

## The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club

# GROUND WAVE

Repeater Frequencies 147.00MHz & 444.075MHz

Club Net: Sunday 7PM 147.00MHz

Simplex DX Spotting and Ragchew Frequency 146.55

Web Page <http://w8pif.com>



### Officers:

President: Jim Callow K8IR

Vice President: Bob Schrader AA9GZ

Treasurer: Paul Drees WC9E

Secretary: Valerie Hallam KC8WAI

The MMARC Newsletter

March 2006

### M&M ARC CALENDAR

March 3 - Fish fry at Little River

March 9 - Club meeting

March 18 - Charter banquet

March 26 - Breakfast

April 13 - Club meeting

### MARCH MEETING...

The M&M ARC will meet on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Spies Public Library in Menominee. We'll get updates on the repeater project and other club activities. A full agenda is included in this newsletter. We hope to see you there.

### CHARTER NIGHT...

The annual Charter Night Banquet is scheduled for Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Riverfront Inn in Marinette. The program will include the Ham of the Year presentation. The reservation form was included in the February Ground Wave. Please make your reservations by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### MARCH BREAKFAST...

Dave, W9DWG (ex-KC9HOR) has invited us to join his family for a breakfast on the farm. The Goddards, owners of Beaver Brook Maple Syrup will be putting on a breakfast for the M&M ARC on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

A \$5.00 donation will be asked for a breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, and fresh maple syrup. This is planned as an event for the whole family, and if the weather cooperates we may be able to have wagon rides in the woods. Proceeds will go to the M&M ARC to help buy material and equipment for the club's station at the DAR Boys and Girls Club.

Dave is looking for some help in preparing the food, so let him know if you can help out.

We hope to see you at this event, and please bring your family and friends. Everyone is invited.

To get to the Goddard farm, drive north of Pound or South of Crivitz on US141 and turn

East on County P. Then take the first road on the left, 13<sup>th</sup> Road, to the second house on the left.

### **FISH FRY...**

It's the return of an M&M ARC tradition. Bob, AA9IB has arranged for a club Fish Fry at Little River Country Club in Marinette on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meet at 5:30, eat at 6:30. Please let Bob know if you plan on attending. You can do this on the Sunday net. Reservations should be made by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **KS8O VOTED HAM OF THE YEAR...**



Jim Pearson, KS8O, was elected the 2005 Ham of the Year at the January meeting. Jim, shown here demonstrating ham radio to some of the kids at the DAR Boys and Girls club, has been extremely active in the club and amateur radio in general since first becoming licensed in February 2004. Jim soon upgraded to Extra Class. He has worked hard helping to organize and teach license classes which have resulted in several new licensees in the area. He also is Emergency Coordinator for the Menominee County ARES/RACES group, is working on the club's repeater upgrade project, and has taken a special interest in activating Lighthouses. A major upgrade to his own station in Wallace, a 120 foot tower, is planned for later this spring. Jim will receive his plaque at the Charter Night Banquet on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations, Jim!

### **DAR ANTENNA FARM...**



The DAR Boys and Girls Club in Menominee is now sporting a dual-band VHF/UHF antenna as well as the R7 HF vertical. The dual-band antenna, purchased by the club, was installed by the Ham Assistance Team (HAT) on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The DAR station now has a full-quieting signal into the local repeaters, as well as the 444.000 repeater in Door County, which is being used to demonstrate Echo-link.

KG8CX reports enthusiasm remains high among the kids who are stopping in at the radio room at the DAR. Try to stop in when you have a chance. Club members have had the room open most Mondays through Wednesdays after school.

### **M&M ARC IN THE NEWS...**

Each February the Eagle-Herald newspaper prints a special "Community in Review" section. The Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup> edition featured a story on the M&M Amateur Radio Club. Menominee County reporter Kurt Steidl interviewed club President Jim Callow, K8IR. The article talks about amateur radio and some of the activities the club does to promote our hobby. Check it out if you haven't already.

By the way, the Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> edition features two interviews with Jason, W9JTL, one about the Civil Air Patrol, and one on his flight school business.

## **IT'S SUPERFEST TIME AGAIN...**

One of the best chances to find out what's new in amateur radio equipment is to attend the Superfest at Amateur Electronic Supply in Milwaukee. The event features displays from many manufacturers, special deals on equipment, interesting programs, and license testing. This year's dates are:

Friday, March 31st. (2:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.)

Saturday April 1st. (8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.)

The address is:

AES Milwaukee, 5710 W. Good Hope Road.

For more information on Superfest check out:

<http://www.aesham.com/>

If you attend, you are certain to meet plenty of M&M ARC members there.

