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From the President

Well another two months have gone by. Hard to believe we were dealing with snow not too long ago and yet here it is midnight and it is still 60 degrees outside. Time flies when we are having fun.

Field Day is quickly approaching. John (KC9VMC) and Matt (KC9COY) are co-chairing this event. The Milwaukee County ARES van will be at our site this year and the ever popular Saturday evening cook out is being planned. Whether you can only make it for a few hours or if you want to rough it and camp out all weekend (like many of us do), there is always something new and interesting to learn and do at Field Day. If you can help out in anyway, please contact John (KC9FMC) or Matt (KC9COY) for more

information.

Severe weather season is in full swing now. We've been lucky so far, other then a stray storm or two. But, sometimes, lack of activity leads to a complacency. Just like the Boy Scout Motto, we need to "Be Prepared." Severe weather can pop up from what seems like no where. However, most severe weather events are forewarned by certain conditions. If you know ahead of time that severe weather is possible, you will be better prepared when it does occur in your area. Charge your batteries, know your City Center location, know what events you may see are reportable, and sometimes most important, know what not to report. This helps our severe weather team by allowing them to concentrate on the situation at hand and not having to answer general questions over and over. Speaking of our team, our severe weather team for 2009 are: Skip (WD9HAS), Al (N9RXD), Dean (WX9DS), Brian (KC9GMW), Richard (N6NKO), George (KC9AVZ), and myself (W9AWX).

While the team may not be immediately on frequency when severe weather occurs, when they come on frequency for severe weather, they will take control of the repeater and start a Skywarn Weather Net if needed. Unless otherwise directed to do so by a member of the team, these are the only Net Control Stations (NCS) who currently have

the background to perform as a Skywarn (NCS). Also, they should be the only ones requesting or making changes in the courtesy tone for severe weather or starting a Skywarn Severe Weather Net which is considered an emergency net.

Of all of the types of communications that we could handle on any particular day, Emergency Traffic or someone calling BREAK on the repeater has the highest priority.

When someone announces either of these two phrases, all other communications on the frequency must suspend until such time as the person announcing either of these phrases states that the situation has ended and normal traffic may begin again. I bring this up as we have had a few emergency traffic situations arise recently.

Our responders should be our first line of defense for people calling emergency traffic and should be always ready to assist any amateur radio operator in an emergency. This could be calling the police or fire department or contacting someone to come help the amateur in trouble. It is not the job of the Responder or any amateur radio operator on our repeater to question the reason behind the emergency traffic. If a member or other amateur radio operator considers the situation as an emergency, it is considered an emergency.

When someone calls for emergency traffic, you should

Committees

Awards

Al KC9IJJ

Computer Net

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Donovan KC9FGJ

Meeting Notice

May 20 (Wed) 6:30PM
Meeting, Waterstone
Bank (Basement) 6560
S. 27th Street, Oak
Creek

2009 Club Calendar

July 15 (Wed) Meeting
Sept. 9 (Wed) Meeting
Oct. 14 (Wed) Meeting
Nov. 18 (Wed) Meeting

From the Treasurer

Here we are, spring time again. The trees are budding, the flowers in bloom, and the birds are singing. I hope you have plans this year that take you outdoors. It's that time again Field day is coming very fast! This year we have the Ares van setup for display on Saturday June 27th at 1pm. I hope to meet everyone at our upcoming Field day. I have plans this year after Field day that I am looking forward to. I plan to get some antennas up this year at my house. Along with the antennas I am looking to setup a crossband for a new radio I am planning to purchase. Currently, I have to grab an HT and run to my front window, in order to talk on the radio. I hope you have big plans this year for ham radio. Maybe you will upgrade your license, make more contacts, or even antenna work yourself. Whatever you choose I hope you enjoy it!

Anyone wanting to order a club badge needs to contact me at kc9nsu@arrl.net with your name as you want it to appear on your badge and your call sign. The badges are \$7.75 each and need to be paid for before I can order them. I also encourage you to contact me if any of your information has changed like call sign, email address, street address, phone number, or class of amateur license. Anyone wishing to send any dues or badge money may do so to the: Milwaukee Repeater Clubs, PO Box 2123, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Again, please feel free to contact me at anytime kc9nsu@arrl.net.

