



# January - 2002

Operating the 146.91- repeater under the call sign K9IZV. For best access use 127.3 PL.

## Officers

President	Mike Borchardt	N9NPB	262-367-3953
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Activities Manager	Napoleon Hardy	NOXXL	262 497-0725

## MEETINGS NOTICE

**January 26 (Sat) 6:30pm** -- the annual business meeting and election of officers at the Oak Creek location. Doors open at about 6:00pm for payment of dues

## 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. Turn left and go down the long hall. At the end of the hall find room G-110.

## THE MRC HAS A NEW HOME AND A NEW NAME MRC91.ORG

In an effort to reduce costs to the Club, we have found a new host for the Club www site! Many and GREAT thanks for Bob N9GMT and GMT Communication

for hosting the MRC site! We have also acquired our OWN DOMAIN NAME. The club www site can now be found at:  
**Http://www.mrc91.org**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

### President:

Mike Castor,KB9TPT;  
Napoleon Hardy,N0XXL;  
John Kochanski,KB9SXH;  
Brad Reeves,N9KXA.

### Vice President:

(D)Mike Castor,KB9TPT;  
Bob Albert,KB9YCR;  
Mike Borchardt,N9NPB;  
Ron Henry,N9KWW;  
John Kochanski,KB9SXH;  
Rich Peters,KB9KYS;  
Brad Reeves,N9KXA;  
Leroy Skalstad,WD9HOT;  
Ted Spicuzza,KB9PQZ.

### Secretary:

(D)Tom Schulte,KB9RLB;  
Walt Fritz,N9RPR;  
John Kochanski,KB9SXH;  
Janet Wojciechowski,KB9ZAG.

### Treasurer:

(D)Gary Bargholz,N9UUR;  
John Kochanski,KB9SXH.

### Activities Manager:

Mike Castor,KB9TPT;  
Walt Fritz,N9RPR;

Ron Henry,N9KWW;  
John Kochanski,KB9SXH;  
Rich Peters,KB9KYS;  
Janet Wojciechowski,KB9ZAG.

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: Eileen Albert,KB9ZHV; Jeananne Bargholz,N9VSV; Pat Borchardt,KB9ZOS; Glenn Butzlaff,WE9K; Jack Hughes,W9ULA; Roger Jones(& Misty),W2ZDB; Kate Kedney,KA9MWT; Karen Knapp,N9GNG; Warren Schall,K9IZV; Keith Schneider,N9HLS; Leroy Skalstad,WD9HOT; Sherm Swanson,KB9Q; Janet Wojciechowski,KB9ZAG; Mark Zentner,KB9VJQ; Maureen Zentner,KB9VLJ.

A reminder that your 2002 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. Lastly, in my memory, no candidate has ever been elected by not showing up at the election meeting.

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Once again I sit at my computer, typing the final newsletter of the year, like I have done twice before as President-Elect. This is always the hardest letter to do. The Election Committee is busy

## Committees

Activities	Napoleon	NOXXL
Awards	Bob	KB9YCR
Computer Net	Gary	N9UUR
Fun Net	Warren	K9IZV
Historian	Warren	K9IZV
Membership Coord	Kate	KA9MWT
Net Announcements Coord	Deb	KB9ISE
Newsletter	Heidi N9TUY & Bob AA9JW	

Public Service	Kate	KA9MWT
Station Trustee	Warren Schall	K9IZV
Swapfest	Board	
Swap Net	Lloyd	WB9RGO
Technical	Mike Borchardt	N9NPB
Weather	Skip	WD9HAS
Co-Webmaster	Gary	N9UUR
Co-Webmaster	Richard	K9RWE

gathering information from all the members for the upcoming election, January 26, 2002. At the last membership meeting Warren K9IZV asked to be the Election Committee Chairperson as he has been for many years in the past. With approval from the attending members and the Board, Warren was appointed this duty. At the November board meeting, Warren poled the Board and specifically asked, "Are we running for our current position?" Three of us said, "no"; one of us said, "no comment"; and the other said, "not sure".