## **RADAR UPGRADE..**

John, KB9VXJ passed along a note he received from Dan, N9JKX about NOAA being in process of upgrading the NOAA radar maps. These offer better topography and storm tracking. When you click on "loop" you get 3 previous hours of tracking so you can follow weather patterns. You can zoom in and out as well as slow speed for viewing. Not bad for free? Go to this link and select your favorite radar site (GRB or MQT for most of us). <http://radar.weather.gov/radar>

## **MICHIGAN SCANNER LAW...**

Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams, WA8EFK, reports more news on the progress towards an update of Michigan's Scanner Law. Dale testified before the Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee on February 7th in support of the revised version containing the Amateur Radio Exemption. It was passed by the Judiciary Committee unanimously and then passed by the full Senate 37 to 0 on February 14th. You may view this legislation at:

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2005-2006/billengrossed/House/pdf/2005-HEBS-4544.pdf>.

This legislation will replace the existing MCL 750.508 and continues to exempt ham operators from any restrictions on carrying a receiver capable of monitoring Public Safety frequencies. The Governor was expected to sign the bill around the end of February.

## **COMMERCIAL RADIO TESTING...**

George, W8FWG announces the formation of the "Upper Peninsula Radio Examiners (UPRE). Commercial (not "ham") exams are given according to this schedule: The second Saturday of each quarter: March 11, June 10, Sept 9 and Dec. 9, 2006. The exams are held in Calumet at the clubhouse of the Copper Country Radio Amateur Association, Inc. Pre-Registration is necessary. We work under the direction of the National Radio Examiners of Dallas, Texas (NRE). We are the only Commercial Testing group in the U.P. of Michigan. Four other teams are available, but are all in the LP of Michigan. We also will give exams "on demand".....if a candidate is willing to travel to Calumet for the exam. The test fee of \$35 covers team expense plus expenses of the NRE, and is non-refundable. If you, or someone in your area would like to take a Commercial Test let me know. The following licenses are issued for a 5-year term: Marine Radio Operator, GMDSS Radio Operator' s License, GMDSS Radio Maintainer' s License, Third Class Radiotelegraph Operator' s Certificate, Second Class Radiotelegraph Operator' s Certificate, First Class Radiotelegraph Operator' s License. The following licenses are issued for the holder' s lifetime. Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit and General Radiotelephone Operator Permit (GROL).....this last one replaced the old First Class Radiotelephone License. If you have any questions please contact George R. Thurner, W8FWG at (906) 337-2542 or by E-Mail at [w8fwg@arrl.net](mailto:w8fwg@arrl.net).

## **EAU CLAIRE AUCTION...**

The Eau Claire, Wisconsin Amateur Radio Club is holding an auction on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Full details are available at: [www.ecarc.org/auction.htm](http://www.ecarc.org/auction.htm)

## **FCC MUM ON MORSE...**

**From the ARRL Letter**

Just when the FCC will act on the "Morse code" proceeding, WT Docket 05-235, remains hazy. The Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) last July proposing to eliminate the Element 1 (5 WPM) Morse code requirement for all license classes. The Amateur Radio community has filed more than 3800 comments on the proceeding, and additional comments continue to show up, even though the formal comment deadline was last October 31 (with reply comments by November 14). The next—and most-anticipated--step for the Commission is to formally adopt any revisions to its rules and conclude the proceeding with a Report and Order (R&O) that spells out the changes and specifies their effective date.

"There really is no news," an FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staffer told ARRL this week on background. "We certainly hope to release WT Docket 05-235 sometime this year, but we' re not making any predictions at this time. We certainly are not saving up any big announcements for Dayton Hamvention."

The proceeding began with 18 petitions for rule making--many just calling for the elimination of the Morse requirement but some asking for more far-reaching changes in the Amateur Service rules. The various petitions attracted a total of some 6200 comments. The FCC subsequently consolidated the petitions--including one from the ARRL asking the FCC to establish a new entry-level license class and to retain the

Morse requirement only for Amateur Extra class applicants--into a single proceeding designated WT 05-235.

The FCC has not proposed extending HF privileges to current Technician licensees who have not passed a Morse code examination. In its NPRM&O the FCC suggested that in a no-Morse-requirement regime, "codeless Techs" could gain HF access by taking the Element 3 General class written examination.

Any FCC decision to eliminate the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for HF access would have \*no\* impact on either the current HF CW-only subbands or on the CW privileges of Amateur Radio licensees.

Before it releases an R&O on the Morse code proceeding, however, the WTB wants to wrap up action in another Amateur Radio-related docket--the "Phone Band Expansion" (or "Omnibus") NPRM in WT Docket 04-140, released April 15, 2004.

In that NPRM, the Commission proposed to go along with the ARRL' s Novice refarming plan aimed at reallocating the current Novice/Tech Plus subbands and expanding portions of the 80, 40 and 15 meter phone bands. The FCC also agreed with an ARRL proposal to extend privileges in the current General CW-only HF subbands to present Novice and Tech Plus licensees (or Technicians with Element 1 credit). WT 04-140 further proposed to essentially do away with FCC rules prohibiting the manufacture and marketing to Amateur Radio operators of amplifiers capable of operation on 12 and 10 meters.

