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Operating the 146.91- repeater under the callsign K9IZV.
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MEETING NOTICE

March 16 (Sat) 6:30pm -- Annual weather training meeting. The location is the Fortis Company at 501 W. Michigan St. in the 1892 room on the first floor. There is a parking ramp on 5th St south of the building. A security guard will be present to open the gates for people attending the class. Signs will be posted with directions to the meeting room.

2002 CLUB CALENDAR

- May 29 (Wed)** Meeting, Mayfair
- June 15 (Sat)** Meeting, Oak Creek (Possible Field Day planning)
- July 31 (Wed)** Meeting, Mayfair
- September 14 (Sat)** Meeting, Oak Creek

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

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.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT...

As 2002 begins we cannot forget the events in 2001 that will shape our lives forever. With the events surrounding the World Trade center disaster, we are reminded of the need for preparedness in the event of an emergency. The Milwaukee Repeater Club is in existence to provide and operate an amateur radio repeater, capable of providing reliable communications. I am committed to doing everything I can to continue our Club on this path. The nets we operate, the public service events we do, and our operating practices on the repeater are all part of our practicing for an emergency.

As you all are probably aware, the ARES repeater is currently going through a rebuilding process. Over the next several months new equipment will be coming online to improve the coverage area. I committed to N9VSV, the EC for Milwaukee County, that the 91 repeater would be available to backup the ARES repeater as needed.

Amateur Radio is an important part of emergency communications in this country. Often we miss opportunities to provide communications that can prove helpful to many government agencies. As 2002 gets underway we should all look to see what we could do to further help in providing emergency communications. Homeland Defense is the new "buzzword" for Civil Defense. Just as Amateurs committed to help in the past decades, we should prepare to do the same in the coming year.

The Milwaukee Repeater Club will continue to grow and provide a valuable service to the communities in Southeastern Wisconsin. The handling of routine message traffic, operating as a net control, and volunteering for public service events is

what we can all do to support our community with services that only we can provide. I look forward to serving the Club and the Community, and will do my best to make this a great year.

See you on the Radio!
Napoleon

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! We have also acquired our OWN DOMAIN NAME.

The club www site can now be found at:
[Http://www.mrc91.org](http://www.mrc91.org)

IT'S RENEWAL TIME!

Everyone's membership expires Dec. 31 of each year. Please check your mailing label. If it says "SUSP" you're in suspension and need to renew your dues in the Club for 2002.

VP TIDBITS

If nobody else said it, I will. WOW, what a turnout at the Election Meeting. I'm impressed. Having so many people attend the meeting leads me to believe a couple of things. First of all, the Membership cares about who's running the club. There is something to be said about that. The MRC members have a huge investment in the repeater system--something we can all be proud of and should protect. We have a huge responsibility in maintaining the name, and by example, proving we truly are "The Friendly One". We voted in around 60 new members last year! This doesn't just happen.

Committees

Activities	Janet	KB9ZAG
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

And, the second thing deals with how the Club has matured. I have been a member for eight years, I think? Anyway, it doesn't really matter, the fact is this Club is very different today than it was when I joined. We are bigger, better, new and improved. The direction this Club has been going is very positive. Where it continues to go is, to a large degree, up to the voters. Thank you for participating in what is the most important meeting of the year.

I would like to welcome Janet-KB9ZAG, our new Board Member, to the grueling and grind of what it is to be on the Board. She will find out it's more work than play. I am looking forward to serving you as Vice President this year--mostly because after standing in front of you guys for the last three years as President, it will be nice to sit down during meetings. If you believe that..... Gary-N9UUR always sat across the table from me at Board meetings. This year I'm switching chairs. Seriously, this is the club of all clubs. And I'm darn proud to do everything I can for it. A special thanks to Mike-KB9TPT for his contributions on the Board last year; he will be missed.

We gave out awards again this year. Congratulations to Nels-WA9YAL, Dick-WB9PTC, Kate-KA9MWT, and Deb-KB9ISE. The Awards Committee did a great job at singling out these fine people. Bob-KB9YCR will be the Awards Chair again this year. If you want to help please let him know. Last, but not least (and he should have received an award last year for his contributions to the Club) is Paul-WD9HRE. Paul could not attend the meeting this year (because he moved away) to receive his award presented by Skip-WD9HAS. He is a past Board member, control-op, member of the Technical Committee, and was Skip's right hand man with severe weather spotting and reporting. Hope you get to know him the next time he's at a meeting. Every aspect of this Club takes time and energy. To EVERYONE who makes things happen, THANK YOU.

