

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

September, 2021

CLUB CALENDAR...

Club Meeting 7pm iNventure North Sept 9
 Ham Breakfast 9am Watermark Sept 11
 Peshtigo Fire Special Event Sept 25
 Club Meeting 7pm iNventure North Oct 14

CLUB MEETING...

A reminder that our September membership meeting is coming up this Thursday September 9 at 7 PM at iNventure North, 1320 Main St. in Marinette. An agenda is in this newsletter.

HAM BREAKFAST...

A Ham Breakfast will be held Saturday, September 11 at the Watermark (Formerly Schloegel's Restaurant) at 9 AM. After breakfast we will discuss the organization of the K9P Special Event Station at Peshtigo

Historical Days. We need volunteers for setup on Friday the 24th, and breakdown on the 25th - so for those of you who missed Field Day this year, here's a great opportunity to practice for next year!

WORKING WEDNESDAYS...

Join us Wednesday mornings to work on the Communications Trailer Wednesday mornings from 8:30am to 11am at the KD8FUE QTH at 3204 22nd Street in Menominee.

PICNIC...

The annual club picnic was held at Henes Park in Menominee on Sunday August 15th. Besides great food and conversation, we took time to recognize some members who have contributed much to the club over the years, including Arde, KA9WAR, who was

recently voted an Honorary Life Member, Pete, AB9PJ, who will be moving from the area this fall, and our Ham of the Year, A J, KB7KZ. Club members also had the opportunity to see the progress being made on construction of the Communications Trailer which was on site.

ARRL Board Establishes Program to Cover Initial FCC License Fee for Young Applicants

09/01/2021

The ARRL Board of Directors has formally endorsed a proposed program calling on ARRL to cover the \$35 application fee for license candidates younger than 18 years old. The FCC is not expected to implement the \$35 application fee schedule until sometime in 2022. The Board approved the "Youth Licensing Grant Program" at its July meeting in Hartford, Connecticut. The program concept, first raised at the Board's annual meeting in January, was reviewed by an ad-hoc committee, which expanded the scope of the original motion by ARRL Southeastern Division Director Mickey Baker, N4MB.

Goals of the Program include expanding the reservoir of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts within the amateur radio community, and removing a financial obstacle to young people who wish to acquire an amateur radio license, as a means of encouraging potential careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Under the program, ARRL would cover a one-time \$35 application fee for each qualified candidate who passes one or more amateur radio exams taken on the same day at a single examination session. Tests would have to be administered by a Volunteer Examiner (VE) team working under the auspices of the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC). Qualified candidates also would pay a reduced exam session fee of \$5 to the ARRL VEC.

The new program also would "enhance ARRL's position as the leader in volunteer testing," the Board motion said. "The Board believes that the recruitment and training of young amateur radio operators is a necessary and proper mission of the ARRL, and that subsidization of the \$35 fee will reduce the number of new amateurs that otherwise would be lost from these groups," the Board said.

The Board said ARRL Headquarters staff would determine the method of qualifying applicants and instruct VE teams, giving the teams flexibility to determine that a candidate is eligible for reimbursement in the absence of documented proof. The Board envisioned that the VEC would pay the FCC directly. The new program initially would serve up to 1,000 new license applicants younger than 18 years old.

The motion gave ARRL staff "complete latitude" to determine how payment is delivered to the FCC or to reimburse eligible applicants. This program length is indefinite; it may be renewed or terminated by the Administration and Finance Committee or by the Board of Directors. The motion carried with applause from Board members.

September 2021 Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Introductions
4. Approval of minutes
5. Treasurer's report
6. Correspondence
7. Committee Reports
 1. Repeater Report - AB9PJ
 2. Education/Training/Testing - KD8OVR
 3. Property Report - N9CON
 4. ARES Report - KD8FUE
 5. Trailer report - KD8FUE/KD8OVR
 6. Fundraising Committee KD8FUE/K9STT
 7. DAR report - K9STT/September KD8FUE
8. Web/ARRL report - K9STT
9. Breakfast on the Farm - N9CON
8. New business
 1. Web content committee/Editors
 2. 3rd party web content policy
 3. 3rd party activities at club events
9. Old Business
 1. Peshtigo Fire Anniversary - Setup/operating Volunteers
 2. K8DAR/W8PIF Scholarship
10. Announcements
11. Adjournment

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