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Officers

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ANNUAL MEETINGS NOTICE

Jan. 20 (Sat) 6:30pm--The Annual Meeting (which includes the Election of Club Officers for 2001) of the Milwaukee Repeater Club, Inc. Will be held January 20th, 2001 at the Wauwatosa Savings Bank - 6560 South 27th Street, Oak Creek WI. Membership renewals will be taken from 6:00PM on, with the Meeting starting at 6:30PM.

2001 CLUB CALENDAR

Board Meetings: 2nd Monday of month, 7:00p. Call a board member for meeting location.

Oak Creek Location

Wauwatosa Savings (Basement)
6560 S. 27th St, Oak Creek, WI

Mayfair Location

Mayfair Mall Location (Room G-110, See Below), 2500 N. Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa, WI

Park on the east side of the mall, under the second floor new movie theater. Enter the mall under the theater. About fifty feet inside, on the right, look up to see the sign GARDEN SUITES EAST. Go thru the door below the sign. Take the elevator or stairs to the level below. Swing around left and go down the long hall. At the end of the hall find room G-110.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT...

This is something I don't look forward to, typing the last newsletter of the year. There always seems to be different avenues to go down but there isn't enough time to explore

them all. I have been the Technical Director for the past six years, Vice President three years ago, and President for the last two. Am I nuts or what? Over the last three years of being on the Board, we have experimented with different ideas. Each year we have a board with fresh blood, new ideas, and the enthusiasm to make the MRC the best it can be. Once again we will be electing Board members to meet the challenges put forth to them from the smallest things like "where's the next meeting?" to "Making a Swap Fest happen" and keeping the club financially secure. The people running for a seat on the Board this year are saying to you, "Yes I have the time. Yes I want to help the club. Yes I can make the meetings. And yes I am willing to give up my time to fulfill the obligations of the position I'm running for." What I ask of all of you is to choose your next board carefully and with conviction that he or she can do the job. I have truly enjoyed being President. But even more, I am proud to be your President of the MRC.

In 1998, we decided to run our own kitchen at the swapfest. In 1999, we did our first computer expo, and in 2000 we did our first raffle. Each year we tried something different. Each year we grew a little smarter. And each year we learned how to fine tune our projects. Thank you so much for your support, patience, and input to make these things happen.

Having your call sign transmitted every ten minutes, brought up at the beginning of every Net, and having it printed in the national repeater directory, is the highest privilege that can be achieved in this club. Being the repeater trustee is not easily attained. I wish we had more than one repeater to award some of those who give so much and get so little in return. Last year I made a motion to award Warren K9IZV with a plaque he can proudly hang on his wall for the dedication he has given to this club. With your permission, we have decided to make this an annual event to award someone in the club with a plaque showing our gratitude for their contributions over the years. Mike KB9TPT is the chair person of the Awards Committee. If there's anyone you

would like to see get the award, please contact him.

Last year we got hit with a bomb shell. I think you know what I'm talking about. Yes, the tower rent. Whether I'm on the Board or not next year, I will be seeking a new location for Main Site. However, in the mean time we must meet our rent expenses. The dues are going up from \$12.00 to \$20.00 beginning in January 2001. I truly regretted making this move in fear our membership would drop, but you people never stop surprising me. Not only have you come through with the extra eight dollars but some of you have already paid for the year 2002. Proud to be your Prez - you bet.

We must be doing something right. This year we voted in 50 new members. Eleven more are expected to be voted in come the January meeting. Feel free to pat yourself on the back. It's you guys and gals who talk on the repeater who invite these people to join in on conversation and welcome them to use the machine anytime. You show them we really are friendly. Thanks and keep up the good work.

This year I've heard many new voices doing the Nets. And I'm not just talking the Fun Net. The Net Managers have done an outstanding job in recruiting new Net Controls. Many thanks to the Net Managers for their fine work and promoting others to run the Nets.

Did you make the Christmas party this year? If you didn't, you should try to make next years to find out what your missing. Bob KB9NCY put on a great show with his piano, harmonica, gazoo and some kind of flute or some facsimile there of. Next time you hear him on the air, thank him for the entertainment. Hey, it was amateur night, right? There were 48 participants and we had a great time.

