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Meeting Notice...

March 25 (Sat) 6:30p Business Meeting and the 2006 Weather Spotter Training will be held at:
Wheaton Franciscan Services
Covenant Corporate Office
Sr. Jeanne Gengler Meeting Rooms A & B
400 West River Woods Parkway, Glendale
(Just South of Hampton Ave. off Port Washington Road)

2006 Club Calendar...

May 18 (Thur) 7:00p Oak Creek
July 19 (Wed) 7:00p Oak Creek
September 13 (Wed) 7:00p Oak Creek
October 19 (Thur) 7:00p Oak Creek
November 15 (Thur) 7:00p 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 Street, Oak Creek, WI

A Note From Your President

First of all, I would like to thank the Membership of the Milwaukee Repeater Club for putting their trust in me by electing me as your president for 2006. I would also like to congratulate Dean (KB7QDI) on his appointment as our new Vice-President and Tom (KC9DPR) on his appointment as our new Treasurer. Also, congratulations to Mike (K9MDJ) on his re-appointment as our Secretary and Matt

(KC9COY) on his re-appointment as our Activities Manager. Welcome to the new Board members and welcome, again to the re-elected Board members. I am looking forward to a great year with all of you. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mark (KB9VJQ) and Tom (WI9TOM) for their service on last years board.

Now it's on to 2006. Let's make this the best year ever. If you have read any of my newsletter articles in the past, you will remember that most, if not all, ended with, "please join us at our club meetings". I really encourage you to join us. The only way to make the Milwaukee Repeater Club what you want it to be is to participate. Bring your ideas and suggestions to the meetings and let your voice be heard. All it takes is a motion and a second to the motion and your idea will be discussed for a vote.

I am excited to tell you that we have set our date, time, and location for this years "Weather Meeting" which will be held after our business meeting on March 25th at 6:30 PM at the Wheaton Franciscan Services Covenant Corporate Office, Sr. Jeanne Gengler Meeting Rooms A & B, 400 West River Woods Parkway in Glendale. We will make every effort to make the business portion of our meeting as short, but informative as possible, so that we can get to the weather meeting. It's a great opportunity to learn the in's and out's of weather spotting. I encourage all to attend. I want to thank all who participated in finding the meeting place and setting this up.

Please see the article in this newsletter pertaining to the approval of a new Control Operator. The 2005 MRC Board of Directors felt that Dean (KB7QDI) would be an excellent addition to the current group of Control Operators.

The last part of the process is the approval of the appointment by the membership. Please see the other article for more details.

As always, if I can be of service to anyone (MRC related of course) please feel free to contact me on the air, by phone (414-526-7011) or by e-mail (ab9fb@yahoo.com)

Thank you,
Bob, AB9FB
Your 2006 MRC President

From the Vice President

How does it go.... back in the saddle again? And with that, I couldn't be happier representing the Milwaukee Repeater Club again as the 2006 Vice-President.

As I explained at the election meeting, along with the other great things, we should expect each and every one of us to promote this club to its fullest.

Participation - both over the air and at our events - is key to the success of this club. Members should know that they are welcome to give their comments, promote their ideas, and join in our activities.

We have two major events in the next month or so.

First of all, our next membership meeting is the annual Weather Spotting Course. Now, if this is your first year as a amateur radio operator, or if you've been doing this for a while, I highly suggest that you join us in what is one of the most beneficial community services this fine hobby has to offer.

The other big event that I personally am looking forward to is the bowling tourney coming up around the end of April. We have the unique opportunity for some "friendly" competition between this club and the 513 repeater club. No bones about

Committees

ARES Net Coord	Jeananne	N9VSV
Awards	TBA	
Computer Net	Gary	N9UUR
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	TBA	

Newsletter	Heidi N9TUY & Bob AA9JW
Public Service	Kate
Station Trustee	Warren Schall
Swapfest	Bob AB9FB & Joe N9UX
Swap Net	Leroy
Technical	Mark
Weather	Skip
Co-Webmaster	Gary
Co-Webmaster	Richard

it... no matter what happens, it sure is going to be a lot of fun. Bob AB9FB is getting bowling lane information as we speak, and Steve KC9AYN has volunteered to be our liason and front-man for the event itself. Look forward to more information on our Public Service Net in the weeks to come.