I have no evidence to the contrary that the MRC is the largest amateur radio (repeater) club in the state. Being the President requires a fair amount of time spent in preparing board meeting agendas, attending board meetings, membership meetings, preparation for Swap Fest, Swap Fest critique meeting, Xmas or holiday party, typing newsletters, attending the financial review meeting, and whatever else crops up throughout the year. Then there are the responsibilities of the elected positions of each officer, which can be more time-consuming than mine. So really, I'm not complaining. Here is my situation. Being on the Board for the fourth year, this year's board was the best group of people I have ever worked with. Along with the routine things we did, there was a Field Day 1st, and a very successful swap fest. My many, many thanks to Mike, Gary, Tom and Napoleon. It's been great. But when I was asked if I'm running for my current position as a board member I said, "no". I said no because I might run for a position that is not so mentally draining. I have many things happening, especially with work, that sometimes time just doesn't allow me to do. Most of you know I'm a husband, father, grandfather, own my own business (work from 8:00 AM to about 12:00 AM--sometimes longer), President of MRC and Tech Director. Oh yea, did I mention Tech Director? Recently there isn't enough time. Running for President knowing I couldn't devote the time and energy to the position wouldn't be fair to you and may prevent someone else from doing a better job. I need to cut back on

something, and not running for President, looks like my first option. That's not to say you would have me as president again (my head isn't that big), but maybe it will make it easier for someone else to run. Thank you for giving me the opportunity of leading this club. I hope I did what you expected of me. I would like to see many of you step up to the plate, run for the position. Also, keep in mind that the people who come to the election meeting are only a small percent of the entire club. Please choose your next officers as if they were working for you personally. As officers they should be doing what's in the best interest of the Club. This club is looked at by many new hams and listened to by many non-hams. We are in good shape membership wise and financially. The next board could make a difference (good or bad). Thank you and thanks to everyone that keeps the 91 going. I don't plan on going away; maybe I'll run for VP. Due to room restraints in this newsletter, I'm not going to list all their names, but I sincerely want to thank them for their help with Net Manager/Control, newsletter editing, technical, Swap Fest, special committees, and anyone who has done anything to support the Club.

Technical stuff is as follows. The repeater is in the process of getting link frequencies re-allocated per the WAR Frequency Coordinator. Two of the four sites have been done. This requires changing the frequency of the link transmitter, re-tuning the antenna--which means climbing towers, and changing the frequency of the link receiver at Main Site. Each site takes the better part of a day. The Northwest Site is down and the Main Site transmitter output is at about 80%. Two radios had output power problems and the Main Site transmitter is on a back-up radio. The radios have been sent in for repair and both problems should be corrected by the first of the year. After the link frequencies have been changed on all the link sites, the audio will be adjusted at Main Site. Currently, we are slightly over modulated. Otherwise, the repeater is in very good shape.

I hope everyone had the opportunity to

enjoy the holiday season to its fullest. I want to extend my best wishes to all.

Mike N9NPB

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## 2 CENTS WORTH FROM THE TREASURER... N9UUR

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Well, another one bites the dust.

Years ago, I couldn't wait for the end of the year, the holidays, a new beginning, and it would never come. Now, I guess I'm getting older, as every year seems to pass faster and faster. Come to think of it... I guess I am getting old, cause I'm now old enough to have actually started a sentence with "Years ago..." Oh no!

This has been one of the smoothest operating years ever for the MRC, well at least from my point of view. It's only taken 4 years, but I've got the Club President, Technical Director, and the Swapfest Chair all whipped into shape, "following the rules", and we have a simple yet very effective money management process in place and working very well. The Swapfest Chair was the worst one really, but after 4 years... You all knew I was talking to myself anyway. (It's my excuse, and I'm sticking to it!) Actually, It's been a lot of fun, and quite rewarding to see us make what we need happen, keep building the membership numbers, and build a Capitol Improvement Fund to the point that we can even make some dreams become reality.

So, my thanks go to the entire Board and to all those who work for the "high wages" in support of the Club. I hear a lot of "opinions" on the air about this and that... But lets remember the real and actual WORK it takes by the few that really keep things like the Swapfest happening, and the repeater on the air for the entire Club membership.

I'd like to commend Mike KB9TPT and Napoleon N0XXL for a job very well done in pushing through our Club Field Day event. Jeananne and I have been doing Field Day for many years with the Ozaukee Radio Club, so when this came

up in the MRC, I was very mixed as to which one to attend. Knowing Mike and Napoleon were fully capable (another excuse), we decided to go back north to Ozaukee (as the threats of bodily harm seemed more real from the OZ folk!). But as it turned out, I sort of feel I WAS there. I collected some video from KB9ZAG and stills from WD9HOT and put together a TV program called "MRC Field Day 2001". Copies are still available on VHS or DVD!!! Another note... One of Leroy's shots ended up on Page 101 of the Dec. Issue of QST Magazine in the 2001 Field Day report section. Well done to all involved!

