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Operating the 146.91- repeater under the callsign K9IZV. For best access use 127.3 PL.	President Vice Pres Secretary Treasurer Activities Manager	Mike Borchardt Mike Zore Ron Henry Gary Bargholz Sally Stanton	N9NPB KB9PHA N9KWW N9UUR KB9LSP	367-3953 258-4435 786-7512 355-6922 774-6252
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MEETINGS NOTICE

July 27 (Thurs), 7:00p at Mayfair location. A representative from Nextel will give a presentation on their packetized data network and related technologies.

2000 CLUB CALENDAR

August 6 (Sun), 12:00n--The MRC annual picnic is scheduled at Hoyt Park picnic area 2. Directions to the park and area 2 follow (see "Upcoming MRC Activities")

Sept. 9 (Sat) at Oak Creek location.

Oct. 26 (Thurs) at Mayfair location.

Nov. 4 (Sat) Swapfest at the Waukesha County Expo Center

Nov. 22 (Weds) at Mayfair location.

Dec. 16 (Sat) at Mayfair location.

Board Meetings: 2nd Monday of month, 7:00p. Call a board member for meeting location.

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. Swing around left and go down the long hall. At the end of the hall find room G-110.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello again, hope everyone enjoyed the 4th of July. The reason I say that is because I hope nobody got caught up in the nasty weather we had on the third, such as bailing out their basements and stuff like that. I had two inches of rain between 5:35 and 5:50 p.m. with a total of five inches when the rain stopped. The storms also brought high winds which took out power at Main Site. The power went out approximately 6:00 p.m. and the repeater was off the air about 7:45 p.m.. This should not have happened. Brad and myself along with my wife Karen went out to the site that night to check out the situation. For reasons unknown, the battery used for backup power supply was at about 4 volts. The backup system should have kept us on the air for about two days under normal usage of the repeater. Time would have been reduced by maybe a couple of hours due to the high use at the time, mainly the Weather Net. The cause of the battery problems are being looked into. The Weather Net switched over to ARES 6-7 machine and linked to the SEWFARS 8-2 repeater. The net continued until the bad weather passed. However, you guys and gals have proven that you take the 9-1 repeater for granted. The MRC repeater has a total of 5 receivers located all around Milwaukee. Because of the nature of our

club, a repeater club, we put all our efforts into making the repeater hear as good as possible off of HT's with rubber ducks. We improved our transmitter power to 250 watts to make it possible to hear the repeater on HT's with rubber ducks. Even though the ARES and SEWFARS repeaters are fine machines, in no way, shape, or form am I degrading their repeaters, they don't have the hearing abilities the 9-1 repeater has. Given this information, please don't expect to give weather reports off of your HT's with rubber ducks if this situation should ever arise again. Efforts are being made to insure the 9-1 repeater stays up and running, but nothing is 100% all the time. We have always encouraged all HAMS to have the necessary equipment to get into repeaters in the event of emergencies. As President of the MRC and on behalf of the MRC I wish to extend our gratitude to ARES and SEWFARS for their support and use of their repeaters in aiding us to get weather reports to Sullivan Weather service. With out their assistance, we would have been dead in the water.

Our last membership meeting fell on a date which three other clubs were having there meetings. I understand one of them was having an election meeting. Because of this, we did not have a quorum. A general explanation on our current situation with our tower space at Main Site took place. This was not an official meeting. This situation will have and impact on our dues. Please be sure to attend our next meeting as there are bylaw changes being voted on in regard to our dues. See you there.

Thank You,
Mike N9NPB

Committees

Activities Sally KB9LSP	Station Trustee Warren Schall K9IZV
Computer Net Gary N9UUR	Swapfest Board
Fun Net Warren K9IZV	Swap Net Lloyd WB9RGO
Membership Coord. Kate KA9MWT	Technical Mike Borchardt N9NPB
Net Announcements Coord Deb KB9ISE	Weather Skip WD9HAS
Newsletter Heidi N9TUY & Bob AA9JW	Webmaster Open
Public Service Kate KA9MWT	Assistant - Webmaster Rick WD9IWK

President

2 CENTS WORTH FROM THE TREASURER...

Hello MRC!

Everything is going fine.... But the busy season (the SWAPFEST!) is just around the corner now. It will be at the Waukesha County Expo Center, on Nov. 4th, 2000. We will again run a "split" swapfest this year. A "Hamfest" and a "Computer EXPO". The Hamfest will be in the South and East rooms, we are moving the Computer EXPO to the NORTH room. This move reflects the smaller size of the Computer vendor space needed, and will allow the Hamfest to expand in the larger East room.

Membership: We currently have 277 MRC Members! And 7 more to be voted in at the next meeting, please welcome: KB9G Mickey / KB9IIG Dave / KB9WEY Jacki / K9XU Dick / WD9BCV Marty / KB9WAZ George and WB9JIC Pat to the MRC!

