



January - 2008

Officers

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but in amateur radio as a whole.

As 2007 comes to a close, and a new board gets elected in January 2008, I am going to ask each and every one of you that is reading this now to look at the top and bottom of the first page of this newsletter. There you will find the names and callsigns of those who have volunteered their time and talents to help make this club great. The board of directors tackled some pretty serious issues this year, and I am very proud of the work they have done. Mark KB9VJQ and his technical team probably worked harder this year than in recent years, and in return we have a repeater that has been up and running through thick and thin. From Kate KA9MWT, Leroy WD9HOT and Warren K9IZV keeping us informed with the nets... to all the volunteers at Field Day... to Bob AB9FB and Matt KC9COY putting together a great SwapFest... to Cindy KC9HJU, Kayla KC9KPW and others putting together one outstanding ice-cream social to all ham radio operators to enjoy... to Vince KB9ZOT making sure that everyone had fresh donuts and coffee at the meetings... to all the responders that took time to just listen to the repeater and say hello to those wanting to chat... all the various pieces of the puzzle coming together to make a great picture that is the Milwaukee Repeater Club.

Are we done yet! Absolutely not! We still have much work to do - that is why I say "Don't Stop!" First, keep using the repeater - that's what it's there for. Also, if you have some time to help out with the various positions with the club, let us know. The more people that volunteer, the better this club will be. Lastly, don't stop coming to the meetings! That is where much of the needed business for this club gets done, and we need your input and support.

It has been a pleasure being your president this year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Until next time, 73 de
Dean KB7QDI

From the Treasurer

The New Year is upon us and I would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. The 2007 year has come to a close and the dawn of 2008 is here. I think of this time as a time of reflection. A time of reflection on this past year and what it has brought. I have made it through another year and in relative good health, which is always good. I continue to have a roof over my head and the bills paid for the most part. My family is still alive and doing well. I have gained a new nephew named Brandon, maybe a future Ham radio operator - you never know do you?

I think it's important for everyone to look at what they have and be grateful. No matter how bad you think you have it, life could be worse. You should not ignore the basic things, as I think they are very important. And the best thing is that, if you do not like how certain things are in your life, you have the New Year ahead to change the things you do not like. I believe that everyone has the power to make a change if they want to and put their mind to the task. Help a fellow neighbor or friend out; apply for a new job; or whatever you feel that would make you feel better. I hope that everyone has a Happy New Year!

Again, I have to ask if any member wants to make the change for newsletter delivery via email, I encourage them to

Meeting Notice...

January 16 (Wed) 7:00pm Annual Meeting with election of Officers. At Wauwatosa Savings (Basement) 6560 S. 27th Street, Oak Creek, WI

2008 Club Calendar...

- March 19** (Wed) Meeting
- May 21** (Wed) Meeting
- July 16** (Wed) Meeting
- September 10** (Wed) Meeting
- October 8** (Wed) Meeting
- November 12** (Wed) Meeting

Board Meetings: Call a board member for date, time and location of the meeting.

Oak Creek Location

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

From the President

If someone were to ask me, the MRC president for 2007, what I would say to the members of the club for 2008, it would be "Don't Stop!" This year was fantastic.... due in large part to its members. From the day I accepted this job, I knew that this club would climb higher and farther than it has before.

Our repeater is still being used hours upon hours a day. Our nets keep growing in check-ins and content. From our newest members to the seasoned pros, everyone has made a great impact, not only with this club,

Committees

ARES Net Coord	Jeananne	N9VSV
Awards	Al	KC9IJJ
Computer Net	Dean	KB7QDI
Control Operators	Gary	N9UUR
Emer Operations & Training	Gary	N9MGJ
Fun Net	Warren	K9IZV
Historian	Warren	K9IZV
Librarian	Steve	KC9AYN
Membership Coord	Kate	KA9MWT
Net Announcements Coord	Maureen	KB9VLJ

