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

May 29 (Wed) 7:00pm -- Mayfair location Topic: General business and Field Day.

2002 CLUB CALENDAR

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...

Five months gone already...by the time this newsletter gets out we will be enjoying "May flowers". Yes, the year is going fast, but it has been productive and fun. The club is growing and activities are popping up that the membership is planning and enjoying. A group of members--approximately 13 or so--have been working together to make "An American Quilt". KB9VLJ Maureen, and KC9AST Mary, have organized the group and are making an original. The winner of this will surely have a wonderful keepsake. It's scheduled to be unveiled at Field Day 2002.

And speaking of Field Day June 22nd, and 23rd are the dates for Field Day. At the May meeting, we will be voting on whether the MRC should sponsor the Field Day event. I have started planning and organizing the event, and it should be a great time for all. This year it is planned for Kletzsch Park. Kletzsch is located on the Milwaukee River Parkway. The site is north of Bender Rd. and south of Brown Deer. With a year of experience under our belt, planning has been a breeze. Milwaukee County is picking up the standard fee for this event, and we are receiving a special event permit at no charge. As we do public service events in and around Milwaukee we become recognized for what we do, and that pays off in the long run. With all the new hams operating on the 91 repeater, this should be an exciting event. Last year we ranked third in the number of points in the state for our classification. I am sure we ranked first in the amount of fun we had. I encourage everyone to come out and operate, or just look around.

Finally, looking around at the membership, we continue to grow and attract new "hams--people from all walks of life. We may not all enjoy the same things, or share the same values, but we do share Amateur Radio. We must remember that the airwaves are free for the taking, and many people are listening to what we do and how we do it. As communicators, what we say tells others a lot about our abilities to serve. Don't diminish our capabilities in the eyes of the public with poor judgement on the radio. Amateur does not mean non-professional. We just are not paid for the professional job that we do.

See you on the Radio!
Napoleon

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

At the last meeting on March 16th, I made a short presentation about the possibility of the MRC club becoming an ARRL affiliated Club. And the membership present took a vote to approve moving forward with this process and application. There are some 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 did move this forward, completed all the "forms..." And sent it off to the ARRL. Everything is in order except the fact that we must have 50% of our membership ARRL members as well. At this time, we only have about 45% ARRL members in the MRC Club. So we need to ask two important things:

1. If you have ever considered becoming an ARRL member NOW IS

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

THE TIME!

2. If you do join the ARRL, TELL ME RIGHT AWAY! So I can track the numbers and know when we have gone over the magic 50% point.

The annual fee for ARRL membership is \$39.00 which includes a subscription to QST magazine. Membership information can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/join.html>

This years Swapfest will be held 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.

It is renewal time. Over 75% of the membership has renewed already! 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,

Well summer is rapidly approaching and with that come all kinds of outdoor activities.

We start with the Miller Lite Ride for the Arts on June 2nd. There are a group of hams that will be riding in it. For more information on riding in it, please contact Kelly KB9ZHW or Napoleon N0XXL. Also, ARES is in need of operators to work the event. They are very short of volunteers; so if you can help out please contact Phillip Bogacki KB9KEE.

There will be a Field Day meeting on June 15th at 6:00 pm at the Wauwatosa Savings Bank, 6560 S. 27th St.

Then, on June 22nd & June 23rd, it's "MAKE IT GOOD- MAKE IT HAPPEN- MAKE IT LAST" FIELD DAY! Now that we are experienced, this year should be even better, so make sure you come on out to Kletzsch Park and make some contacts!

KB9VLJ is working on a design for this year's Field Day shirts. As soon as she gets that finished I will post it on the MSN community <http://communities.msn.com/AMATEURRADIOMILWAUKEE>. and it will be announced on the Sunday evening public service net.

August 31 is the date for the MRC picnic from 11:00am until dark at Kletzsch Park, area # 8. There will be shelter at this

site and, of course, real rest rooms. (If you were at the picnic last year you will know why I had to mention that!)

I also would like to know if any of you would be interested in maybe renting a bus and taking a trip to Holy Hill sometime this fall, when the leaves start to change. Maybe make a picnic out of it. If you have ever been there, you know that it is very beautiful and that you are allowed to go to the top of the tower to see the colorful countryside. I can't give you a cost until I know approximately how many people would be interested in something like this. The only cost is the rental of the bus. If this is something you think might be fun, let me know by emailing me at kb9zag@hotmail.com and I will see if there is enough interest.

Well that is about all I have for now except: anyone with activities you would like to see, feel free to email me also.

Have a fun and safe summer,
Janet

MRC MEETING MINUTES MARCH 16, 2002

Location: The Fortis Company, 501 W. Michigan Street, Milwaukee.

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm by club president Napoleon, N0XXL. All 74 that were present made introductions. Napoleon thanks Roger, W2ZDB for getting us this location. Roger was introduced by Napoleon and Roger then went on to explain that the Fortis Company sells insurance.

New Members: A motion was made by KB9RLB and seconded by N9VSV to accept the following to membership in the MRC; Mike KB9ZCY, Vince KB9ZOT, Kathy KB9ZUX, Sheridan Kb9AIW, Dean KB9QDI and Misty KC9BDC. Motion Passed. Welcome to the new members.

