

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>



Officers:

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Vice President: Pete Johnson, AB9PJ  
Treasurer: Mike Lemke, KD8FUE  
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

July 2013

## CLUB CALENDAR...

August 3 Waterfront Special Event  
August 18 Picnic  
September 12 Club Meeting

## NO JULY MEETING...

As is our practice, there will be no July meeting. If there is any business to be conducted, we will hold a short meeting at the August picnic. We will return to our regular monthly meeting schedule in September.

## PICNIC...

The Club's annual picnic will be held on Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> at the FIRST pavilion at Henes Park in Menominee. Details will be in the August Ground Wave.

## HAM OF THE YEAR IS KD8ESH...

M&M ARC Secretary Mark Erickson KD8ESH received his Ham of the Year 2012 plaque at the Field Day picnic supper. It was a fitting location, as Mark has contributed so much to make our Field Days successful over the past several years.



Here KD8ESH (right) is congratulated by M&M ARC president K8IR at the plaque presentation. (AG9P photo)

## **WATERFRONT SPECIAL EVENT...**

The club will once again set up a special event station at the Menominee Waterfront Festival on Saturday August 3rd. Set-up will begin at 8am. All club members are urged to come out and take a turn at the microphone as we showcase our hobby.

## **FIELD DAY...**

Field Day 2013 was an unqualified success thanks to the teamwork of many club members and friends. The bottom line is an 80 percent increase in contacts compared to 2012.

A big factor is our team of Brett Borski KD8NAZ, and Jeremy Pickl who spent hours in the chair manning the phone station and accounted for nearly 1000 of our contacts.



Brett and Jeremy (KG8CX Photo)

They racked up nearly 600 contacts on 20 SSB before switching over to 40 SSB Sunday morning and racking up almost 400 more contacts. It was an outstanding job by Brett and Jeremy. It also proved the advice of Jack, W9MU to consider a Cushcraft D3 rotatable dipole was right on. We more than

doubled the number of QSO's on 20 compared to 2012.



Our variety of 40 meter antenna choices, AB9QC's curtain, K8IR's dipole with reflector, and KG9GH's stepladder vertical also proved effective. (KG8CX Photo)



For those who want to feed their own stepladders, here is a close-up of the feedpoint and radials. (AG9P Photo)

Thanks to "Mr. Power" Dave, W8DXX, who provided his new 6500 Watt Inverter as our power source. The inverter proved to be much quieter and fuel efficient.

And what would Field Day be without food.



(KG8CX Photo)

Thanks to all who contributed a dish to pass, and especially to Pete, AB9PJ and Beth for providing the delicious brats and burgers.

Thanks to everyone who in some way helped make Field Day 2013 another success, and a special thanks to the Jones family who let us set up in their ample back yard.

Field Day is many things, but probably the most important part is proving to ourselves and our community that in times of disaster we have the resources and skills to provide communications "When All Else Fails"

### **SERVING THE COMMUNITY...**

M&M ARC members were busy the last weekend of June. Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>, we helped out at the Relay for Life cancer fundraiser at Higley Stadium in Marinette. Then on Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>, local hams joined with members of the Merrill Club to handle the parking at the Marinette County

Breakfast on the Farm at the Carviou Farm in Porterfield.



There's K8IR showing the long line of traffic the way into the parking area. This year's event attracted a record 4800 people. (AG9P Photo)

### **CLUB MEMBER RECEIVES HAM RADIO SCHOLARSHIP...**

Tyler Lehman KC9FKE recently received word about a \$1500 scholarship from 10-10 International. Being a ham radio operator since age 10 and a member of M&M ARC and YACHT has provided Tyler with several ham radio scholarships since he graduated from Marinette High and UW-Marinette. He is now attending UW, Stout and majoring in biotechnology. He will be entering the 2nd semester of his junior year in September and plans to attend UW, Madison after graduation for a Masters in that field.

He is grateful to everyone for their support and the opportunity to enjoy the field of ham radio through club meetings, Field Day, Skywarn, and other activities involving ham radio operation and skills.

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