The repeater has performed very well this year. We got through the summer without incident, but there will always be tweaking here and there to keep the machine running properly. Our investments have truly paid off.

Please be aware of the By-law change proposed at the last membership meeting.

Committees

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| Activities | Sally | KB9LSP |
| Computer Net | Gary | N9UUR |
| Fun Net | Warren | K9IZV |
| Membership Coord. | Kate | KA9MWT |
| Net Announcements Coord | Deb | KB9ISE |
| Newsletter | Heidi | N9TUY & Bob AA9JW |
| Public Service | Kate | KA9MWT |

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| Station Trustee | Warren Schall | K9IZV |
| Swapfest | Board | |
| Swap Net | Lloyd | WB9RGO |
| Technical | Mike Borchardt | N9NPB |
| Weather | Skip | WD9HAS |
| Webmaster | Open | |
| Assistant - Webmaster | Rick | WD9IWK |

We will be voting on changing the wording in ARTICLE VI: Section 1. The new wording will change the number of members needed to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the corporation. You will find the By-law change in this newsletter.

To wrap things up, I hope everyone got through the holiday season safely. All the snow and cold didn't make shopping any easier. My sincere thanks to the Net Managers and Net Controls, Weather gurus, Swap Fest workers, the Board, Technical staff, and all the members for their support and contributions.

Peace
Mike N9NPB

A MOTION TO AMEND

A motion to amend Article VI section 1 **currently reads:**

Ten percent of the members shall consist a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the corporation.

Proposed:

A quorum for the transaction or business at any meeting of the corporation shall consist of the lesser of twenty members or ten percent of the eligible voting members.

2000 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following club members have accepted nomination for the following offices:

President: (I)Mike Borchardt,N9NPB.

Vice President: (I)Mike Zore,KB9PHA (?); Gary Bargholz,N9UUR; Mike Borchardt,N9NPB; Mike Castor,KB9TPT; Ron Henry,N9KWW; Richard Lyons,WD9DNM; Brad Reeves,N9KXA; Patrick Volkmann,WB9JIC.

Secretary: (I)Ron Henry,N9KWW; Tom Schulte,KB9RLB.

Treasurer: (I)Gary Bargholz,N9UUR; Patrick Volkmann,WB9JIC.

Activities Manager: Napoleon Hardy,N0XXL; Ron Henry,N9KWW.

Order of appearance is (I) incumbent (if any) followed by last name sort.

Respectfully submitted: Warren Schall, K9IZV:Chair.

Thanks to the nominating committee for a job well done, trying to contact all our club members by phone: Jeananne Bargholz, N9VSV; Jim Darrow, KB9MMC; Howie Fritsch, KB9TTF; Lloyd Gorsiski, WB9RGO; Gary Grant, N9MGJ; Kate Kedney, KA9MWT; Will Lorenz, W9ZOL; Mike Malloy, N9WJV; Warren Schall, K9IZV; and Tom Schulte, KB9RLB.

A reminder that your 2001 dues (\$20) must be paid to vote or hold office. If you don't mail your dues in by Jan 10, please bring it to the meeting.

2 CENTS WORTH FROM THE TREASURER...

Well... Another one bites the dust. Are the years going faster? Or am I just too busy to notice the days slip by... This marks the end of my third term as your club Treasurer. I have enjoyed working for the club, and with the other Officers on the Board this year. Every Board has had it's own "personality", and even with the best of intentions, sometimes issues arise that take away the time that could be given to the club. The work of the club gets done, but sometimes a few end up doing a lot. I myself "disappeared" for a month earlier this year when Jeananne's father passed away, and then her mother spent 2 weeks in intensive care. I'm sure all who knew understood, but I still apologize to any who felt something was not getting done in the proper manner. All the basics were completed, but the little extras may have suffered, for example you may have noticed I did not submit an article for the last newsletter.