Newsletter	Heidi N9TUY & Bob AA9JW
Public Service	Kate
Station Trustee	Warren Schall
Swapfest	Bob AB9FB & Matt KC9COY
Swap Net	Leroy
Technical	Mark
Weather	Skip
Webmaster	Gary
Asst. Webmaster	Donovan

contact me. You can be assured that if you make this change, your email address will be held confidential and will not be used for any other purpose except for club business. I also encourage you to contact me if any of your information like call sign, email address, street address, phone number, or class of amateur license has changed. Please contact me and let me know the updated information. You can contact me via email at johnny-05@peoplepc.com or you can mail it to the club's post office box. If I can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. Again, thanks to those who have made the change.

Thank You,
John Laske – KC9FJX

Nominating Committee Report

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

President: (I) Dean Hoover,KB7QDI;
Charles Grady,KC9IIV.

Vice President: (I) Kurt Elfers,N9DWG;
Charles Grady,KC9IIV; Mike Jones,K9MDJ;
Vince Morano,KB9ZOT; Chris Tarr,W9JOL.

Secretary: Charles Grady,KC9IIV; Chris Tarr,W9JOL.

Treasurer: (I) John Laske,KC9FJX; Charles Grady,KC9IIV; Roland Marks,KD9Y.

Activities Manager: (I) Vince Morano,KB9ZOT; Charles Grady,KC9IIV

The following people were nominated and have not accepted or declined:

Mark Zentner,KB9VJQ: Treasurer
Rich Peters,KB9KYS: Activities Manager
Order of appearance is (I) (incumbent (if any)) followed by last name sort.

Respectfully submitted
Warren Schall,K9IZV:Chair.

Note: Additional nominations can be made from the floor on Election Night.

Thanks to the nominating committee for a job well done, trying to contact all our club members by phone or E-mail:
Jeananne Bargholz, N9VSV; Kurt Elfers, N9DWG; Bob Fetterly, N9HWB; Bob Fingar, WD9AXM; Lloyd Gorsiski, WB9RGO; Charles Grady, KC9IIV; Gary Grant, N9MGJ; Mike Harris, KC9CMT;

Stephen Hepner ,KC9EKU; Al Hovey, WA9BZW; Kate Kedney, KA9MWT; John Laske, KC9FJX; Al Maahs, KC9IJJ; Roland Marks, KD9Y; Vince Morano, KB9ZOT; Val Noldan, WI9VAL; Jim Noonan, WK9N; Dean Pearson, KB9RCB; Neil Ritzow, W9GDP; Rick Schaber, KB9SIG; Warren Schall, K9IZV; Jerry Schroeder, KB9WNT; Leroy Skalstad,WD9HOT; Bob Switlick, KC9JWZ; Cindy Waltemath, KC9HJU; Kayla Waltemath, KC9KPW

A reminder that your 2008 dues (\$20) must be paid to vote or hold office. If you don't mail your dues in by Jan 8, or pay at the WARAC Fest, please bring it to the meeting.

Lastly, advice to the candidates: your air-time activity from now until the election meeting may affect your chances, and if you don't show up at the meeting, you probably won't be elected. Good Luck!

MRC Meeting Minutes October 22, 2007

Location: Oak creek

Attendees: Dean(KB7QDI), Kurt(N9DWG), Mike(K9MDJ), John(KC9FJX), Vince(KB9ZOT) Plus sign in list
Meeting called to order at 7:09pm by KB7QDI

President Dean(KB7QDI)

Motion to accept new members by Al N9RXD, 2nd by Milan N9IDX. Motion passed.

Welcome to Bill KC9LRG and Chris KC9BVS.

Motion to accept the previous meetings minutes as amended by Bob N9HWB 2nd by Joe N9BJI

Amended to include Dean's motion which was in the minutes under old business but missed in the newsletter:

Newsletter costs – Motion by Dean KB7QDI “As of January 1, 2008 the dues will remain the same, but that there be a \$5.00 assessment for those who want a mailed paper copy of the Newsletter”. 2nd by Bob N9HWB. Motion passed.

