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Meeting Notice...

March 20 (Sat) 6:30PM Meeting (Weather Class), doors open at 6:00PM Wauwatosa Savings, 6560 S. 27th Street, Oak Creek, WI

2004 Club Calendar...

- May 19** (Wed) 6:30 Meeting (Program), Mayfair Location
- July 28** (Wed) 6:30 Meeting (Program), Mayfair Location
- September 11** (Sat) 6:30 Meeting (Program), Oak Creek Location
- October 23** (Sat), 6:30 Meeting Swapfest Planning, Oak Creek Location
- November 24** (Wed) 6:30 Meeting (Swap Fest Debrief), Mayfair location
- 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
- Mayfair Location** (New)
Mayfair Bank Tower (In Basement), 2300 North Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI

A Note From Your President

Welcome to another year with the Milwaukee Repeater Club. I want to thank the membership for giving me the honor of serving as your 2004 president. I had a great time last year as your vice-president and am looking forward to meeting the challenges as this year's president.

We have a lot to look forward to this

year. We plan to have a field day, a swapfest, a club picnic, and a Christmas party, just to name a few. If they are as successful as last year, it'll be a great year.

I have made my committee chair appointments for 2004. I want to thank everyone that accepted their appointments this year and look forward to their support. Their names can be found at the bottom of the front page of this newsletter. New to the list this year is Mark, KB9VJQ, serving as this year's awards committee chairman.

I look forward to working with the newly elected board. I feel we have the pick of the crop this year and only hope that we can follow in the footsteps of past boards and also live up to the club's expectations.

Let's make this year the best year yet. That can only happen if you help. I encourage you to participate in as many club activities as you can. Remember, this is "your" club and you can make it anything you want.

Again, thank you for your confidence in electing me as your 2004 president.
73's, Bob, AB9FB
2004 President

A Note From The Vice-President

EXPECT A LOT FROM 2004

First of all, I want to thank each of you for the privilege to serve as your vice-president for 2004. With your participation and support, we should expect great things to happen this year in the Milwaukee Repeater Club.

We begin this year with several items that carried over from last year. I think most important is the purchase of new radios for each of the sites. The technical committee deserves a lot of credit for the

research and implementation of these radios. We are already a better repeater with two new radios; we can look forward to even more when the other site radios are replaced. When you consider the time it takes to pursue this type of venture, make sure you give your thanks when you hear those in the committee working on the repeater.

I have a couple things I would like to discuss with each of you as it relates to the club. First of all, our membership has always been in the forefront of all we do. It's because of the membership that the MRC is able to do those 'extra' functions like Field Day, MS Walk, Ride for the Arts and the MRC Swapfest. Also, we have one of the best severe weather nets in the state, not just because of our coverage area, but also because we have such a diverse membership core that understands that amateur radio is fun, while serving as a critical service to others.

Another important factor with this club has to be participation. The MRC purposely has different locations for its meetings so that we can get the most participation from the members. I encourage each of you to show up for the general meetings, and be prepared to offer your opinions. This club functions best when the membership is heard.

If you are unable to make a meeting but you still have something to say, please let us know. The board you elected is ready to work with all of you to make 2004 a great year for this club. This newsletter has our e-mail addresses on the top page, and you can usually reach all of us on the repeater.

Best of 73 de Dean KB7QDI

Committees

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| Awards | Mark | KB9VJQ | Newsletter | Heidi N9TUY & Bob AA9JW | |
| Computer Net | Gary | N9UUR | Public Service | Kate | KA9MWT |
| Control Operators | Gary | N9UUR | Station Trustee | Warren Schall | K9IZV |
| Emer Operations & Training | Gary | N9MGJ | Swapfest | Bob AB9FB & Joe N9UX | |
| Fun Net | Warren | K9IZV | Swap Net | Leroy | WD9HOT |
| Historian | Warren | K9IZV | Technical | Mike Borchardt | N9NPB |
| Membership Coord. | Kate | KA9MWT | Weather | Skip | WD9HAS |
| Net Announcements Coord | Deb | KB9ISE | Co-Webmaster | Gary | N9UUR |
| | | | Co-Webmaster | Richard | K9RWE |

From The Secretary ...

First I'd like to thank the board from last year, for all their dedication and work for the club. I would also like to thank those who ran for office this year. Everyone donates to the club in their own way, and I personally look forward to the challenges and changes going on in the club.

If you need information from the club records, please feel free to contact me on the repeater, by phone at 414-762-0396, or via email at jvschwarz@yahoo.com.

In addition to the my duties as Secretary, Bob (AB9FB) and I will be working on the Swapfest again this year. This is our 20th annual fest, and we are trying to make it a very special event. We will keep you updated as the process moves along.

Thanks for your support!