Some comments on this year:

Amateur Radio & Computer EXPO 2000: We sold out all the "Swapfest" tables in the South and East halls. The "Computer EXPO" is still in its infancy, with only a very few vendors. Attendance was down... what else is new. The vendors I talked with did say that even though the crowd was small, it was a "buying" crowd, and they were very happy. A very open and good discussion was had at the post Fest evaluation meeting. I personally entered the meeting with the attitude of "Enough is enough, waste of time... waste of money. For ALL THIS WORK, we made so little money". The group assembled reacted in a way I for one did not expect. They STRONGLY supported the Fest, and convinced even me that it IS worth it, even if we "only make a dollar..." The social and interactive aspects of a gathering opportunity like this for the membership and friends of the Club and Milwaukee Amateur Radio is very important. As other local fests are getting smaller, and a few have even folded, the MRC should keep our Fest, and continue to be innovative, and try to find ways to improve attendance - and therefore the profitability of the event to the Club. It's a lot of work to set up and arrange, but the volunteers working the day of the Fest said it was well organized, went like clockwork, and they had a lot of fun doing it! At the

very least I need to thank all the fine folk who volunteered to work the Fest... YOU are the heart of this Club, you really made it happen! I would like to thank those who voiced such eloquent and open opinions at the evaluation meeting, you restored my faith and enthusiasm for the Fest. Thank you.

State of the Treasury: Overall, we're in pretty good shape; however we have less money than we did last year at this time. The Swapfest made some money, but could have been much better. Due to a "mistake" in over printing the number of raffle tickets we needed, the raffle did make money, but could have profited a lot more. Membership is the one shining star: we have over 275 active paid members on the roster. Donations still are coming into the Capital Improvement Fund for major system upgrades or additions. It is currently at about \$4350.00. So we do have a good nest egg for improvement. And we have about \$3000.00 in general funds available for general maintenance, replacements and to cover failures. We were lucky this year as even with all the storms that went through this summer, we had no lightning strikes or damage of any kind.

Another issue we have yet to completely resolve is the situation at Main Site. As you all know by now, the rental fee has gone way up, and we are still looking into the contractual arrangement there. For now, the increase in dues voted in at the last meeting will cover this added expense. One thing we have been good at over the last 3 years is "creative ideas...", so you never know what we may come up with for this little problem. But for now, please remember that the annual dues fee has gone to \$20.00.

I would like to thank a bunch of folk that do a lot of work that you NEVER hear about, because it's all done very quietly. But let me assure you these folk are listening, and ready. So Thanks to our Machine Control Operators: N9VSV - Jeananne, N9NPB - Mike, A19X - Tony, KG9EE - Tom, KB9MMC - Jim, WA9JOB - Nels, N9KWW - Ron, WD9HRE - Paul, KA9MWT - Kate, N9WSZ - Milt, N9RXD - Al, N9KXA - Brad, K9IZV - Warren, N9ZXS - Don, WD9HAS - Skip, KB9PHA - Mike.

And once a year, a bunch of guys show up at my door and eat all my chocolate chip cookies!!! You bums... Jeananne makes them for ME! My thanks to the Finance Committee who review the books, and help to steer the financial course of the Club: N9WBM - John, W9ULA - Jack, N9WJV - Mike, AA9JW - Bob, KB9RCB - Dean.

I'd also like to mention our Newsletter editors Bob - AA9JW and Heidi - N9TUY. These two do a lot of work laying out and reviewing all the articles and information everyone submits for the newsletter. But beyond that, I would like to thank them for putting up with our continually late submissions and missed deadlines. Bob never complains, and we always seem to find the newsletter in our mailboxes "on time".

So thanks for your support, and thanks to the many folk who control and build the machine, run the nets, watch the skys, help at the Fest, run for office, just plain get involved, and make this Club so much fun! I am proud to be the Treasurer of the MRC.

