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are new to repeaters or an ol' hat - we could use your enthusiasm and expertise. Contact Mark KB9VJQ directly, or any board member, for more information on joining.

We had another outstanding weather spotter training meeting in March; hope you were able to make it. Skip WD9HAS and Al N9RXD both did an outstanding job, as always. Weather spotting is one of the critical functions that the Milwaukee Repeater Club is proud to support, and the meteorologists in Sullivan, and around the country, rely on amateur radio operators to be their eyes and ears during severe weather.

Many of you that listen to the 91 and heard me on the air might already know that Field Day is coming up. Matt KC9COY and I will once again co-chair this year, and we sure could use your help. Volunteering your time, equipment and/or expertise to the event will only make a great event even better. If you can spare a Friday afternoon for setup, let us know. As in previous years, we'll have a CW tent, HF SSB, HF digital, VHF SSB and our world-famous GOTA station. Everyone is welcome, so bring your wife/husband, kids, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and grandparents. There is enough fun for everyone on Field Day!

Until next time, 73 de
Dean KB7QDI

From the Treasurer:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was able to make it to this past MRC weather spotter training meeting. I thought there was a good turnout of both hams and quite a few non-hams which I think is encouraging to see. I have personally been to a few of the training meetings, and I always look forward to them because, no matter how many you have been to, you always can learn

something new. Also there are always plenty of good weather photos and videos which I also look forward to seeing. I would also like to thank those who made that event possible by helping out and putting on a fine meeting.

I would like to let everyone know that, in December the MRC club received a QSL card from the last Field Day event. The gentleman that sent the club a card was Robert Brandon, call sign K5PI from Austin, Texas. The contact with him was made back on June 25, 2006. The contact was made on 6 meters. He was gracious enough to take the time to, not only send us a card, but to also send us a SASE for our return QSL card. This led me to discover that the club does not have a QSL card. So I took some time to make one for the club. If you are interested in seeing the club card, I can email anyone a copy of it. Send me an email or contact me and I will be happy to send you one. I also plan on being at Field Day this year, and will have both the card we received and the MRC club card there for viewing.

I have been continually working on keeping the database of club members and their information as up to date as possible. If any member knows that their information like email address, street address, phone number, class of amateur license has changed, especially with the new FCC licensing changes, please contact me and let me know the updated information. You can contact me via email at johnny-05@peoplepc.com or you can mail it to the club's post office box. If I can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank You,
John Laske - KC9FJX

Meeting Notice...

May 16 (Wed) 7:00 pm Business Meeting and Presentation on MRC's new internet audio feature. Wauwatosa Savings (Basement) 6560 S. 27th Street Oak Creek, WI

2007 Club Calendar...

July 18 (Wed) Meeting
September 12 (Wed) Meeting
October 22 (Wed) Meeting
November 21 (Wed) Meeting
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

From the President

I sure hope all of you have been paying attention to the repeater over the last month or so, at least. You might have noticed an improved signal quality, as well as better coverage. That's because our Technical Director, Mark KB9VJQ, has replaced both the SE antenna in Oak Creek, as well as the main site antenna in New Berlin. Huge thanks goes to Mark for putting everything together to get that done! Are we 100 percent yet?... no, but we are close. More on that coming up!

Speaking of our Technical Director, he is looking for others interested in being in the Technical Committee. Doesn't matter if you

Committees

ARES Net Coord Jeananne N9VSV	Newsletter Heidi N9TUY & Bob AA9JW
Awards Al KC9IJJ	Public Service Kate KA9MWT
Computer Net Dean KB7QDI	Station Trustee Warren Schall K9IZV
Control Operators Gary N9UUR	Swapfest Bob AB9FB & Matt KC9COY
Emer Operations & Training Gary N9MGJ	Swap Net Leroy WD9HOT
Fun Net Warren K9IZV	Technical Mark KB9VJQ
Historian Warren K9IZV	Weather Skip WD9HAS
Librarian Steve KC9AYN	Webmaster Gary N9UUR
Membership Coord Kate KA9MWT	Asst. Webmaster Donovan KC9FGJ
Net Announcements Coord Maureen KB9VLJ	

From the Activities Manager

Hi everyone,

What a great turnout for the weather meeting. Thanks to Skip for doing the presentation. I am currently seeking members who would like to do programs. I have programs in the process of being scheduled; however, there are meetings we have yet to schedule. Let me know if you would be interested in doing a presentation. My phone is (414)232-8302, email is vincemorano@yahoo.com. The same ways to contact me can also be used if you have a meeting location idea.