And to Napoleon-N0XXL: Be careful what you ask for. Oh wait, it's too late, you already got it. Congratulations!

Looking forward to the upcoming year. Thanks to all who put me on the Board again.

Mike N9NPB

2 CENTS WORTH FROM THE TREASURER, YET AGAIN... N9UUR

Well... Here we are again, at the keyboard trying to think of something to write.

If you weren't there, the Annual Meeting in January was GREAT! Over 90 people turned out! The "Final" financial report for 2001 was presented, and we had the Audit Committee Report ready as well. The Membership approved a new budget for 2002, which meant everything "financial" was done / over / complete for 2001. Thanks to the 2001 Board, and our Technical Chair Mike N9NPB, for having all expenses in before mid-December so I could review everything and have all the reports ready for the Review Committee. And, thanks as well to AA9JW, N9WJV, KB9RCB, W9ULA, and N9WBM (the Financial Review Committee) for getting through it all, and having their report ready by the meeting date. Sure, it takes a bit of time at the Annual Meeting to report it all to the Membership too, but you deserve a report as well. It's really nice to have 2001 completely wrapped up before the election of new officers: the new Treasurer and Board have no problems or "issues" left over from the year before, and can get off to a clean start knowing exactly where everything stands. It seems minor, and looks like a lot of "rubber stamping", but it's really very important and shows the books and records are "open", under control, and ready for a fresh start.

We also set the date for our 2002 Swapfest: Saturday November 2, 2002 at the Waukesha Expo Center. No admission or table price changes, or any other major changes, are anticipated at this point in time.

So we're off to a new year. Thanks to the members present at the meeting who elected me again to the position of Treasurer. I would like to again thank Mike KB9TPT for all the help and hard work he put in for the Club last year. Well done. And welcome to Janet our new Activities Manager... I'm hearing bowling??? I'm sure we'll all have a good time.

I'm looking forward to allowing some other very capable folk take care of some of the little "extras" this year, backing off a little and working more with our new Vice President and the Technical Committee. The machine IS working well, but there are always "a few things" that just need TIME to look after. I'm also concerned about some attitudes and comments about "proper amateur practice" in on-air conversations

and use of the repeater. We've been here before, the Board and Control Ops are not the "Repeater Taste Police"--you are. I have, however, scheduled a meeting of the Control Ops to openly discuss the issues.

I've also been working on a pet project for the Club. I've been looking into, and considering, becoming an ARRL-affiliated club. And then beyond that... Applying to become a "Special Service Club". There are a few benefits to this for our Club, like a bigger ad for the Swapfest in QST, and some recognition for the work, effort and service we provide to the amateur and Milwaukee communities. I hope to have a short, clear presentation put together for the next meeting on March 16th.

It is renewal time. We had well over 60% of the membership renewed by the Annual Meeting, that's more than I ever remember! Please check your address label, if it says "SUSP" your dues are in suspension for 2002, please send yours in!

Thanks and 73, N9UUR

FROM THE ACTIVITIES MANAGER

Hello from kb9zag,

First off I would like to say that I am very excited to be on the Board as your Activities Manager, and I look forward to planning some fun and exciting events for this year.

As some of you may already know, I have created a community on MSN called Amateur Radio Milwaukee. This is a community where you can take part by adding comments, messages--and even asking questions. There are photos from a variety of Amateur Radio Operators in Southeastern WI, and you can upload yours to share in an album also. There are links to informational web sites and a place for you to add interesting and informative links. Also, it was recommended that we have a place where you can give a little information about yourself, what you do, or what your talents or specialties are so that if someone is looking for help in a particular situation they could go to the link. Do you know of anyone in the community who could be of assistance?

However, the number one thing in the community, that I would like to see get used by all, is the calendar. Have you ever wondered what date that swapfest, meeting, picnic, weather training, public service event is, or what times the nets are and when the testing dates and times are? Well, I think

you got the picture. Wouldn't it be convenient to be able to go to one calendar and see all of the Amateur Radio functions of Southeastern WI? You can even add a map link to your event. I will be doing my best to add things as I hear them, but in order for this to work, I will need help from all of you. When you know of things going on that may be of interest to others, please add them to the calendar--or if you don't feel comfortable or don't have the time to add them--you could e-mail me at kb9zag@hotmail.com and I will add them. Also, if there are other things you would like to see added to the community, please let me or your new President N0XXL Napoleon know, and we can add more pages.

