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To reduce the overall printing costs, I would ask if you have a valid e-mail address to let us notify you that way, and you can view our newsletter over the internet. If you have problems getting the newsletter over the web, certainly let us know. Or better yet, bring your problem to the Computer Net Thursday's at 9 PM, and let fellow ham operators help you out.

Another issue is something that was first brought up around 8 months ago during our last board administration. At that time, I presented the membership with the opportunity to have the MRC repeater be an EchoLink node.

For those that are unfamiliar with EchoLink, it allows the repeater to use Voice-over-IP (VoIP) to communicate with other amateur operators from around the country (and the world) via the internet.

I will be presenting this again at the next membership meeting. I encourage each of you to attend, listen to the presentation, and voice your opinion on the subject. If time permits before the meeting, I also might ask Warren to let me demonstrate EchoLink on the Saturday Night Fun Net.

Lastly, by the time you read this, Field Day will be less than two months away. I would like to see as much participation as possible to this year's event. Whether you just want to make some contacts, help out with setup and/or take-down, or wish to donate some equipment for the weekend, Field Day can be loads of fun. If you have kids, definitely bring them along. Jeff K9VS will have the GOTA (Get On The Air) station again. And speaking from past experience, nobody can bring in those stations better than children on the air (just ask my daughter Ashley).

Matt KC9COY and Gary N9MGJ are coordinating the event, so get in contact

with them if you have any questions.

Hope you see you at the meeting.
Best of 73 de Dean KB7QDI

Meeting Notice...

May 19 (Wed) 6:30 Meeting
Mayfair Location -- (New) Mayfair Bank Tower (In Basement), 2300 North Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI

2004 Club Calendar...

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

News From The Vice-President

Isn't it amazing just how fast 2004 is flying by already? And there's so much more to look forward to.

The first item I would like to bring to your attention is this very newsletter. The MRC has always given the option of either receiving the newsletter via regular mail, or be notified via e-mail when the newsletter is available over our web site.

Committees

Awards	Mark	KB9VJQ
Computer Net	Gary	N9UUR
Control Operators	Gary	N9UUR
Emer Operations & Training	Gary	N9MGJ
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	Bob AB9FB & Joe N9UX
Swap Net	Leroy WD9HOT
Technical	Mike Borchardt N9NPB
Weather	Skip WD9HAS
Co-Webmaster	Gary N9UUR
Co-Webmaster	Richard K9RWE

why they were voted in as new members when all they did was renew their membership. Actually they are new members according to the club constitution which states, "Nonpayment of such dues shall be cause for removal of IN SUSPENSION members from the membership rolls of the club within discretion of the Board of Directors." The board removes members who are in suspension every year with the publication of the club roster. How can you prevent this from happening to you? Please check your mailing label; if it says "SUSP" your dues are in suspension for 2004, please pay up.

73, Brian – K5GBW

MRC Meeting Minutes March 20, 2004

Location: Wauwatosa Savings in Oak Creek. Bob (AB9FB) Club President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Introductions of attendees.

Bob (AB9FB) gave a report regarding the KB9VMA memorial library. We are purchasing the books with a discount from Don Michalski.

A motion was made by Dean (KB7QDI) and seconded by Mike (N9NPB) to accept the minutes from the January meeting as published in the newsletter. Brian (K5GWB) stated that 5 members who were voted in in January were not listed in the minutes. These new members are KC9ERG, KE4LBY, KF9K, N9KWS and W9OQS. The motion was passed with the amendments.

Dean (KB7QDI) reported on the 2003 membership roster. If you would like a copy of the roster, please let a board member know. Dean also reported on Echolink. It is now up and running on his PC, testing has started on the repeater. Dean will be working with the Control Op's and Technical committee as testing progresses.

Brian (K5GBW) gave the treasurer's report. We have 194 members on the full roster, 121 voting members. 73 in suspension. Brian read the rest of the treasurer report. Gary (N9UUR) mentioned the financial report is normally available printed for members to review instead of just reading the numbers. Brian will do this for future meetings. A Motion was made by Dave (N9URZ) and seconded by Al (N9RXD) to accept the treasurer's report as read. Motion carries with one dissent, Gary (N9UUR).