73, Vince KB9ZOT

A Note From The Swapfest Committee

Boy do we have big news for you. This year's Swapfest should be the best ever. We have always taken most of our income from Swapfest and paid it back to the Waukesha Expo Center for rent. This year we will be moving to a new location. The 2007 Swapfest will be held at the Elk's Club on Good Hope Road, right across the street from AES. If you attended last years XMAS party, it's in the same building. The Elk's are charging us less than we paid in the past so this year should prove to be more profitable than past years. Thanks to Dean (KB7QDI) and Al (N9RXD) for suggesting that location.

We are still in the planning stages, but things you might see are VE Testing and seminars. AES has been gracious enough to offer up their building for us to use for testing and the seminars. If you have ideas for a seminar and/or would like to conduct one for us, please contact us. AES is also going to have a Kenwood Open House featuring Kenwood representatives at their location to coincide with our fest.

That's just for starters. For more info, please attend the upcoming MRC meeting and we'll fill you in.

Your 2007 Swapfest Co-Chairs
Bob (AB9FB, phone 414-526-7011)
and Matt (KC9COY)

Weather Reporting

The 2007 Severe weather reporting format demonstrated at the highly attended March meeting is now on-line at: http://www.mrc91.org/wx_criteria_handout_2007.pdf Everyone should make a copy and become familiar with

the format. Anyone having trouble locating their distance and direction from the city centers should can contact me for help (svoros@execpc.com)

Skip Voros WD9HAS

From a Young Ham

Hi !! My name is Kayla, KC9KPW --- I am eleven years old and a sixth grader.

I started my adventure with Ham Radio two years ago because my mom and dad wanted to get their technician license. I thought of Ham Radio as something we could do together as family, but it sounded kind of boring and I really didn't know much about it. We went to Saturday morning classes at AES Milwaukee, sponsored by the MRAC. I learned a lot, but I didn't understand the material as well as my mom and dad.

My mom and dad suggested I read the book "Now Your Talking" an official ARRL License Manual together so I could follow along in class and ask the instructors to explain any questions I had. The problem was that with all my school work I didn't have the same kind of time to read the book. One of the instructors told us about the QRZ.com website that might help me with learning the material through answering random multiple choice test questions. This made learning the material more fun because I like being on the computer.

The plan was that when I could start passing the practice tests on QRZ.com I could try and take the examination. My goal was for Superfest 2005.

I learned a lot, but it was not enough to pass my first two tests. I was really disappointed and didn't want to try anymore. My mom and dad got their license and I was a little jealous because they got their radios and I didn't even get my license that I worked so hard to get.

My mom and dad said that when I was ready I could try again.

As a sixth grader we just started learning about circuits and magnets. I found this part of my science class easy because I had already learned a lot from reading and taking the practice tests for Ham Radio. This made me get interested in getting my license again.

During Christmas break I started taking practice tests on QRZ.com. I got a picture of the same radio my mom and dad had and hung it on my bulletin board in my room right next to my favorite pictures of horses I have ridden and my best friends. The tests now seemed to be real easy but I still had a lot of questions. I

asked my dad about some of the answers and he would help me find the answers in the "Now Your Talking" book. My first several practice tests on QRZ.com took over one hour, but the more tests I took along with reading and asking lots of questions the tests got easier and I got faster and faster at getting the questions right.

In January 2007 WARC had a swapfest and this was my first chance to see if all the time I spent over Christmas studying would help me get my technician license. I was really nervous and scared and I just didn't want to fail the test again and let myself down.