Vice President Kurt(N9DWG) (not Present)

Secretary Mike (K9MDJ) Nothing new to report

Treasurer John(KC9FJX)

Corp. fee paid (\$10.00)
Financial report: Total of accounts \$6178.01, expendable cash 1541.04. Motion to accept

by Bob N9HWB 2nd by John KC9FMC. Motion passed.

Contact John or any board member to be added to the email list for the newsletter. Remember that there will be a \$5.00 assessment if you want the newsletter mailed next year.

Activities Manager Vince(KB9ZOT)

The Christmas party will be December 1 at the Woodlawn Lutheran Church, 99th and Lincoln in West Allis.

Contact Vince or Kate KA9MWT if you are bringing food.

Old Business

Swapfest – Bob AB9FB Kenwood backed out of a seminar at AES, Icom will be there instead with a seminar on Dstar.

The raffle will not be held unless we receive the license in time, it is in process. Volunteers are needed to help with setup and to help vendors carry in as we cannot setup Friday evening.

The Boy Scouts will be handling the food for the fest.

New Business

Motion to research prices of a spare main site exciter by Bob N9HWB 2nd by Mike K9MDJ. Motion passed.

Awards - Al KC9IJJ is taking nominations for the Friendly One and the 91 Community Service awards. He can be emailed at KC9ijj@arrl.net

Silent key - Dick McNew passed away on 10/22/2007. He will be greatly missed. Below is his bio from QRZ.Com:

I got my radio training at Fort Hood Texas in 1951. I learned cw at 22 wpm and worked from a halftrack armoured vehicle using a knee clamped key. Later, I did voice communications with the 1st armoured division. I went to Korea for one year and operated radios, laid phone lines, ran generators, and all other things in the line of communications. I came home in 1953, and I got married in the fall of that year. Years went by, and in 1970 my son Gene asked me about radio. Well, we both got excited and we began to study for ham radio. Gene got his ticket one month before me. We had built a 25 watt cw transmitter and bought a Hammurlund Hq110 rcvr. Gene also built a 1kw linear amp at age 15 years old. He is now 38 years old and the amp is still working. Gene's call is WB9PRG. My son Andy

lives in Cheyenne, WY his call is KC7NLC. My son Matt my is KA9HHU. We love cw most. Ham radio has been good to my family, and has helped us in our jobs and hobby in past years.

My daughter Kathy also a ham, her call is KB9ZUX.

Other relatives that are in ham radio are; KC9AFX Patricia, KC9AFY Elliot, KB9OBY Dawn, KB9QL Norman, KB9LPV Sharon, W0MS John.

2008 Severe Weather Nets

Because of last summer's drought, the number of weather net activations (SKYWARN) was significantly reduced. This, in turn reduced our familiarity, operational readiness, and emergency communication skills on how we format and report severe weather to be relayed to the National Weather Service (NWS).

Before active weather begins this year, please visit the MRC website and briefly review our weather net operations. This is important for newcomers and those of us who forget our vitamins (grin). For 2008 the NWS has made some minor reporting criteria changes and added new spotter reference points (airports, local landmarks, state parks, etc). The updates will be aired on the Sunday night public service net and posted as they become available.

Last year, parts of southwest Wisconsin had 17 inches of rain in one day. On June 7th, northeast Wisconsin had 5 tornadoes and giant 5.5 inch hail stones in one afternoon. Because no two years are alike, anything is possible. Recall the March 8, 2000 Saint Francis-Mitchell Field Airport tornado?

The MRC mission is to provide an emergency communication channel for southeast Wisconsin. If twisters, a foot of rain, or 5 inch hail are coming on any day, we need to be prepared! Don't play catch-up with severe weather-- play keep-up.