So what about next year? The MRC is in GOOD shape today. We have a lot of social gatherings, meetings, public service events, a fine newsletter, a swapfest. Most of what you see is the "fun" stuff. But there IS a lot of behind the scenes work and labor to make something like a Field Day or Swapfest SEEM easy, organized and fun. I ask that you choose your officers based on who you feel can really handle the BUSINESS of the Club. I personally take VERY seriously the trust that you have given me in the past to act on the Club's behalf. Thank you. I hope that you will elect a new board that will continue the professional and serious attitude we have worked so hard to achieve.

Am I running for Treasurer next year? Please read my last paragraph again... It really depends on YOU!

Thanks and 73  
N9UUR

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## **RAMBLINGS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT**

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I can't stop wondering what happened to this year. It seems like I blinked and it was December. As I look back over the last year I guess I would say it was a good one. It started out with a breakfast meeting in January to plan field day. This was the only Field Day meeting I missed this year. I organized it, made the reservations, and even had an agenda. Then I decided to spend the

night before in the hospital with a kidney stone! Oh well. We had several more meetings for Field Day over the next few months and it never ceased to amaze me how much fun everyone was having pulling together as a club to get everything done. I do have to take a moment and give credit where credit is due. Napoleon N0XXL is responsible for making the whole thing work. He picked up the ball right from the beginning and ran it in for the touchdown! I just made sure the ball, the other players, and all the other equipment showed up. A lot of old timers said we were putting way to much planning into Field Day, but I don't think anyone that was at our Field Day site thought it was anything but a first rate event. Our T-shirt sale even made enough money to cover all the expenses and put away a little for next years Field Day. If you haven't seen the video, you can still get a copy from Gary N9UUR.

The dust had barely settled at the Field Day site when it was time to shift gears and think Ham Fest. This year's board was under a lot of pressure not to make the same mistakes that cost the club a profit at the Fest last year. The Fest started out a little rocky when we had trouble getting into the Expo Center because the main gate was closed, but other than not having paper on the tables everything came off without a problem. As most of you know the Ham Fest showed a profit this year and was a lot of fun as well. We had a good turn -out from vendors and customers. All the volunteers did a great job and the door prizes were some of the best I have ever seen at a local Fest. You know, now that I think about it, the day before the Ham Fest is also the day I totaled my car! Is there a pattern here? Nah, can't be.

There have been a lot of other things we have done this year that may not be as monumental as Field Day or the Ham Fest, but I think are worth mentioning. In January we gave out three awards to club members--one for the "Friendly One" and two for distinguished service to the Club. The current board has agreed to continue this tradition. We moved the Northwest Site to a new location that promises to be better than

the old site. The repeater has received several upgrades and needed maintenance. We also ordered an official club banner. We had a great turn-out at the club picnic and the Christmas party. Best of all the Board pulled all this off without going over budget on these items!

The most monumental thing that happened this year is our membership topped 300. Wow, that's a lot of hams! I guess that proves to me that the board and the members of this club must be on the right track. In a time when other clubs are struggling to gain new members we voted in more new members than some clubs have as members. I think it all goes back to one thing, "FAMILY". This club is like one big family. Yea, some of us may be the red-headed stepchild no one wants to share their toys with, but we all pull together when the going gets tough just like a family does. Every family has to have a leader and ours is Mike N9NPB. I have learned a lot working side by side with Mike the past year and want to do it again next year. There is no way the leader of any family can please everyone all the time. All we can do is try to please most of the members of the family most of the time. Sometimes we get lucky and please everyone, but with 300 members in our family it gets tough to do that at times.

As I look back over the last year, our family, The Milwaukee Repeater Club, has a lot to pat ourselves on the back for. A successful Field Day, a fun day at the club picnic, a profitable Ham Fest, a great Christmas party, a membership 300 strong, a repeater second to none in southeastern Wisconsin, and a host of other firsts and monumental accomplishments. You know when I started to write this article I was wondering what to say. Now that I said it, I guess all I really needed to say was **THANKS** for a great year. If you like all the good things that happened in the Milwaukee Repeater Club in 2001, then I strongly urge you to come to the Election Meeting on January 26, 2002 and re-elect the same board members that lead your club down the right path in 2001. Yes, I am running for the

Board again in 2002, just not as Vice President. Hope your holidays were great and see you on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

“73”

Mike Castor KB9TPT  
Vice President

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## A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

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I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and you got that new rig or special piece of equipment that you wanted.