I took the test and it was really hard. It seemed like I knew some of the questions, but it took me a long time and when the examiner told me I failed again, it made me feel real bad, but I didn't want to give up hope. My mom and dad said it was ok to try again or we could leave and take the test another time. I wanted to try again. This time the second test was really easy and I didn't seem so scared. When the examiner called my name and said I passed, I jumped up and down, and all I could think of was now my dad was going to buy me my first radio a Yaesu FT60R. No more picture now I would have the real thing. My call sign came on the QRZ website two days later, "The two longest days of my life", and now I am officially KC9KPW.

My advice to anyone that wants to get his or her license is :

1. Don't give up on yourself if you don't pass the first time.
2. Try the practice tests on QRZ.com
3. Read up on questions you don't understand
4. Ask questions to other hams.

Good Luck and hope that my adventure can help someone pass his or her test.

Kayla, KC9KPW

Short Notes

Name Badge

Anyone wishing to purchase an MRC name badge should e-mail Tom WI9TOM at wi9tom@arll.net. The price is \$7.75, and anything left after the badges are sent will be put in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Yahoo! Group Page

Come visit SE Wisconsin's only Yahoo! group page:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/amateurradio_milwaukee

It is designed specifically to promote all the great people and clubs in SE Wisconsin. It contains links to all the different clubs in the area, times and locations of the different area nets, and also an opportunity to ask a question on a ham-radio topic, or share your unique knowledge.

Club Library

The club library is still available for those wanting to know more about upgrading, antennas, and all the other aspects of this great hobby. Talk to Steve KC9AYN and ask what's available.

MRC Meeting Minuits March 24 , 2007

Location: Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Building

Attendees: Dean(KB7QDI), Kurt(N9DWG),Mike (K9MDJ), John(KC9FJX), Vince(KB9ZOT)

Plus sign in list

Meeting called to order at _7:10PM_ by _KB7QDI_

President Dean (KB7QDI)

Motion to accept new members by Larry KC9IJA, 2nd by Tom WI9TOM, Motion

passed. Welcome to Feroz WU9N, Bob WB9TNF, Steve KC9ECG, Bruce KC9KHL, Mike N9ESC.

Motion to accept the minutes as published by Al N9RXD, 2nd by Ron N9KWW, Motion passed.

Ken KF8IA has set up a tour of Fermilab 04/14/07 @ 12:45PM. Contact him if you would like to go.

Vice President Kurt(N9DWG)

Has examined the Henry amp and found the switching power supply has voltage spikes close to the failure point of the power transistors. Al N9RXD made a motion to purchase a 50 amp linear supply for the amp, 2nd by Mark KB9VJQ. Motion passed.

Secretary Mike (K9MDJ)

Made a motion to destroy the ballots from the January election, 2nd by Mark KB9VJQ. Motion passed.

Made a motion to amend the bylaws to provide for required meeting notifications by electronic means. This is an attempt to keep costs down for the club as AES can no longer cover the costs of postage, and to bring the current email notifications into conformity with the bylaws. 2nd by Mark KB9VJQ. Motion reads as follows:

Article IV Section 1 Paragraph 2 reads in part:

“Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the annual or a regular meeting shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than thirty days before the date of the annual or regular meeting.”

Proposed Change:

“Written or Electronic notice stating the place, day and hour of the annual or a regular meeting shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than thirty days before the date of the annual or regular meeting.”

Treasurer John (KC9FJX)

Financial Statement total funds \$8616.01 Expendable funds \$3238.68. Motion to accept by Joe N9UX 2nd by Vince KB9ZOT, Motion passed.

Activities Manager Vince (KB9ZOT)

Is open to suggestions for technical presentations at the membership meetings.

Requested suggestions for meeting locations.

Old Business

Mark KB9VJQ – Thanked Kurt N9DWG for his work repairing and diagnosing the Henry amp.

New Business

Joe N9UX – The 2006 financial review is completed by himself, Pat WW9R and Sandy KA9USA. No problems were found and the report will be ready by the next membership meeting.

Adjourned _7:55PM_ By _KB7QDI_

Respectfully submitted:
Michael D. Jones (K9MDJ)

Storm Spotter Training was conducted after the meeting by Skip WD9HAS and AL N9RXD. Thanks for a fine presentation.

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

Call sign _____ Name _____ Expiration 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

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