get on the Air (GOTA) station added another 52 contacts, many by the several “DAR kids” who came out.



Marty, KB9NNW put five 6-meter contacts in the log. Paul, WC9E was running PSK31 on 20 meters.

Paul, KC8YZB spent a lot of time “in the chair”, adding to our CW totals. 10-year-old Joe, W9JJC was calling and logging by himself this year. And Jim KS8O was making contacts late into the night.



There were plenty of non-radio activities as well. We enjoyed a fine meal Saturday evening consisting of (what else?) roast ham. If you missed it, don't worry, there was plenty left, and we'll have pork barbeque at the August picnic. Thanks to Marge Bramschreiber for her deserts and her breakfast dish Sunday morning. After dinner, the first annual “roast” of a ham was held, sponsored by Menominee County ARES/RACES. When the originally intended “victim” was not in attendance, the attention was shifted to Marge Bramschreiber, who was honored for her work as Menominee County Emergency Director.



As darkness fell, we gathered around the campfire for some very pleasant fellowship as Eric. KG9GH expertly instructed Joe, W9JJC in campfire tending.

Again, thanks to all who attended, and who helped in any way. We once again proved that pooling our resources, we are ready to provide reliable communications in an emergency or disaster scenario.

VE SESSIONS...

We were two for two at the VE Session held at the Field Day site on June 24th. Congratulations to Charley, KD8CHL, who passed his General written exam, and to Tracy, KC0LDE from Shawano, who passed his 5 WPM code test, and upgraded to General.

Plans are underway for another VE Session at the DAR Boys and Girls Club on Wednesday, August 9th. We hope to have several of the kids in this summer's classes ready to test on that date. Pete AB9PJ, is also proposing a testing session in Oconto Falls on Saturday August 12th. If you would like to test at either of these sessions, contact Pete, AB9PJ, or Paul, WC9E.

SKYWARN IS ACTIVE...

The week prior to the 4th of July proved to be a busy one for local SKYWARN members. Severe weather moved through the area on Saturday July 1st. A severe storm hit the Oconto Falls area especially hard. Jared, KC9IPS, photographed a hailstone with a diameter in excess of three inches.

Another line of severe weather moved through the area on Tuesday evening, July 3rd. KG8CX reports 21 hams responded to the SKYWARN callup. We also had stations from both the Green Bay and Marquette NWS offices on frequency, probably the first time this has happened. There were extra concerns since there was a large gathering of people on Marinette's Stephenson Island for a pre-4th of July concert. Paul, WC9E was on the island, manning one of the concession booths, but was having difficulty communicating through the repeaters with his handheld. Charley, KD8CHL, drove over to the Island to establish better communications through his mobile.

While passing along the latest weather information to police and sheriff department officers at the Island, Charley was able to demonstrate the effectiveness of amateur radio in SKYWARN situations. Charley said a sheriff deputy called him later and said our information was up to 6 minutes ahead of the information they

were receiving through their dispatch. We can be proud of the service we provide to the area through SKYWARN.

ARES/RACES NEWS...

Pete, AB9PJ, Oconto County EC, has planned a training class for the FEMA courses IS-100 & IS-700 to be held in the Oconto Falls Community Memorial Hospital. The date is Saturday, August 12th, 2006. In addition, a VE exam session may be held at that location.

The times are not set completely, but he is anticipating the VE exam session to occur 9am to 11am. Then, IS-100 may be 11:15am to 1:30pm. Grilling burgers and brats for lunch may be around 1:30pm to 2:30pm. IS-700 would follow 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

Again, the times are only estimated at this time.

Anyone who may need the FEMA certifications and anyone wishing to test at the VE exam session are invited.

It is **highly requested** that all members of the Michigan and Wisconsin Cooperative ARES/RACES Network attend this training session if you have not tested for IS-100 and IS-700. That includes members from Oconto County, Marinette County, Menominee, MI County, Florence County and Dickinson County. All other counties are welcome as well.

Please note: These courses are free, however, please contact your local EC and let him/her know that you will be participating so that Pete may obtain a headcount.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES/BIRTHDAYS...

Congratulations to KB9IMX and KG9BI (Sally and Al Mans) on their anniversary, July 1. The following have birthdays this month: 2...Ed Engleman, KG8CX; Arde Nelson, KA9WAR; 3...Bob Osier, AA9IB; 15...Tanya Parkansky; 21...Elizabeth Pearson. Congratulations to all.

AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

July 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. DAR Project Report (Ed)

9. Quartermaster Report (Ed)

10. Repeater Committee Report (Pete)

11. HAT Report (Pete)

12. Old Business

- Field Day
- Club Apparel
- T-34 Weekend
- Picnic. Swap Table?
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13. New Business...

- VE Sessions
- Waterfront Special Event Station
- JOTA
- Nominating Committee
- Quarter Century Wireless Association
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14. Announcements/ Raffle

15. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE MM ARC MEETING - June 8th, 2006

Meeting called to order 7:15pm at Henes park

Intros-

2 new HAMS KD8DQR and KD8DQQ

Secretary report approved

\$120 power for tower

Thank-yous to the HAT team from Clayton & Dave.

