

# 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:

President: Bruce Conover N9CON  
Vice President: Pete Johnson, AB9PJ  
Treasurer: Mike Lemke, KD8FUE  
Secretary: Mark Erickson KD8ESH

The MMARC Newsletter

September, 2016

### SEPTEMBER MEETING...

The September meeting will be held at Bay Cities Radio, 844 Pierce Avenue in Marinette (next to Bank Mutual). K8IR will show off the new all-digital studios that the local radio stations moved into August 1<sup>st</sup>. September is also the meeting when club officers are elected for the coming club year. Please join us for an interesting evening.



### FIELD DAY...

The concern going into Field Day was the threat of storms Saturday Night, so we made sure the tents were well secured. But nobody anticipated the site would receive over four inches of rain.



By sunrise Sunday, the main operating tent was under several inches of water. Fortunately the cook tent was on higher ground and quite dry, so the main operating

station was quickly moved and operations resumed. Despite the weather-related issues W8PIF logged 862 contacts during the 24 hour Field Day Period.

Field Day is designed to test our preparedness in emergency conditions, and we were able prove we were able to adjust as needed and stay on the air.

As usual Field Day was very much a team effort. Thanks to everyone who had a part in making Field Day 2016 a success.

### **KG8CX IS ON THE MEND...**

We are happy to report that 2015 Ham of the Year, Ed Engleman hopes to be home by the end of the week. Ed suffered a stroke on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>, and spent several days in the hospital in Green Bay before being transferred to Peshtigo for rehab. Right away we knew Ed was going to be OK when we heard he was worried about the club picnic the next day. Once in rehab, Ed was back on the air, first via radio, and then by Echolink after his nephew Tyler, KC9FKE got Ed back on the Internet. Ed has been a regular check-in to the Sunday net, where KB9VXJ and K8IR have been keeping the net control seat warm awaiting Ed's return. Best wishes for a continued speedy recovery Ed, from all of us.

### **PICNIC...**

It was another beautiful day for our club picnic at Henes Park on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The Ham Bingo was replaced by a raffle to help out the club treasury this year, and thanks to Dave and Jeanne Arnold who brought along their usual carload of prizes, nobody went home empty-handed. While Ed, KG8CX

was not able to attend to receive his Ham of the Year plaque, several members of his family were on hand to accept it on Ed's behalf. Thanks to everyone who came and contributed to the selection of food. No one went away hungry!

### **AES QRT, HRO QRV...**

The news was disappointing when we heard at the beginning of July that Amateur Electronic Supply, headquartered in Milwaukee was closing its doors. AES, or the Candy Store, was a favorite destination of local hams, as well as hams across the Upper Midwest. It was hard to believe we were losing our "local" ham radio store. But as they say, every cloud has its silver lining, and Ham Radio Outlet, or HRO saw an opportunity and purchased the Milwaukee location. A month after the closing of AES, the Good Hope Road location is open again, now with what HRO calls the largest amateur radio retail showroom in the nation. If you haven't had a chance to see it in person, check out this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrjyVV2MMg>

Thanks to KG8CX for the link.

Especially impressive is the demo area, and the boxes and boxes of radios on the shelves. I can't wait for my next trip southward.

## Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club Meeting 6-9-16

- 7:00pm The Club Meeting is called to order. The Club President led the Membership in the Pledge of allegiance.
- The Members each discussed their radio related activities since the last Club meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Approved as printed in The Ground Wave. Motion to approve by KD8FUE. Support by KD8OVR. This motion passed unopposed.
- Treasurers Report: KD8FUE reported that The Club has total assets of \$1,171.85
- Communions: Nothing new reported.
- Quartermaster's Report: Nothing new reported at this meeting.
- Net and DAR Report: Local Net on 147.000 is doing well.
- Old Business: "Ham of the Year" K8IR nominated KG8CX as Ham of the Year. This motion was supported by N0AWM. W8DXX spoke to the membership about all of the work that Ed has performed with and for the youth of the community and for the betterment of Amateur Radio in general. W8DXX called for a unanimous vote in support of KG8CX. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations.
- New Business; Field Day 2016. The event will be held in the same location as the last several years, the Jones property by Water Tower Park. Membership discussed parking, antenna/mast options, radios, food, and set up times.
- Repeater Committee and HAT Team. Both of the repeater units are working well. Tree trimming to start at the 147.000 site soon. Equipment transfer to building #2 has started.
- QCWA Report: The QCWA. Monthly Net is held on the second Sunday of the month at 8pm on 3838 kHz. All are welcome. Members are investigating putting the QCWA net on ECHO Link for easier access.
- 501-C3 Up Date: Forms need to be reviewed and completed. A discussion about developing a mission statement and educational opportunities took place.
- Member's present at the 6-9-16 meeting: K8IR  
KD8ESH WD8OSE KD8FUE N9CON K9GGV KG8CX  
KD8OVR W8DXX AA8UT KC9FKE N0AWM AB9QC W9MU  
AG9P AB9PJ Also present Mr. Richard Sexton(Menominee County Emergency Services Manager) and Mr. Mike Sobeck.
- A motion to adjourn was made by W8DXX, Support provided by K8IR. This motion passed unopposed. No Club Meeting in July.
- The M&M Amateur Radio Club Picnic will be held 8-14-16 at noon in John Henes Park in Menominee, pavilion #1.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. 6-9-16.
- Submitted by KD8ESH.

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