Lastly, the repeater itself is going through a few hiccups right now. Our technical director, Mark KB9VJQ, is working hard to resolve these issues. And, he could use your support. The Technical committee is a group of people that takes time to help out with our repeater system. Whether you've been soldering all your life, or would just like to know more about how our wonderful repeater works, let Mark know. The more ideas and help we get, the even better our repeater will be.

So, until next time, key up that mic of yours and let's us know how you are doing!

73 de Dean KB7QDI

From the Secretary

I want to thank everyone for re-electing me as secretary this year. This isn't the easiest job, but I must be doing something right since you want me back. The last year wasn't the easiest, but I think we are going in the right direction as a club. I am always open for suggestions, so feel free to contact me or any other board member with your ideas or concerns about the club.

I like the idea of more interaction between the .91 and other area clubs. Many of us belong to more than one ham radio club, and the chance to get to know more people in the amateur community is in the spirit of "The Friendly One".

I am hearing more young voices on the repeater and want to welcome all the new hams to the club. Last year's Field Day generated a lot of good exposure for the club, and hopefully this year's Field Day will be as good. Both Donovan KC9FGJ and I are looking forward to it.

Mike K9MDJ

A Note From Your Treasurer

Greetings fellow hams! First, allow me to thank all of those who were at the January 18th membership and election meeting who voted for me. I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and the club. Let me tell you a little about myself. I have been a ham for about three years. Our

Activities Manager - Matt KC9COY (who is also my youngest son) - was the person who got me interested in amateur radio. I haven't moved beyond Technician Class but enjoy the hobby immensely! I spent 37 years with the US Postal Service, the last 18 years as Supervisor of Delivery and Station Operations. As part of that I had extensive experience in the financial operations of a post office branch. Even though I retired from the PO some eight years ago, I am still active with the National Association of Postal Supervisors (NAPS). I have been the Financial Secretary of the Milwaukee Branch of NAPS since 1984 and the Treasurer of the Wisconsin State Branch since 1993. I do plan on giving up those positions in the next year. As a result of my experience in the PO I bring extensive financial experience to the position of Treasurer of the MRC. Of course I haven't retired from life - I have been driving motor coaches for Lamers Bus Lines since I retired from the PO and usually have a hand held radio with me when I travel.

My plan for the Milwaukee Repeater Club is to try to streamline the finances a little bit as well as placing most of our funds into an interest bearing savings account. In the past all of the club's money has been kept in a non-interest bearing checking account for fear of jeopardizing our status as a non profit organization. Actually we can draw interest up to a certain limit without jeopardizing that status. President Bob Albert and I have also initiated the necessary steps to change our account from M&I Bank to Tri City National Bank. M&I has been charging us some miscellaneous fees which I felt were unnecessary and also unfair. I discussed these fees with a personal banker at M&I, but they wouldn't budge from them. Tri City has assured me that they won't charge us those fees. I would be happy to discuss these issues with any member - just ask me for details.

I look forward to meeting all of you and putting a face to all those names and call signs that I hear on the "91".

Tom Moog KC9DPR
kc9dpr@themoog.com

From The Activities Manager

Greetings and welcome to another great year of the MRC! I've certainly enjoyed being on the Board for the past two years, and I'm looking forward to

another great year. We've come a long way in the past couple years with some pretty major changes, and I'm looking forward to more improvements.

We have the Bowling Tournament coming up in the next few months, which will certainly create some friendly competition within the clubs. There is also talk of a joint picnic later this year. The more events together, the better--and a big thanks to KC9AYN for organizing these events!

We've begun working on Field Day and talking with the Parks System, to ensure that the rental fee will be waived, and I'm looking forward to another great Field Day. Dean (KB7QDI) did an excellent job co-chairing Field Day last year, and I'm hoping that he'll work with me again this year (wink, wink). I'm also hoping that Gary (N9MGJ) can find the time to work on Field Day with us as he was an immense help in 2004.

Please note that the Weather Meeting is at a new location this year. This facility should provide us with some fantastic amenities for the Weather Meeting.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or I can be of any assistance, don't hesitate to contact me at (414) 254-2849 or kc9coy@themoog.com.

Again, thank you again for your support in the election. I look forward to serving you for another year on the MRC Board!

73's KC9COY

Control Operator Business

This is a follow up of business that started during the 2005 MRC Board term. The Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Repeater Club, Inc, would like to nominate, for your approval, the name of Dean Hoover (KB7QDI) for the position of Control Operator. The Board feels that Dean would make an excellent addition to Gary's (N9UUR, Head Control Operator) staff of Control Operators. The Board submitted the letter that follows to Gary (N9UUR) to present to his staff of Control Operators for approval. Dean's appointment has been approved by the Control Operators. Per the rules of our "Control Operators Charter" adopted in August of 2002, the last step is to have the membership approve this nomination at our next club meeting (after giving proper notice in the newsletter).