## **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES/BIRTHDAYS...**

Happy Birthday to the following this month: Ken Exworthy, 4<sup>th</sup>, ...Elaine Nelson and Crystal Luthardt, 11<sup>th</sup> ...George Benoit, 15<sup>th</sup> ... Don Conant, 21<sup>st</sup> Mary Grenier, 23<sup>rd</sup> ... Marty Eggener, 24<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday to all.

# AGENDA for M & M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

March 9, 2006

- 1. Call meeting to order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Recognize guests and/or new members**  
Members introduce themselves with their call sign and talk about their HAM Radio activities in the past month. DX Stations worked, Antenna Projects, Contests worked, etc.
- 4. Approve Secretary's report as printed in the Ground Wave**
- 5. Treasurer's Report (Paul)**
- 6. Communications to read (any club officer)**
- 7. Net report (Ed)**
- 8. Quartermaster Report**
- 9. Repeater Committee Report**
- 10. HAT Report**
- 11. DAR Project Report**
  
- 12. Old Business**
  - Charter Night
  - Fish Fry
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- 13. New Business...**
  - Marinette/Oconto County ARES/RACES Request to use club repeater
  - March Breakfast
  - New Members
  
- 14. Announcements/Raffle**
  
- 15. Adjournment**
  
- 16. Program**

## MINUTES OF THE M&M AMATEUR RADIO CLUB February 9, 2006.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Jim Callow  
Pledge to the flag  
Intros and information concerning recent activities.

K7PAM Pam Croy a ham of 20 years was introduced as a guest as was Floyd Croy K8ZLO.

Secretary's report as printed in the Ground Wave was accepted as printed.

Treasurers report as printed in the Ground Wave was accepted as printed.

Communications:

AES Superfest March 31-April 1 ARRL Great Lakes Convention check the Ground Wave for more information.

A radio magazine from the UK was passed around.

Net Report Although it was Super Bowl Sunday 20 check ins was recorded.

Quartermaster's report:

The list is on the Web site Future project.. have new equipment at a central location, most members don't have enough room to store what we have now.

Repeater Committee:

The new antenna was purchased and delivered. Pictures were passed around.

The next project is to get the feed line 7/8 " new \$1,000 plus shipping.

Aiming for a March date for instillation.

Old Business:

DAR Ed KG8CX and Paul WC9E have the station up and running with interest shown by the club members.

This Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> members are asked to go in the afternoon to finish the antenna project.

If any members are free in the afternoon help at the station would be appreciated.

There is a need for a dual band antenna for DAR \$70.00 from AES DiamondX30A WC9E has a tripod KS8O has a feed line.

JimKC8WJO motion to start a fund for DAR so they have a budget

Seconded by Tearlach KD8CHL. KD8CHL motion to start the fund with \$200.00. Seconded by BOB K8RJ. Both motions were approved

Charter night March 18 at the Best Western reservations must be in by March 11. Information is in the Ground Wave.

Ed KG8CX sent the dues to the Lighthouse Society and we(the club) have a number to be used along with individual call signs. #1324. Any member can activate using the club W8PIF.

May 20-21 is the Door County Lighthouse walk.

EAA Activities:

June Remote operated planes

July The T34's again they request MMARC assistance with radio operation.

99er's and women pilots are ending a race at the Twin County Airport  
Young Eagles ..Local pilots take youngsters up for a ride

M&M Ham Assistance team HAT Projects..Feb 18 breakfast then do projects.

March 3 a Fish Fry at Little River . Contact AA9IB, Bob Meet at 5:30 dinner at 6:00

HAM of the YEAR election KS8O Jim Pearson was elected.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

#### PROGRAM:

KD8CHL gave a demonstration of Native American flutes. Playing and telling about their origins and different tones each one produced.

Attending:

Valerie Hallam	KC8WAI
Jim Callow	K8IR
Bob Schrader	AA9GZ
Pete Johnson	AB9PJ
Dan Wagner	N9OWD
Gene Voelker	K9GGV
Floyd Croy	K8ZLO
Pam Croy	K7PAM
Ken Exworthy	N0AWM
Tearlach (Charlie) Sinclair	KD8CHL
Allan Grenier	N9QAA
David Goddard	KC9HOR
PJ Johnson	W9LPJ
Jed Buechler	KC9III
Ed Engleman	KG8CX
Bob Jarnutowski	K8RJ
Jim Voss	KC8WJO
Tyler Lehman	KC9FKE
David Cunningham	NS9R
Shannon Rysewyk	N9RRU
Paul Dress	WC9E

#### **MARCH TREASURERS REPORT FROM WC9E**

Checking	\$1443.51		
		DAR Balance	\$111.64
		Repeater	\$1124.69
		General	\$207.18
Savings	\$681.91		
Total	\$2125.42		