I know, as Hams, we all have great ideas--so can you imagine how big we could all make this community if we put our minds together and at NO COST! Something I have learned in the past year as a Ham is that most Hams like the challenge of doing things at a minimal cost!

Here is the web address

<http://communities.msn.com/AMATEURRADIOMILWAUKEE>

Also, since the Club is growing, we may need to start looking for a larger place to hold the Holiday Party next December. So if you know of a place large enough for 100 or more people--at, of course, minimal or no cost--let me know.

Again, I look forward to helping to make this year one that is full of fun and interesting events.

73's Janet - kb9zag

FROM THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Welcome to a new year for the Milwaukee Repeater Club. For those of you that don't know me, let me introduce myself--KB9YCR, Bob. I was the MRC Awards Committee Chairman for 2001. I was asked to continue in the position for 2002, and gladly accepted.

I met with the new Board at their first meeting of 2002. I threw out some suggestions for this year's awards program and was pleasantly surprised with their support. Several of my suggestions lead to my reason for writing in this newsletter. I NEED YOUR HELP! I would like the award's nominations to be made throughout the MRC calendar year. In the past, nominations were made at the end of the year through the Annual Election nomination

process. This will not happen this year. I would like all of you to keep your eyes and ears open throughout the year and contact me at any time you have recognized an individual you feel deserves an award.

The Board has determined that the "Friendly One" and the "Outstanding Service" awards will be presented. They have also agreed that the Awards Committee may present any other award(s) they see fit, within the financial guidelines we will be presented with. Also, the Board will not be involved in the decision process of who or what awards will be presented, with the exception of the two awards mentioned above. This has opened the door to allow Board members to receive awards. This is a great move from the past, since I remember discussing several Board members during last years Awards Committee meetings, but had to disqualify them because of being on the Board. Keep this in mind and remember them when considering a nomination for an award you feel should be presented.

The Awards Committee will evaluate all of the nominations received throughout the year and determine which ones can be presented. New for 2002 also: the awards will be presented at the Annual MRC Christmas Party. It's a festive time of year and will also take the burden of time away from the Annual Election Meeting.

This will only work if we have your help and support. In closing, I would like to thank the current Board for choosing me to be the 2002 Awards Committee Chairman. I would also like to remind everyone to inform me as soon as possible of any nominee you feel should receive an award. If you have an idea, call me on the MRC repeater and let me know where I can contact you--or leave me an e-mail at KB9YCR@arrl.net with your nomination(s). Please provide details.

Thank you very much
KB9YCR, Bob Albert

MRC MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 26, 2002

Location: Wauwatosa Bank in Oak Creek Meeting called to order at 6:50pm by Mike, N9NPB, club president. Introductions were made by all 91 that were present.

New Members: Mike, N9NPB read the names and calls of the 19 prospecting members. A motion was made by N9KWW and seconded by N9RXD to accept the following into membership; N9RTM Erich,

KC4AME John, KC9AST Mary, K9VGC AL, KB9ZTD Jonathan, KC9AIY Mike, KC9AVZ George, KC9AME Peggy, KA9DMP Marie, WI9M Gary, KB9QAM Betty, KB9ZEW Will, KB9OUC Chuck, KB9VCW Heather, W9VI Dave, KB9ZTA Bryan, KB9UDI Jeff, KB9VLJ Maureen, KB9WNS Mike and KA9LVE Rich. Motion passed, welcome.

Newsletter: A motion was made by N9KWW and seconded by KB9ZOS to accept the minutes of the October 17, 2001 meeting as published. Motion passed.

Activities: None

Technical: Mike, N9NPB, stated that the northwest site link is noisy. The main site transmitter that had been repaired and was put back into service. It worked for only a day and then failed. The radio will be sent back for repairs. The northeast site is down and will be back up soon. Improvements that had been made to the repeater system during 2001 are still working. A question was asked if the club web page could have information on it about the status of all the sites. Mike did not think that should be done.