Thank you and 73,
James J. Langer KC9NSU
MRC Treasurer

Membership Meeting Minutes March 28, 2009

Location: Woodlawn Lutheran Church, 2217 South 99th Street, West Allis, WI 53227

Meeting Called to Order at _ 6:17pm by Gregg(W9AWX)

New Members KC9MJJ – Dwain, N9LSQ – Jerry, AB9Z – Lawton

There was a motion by Jim(WK9N) to approve new members for membership, the motion was **seconded** by Ken (KB9OBZ).

There was a motion by Dean(KB7QDI) to approve the membership meeting minutes, the motion was **seconded** by Charles(KC9IIV).

Treasurer – James (KC9NSU), CD Renewal- Update Financial Report was reviewed a motion to approve the financial report was made by John(KC9FMC) and **seconded** by Bob (KC9JWZ)

Activities Manager – Dave (KD9LEH) Will be working with the Elks Club to secure a date for Swapfest 2009

Technical Committee – Ken (KC9MXZ)
Northwest site has possible antenna problems.
Downtown site is not currently working.

Secretary – Cindy (KC9HJU) General Thank You to all who attended the membership meeting and weatherspotter training program.

Vice President- John (KC9FMC) No Report

President – Gregg (W9AWX)
Field Day will be Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28th @ Whitnall Park, Toboggan Run Hill
Set up will be Friday, June 26th @ 1:00pm
Any questions on Field Day should be directed to John (KC9FMC) at : johnthelege@aol.com or Phone # 414-762-8156. John will have a list of the equipment that is needed for Field Day.

Old Business None

New Business
Weather – Skip (WD9HAS)
Overview of Weatherspotter Training Program.
Weatherspotter Training to follow the membership meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Len (K9LJ) and the motion was **seconded** by Ken (KB9OBZ)

Meeting Adjourned _ 7:10 pm by Gregg (W9AWX)

Respectfully Submitted:
Cynthia L. Waltemath (KC9HJU)

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listen, listen, and listen some more. By transmitting, you could be covering the person with emergency traffic. It is good amateur radio practice to consider any emergency traffic situation as it is a emergency net.

Have a great Spring and see you at Field Day.

Respectfully Submitted
Gregg Schulz, W9AWX
President, MRC

Milwaukee Repeater Club Membership Application

Type of Application New Member Renewal

Membership Year: _____

Type of Membership Individual Family

(If Family: Please 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. The \$20.00 dues payment covers an entire family for MRC membership.)

NAME(s) _____ CALL SIGN(s) _____

NAME(s) YOU USE ON THE AIR _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE #: _____ WORK (optional) _____

CELL (optional) _____ BIRTH DATE (optional) _____

CLASS OF LICENSE _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

PLEASE NOTE! If there is ANY personal information that you DO NOT wish to be published into the club roster, please note it on this form.

EMAIL ADDRESS (for newsletter notification) _____

Please indicate if you would you like the Club Newsletter delivered by e-mail (free of charge) or U.S. Mail (additional \$5 per year)?

Are you currently an ARRL member? YES NO

DUES (check those that apply):

NEW MEMBERS - January thru December \$20.00 \$ _____

NEW MEMBERS – After July 1 \$10.00 \$ _____

ANNUAL RENEWAL \$20.00 \$ _____

NEWSLETTER POSTAGE ASSESSMENT \$ 5.00 \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Send check payable to 'Milwaukee Repeater Club' at the address below:

THE MILWAUKEE REPEATER CLUB, INC.

P.O. BOX 2123

MILWAUKEE, WI 53201

I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution, by-laws and rules of the Milwaukee Repeater Club.

(Signed) _____ Date _____

Your membership will be voted on at the next membership meeting once the application is received.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MILWAUKEE REPEATER CLUB!