

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

August 2009

CLUB CALENDAR...

July 25th Airport T-34 Event
August 1st UP Hamfest
August 8th Waterfront Festival Special Event
August 16th Club Picnic
September 10 Club Meeting Spies

NO MEETING IN AUGUST...

In keeping with tradition we will have no regular meeting in August. We will have a brief business meeting at the club picnic on August 16th. We did not have a quorum at the July meeting, so no actions were taken.

CLUB PICNIC...

The annual picnic will be held on Sunday August 16th at the Henes Park Pavilion next to the deer yard. The club will grill up chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Members are asked to bring a dish

to pass. There will be soda, water, and coffee provided. Please see the RSVP form in this newsletter for all the details. Please return your form by Monday August 10th if you will be attending. After the meal, and a brief business meeting, we will have a lively session of Ham Bingo hosted by Dave and Jeanne Arnold. We also will be holding a silent auction. Bring those items gathering dust in the shack, and donate them to the auction. All proceeds will go to the club treasury.

AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE...

On Saturday July 25th, the local EAA Chapter is organizing an open house at Twin County Airport, coinciding with the return of the T-34's who will be practicing in the area for their air show at the EAA in Oshkosh the following week. This year the event is being dedicated to the memory of Ron Busch, EAA member and owner of Balsa USA, who passed away during

the past year. The day's program includes a special air show by Julie Clark, noted acrobatic pilot, who appeared here several years ago. Valerie, KC8WAI, who is also a member of the EAA, is passing along an invitation to all hams to help out at the Open House. They would like us to walk the grounds and communicate any problems we may see. They are also looking for people to make announcements on the PA system.

The event starts at noon. If you can stop by and help out during the afternoon, please do.

WATERFRONT FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT...

The M&M ARC will again put amateur radio in the public eye at the Menominee Waterfront Festival on Saturday August 8th. We'll be setting up a special event station at the south end of the festival grounds. We'll be setting up around 8am Saturday morning. The station will be on the air from 10am to 4pm. We're looking for operators, and hope you can come down, if only for a little while. We'll be activating the Menominee North Pier Lighthouse as that weekend is part of the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society's annual Lighthouse/Lightship Week.

UP HAMFEST...

The UP Hamfest will be held Saturday August 1st at Bay College in Escanaba. The doors open at 9am Eastern time. There will be a Talk in on the 147.15 repeater (PL 100Hz). Events include a Swap and Shop, meetings (including QCWA NEW-UP Chapter 219), and door prizes. It's sponsored by DCARS and Bay de Noc College.

REPEATER UPDATE...

Pete, AB9PJ reports the new Kenwood repeater is here, and will be installed by Jim, KC8DOA by the end of the month. There has been a holdup with the CAT700B controller that Pete is donating to the club. The controller has been back ordered, but hopefully be here soon. In the meantime, the new repeater will be installed without the controller. The familiar dah-di-dah courtesy tone may be replaced temporarily with a simple courtesy tone. Once the new controller is installed, the dah-di-dah tone will return, along with a lot of exciting new (for our machine) features.

WALTER CRONKITE, KB2GSD SK...

Legendary CBS newsman Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, who held the title of "Most Trusted Man in America," passed away Friday, July 17 after a long illness. He was 92. The avuncular Cronkite anchored the CBS Evening News for 19 years until 1981 when he retired. During that time, he reported on such subjects as the Kennedy assassinations, the Civil Rights movement, the Apollo XI lunar landing, Vietnam and the Vietnam-era protests, the Arab-Israeli Six Day War, Watergate and the Begin-Sadat peace accords.

Cronkite, an ARRL member, narrated the 6 minute video "Amateur RadioToday" (<http://www.arrl.org/ARToday/>). Produced by the ARRL in 2003, the video tells Amateur Radio's public service story to non-hams, focusing on ham radio's part in helping various agencies respond to wildfires in the Western US during 2002, ham radio in space and the role Amateur Radio plays in emergency communications. "Dozens of radio amateurs helped the police and fire departments and other emergency services maintain communications in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC," narrator Cronkite intoned in reference to ham radio's response on September 11, 2001. "Their country asked, and they responded without reservation."

*Club members & guests are cordially invited to attend the annual
M & M Amateur Radio Club Family Picnic*

Your Hosts: Paul and Maxine Drees
Bob and Marge Schrader
Jim and Joan Callow

Date: Sunday, August 16, 2009
Place: Henes Park, Menominee, MI (Third Pavilion)
Time: 12:00 p.m. social
1:00 p.m. lunch

Dave and Jeanne Arnold will host the popular Ham Bingo after the meal.

Bring along an item for the Silent Auction to benefit the club treasury.

The club will provide Chicken, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs.
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!!!

SODA, COFFEE, AND WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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 Monday, August 10th. 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 and leave a message so we know what you plan to bring: Pasta salad, Fruit Tray, Cheese tray, Crackers, Fresh veggie platter, Bags of snacks, Hot Dish, Dessert.

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