

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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President – Dan Nyman, W9DLN
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At Large – Mike Lemke, KD8FUE
At Large – Doug Dooley, KD8OVR

The MMARC Newsletter

March 2024

CLUB CALENDAR...

March 14 Club Meeting 7p inVenture North
April 11 Club Meeting 7p inVenture North

CLUB MEETING...

This month's meeting is Thursday March 14th at 7pm at inVenture North in Marinette. See the attached agenda. Hope to see you there.

KG8CX RECEIVES NATIONAL REGCONITION...

Ed Engleman, KG8CX, of Menominee is Hamventions's 2024 Amateur of the Year! He is the co-founder of the Young Amateurs Communications Ham Team (YACHT). Ed was first licensed in 1991

and reached Amateur Extra class in 2000. He has been a member of the ARRL since 1991.



He serves his home club, the Marinette & Menominee Amateur Radio Club, as a VE. Ed's background as an elementary educator and principal for 33 years was instrumental in developing the talents he now uses in his work with young

amateurs. His major objective is to help create and develop enjoyment and skill in communications/technology via ham radio activity through its many modes, and to encourage friendships with other youth hams. Membership in YACHT, callsign K8KDZ, has grown steadily. There were 47 new members in 2023 alone. Many of the YACHT youth have given presentations at past Hamvention and Hamcation youth forums conducted by Carole Perry. A number of the youth members have been awarded national recognition for their ham radio activity and accomplishments. Besides the development of youth presenters, YACHT has echo link sessions 6 evenings a week and club activity encourage participation in all modes of amateur radio. Ed is proud to be part of the future of amateur radio by paying forward his interest in amateur radio by developing the next generation of hams.

Locally, Ed was the heart and soul of the DAR Radio Room, introducing dozens of kids to amateur radio over the years. Congratulations, Ed. It's great to see the National Recognition for your years of encouraging youth in Amateur Radio.

A BUMPER YEAR FOR NEW HAMS...

Congratulations to 10 new hams (9 technicians and 1 general) for passing their ham exams at the March 6th VE Session! The VE's also upgraded 1 General to Extra class. The VE session concluded this year's Technician License Classes that started in February. Doug (KD8OVR) and his teaching crew have a great track record of getting prospective hams over the learning curve. Thanks to Doug and all the trainers & VE's for their fantastic efforts!

SK'S...

We sadly report the loss of two longtime club members this month.



Ken Exworthy, N0AWM passed away on March 3rd, a day short of his 89th Birthday. Ken was a longtime member of the club. We didn't see him at club meetings for a couple of years as he was busy caring for his wife Erika, who passed away in December, but we were glad to see him turn up again at our meetings this winter. Services for Ken were held March 9th.



Bob Johnson, AA8UT passed away on March 4th at the age of 102. Bob was a member of the club for many years, serving as President in 1979-80, and was among those given a Life Membership in 2010 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the club. A memorial service is being planned and will be held at Community Covenant Church later this spring.

We shall miss them both.

Marinette & Menominee Amateur Radio Club

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 8, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm at inVenture North in Marinette by club president Dan Nyman, W9DLN. Motion to approve the January meeting minutes was made by Jim Callow, K8IR and seconded by Paul Sorensen, NS8V. The motion was accepted and carried.

Treasurers Report: NS8V reported a balance at the end of January of \$7,256.54. The holiday party lost about \$51. Motion to approve the treasurers report was made by Robert Juhlin, W8AWF and seconded by WN6KHG. The motion was accepted and carried.

Correspondence: Discussion was held on a request received about the club assisting with locating a GMRS repeater at the Harbors. No action was taken.

Committee Reports

ARES Report: KD8FUE reported he is in the process of turning things over to W8AWF. W8AWF reported there will be an AuxComm class held in Escanaba in April and discussed the possibility of moving the ARES net to 8:00 pm on Sundays.

Fundraiser Report: Nothing to Report.

Yacht Report: Ed Engleman, KG8CX reported their weekday nets are averaging 5-6 check ins with more check ins on the weekend net. They have three 10-year-old members that have their General Class licenses. The group has gained 6 new members since the first of the year.

ARRL/Webmaster Report: No Report.

New Business

None this month

Old Business

Escanaba Link: Pete Johnson, AB9PJ has been contacted and notified that the club is interested in pursuing the linking project.

Technician License Classes: Doug Dooley, KD8OVR reported he has 15 people signed up for the classes. He will need as many VE's as possible for the March 6th exam date.

UHF Amp: No update

Communications Trailer: Nothing new to report.

Holiday Party: NS8V reported the holiday party lost about \$51 due to having fewer people attend than had signed up. A discussion was held on possible locations and options for next year's party.

Rag Net: W9DLN reported the number of check-ins the last two week have been increasing. He logged 5 check ins two weeks ago and last weeks net he logged 6 check ins.