Joe N9UX

From The Activities Manager

Wow! It's been more than a year that I've been a member of the MRC. It's hard to believe that although very newly licensed, I feel so comfortable in and around this great hobby. The MRC was the first place I made contact in amateur radio and thanks to Warren (K9IZV), I've become very active in the club. I'm thankful for this opportunity to contribute more to the club by being on the Board of Directors and I hope to make this a great year for the club as well as for amateur radio. I plan on making every attempt to bring the club into more public service events and hope to make the general public much more aware of who and what we are in the coming year. Thank you to those who voted for me and supported me, and please, don't hesitate to contact me with any thoughts or comments you may have regarding activities that this club can participate in! Here's to a great year to come!

73, Matt – KC9COY

Awards

My Name is Mark Zentner, call sign KB9VJQ.

I was recently appointed to and proudly accepted a position as the 2004 awards committee chair for the Milwaukee

Repeater Club.

The MRC holds an annual Christmas Party at which certain members of the club are recognized for exemplary works of service to the club and to the amateur service so as to promote good operating practice and meritorious service to the club and community. The awards committee chair is charged with the duty of appointing a committee for review of awards nominations and presenting such awards. This duty is both a responsibility and an honor. Speaking as someone who has received such an award (I'm a past "friendly one" and a "creative use of amateur radio" recipient), I can tell you how very proud one can be to receive one of these awards and how inspiring it is to be recognized. I look forward to recognizing individuals who really show the club what they're made of in thought, word and deed.

MRC Meeting Minutes January 17, 2004

Location: Wauwatosa Savings in Oak Creek. Napoleon, NØXXL, Club President, called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM. All who were present introduced themselves.

New Members: A motion was made by Bob, AB9FB and seconded by Mike, N9NPB to accept the following for membership to the MRC: Frank Berefsky KC9EUI, Dick Grinker KB9BPL, Jackie Grinker KB9DIW, Stephen Heiner KC9EKU, Jim Lein KA9CRK, Chris Tarr W9JOL, Randy ZahdtKB9ZES, Donovan Jones KC9FGJ and Dan Zimmermann KZ9B. Motion passed. Welcome to our new members.

Newsletter: A motion was made by Dean KB7QDI and seconded by Mike N9NPB that the minutes be accepted as published. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Eileen, KB9ZHV presented the information for the Treasurer's report. The full roster is at 193. She presented the Proposed Budget and informed us that a final review of the books needs to be completed. Motion made by Bob AB9FB and seconded by N9RXD to increase the budgeted amount for Swapfest to \$6000. 6 were opposed. Motion passed by the majority. N9UR informed us that with this there would be a Budget deficit and the motion passed.

Old Business: At the Christmas Party, Dean KB7QDI and the awards committee presented the following awards: Gary N9MGJ received the Community Service

Award, Joe N9UX received the Friendly One Award and Skip WD9HAS received the Outstanding Community Service Award.

New Business: Brad N9KXA would like to relinquish having his call sign on the SE site.

Dave KB9EWG spoke about Jamboree on the air which will be in October also there is a weekend at the zoo in June. This issue was tabled for the new board to discuss.

Warren K9IZV made a motion and it was seconded by KB9RCB to establish a 91 Responder Group and that it be a sanctioned club event. Motion Passes.

Mike N9NPB, the Technical Director, spoke about the repeater. The voter is not broken. We had an upgrade and there is nothing wrong with the repeater. There is a site drifting off frequency and it is suspected to be the SE site. A service monitor was put on the SE site and the transmit was determined to be desirable. It is putting out a bad signal. A motion was made by Al N9RXD to purchase 3 CDM 750 radios. These radios have a 2 year warranty + an additional \$35 for a 3 year warranty. Total \$1497 + shipping cost approx. \$1500 to replace the transceivers. Motion seconded by Donovan KC9FGJ. The motion was amended so that \$750 comes from the technical fund and the other half from the Capital Improvement fund. Motion passed.

Bob AB9FB made a motion, which was seconded by N9UX for the MRC to sponsor a Swapfest on or about the 1st weekend of November 2004. Motion Passed.

A motion was made by Bob AB9FB and seconded by KC9COY that the MRC sponsors not funds a field day in 2004 with exception of the funds currently set aside. Motion passes.

We took a short break and come back for the elections. The election committee was made up of John N9WBM, Jeananne N9VSV, Karen K9PZW, Deb KB9ISE, Gary N9UUR and Mike N9NPB. A motion was made by Ron N9KWW and seconded by Matt KC9COY to open the 2004 Nominations and Elections. Motion passed. Bob AB9FB was elected for President, Dean KB7QDI was elected for Vice President, Joe N9UX was elected for Secretary, Brian K5GBW was elected for Treasurer and Matt KC9COY was elected for Activities.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dean KB7QDI and seconded by Kate KA9MWT to close the nominations, elections and meeting. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Zentner KB9VLJ,
Club Secretary