My first year as an officer for the MRC has sure gone by quickly, and what a great year it has been for the Club. We have seen the membership increase. The first .91 field day in many years.

Congratulations to all those who made this event a success. A fun time at the picnic was had by all, and a ham fest made money. I would like to apologize to the membership for not being able to attend some of those events, but I had prior commitments. Hopefully next year I'll be there.

I would like to thank Mike N9NPB, Gary N9UUR, Mike KB9TPT and Napoleon NØXXL for the great job you all have done and the friendship we developed throughout the year. I enjoyed being on the Board with you.

As you might have heard from Warren, only two of the present board members might run for office, and the other three aren't. Well I am writing this to say that those who are not running are doing so because they cannot devote the necessary time it takes to run a club this size, or they just might be running for a different position. I hope that the Membership thinks that I have done a good job, and I would like to say that I will be running for the office of Secretary again. Hope to see everyone at the Election Meeting on January 26, 2002.

Best wishes to all in the new year.  
Tom Schulte, KB9RLB  
MRC Secretary

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## FROM THE KITCHEN

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Once again the MRC ran the kitchen at the annual swapfest at a profit. Pat KB9ZOS and Sue played a major role in

the success of the kitchen operation, being our chefs and purchasing agents. We also had Margie KB9RCG and Ben returning to help in the kitchen. A new addition to the kitchen staff was Emily. She did a terrific job in "waitressing" for the vendor tables. Many thanks and a round of applause to the kitchen staff. Thanks also to Al N9RXD, Margie KB9RCG, Mike KB9PHA and Pat KB9ZOS who loaned us Nesco roasters and coffee pots.

This year we tried a "breakfast menu" which gave people a little more option in their breakfast selection. This seemed to go over well. One other change was that club members were given a ticket to redeem for a breakfast or lunch. These two changes helped make the kitchen operations flow a bit smoother. Because of the large amounts of "leftovers" we've had in previous years, the quantity of food we purchased was reduced. As a result we sold everything and had no "leftovers", which was one of our goals. The only unfortunate situation was that several club members came to the kitchen window for their breakfast or lunch after we were sold out. I apologize to those club members.

Milt N9WSZ

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## MRC FIELD DAY 2001 - THE VIDEO

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In case you spent some time under a rock somewhere... Did you hear the MRC held a Field Day operation this past summer? If you were not able to attend, you can still "Experience It". The club has produced it's first TV program all about the Field Day Operation. Copies are still available on VHS (\$5.00) OR DVD (\$15.00). Contact N9UUR to order your copy!

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## JANUARY IS RENEWAL TIME!

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Everyone's membership expires Dec. 31 of each year. Please renew your dues in the Club. Your dues must be paid in order for you to cast a vote at the Annual Meeting of the Club (The Election of Club Officers for 2002) which will be

held on January 26th 2002, at the Oak Creek Wauwatosa Savings Bank location.

As of Dec. 13, 2001, the following members have already renewed for 2002. KC9AME, KA9CRK, WD9DNM, KC0EKG, K9ETX, KB9FQJ, K9GNJ, KB9HHQ, WD9HOT, WD9IES, KB9ISE, K9IZV, N9KWV, N9KWW, KA9LDT, N9NFB, W9NOT, N9NPB, KA9NRH, K9PGE, KB9PZQ, KF9QD, WB9RGO, KB9RLB, KC9SAR, KA9SQP, KB9SQT, W9UQ, N9USA, WA9VIG, KB9VPZ, WW9WT, KF9XL, N9XQK, N9XRO, KB9YFF, WB9YFV, K5ZNN, KC4AME, KC9AST

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## MRC MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2001

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Location: Mayfair Mall  
Meeting called to order by Mike, N9NPB, club president at 7:13p.m.  
Introductions were made by all that were present.

**New Members:** Motion made by N9VSV and seconded by N9UUR to accept the following for club membership; WX9TED Tedd, KB9ZTB Randall, WB9FXR Bob, KB9ZHW Kelly, KC9AGW Gregory, KG4EDR Craig, N9VNG Craig. Motion passed.

**Newsletter:** Two corrections were noted by KB9RLB; remove the word "and" in front of club president and WD9NZZ should be WD8NZZ. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected made by KB9OBZ and seconded by N9HIP. Motion passed.