Thanks & 73, Gary N9UUR

NEW MRC MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to the Milwaukee Repeater Club. The following will be voted into membership at the Annual Meeting Jan 20, 2001: KB9KEJ Mike, KB9NYP Sheila, KB9NYQ Ken, KB9UDL Jim, KB9SXH John, N0XXL Napoleon, K5ZNN Manny, KB9YFF Adam, KB9KED Lenny, KB9WYX Alex, KB9YCR Bob

ARES NOTICE

When I look at the MRC Roster and then look at the ARES Roster - I see a lot of similarities. Milwaukee and Waukesha ARES members have ties mostly to two local clubs: the MRC and MARS (145.130). For this reason, I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you who are members of ARES. You don't have to be members but you are - and that makes you pretty special.

I am in the beginning stages of trying to update the ARES roster. Similar to how we conduct the ".91 nomination calls" which just took place, I plan on trying to contact you. In the past, the roster was updated via hard copy and the US Mail. Many requests for updates were never returned. It is imperative that the roster be as up-to-date as possible.

I would prefer to do most of the process via e-mail because that would save a lot of time, but if you don't have e-mail, plan on getting a call from me or from a few others who have volunteered to help!

So, if you are a member of ARES (or want to be) and you DO have e-mail, please send me that address. I will then, one by one, send you the information we currently have and request an update in return. Please send your address to me at:

N9VSV@execpc.com. (If you live in Waukesha County, I will forward your information to Greg, K9ZZZ, EC for Waukesha County.)

I will also be saving these e-mail addresses for periodic updates and/or emergency notices.

All the best for a great 2001!
73, Jeananne Bargholz, N9VSV
ARES Emergency Coordinator for
Milwaukee County

MRC MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2000

Location: Wauwatosa Savings Oak Creek
8:59 pm meeting was called to order by N9NPB

all present introduced themselves
new members:
KB9PSE,KB9WUO,KB9NFT,N9DAH,KB9
VSG,KB9VUG,KB9PBM,WE9K
motion was made by N9UUR to accept as
new members, seconded by N9GNG.
Unanimous

financial report was passed out, motion was
made by N9GNG to accept as printed,
seconded by KB9PHA. Passed unanimously
motion was made by KB9YPY to accept the
minutes as published, seconded by
KB9PZQ. Unanimous

ACTIVITIES Thanks for the presentations
and the club picnic. Well done.

Technical: Brad and Skip (N9KXA AND
WD9HAS) working on remote backup
power operation for testing the battery
backup remotely. A trial version of the
circuit diagram was passed around. This
will enable us to test the system by
simulating a power outage. A morse code
"B" replace the "E" courtesy beep when in
this mode or when an actual power outage
has occurred. The battery is designed to
support the system for 2 days on reduced
power.

New business: none

Old Business: bylaw change,
as published in the last newsletters the
bylaw change is concerning dues from
\$12.00 to \$20.00 per year.
Discussion: N9NPB picked up the current
proposed contract from the attorney. His
comments were that we do not have much to
bargain with in terms of the contract. We do
have some leverage and some changes can
be made; however in terms of rent he feels
we do not have to many options. Lease fee
will not change most likely. We have also
received a letter from the agency regarding
tower replacement. With this in mind we are

not in a good position to reduce the rental
fee.

We have been searching for an alternate site.
Wisconsin Electric has some sites that are
available but do not provide us the same
coverage we currently have. Site surveys
continue.

Discussion followed:

What other choices do we have? None
Question was called by K9IZV seconded by
KB9TPT

voting was 21 yes 2 opposed and 2 abstained
passed

Raffle: KB9PHA presented the format and
prize list for the raffle. We have a class "A"
license that allows us 180 days to sell
tickets, the rules must be printed on the
ticket. They will be in packs of 10 and will
sell for \$2.50 each or 10 for \$20.00. We will
also have an "in house" raffle for the
member who sells the most tickets. The
person who sold the winning ticket for the
grand prize will receive a \$250.00 prize,
\$100.00 for first place, \$50.00 for second
and \$10.00 for third place tickets. In
addition a \$250.00 prize will be awarded to
the member who has sold the most, and a
\$100.00 prize will be randomly drawn for
all who have sold a minimum of 5 tickets.