We are proud to offer the name of Dean Hoover (KB7QDI) for the position

of Control Operator of the Milwaukee Repeater Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Albert, AB9FB

President, Milwaukee Repeater Club

(Official Nomination Letter Printed Below)

To: Gary Bargholz, N9UUR, Head Control Operator, Milwaukee Repeater Club, Inc.

The Milwaukee Repeater Club's Board Of Directors would like to submit to you, for your approval, our recommendation of Dean Hoover (KB7QDI) for the position of Control Operator. We feel Dean is an excellent candidate for the position. Dean's professionalism on the air, along with his dedication to the Milwaukee Repeater Club, supports our recommendation. Dean spends many hours a day monitoring and/or communicating on the Milwaukee Repeater Club's repeater. We feel Dean would be an outstanding addition to your Control Operators group. Please consider our recommendation. If questions arise, please feel free to contact me on the repeater, by phone (414)526-7011, or by e-mail, ab9fb@yahoo.com.

Robert M. Albert, AB9FB
President, Milwaukee Repeater Club

Beep

For over 15 years the MRC has changed its courtesy beep when there is a threat of severe weather in Southeast Wisconsin. The courtesy beep change keeps area hams up to date in the event that we must activate a "Skywarn" severe Weather Net. During a Skywarn net hams submit formatted reports to 6.91 describing severe weather conditions at their location. These reports are then relayed to the National Weather Service.

The 6.91 courtesy beep changes have been well-received over the years since they never interfere with ongoing conversations. By listening, you can determine the current severe weather status. For newcomers or as a refresher here is the breakdown:

Morse Code E ("Dit" sound); The normal courtesy beep (no current severe weather threat.)

Morse Code I ("Dit-dit" sound): Severe weather possible or forecasted for our area. Think in terms of "Iffy, Inclement, Impending." Take your H-T with you and carry/charge spare batteries. Repeater conversations should be normal,

but may get interrupted for short-fused severe weather events.

Morse Code S ("Dit-dit-dit" sound): A Tornado Watch or Severe Thunderstorm Watch has been issued that affects our coverage area. Think in terms of "Standby". On air conversations should be reduced and expect increased weather traffic as the Skywarn net crew (Dean/WX9DS, Brian/KC9GMW, Al/N9RXD, Skip/WD9HAS) setup, and storms develop.

Morse Code N ("Dah-dit" sound): Means a Net Control Station (NCS) is on the frequency. Think in terms of "Net" and that all traffic must go thru the NCS. During a Skywarn net the situation could be very serious somewhere in our coverage area. Only severe weather reports and some emergency traffic are permitted. Be helpful by assisting and following the NCS instructions. Be familiar with the reporting criteria and format.

Skip Voros WD9HAS
Skywarn Severe Weather Coordinator
svoros@execpc.com

MRC Meeting Minutes October 24, 2005

Location: Oak Creek

Attendees: Bob (AB9FB), Mark (KB9VJQ), Mike (K9MDJ), Tom (WI9TOM), Matt (KC9COY)
Plus sign-in list

Meeting called to order at 6:49PM by Bob AB9FB

President Bob (AB9FB)

Motion to accept previous meeting's minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion by Kurt N9DWG, 2nd by Brad N9RXD, Passed.

New members voted in Robert KA9AAB, Jim KB9MMA, Charles KC9CEQ, Cathy KC9EOW, Larry KC9IJA, Alan KC9IJJ, Joe N9BJI, Howard N9NRI, Al WA9BZW, Gary N9MGJ, Ken WK9H, Mike KB9WNS, Charles KC9IIV, and Bill KC9IMK. Motion by Joe N9UX, 2nd by Ken KB9OBZ, Passed.

Some people have requested receipts for donations to the club. These will be issued as soon as the proper procedure for valuing charitable donations is determined. Deb KB9ISE is resigning her position as the Public Service Announcement Coordinator. She has done a fine job at this and will be missed. Anyone interested in this position can contact a member of the

board.

Vice President Mark (KB9VJQ)

The last meeting 11/18/2005 was not official as there weren't enough members for a quorum.

