

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

July 2011

NO JULY MEETING. SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC IN AUG.

CLUB CALENDAR...

July 31 SAGBRAW
August 6 Waterfront Special Event
August 21 Club Picnic
September 8 Club Meeting
September 17 Oconto Airport Special Event

NO JULY MEETING...

We will once again forego the July meeting. We will hold a brief business meeting at the August picnic. More on the picnic will be in the next issue of the Ground Wave.

SAGBRAW...

The SAGBRAW, Wisconsin's oldest cross-state bicycle tour will start in at the UW-Marquette heading towards Green Bay on Sunday July 31st on the first day of a six day journey. The organizers use amateur radio to provide communications between stops along the route. They are looking for local hams to help out on the Marinette to Green Bay leg. The 147.000

repeater will be the main operating frequency for the first portion of the ride through Marinette and Oconto Counties. There will be a mandatory volunteers meeting prior to the race at 11am Saturday July 30th followed by a free lunch. So far, KG8CX, K8IR, KD8FUE, W9LEG, and W9GCG have indicated they will be available, and we hope others can join in. If you're interested, email K8IR at jcallow@k8ir.com, and he can send you all the information you need to register.

WATERFRONT SPECIAL EVENT...

Each year the M&M ARC takes advantage of one of the premiere summer events, the Menominee Waterfront Festival, to show off our hobby to the general public. We'll operate a special event station from about 10am to 4pm on Saturday August 6th at the Waterfront Festival. We'll be operating on both HF and 2 meters. All members are invited to stop by and help make a few contacts. Look for our tent at the south end of the festival grounds. And stay for the famous Waterfront Festival Fireworks that evening at dusk.

FIELD DAY 2011...

The annual M&M ARC Field Day event can again be considered a big success. We safely set up and took down a 50 foot tower and beam, ran a two-transmitter station for 24 hours, and put over 900 contacts in the log.

Here's the weekend in pictures, thanks to Ed, KG8CX :



Pete, AB9PJ (r) congratulates Doug, KD8OVR on passing his Extra Class at the VE Testing Session.



Thanks again to Ken and Debbie Jones for letting us set up on their property. The beautiful site is conveniently located, has plenty of room, and some well-placed groves of trees.



Our youth operators put plenty of QSO's into the log Saturday afternoon on 15 meters.



What would Field Day be without food? Chef K8IR adds to the Club's carbon footprint at the Picnic Supper on Saturday.



Mike, KD8FUE (r) receives his well deserved Ham of the Year Award.



Jim, K8IR and Dwight, NS9I at the CW station.



K8IR helps one of the DAR Kids get on the air and make a few HF contacts.



The tower makes a controlled descent after completing its mission.



Eric, KG9GH removes Old Glory from the top of the tower at take-down .

Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the Field Day Event. We had a total of 57 visitors to the site, of which 14 did some operating. Especially important was the good turnout at the times we raised and lowered the tower, which requires a good sized crew. And many people contributed to the excellent spread of food we had at the picnic dinner.

Special thanks to Mark, KD8ESH, who donated the Porta-John, fuel for the generator, and much more; to Eric, KG9GH who directs the tower raising; to Dwight, NS9I who set up his nifty portable setup which served as the CW Station; to Randy, AB9QC, who designed and built a working 40 meter half-square on-site; to Charlie, W8SCO who filled the log during the dreaded all-night shift; and to Dave, W8DXX, who once again let us use his tower and beam, and most importantly, his tractor/generator setup which provides a quality, reliable power source.

Field Day is indeed a team effort, and the M&M ARC showed once again that should we ever be called on, we have the resources and ability to construct and operate an effective emergency communications station.