Grand prize: dream vacation for two to
Ireland or Maui with \$500.00 spending cash
or a 50" big screen TV from Sears.
First prize: trip for two to Las Vegas and
\$250.00 or an Icom IC706 MkII or one year
768 dsl connection.

Second place: new years ski weekend at the
WI. Dells, CD-RW drive or Epson digital
camera or
an ICOM IC-2100 mobile radio
third place prizes: Harley Davidson photo
history book: "Lore: Origins to the Pan
Head" or Weather alert radio or \$50.00
Mayfair/Brookfield square gift certificate or
car wash package of 10 from Scrub A Dub
or 5 pizza party pack or zoo fun trip for 4

If less than 2500 tickets are sold, grand prize
will be 25% of cash collected first prize,
10% of cash collected second prize will be
\$200.00 and third prize will equal \$50.00
each.

The basis for the raffle is 2500 tickets; this
is the break point. Most raffles sell much
more than 2500 tickets. If each member sells
10 tickets we will be over the 2500
minimum. The prizes will be awarded on 16
December 2000 at the Christmas party. The
prizes are such that we have a 60% 40%
split we receive 40% of the proceeds. All
tickets sold after the 2500 minimum are
profit. We will receive 40% of sales as a
minimum.

N9UUR came forward as W.A.R. chairman. The new band plan is out and published. It is available on the WAR web site. ARRL central division is up for election. All who are ARRL members should vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by KB9SXF and seconded by N9NGG passed meeting adjourned at 1020 pm Ron N9KWW

**MRC MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2000**

8:05 pm N9NPB brought the meeting to order, introduction of all present. 26 members Motion by N9KWW to accept the following new members. KB9VSF John Fuller, KE4IWZ Glynn Hamilton, KB9YDH Craig Henry, NK9W Glen Krohn, N9ZSV Gary Pewitt, KB9PBM John Schroeder, WB9GRI Don Solbegr seconded by KB9PZQ passed UNANIMOUSLY

8:10 pm recessed 8:25 pm meeting resumed Noted no minutes were published in last news letter due to space for membership roster. Treasurer report was made, motion by KB9TPT seconded by KB9MMC approved unanimously.

Technical report: New battery monitor with remote test circuit was built and will be installed during our annual field day at the main site. Will tweak and peak the system as well as clean up. System is at 100% at present time. Field day will be Saturday 9/27/00 at the main site all members are encouraged to attend.

K9IZV was appointed as chairman or the Election Committee. KB9PHA submitted By Law change proposal. (Note published in this news letter)

MEMBER OF THE YEAR award was proposed, KB9TPT will chair and compile list of criterium as well as awards. This award is by the membership for the membership.

Thanks to our activities manager KB9LSP for the selection of food. Noted

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS FROM THE TREASURER THAT DUES ARE NOW \$20.00 and may be paid at any time. Those who have paid in advance will be contacted for the additional amount due.

BANNER FOR MRC will be made N9UUR was been approved to expend up to \$200.00 for purchase.

Motion to adjourn by KB9RCB and seconded by KB9RLB passed.

Ron N9KWW

NEWSLETTER

Send articles, reports, comments, suggestions and corrections to Bob AA9JW or Heidi N9TUY Manak (N28 W22173 Burningwood Lane, Waukesha, WI 53186; ☎ 262 544-6151) or Internet Email rmanak@execpc.com

**The Milwaukee Repeater Club Inc.
P.O. Box 2123, Milwaukee, WI 53201
Membership / Renewal Application**

Expiration Date _____
Call sign _____ Name _____
Name used on air _____ Class of License _____
Telephone (home) _____ (work optional) _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Birth date (optional) _____
E-mail: _____
Dues (New & Renewal): \$ 20.00
Capital Improvement Fund: \$ _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution, By-laws and rules of the Milwaukee Repeater Club.

Signed: _____

The MRC membership will vote on your admission to the Club at the next meeting after your application is received. PLEASE NOTE! If there is ANY of your personal information that you DO NOT wish to be published into the Club Roster, note this on this form. Also, list the names, calls and other pertinent information on any family members living at the same address who are Hams and desire to become MRC members. Thank You!