The Henry Amp was reinstalled approximately 1 month ago and needs to be checked again as the output seems to be low.

The main site antenna is possibly bad and needs to be checked.

New locations for the main site are being researched. We don't have any plans on moving but the costs of main site may become an issue in the future and we need some options.

Secretary Mike (K9MDJ)

The main site has been inventoried. There is a lot of club equipment in Mark KB9VJQ's basement and we are in the process of inventorying it.

Treasurer Tom (WI9TOM)

Treasurers report total of accounts \$9,623.15. Expendable funds \$3,508.60. Expenses were \$2,011.46.

There is no outstanding debt. At this time there are 183 voting members. Motion to accept by Ken KB9OBZ, 2nd by DJ KC9AYO. Passed.

Activities Manager Matt (KC9COY)

Mayfair has been dropped as a meeting site due to double booking and other problems. Other suggested sites have been checked and either charge for meetings or are eliminating use of their facilities by outside groups. Field Day will be June 24th, the park fee will be waived for this event.

Old Business

Joe N9UX - gave a Swapfest report. We took in \$1592.10, attendance was down approximately 20 people, but tables were up from last year. He is also looking for someone to take over as Swapfest Coordinator.

AB9FB made a motion to have a 2007 swapfest, 2nd by Al N9RXD; passed.

New Business

Al N9RXD - The Tour De Cure will be May 21 this year, with new routes out of Grafton H.S. You can contact him if you are interested in volunteering.

K9IZV - made a motion to give the board authority to change the club call without bringing it up to Membership if a call more suitable to field day became available. 2nd Dean KB7QDI; Not passed

Steve KC9AYN - announced plans for a bowling tournament between the 91 and 513 repeater clubs; details to be determined.

Ken WK9H - Announced that there

will be a General class held this spring. He is also looking for people, who are working in the electronics field, to assist in a review of the electronics curriculum at ITT Technical Institute. He can be contacted at khahn@itt-tech.edu or at (414)651-1376.

7:46pm meeting recessed – reopened 8:04pm.

Deb KB9ISE – Election coordinator explained the voting procedures. There were 40 voting members present. Dean KB9RCB motioned to open the elections, 2nd by Kate KA9MWT; Carried. 8:11pm the meeting was turned over to the election committee.

21 votes required for an election.

President: Charles KC9IIV nominated himself from the floor. Mark KB9VJQ withdrew from all positions.

BOB AB9FB – 23, Dean KB7QDI – 15, Charles KC9IIV – 2

Vice President: Charles KC9IIV nominated himself from the floor. Steve KC9AYN withdrew.

Dean KB7QDI – 25, Matt KC9COY – 14, Charles KC9IIV - 1

Secretary: Charles KC9IIV nominated himself from the floor.

Mike K9MDJ – 21, Steve KC9AYN – 9, John KC9FJX – 5, Charles KC9IIV - 5

Treasurer: Charles KC9IIV nominated himself from the floor.

Tom KC9DPR – 24, Tom WI9TOM – 11, John KC9FJX – 4, Charles KC9IIV –

1Activities: Charles KC9IIV nominated himself from the floor. Alan KC9IJJ and Steve KC9AYN Nominated by Warren K9IZV, both accepted

Matt KC9COY – 15, Steve KC9AYN – 12, Alan KC9IJJ – 9, Charles KC9IIV – 4
Runoff #1:

Matt KC9COY – 19, Steve KC9AYN – 19 (2 invalid)

Runoff #2:

Matt KC9COY – 19, Steve KC9AYN – 20 (1 invalid)

Steve KC9AYN withdrew, and Matt KC9COY was elected by voice vote.

Motion to close elections by MattKC9COY, 2nd by Roland KD9Y, Passed. Elections closed 9:33pm.

9:34pm meeting reopened.

New and returning board members welcomed.

Adjourned 9:45pm By Bob AB9FB

Respectfully submitted:
Michael D. JONES (K9MDJ)

Newsletter...

The MRC Newsletter is generally published 6 times per year (January, March, May, July, September, and October). The Newsletter deadline is 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. Send articles, reports, comments, and suggestions to Bob AA9JW or Heidi N9TUY Manak. Email aa9jw@amsat.org, Fax 208 247-9055 or ☎ 262 544-6151.

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

Expiration
Date

Call sign _____ Name _____ Date _____

Name used on air _____ Class of License _____

Telephone (home) _____ (work optional) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth date (optional) _____ ARRL Member? yes no

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!