Newsletter: Napoleon asked the secretary, KB9RLB, to read out loud the minutes from the January 2002 membership meeting. After reading the January minutes a motion was made by KB9ISE and seconded by KC0EKG to accept the minutes as read. Motion Passed.

Technical Report: Mike, N9NPB, reports that the recabling project at the main site was done. There is a problem with feed back at the main site when

someone unkeys. This is not someone jamming. It is a problem inside the cabinet. Mike is not sure if the Northeast site is down or if there is an intermittent problem. He will be checking this out when the weather breaks. Mike also needs to retune the antenna for the new coordinating frequencies. A question was asked if a new location for the main site has been found. Mike, N9NPB, says he hopes to have some information at the next membership meeting.

Financial Report: Gary, N9UUR, reports that as of March 16, 2002 the 2002 roster stands at 273 with 184 voters and 89 in suspension. Total of all accounts is at \$14,484.54 and the actual expendable funds are \$6,095.18. Gary explained the cost of the newsletter, which was \$90 in January and only \$50.00 for March. The reason for this was that in January every club member received a newsletter by mail because some members that receive it by e-mail were unable to read it. This month some 60 newsletters were sent by e-mail and just a few had problems with opening the attachment. A motion was made by WA9YAL and seconded by N9KWW to accept the treasurer's report. Motion Passed.

Field Day 2001: Gary, N9UUR, has eight more VHS tapes of the 2001 field day for sale.

ARRL: Gary, N9UUR, explained why the MRC should become an ARRL affiliated club. There is no cost associated with this and Gary has done all the paper work. Some benefits of being an ARRL Club would mean larger ads in QST for our hamfest, the president of the club would get a binder with information in it on forming clubs etc. The ARRL would track new hams in the area and send us a list of their names and addresses along with address labels so that we could contact them. N0XXL would need to appoint a Technical Specialist. Public Information and Event Coordinator and an Official Emergency Station. Technical Specialist could be our technical director, N9NPB, and N9KWW volunteered to be the Emergency station. Gary stated that this is a two step process. First, become an affiliated club and second, become a special service club. Gary pointed out

that there is only nine special service clubs in Wisconsin. A special service club would need to hold meetings, have training sessions and would be able to check QSL cards for award purposes. The club must have 50% of its membership to be members of the ARRL. Your ARRL dues could be paid through the MRC and the club would receive a \$5.00 pay back per paid membership renewal. A straw poll was taken and this seems to be a good idea. A motion was made by N9UUR and seconded by KB9EWG that the MRC apply for membership as an affiliated club of the ARRL. Motion Passed and the paper work was given to the club president NØXXL for completion.

Vice President Report: Mike, N9NPB, stated that he thought a motion had been passed several years ago that prohibited the video taping of club meeting. He stated this because Jannet, KB9ZAG, was doing this. Mike wanted to know where the tape is going and believes the membership should have a say in this if they want the meeting taped or not. The club secretary, KB9RLB, and club historian, K9IZV, are to look through records to see if they can find such a motion. N9UUR says any type of recording should have the permission first whenever you wish to do this. Discussion occurred. It was stated that whoever is hosting the event has the final word. Will the tape be for all to view? NØXXL said he believes that anyone should be able to view the tape and the tape belongs to whoever made it. N9UUR stated that the recording belongs to the club. Roger, W2ZDB says he can have the video department at Fortis look into this and draw up some recommendations on how to proceed with this matter. A motion was made by N9NPB and seconded by KB9ZOB to table this matter until the next club meeting. Motion passed. Mike, N9NPB, asked if he could have permission to take still pictures of the meeting to post on the MRC web site. Permission was granted.

Secretary: No additional business.

Activities: Janet, KB9ZAG, reports that the MRC will have a table at AES Super Fest on April 5th and 6th. She has a sign up sheet for those who wish to help out. Setup is from noon to 2pm on Friday the 5th and the fest runs from

2-7pm on Friday and 9am to 3pm on Saturday the 6th. May 29th is the next club meeting date and the program is Field Day. A park has not yet been reserved for the picnic. A possible bus trip to Holy Hill is being looked into. Events are posted on her community board at MSN. Send any up coming events to Gary, N9UUR, and he will get them posted on the club web page.

Old Business: None

New Business: Warren, K9IZV, stated that he held a straight key night on the repeater on March 15th. He had 12 participants. He also stated that he has a motion to bring to the club and was asked by five people not to present it. K9IZV made the following motion, "Resolved, we the members of the Milwaukee Repeater Club authorize our Control Operators to limit Drunken behavior on our 146.91 Repeater, because it puts at serious risk our ability to handle Emergency Communication." Motion seconded by KB9EWG. A question by KB9OBZ wants to know the definition of Drunken Behavior. A second motion was made by K9IZV and seconded by KB9ISE to table the first motion. Motion passed.

NØXXI thanked Mike, N9NPB, for his service to the club and continuing on as Vice President. A card was passed around for everyone to sign. It is for WB9PTC, Dick, who is in Veterans hospital. A motion was made by N9KWW and seconded by N9RXD to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. The program for the night is Severe Weather Spotter Training by Skip WD9HAS.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK (Formerly KB9RLB)
MRC Secretary

IT'S RENEWAL TIME!

Everyone's membership expires Dec. 31 of each year.

Please check your mailing label. If it says "SUSP" your in suspension and need to renew your dues in the Club for 2002.

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)

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*) _____ 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!