Skip Voros - WD9HAS
Skywarn Coordinator

Short Notes

Name Badge

Anyone wishing to purchase an MRC name badge should e-mail Tom WI9TOM at wi9tom@arrl.net. The price is \$7.75, and anything left after the badges are sent will be put in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Yahoo! Group Page

Come visit SE Wisconsin's only Yahoo! group page:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/amateurrad_iomilwaukee

It is designed specifically to promote all the great people and clubs in SE Wisconsin. It contains links to all the different clubs in the area, times and locations of the different area nets, and also an opportunity to ask a question on a ham-radio topic, or share your unique knowledge.

Club Library

The club library is still available for those wanting to know more about upgrading, antennas, and all the other aspects of this great hobby. Talk to Steve KC9AYN and ask what's available.

Gary N9MGJ - requested club members collect info on jammers. He reminded people to not talk about the jammer on the air.

Mike K9MDJ demonstrated a tape measure yagi for direction finding.

Al N9RXD - The tour de Cure will be May 18, 2008. Volunteers will be needed for the route.

Motion to adjourn by Bob n9hwb, 2nd by Al N9RXD

Adjourned 8:25pm By KB7QDI

Respectfully submitted:
Michael D. JONES (K9MDJ)

From the Activities Manager

I want to wish everyone a happy new year and hope that 2008 will be a great year for our club and all of you. It has been an honor to be your activities manager for the past year. Our Christmas party was well attended despite the bad weather. Thanks to everyone who brought food, door prizes and good fellowship. Special thanks goes to the following people for their time and effort in preparing food, buying door prizes, and planning: Cindy KC9HJU, her mother Carol, Dave KC9HJV, Kayla KC9KPW, Deb KB9ISE, Val WI9VAL, and Kate KA9MWT, and anyone else who I failed to list - I do apologize.

Our next meeting is the annual meeting to elect the board of directors. It will be held at 7:00pm at the Wauwatosa Savings Bank on South 27th in Oak Creek on Wednesday January 16th. Hope to see many of you there. This is your chance to make your voice heard regarding the direction of your club.

73, Vince KB9ZOT

Milwaukee Repeater Club Membership Application

Type of Application ___ New Member ___ Renewal

Type of Membership ___ Individual ___ Family

(If Family: Please 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. The \$20.00 dues payment covers an entire family for MRC membership.)

NAME(s) _____ CALL SIGN(s) _____

NAME(s) YOU USE ON THE AIR _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE #: _____ WORK (optional) _____

CELL (optional) _____ BIRTH DATE (optional) _____

CLASS OF LICENSE _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

PLEASE NOTE! If there is ANY personal information that you DO NOT wish to be published into the club roster, please note it on this form.

EMAIL ADDRESS (for newsletter notification) _____

Please indicate if you would you like the Club Newsletter delivered by ___ e-mail (free of charge) or ___ U.S. Mail (additional \$5 per year)?

Are you currently an ARRL member? YES ___ NO ___

DUES:

NEW MEMBERS - January thru December	\$20.00	\$	_____
NEW MEMBERS - After July 1	\$10.00	\$	_____
ANNUAL RENEWAL -	\$20.00	\$	_____
NEWSLETTER POSTAGE ASSESSMENT -	\$5.00	\$	_____
MRC COFFEE MUG	# OF CUPS _____ x \$5.00 =	\$	_____
MRC NAMETAG w/MRC LOGO	\$ OF NAMETAGS _____ x \$7.50 =	\$	_____
DONATION TO MRC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (tax deductible)		\$	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED		\$	_____

Send check payable to 'Milwaukee Repeater Club' at the address below:

THE MILWAUKEE REPEATER CLUB, INC.
P.O. BOX 2123
MILWAUKEE, WI 53201

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

(Signed) _____ Date _____

Your membership will be voted on at the next membership meeting once the application is received.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MILWAUKEE REPEATER CLUB!