Announcements: WN6KHG reported that K9STT has repaired the 220 repeater and it's back on the air.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by NS8V and seconded by WN6KHG. The motion was accepted and carried. Meeting ended at 7:38 pm.

13 members present: N9GLT, AG9P, KD8OVR, KG8CX, KD8FUE, KE8KWU, K8IR, NS8V, W8AWF, KD9IGW, KD9RYZ, W9DLN, and WN6KHG. Tom Philipps and Deborah Babcock were also present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
John Goldschmidt – Secretary

AGENDA March 14,. 2024

1. Changes/Additions to agenda
 2. Pledge of allegiance
 3. Introductions
 4. Approval of January 2024 Minutes
 5. Treasurer's report
 6. Correspondence
 7. Committee Reports
 1. ARES Report – W8AWF
 2. Fundraising Committee KD8FUE/K9STT
 3. Yacht Report - KG8CX
 4. Web/ARRL report - K9STT
8. Old Business
 1. Insurance
 2. Escanaba Repeater Link
 3. License Classes KD8OVR
 4. UHF Amp – K9STT
 5. Communications Trailer KD8FUE
 6. Rag Net W9DLN
9. New business
 1. Club 75th Anniversary
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- 10.
11. Announcements
12. Adjournment

PRESIDENT'S CORNER, by Dan Nyman, W9DLN

As many of you know, this year is the 75th anniversary of Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club. I am writing this hoping to share the gravity of this event.

On December 28, 1949 our Club was chartered by the ARRL. F.R. Eggers from Manitowoc, who was Assistant Director of ARRL's Central Division at the time, delivered the Charter to us. Accepting the Charter were W9KPK, Ed Kehoe, W9FWD, Ken Emmons and W9TRG, Cal Heisinger. Back then we were known as the M&M Radio Club and later adopted the name Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club. (M&M ARC) What happened back then was truly historical for our communities. What happen before this, and what happened after this is another topic which I'd like to get into in later installments of this article.

As you know, several of our Club recently have become Silent Keys. (SK) Therefore, I wish to share with the current members, and those who come after us, my many years of memories before I am also SK. I am proud to have been a part of this Club and pray I have many years ahead of me.

I have some resources that I will quote from throughout these installments. The first is from Lynne, N8OSK and the excellent booklet she gave out on the 50th Anniversary of the Club for Charter Night at Schussler's in Peshtigo in February of 2000.

Another resource I have is all of the Club newsletters sent out from August, 1987 to December 1993. I kind of remember most of them as they were mainly reported, compiled, edited, printed and snail-mailed to all current members.

The first known printing of the Club newsletter came out in January 1950. It was known as the RAG, or Radio Amateur Gazette. I still remember the mimeograph smell of the ones I got from W9FWD when I first joined the Club.

If these articles and this information aren't what you are interested in, you can stop reading now.

As I said before, the Club has been around for a while. Some of our members have been around longer than that, several of us had not even been born yet. None of that matters.

That's old news: Let's fast forward 37 years later:
A quick bit of math: 75 divided by 2 equals? 37.5.

Funny, it was about 37 years ago I picked up the torch from the previous newsletter editor who had recently passed away. Earl Gustafson, KA8PXL, accepted the challenge handed down from Mark Kronauer, W8ECK, and before him Ken Emmons, W9FWD. Seems I might have been the fourth "editor".

The M&MARC was doing well. Several huge movers and shakers have been a part of it. Then along comes this kid named Dan, NT9B. It was 1987. That year Earl, KA8PXL, was no longer able to publish the newsletter. To keep the tradition alive, NT9B took over the RAG. The first edition I was responsible for came out in August 1987. Back then, you had to buy stamps (22 cents!), fold and tape the RAG, address and stamp them all and complete this before the next meeting. Ah, good times. There was no internet, web sites, social media. Email was just in the infant stage.

Here is a very brief summary of that August 1987 RAG:

KA8PXL, Silent Key: Miss you Earl...

Dues Increase: Jacked up to \$5 per year!

RAG enters new era: Now 100% computer generated, sort of.

Nomination Committee: Ardie Nelson, KA9WAR volunteered to help out. Bob Johnson, KC8JB (recently SK) and Dan NT9B were also on the committee.

Field Day report: Russ Alman, KZ8F, reported 381 QSOs totaling 1592 points were made. Several ops helped out.

Dan, NT9B becomes new editor: NT9B gives introduction

Members get together on the local 147.00 repeater at 8:30PM

Saturday Morning Breakfasts: Johnny's Loaf and Stein was chosen as the location for the Saturday breakfasts. This is now Appleby's in the Pine Tree Mall.

Don't forget next meeting: August 13, 1987

How the times have changed!

I am glad to be part of this Club moving into the future.

Best 73, GB and GL...

Dan Nyman, W9DLN

President, M&M ARC

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