**Actives:** Napoleon, NØXXL, talked about JOTA- Jamboree On The Air for the boy and girl scouts. He asked if the club would be interested in doing this next year for the Milwaukee County Council. This would involve putting a station or two on the air, hf and possibly vhf. Napoleon is trying to get the Miller Valley station on the air on Saturday Oct. 20 from 2 to 4 p.m.

**Banner:** The new club banner was put on display. Mike, N9NPB, congratulated Napoleon, NØXXL,

for coming up with the slogan "Amateur Radio Serving Southeast Wisconsin". Mike, N9NPB, made the display stand. The banner was purchased from Quick Sign located at 88<sup>th</sup> and Greenfield. The cost for the main banner was \$75.00 and the two smaller ones were \$35.00 each.

**Financial:** Membership now stands at 241. The official 2001 club roster was mailed out with the newsletter. Gary, N9UUR, compared our present budget to last years and reports that we are under budget numbers for now. Total of all accounts is \$12,424.57. Actual available funds are \$4,119.21. A motion was made by KB9RLB and seconded by KB9TPT to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

**5a. Club Insurance:** Gary, N9UUR, reports that we have a new insurance carrier since the old one did not renew us. The new company is Austin Mutual and we have \$1 million in coverage, \$23,080.00 in equipment coverage.

**5b. Web Site:** Gary, N9UUR, reports that Execpc.com is non Core.com and the price for the web space has gone up to \$174.95 for a year. Discussion occurred on the possibility of changing providers. It was stated that this would take some time to do because of the many sites that link to our page. They would all have to be redirected to our new web page which means we would have to two providers for a while. No action taken.

**5c. Field Day:** Gary, N9UUR has produced a second run of the field day tape. Cost is \$5.00.

**Technical Report:** Mike, N9NPB, reports that the northwest site is still down. Also there is other equipment that needs to be sent in for repair. Volunteers are needed to clean out the main site. Mike would like to do this soon.

**7. Old Business:** Some discussion occurred on the jamming of the club repeater.

Mike, N9NPB called for a break in the meeting at 7:50p.m. Meeting resumed at 8:05p.m.

**8. New Business:** The club Christmas party is scheduled for December 22 at Mayfair Mall. This is not a good date

Mike, KB9TPT, says that the church he attends has an open date on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost would be \$25.00 to use the fellowship hall. Two drawbacks are there can be no dancing and no alcohol. The name of the church is Blessed Savior Lutheran Church located at 156<sup>th</sup> and Moreland. A poll was taken to see how many would attend on the different dates; Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 19 yes; Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 25 yes; Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 yes. It was also noted that those who need to take a bus could take it to Brookfield Square and then get a ride from there to the church. This is a party not just for members but also for their families and friends. A motion to have the club Christmas party on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the church was made by KB9RLB and seconded by N9UUR. Motion passed. There were two opposed; KB9OBZ and KB9SXH.

**8a:** Napoleon, NØXXL, wants to know if the nets the club runs could reverse the roll call order from a-z to z-a on some occasions. Discussions occurred and it was noted that it is up to the net managers and the net control station. No action taken.

**8b: Nominating Committee:** Mike, N9NPB appointed Warren, K9IZV the chairman of the nominating committee. Warren needs volunteers to help.

**9. Swapfest: Ads;** Vendor letters have been sent out along with a flyer. Sherm and some members of the MRC board and club members have handed out flyers at other ham fests.

**9a. Layout:** We have all three halls reserved. We will not use the east hall. This will be a two-room fest, using the north and south halls. Gary, N9UUR, will give the Expo Center the table layout on Wednesday before the fest so they can set up the tables.

**9b. Volunteers:** Need to show up by 4:30a.m. Assignments will be given the morning of the fest. Al, N9RXD will be net control during the event.

**9c. Talk in:** Brad, N9KXA will bring a 2-meter station and man it. Talk in will be on the club repeater. There might also be a HF station. If so Dave, KB9EWG says he would help operate it.

**9d. Prizes:** Mike, KB9TPT, has some prizes. He hopes to have enough so that a prize can be handed out every 15 to 30 minutes. Gary, N9MGJ was asked by Mike, N9NPB, if he could also get any door prizes.

**9f. Extras:** Mike, KB9TPT, will bring a TV and Tom, KB9RLB, will bring a VCR so that we can play the field day tape for all to see. All volunteers will be given a food ticket for their free meal.

A motion was made by N9RXD and seconded by KB9TPT to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Tom Schulte, KB9RLB  
Club Secretary

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## NEWSLETTER

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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 [aa9jw@amsat.org](mailto:aa9jw@amsat.org)

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