Financial Report: Gary, N9UUR, reports that as of January 25, 2002 the roster stands at 249 with 100 voters and 149 in suspension. The number in suspension is now lower due to those who have renewed their dues at tonight's meeting. The total of all accounts is \$14,297.07 and the actual expendable funds are \$6,037.71.

2001 Final Financial Report: Gary, N9UUR, reported that the bank account closing balance as of 12/31/2001 was \$12,858.70. The club had an income of \$10,170.34 and expenses of \$9,192.89 for 2001. Gary also gave a summary of the 16 page detailed 2001 Financial Report that the Financial review committee had look at. At this point W9ULA Jack chairman of the committee continued with the rest of the financial report. Jack explained that his committee reviewed the clubs financial records on January 6, 2002. The committee looked at all the records from Jan.1, 2001 to Dec. 31, 2001. The committee found the records to be complete and that there is no need to change anything. The committee commended the board for bringing the 2001 budget in under budget. A motion was made by KB9TPT and seconded by KB9PZQ to except the financial report. Motion passed.

Budget 2002: Gary, N9UUR, explained the numbers for the 2002 budget. The floor was then open for discussion on the 2002 budget. Question asked thought the cost of the newsletter was too high; it should be lower because some members receive the newsletter via e-mail. It was stated that not many members get the newsletter via e-mail and that we always get new members that must receive a newsletter and the biggest

expense is in printing and postage which is going up again. A motion was made by N9GNG and seconded by WA9YAL to accept the 2002 budget as presented. Motion passed.

New Business: None

Old Business: N9RXD would like to see the club rent a larger room to hold the March weather-training meeting. There is a room at the Best Western across from the airport that would cost about \$200. It is large enough to hold 150+ people and has a large viewing screen. Wants the board to look into this. Roger (didn't get call) says he might be able to get a room for us where he works, West Michigan Ave. downtown. The parking structure should be available. Discussion occurred. A motion was made by KB9RCB and seconded by AA9JW to have the March meeting at a free venue and if a free venue cannot be found that the board can look into renting a room. N9KWW moved and KB9RCB seconded an amendment to the original motion the amount of rental not to exceed \$250.00. Vote called for. There were 10 objections including the treasurer. Motion passed.

Swapfest: A motion was made by N9MGJ and seconded by N9WJV to have a swapfest in 2002. Motion passed. Discussion by Gary, N9UUR, on the cost of the rentals at the Waukesha Expo. Another motion was made by W9GC seconded by

N9WSZ to have the 2002 swapfest at the Waukesha Expo using the north and south halls and the kitchen. N9UUR moved to amend the motion to include the date November 2, 2002. Motion passed. Swapfest November 2, 2002 at the Waukesha Expo Center.

Awards: Bob KB9YCR, chairman of the awards committee, thanked the members of the committee, KB9SXH, KB9ZAG and KB9ZHV. The following awards were handed out; Friendly One WA9YAL Nels, Elmer WB9PTC Dick, Outstanding Service KA9MWT Kate, Outstanding Service name to be released later and Samaritan KB9ISE Deb. Congratulations to all the winners.

NØXXL Awards: Napoleon, NØXXL, handed out two homemade awards to the two club members who captured the clubs activities on film. The awards went to WD9HOT and KB9ZAG.

Mike, N9NPB read a statement he had prepared on what the government requires a corporation to have as far as record keeping and the responsibility the board members have. Meeting broke for refreshments at 8:15pm. Meeting resumed at 8:34pm and turned over to N9WBM the election committee chairman.

Elections: **President,** KB9TPT 21 votes, NØXXL 46 votes and KB9SXH 6 votes. NØXXL is the new club President. **Vice**

President, KB9YCR 24 votes, N9NPB 41 votes, KB9SXH 4 votes and KB9KYS 2 votes. N9NPB is the new club Vice President. **Secretary,** KB9RLB was elected by voice vote since all others dropped out. **Treasurer,** N9UUR was elected by voice vote since there was no one running against him. **Activities Manager,** KB9ZAG was elected by voice vote since all others dropped out. Elections were closed at 9:30pm and the membership meeting resumed.

Warren, K9IZV announced the winners of his awards, a free dinner on him.

Mike, N9NPB, congratulated the newly elected board members. N9UUR moved and KB9PZQ seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm. Motion passed meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Tom Schulte, KB9RLB
Club Secretary

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 aa9jw@amsat.org

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

Expiration
Call sign _____ Name _____ Date _____
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!