New Members: A motion was made by Gary (N9UUR) and seconded by Jeananne (N9VSV) to accept the following new members: Mike Povolo (KB9IFD), John Smith (KC9FMC), John Laske (KC9FJX), Jamie Formea (KC9DEP), Stephen Hepner (KC9EKU), Dean Schultbank (K8QPP), Sandy Moog (KA9USA), Beverly Baum (KC0EKG), Jackie McGlothlin (AA9SI), Art McGlothlin (WA9AWJ), Mike Sajdowitz (N9RTJ), Dean Schober (KG9MJ), Don Uecke (WA9ERI), Betty Schober (KB9QDM). Motion carries.

Matt (KC9COY) gave the Activities Manager Report. Field Day will be held at Wilson Park. The equipment list was passed out. Please check the list to see if you have equipment to loan to the effort. Membership cards are available for the Batteries Plus discount.

Mike (N9NPB) gave the Technical Committee report. Mike thanked everyone who commented on how good the repeater now sounds. Mike noted that Gary (N9UUR) and he had spent a lot of time working on the repeater lately. There are five new radios in use, the four remote site UHF transmitters and the main site VHF transmitter. The audio improvements are due to having equipment to test deviation, something that hasn't been done before. Gary, Mike and Jeanne (N9VSV) were able to put a signal into all sites, allowing adjustment of the voter. The system is set up to retransmit what it hears. This means differences in radios, with low or loud audio will also be more evident. Mike thanked the club members for the ability to do these improvements. There are no other plans for changes to the repeater. The equipment removed from service will be evaluated by the technical committee. Gary (N9UUR) talked about the voter adjustment by the factory, and felt the repeater sounded better than ever.

Jack (W9ULA) gave the Financial Review Committee report. The committee consists of Bob (AA9JW), Mike (N9WJV), Dean (KC9RCB), John (N9WBM), and Jack (W9ULA). The finances of the club were certified to be true and accurate. The bottom line is the club is financially sound. Jack also mentioned he would like to step down from the committee this year.

Gary (N9MGJ) gave a report on Field Day. He talked about the equipment list, and needs for the event. If you are able to volunteer also please give your t-shirt size. The list will be updated on the MRC website. He also mentioned there will be

Boy Scouts attending this year, who will be working on merit badges.

New Business:

Warren (K9IZV) had name tags for meeting attendees. At the last meeting the Responders Group was approved. Warren said the group is working, and has the following volunteers: Bob (W9CYI), Bob (KB9NCY), and Joe (K9GNJ). Tom (WI9TOM) is also responding to a lot of calls. Warren is looking for Technician Class licensees or higher to monitor the repeater for four hours during the day or two hours at night.

Steve (KC9AYN) mentioned that magnetic name tags are still available. He is also working on a multi-club event such as a picnic or bowling tournament. Dan (N9ASA) came representing the 145.13 repeater to help encourage these events.

Gary (N9MGJ) spoke about a net for the ARES Emergency Coordinators. There are about 10 county EC s involved, and they would like to hold the net on the 91 repeater, because of it's wide area coverage. The net would be on the second Monday of each month at 8:00pm. Mike (N9NPB) asked about the content of the net, there would be a roll call of the ECS, they would exchange updates, and requests for public service event help. Dean (KB7QDI) asked about net control operators. It was suggested that the net have a manager like each of the other nets. Gary (N9UUR) nominated Jeanne (N9VSV) was the net manager.

A motion was made to allow ARES to have an Emergency Coordinators net monthly on the MRC repeater. Motion was made by Gary (N9MGJ) Seconded by Jeananne (N9VSV). Motion carries unopposed.

Motion to adjourn at 7:18pm made by Dean (KB7QDI), Seconded by Steve (KC9AYN). Motion carries unopposed.

At 7:30pm Skip (WD9HAS) introduced Rusty Kapella from the Sullivan National Weather Service office, who presented a program on storm spotting and severe weather. The presentation can be downloaded from the web at: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mkx>

At 8:50 Skip (WD9HAS) and Al (N9RXD) gave a program on Weather Reporting procedures on the 91.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Schwarz, N9UX
MRC Secretary