Raffle W8DXX- cold heat soldering iron

Ed- net 30 checkins

DAR- expect up to 150 kids. Classes begin Tuesday next week; 3 days a week. Nine signed up for class already.

Quartermaster on-line. Equipment being gleaned from members for Field Day.

Repeater Committee- all equipment is in. Looking at week of July 4th; or by last tenant; or by climber's availability.

HAT report- AB9PJ. 110 foot tower put up at Jim Pearson's house (KS8O). Bob L from mike/key club in Green Bay was there.

Pictures from HAT projects being used to promote safety in Wisconsin.

Next project Sunday pm. Marinette tower. Later, Loop at KC8YZB-

Hat Team Pictures available from album on CD for free.

Old Business:

Jim- looking for volunteers for a clean-up party, one week prior to Field Day.

Charlie- 210 lb. pig to roast, 150-160 pounds butchered.

Bring a dish to pass for Saturday night.

Clothing: Charlie motion to change color to Cornflower Blue. Joey 2nd. Color changed. "Designer" to be the font used; motion by Diann, Joey 2nd. Font will be "Designer".

Charlie motion to have tower as part of logo, Jim V 2nd. Tower as logo passed.

Meeting on June 14th, 6:30pm at terminal- EAA T-34's. Food provided.

July & August meetings to be held at M&M Yacht Club, Menominee Marina.

VE testing- 9:30am at Field Day- Bramschreiber's place

Airport or library for rain day

Marge has more RACES cards. Need background check, pictures.

Raffle \$63.00. Pete winner

Motion to adjourn George, Charlie 2nd.

Those in attendance:

Valerie Hallam	KC8WAI,	Jim Voss	KC8WJO
Jim Callow	K8IR	Eric Janssen	KG9GH
Paul Drees	WC9E	George Benoit	N9UGG
PJ Johnson	W9LPJ	Bob Jarnutowski	K8RJ
Jed Buechler	K9JDB	Dave Arnold	W8DXX
Ed Engleman	KG8CX	Allan Grenier	N9QAA
Tyler Lehman	KC9FKE	Gene Voelker	K9GGV
Jim Pearson	KS8O	Rebecca Gondeck	K9RLG
Tearlach Sinclair	KD8CHL	Nick Smith	KD8DQQ
Pam Croy	K7PAM	Ashley Linsmeier	KD8DQR
Floyd Croy	K8ZLO	Joey Callow	W9JJC
Arde Nelson	KA9WAR	Marge Bramschreiber	Menominee County
Pete Johnson	AB9PJ	Shannon Rysewyk	N9RRU
Taylor Johnson	-----	Diann Hallam	KC9III

TREASURERS QUARTERLY REPORT

From Paul, WC9E

As of 6/30/2006

Checking

Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	Deposit	Balance
4/14/06	751	Postmaster Rental	40.00		1389.65
4/26/06		Raffle		36.00	1425.65
5/27/06	752	DAR Books	91.55		1334.10
5/30/06		Repeater Fund		185.00	1519.10
5/30/06		Dues		45.00	1564.10
5/31/06	753	Comprod kit	819.94		744.16
6/12/06		Raffle		63.00	807.16
6/12/06	754	JS Electronics Utils	120.00		687.16
6/26/06	755	FD Marty	117.18		569.98
6/28/06	756	Postmaster-Stamps	7.80		562.16
6/29/06	757	FD Porta	50.48		511.70

SAVINGS

3/5/2006		Interest earned		1.26	683.17
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Repeater Fund	\$520.75
DAR Balance	\$ 20.09
Checking	\$511.70

Total	(-\$29.14)
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Club members & guests are cordially invited to attend the annual M & M Amateur Radio Club Family Picnic

Date: Sunday, August 20, 2006
Place: Henes Park, Menominee, MI (Third Pavilion)
Time: 12:00 p.m. social
1:00 p.m. lunch

Hosts: Paul & Maxine Drees

The club will provide pork barbeque.

Each club member is asked to provide a food item to share. (see below)

IF YOUR FOOD ITEM REQUIRES REFRIGERATION, PLEASE TAKE ALONG A COOLER WITH ICE!!!

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE. COFFEE AND WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE IF REQUESTED.

Price per person: \$ 5.00 per adult
\$ 3.00 per child ages 12 and under

Reservations are required and must be submitted with your check no later than Sunday, August 13th. Make check payable to the M & M Amateur Radio Club and mail to:

M & M Amateur Radio Club Picnic
P. O. Box 1082
Marinette, WI 54143

mail this portion with your check

Name of club member _____ Call sign _____

Number of reservations _____ @ \$ 5.00 per adult
_____ @ \$ 3.00 per child
Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please choose an item to share, and call Maxine Drees at 715-735-7397 so we know what you plan to bring:

Pasta salad, Cheese tray, Crackers, Fresh veggie platter, Bags of snacks, Dessert.