57 Members still need to renew their dues for 2000 (please see if you're on the "Please Renew" list).

Severe Weather: The Ham operator group at the Sullivan Weather office is trying to raise a few dollars by selling Weather Alert Radios. This is a very nice SAME capable radio from Midland, I've played with one. If you're considering a new NWS alert radio, please consider ordering it through the Sullivan Weather Ops! Contact Tom KA9EWJ e-mail> tj kuch@execpc.com

73 Gary

MRC DUES:

If your Call is on the following list, your MRC Dues have not been renewed for 2000.

If you have no changes to your address or phone, simply write out a check to MRC, and put your Callsign on the memo line and send it in, there is no need to completely fill out a update application if you have no changes to be made.

Remember that the Capital Improvement Fund is still open for donations. Our club dues covers only the operating and mailing expenses of the MRC, we are looking for further donations from those

who are able to further enhance and build the MRC Machine.

2000 Dues are \$12.00.

The Following Members Need to Renew Their Membership as of July 6, 2000

KA9AIW, KA9BOF, KA9YTB,
KB0PEM, KB9Q, KC9EV, WA9UOD,
KF9G, KF9HA, AA9SI, N9KUC,
KG9FC, N9OSJ, N9PMR, N9SWS,
N9YKE, NK9W, W0RHP, W9GGR,
W9NZF, WA9AWJ, WA9LNW,
WA9SZV, WB9UQP, WD9CPU,
WO9C, WU9E, WW9R, KB9KEJ,
KB9NYP, KB9NYQ, KB9POX, N0RRC,
KB9RCK, K9PSX, N9JVO, KB9SNC,
WA9KFR, KA9OKO, KB9SXJ,
KB9NCY, KB9PBJ, KB9RZO,
KB9SAN, KB9TUY, KB9TZB,
KB9PVC, WB9MEP, KB9URF, N8ABF,
N9NR, W9EH, N9RGV, KB9QZR,
KB9SXI, KE9QU, KB9VGC

UPCOMING MRC ACTIVITIES

CLUB PICNIC TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

The annual MRC club picnic will be held at Hoyt Park Area Picnic Area #2 on Sunday, August 6 beginning at 12 NOON. Food and beverages will be provided. There are picnic tables, but please bring your own lawn chairs and any outdoor games you may have. And don't forget your radio equipment!

Directions to the park and picnic area: Hoyt Park is part of the Menomonee River Parkway. It is located approximately 4 blocks south of the intersection of Swan Boulevard (92nd) & North Avenue. You can reach the Menomonee River Parkway by going south from North Avenue, east from Swan Boulevard or west on State Street (coming from the Village of Wauwatosa.) If you are coming off the freeway, exit off of 45 at Swan Boulevard and follow it to the Parkway, then turn right and go south. Picnic Area 2 is on the south side of the Parkway just a few blocks east. For more detailed directions, please e-mail Sally at sallyann@uwm.edu or call 414-774-6252.

Swimming is available at Hoyt Park

public swimming pool, just a short walk from the picnic area. The pool is open from 1-5 PM. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$.50 for age 17 and under. The waterslide is \$2.50 for the whole afternoon, and includes the pool admission fee. Lockers are \$.25. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

See you there!
--Sally KB9LSP
Activities Manager

MRC MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 27

The next MRC meeting is Thursday July 27 at 7 PM at Mayfair. A representative from Nextel will give a presentation on their packetized data network and related technologies, including internet access from Nextel system phones. Please come and bring your friends!

MRC MEETING MAY 25, 2000

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY:

membership meeting at Mayfair all did not have a sufficient number of members attend, no business was conducted. HOWEVER a by law change is still on the list and will be acted upon at the next meeting. We need your input !! Come out and attend the next meeting.

Corrections: the last minutes in the newsletter contained some minor mistakes. Here are the corrections: bylaw change was proposed by N9UUR VICE K9IZV.

Board minutes for April 3 2000: present should read N9KWW, KB9PHA, N9UUR, K9IZV, KB9LSP. Correct spelling is information vice information and a space should be added between "Hall" and "and".

March MRC meeting minutes: KEN CARUSO'S call sign is KS4NX. Motion was made by N9MGJ to accept the minutes. Motion was made by N9WSZ to accept the Treasurer's Report. At 10:09 pm a motion was made by N9NPB and seconded by N9KWW to admit the new members as listed. Passed.

March board minutes: present should have read KB9LSP

I am sorry for the mistakes, and will always make any correction happily.

On the bright side: after a bit of adjusting to the new position I am now in the swing of things and am looking forward to more productive and interesting labor of love in the future. I was absent at the June board meeting due to a tax issue and adjustment that came up at the last minute. (I love the way they tell you about these things EXACTLY ONE WEEK BEFORE THEY HAPPEN.) But I do not see any reason to miss any other meetings. KB9PHA did take notes and I will add them to my records as well as post them in the newsletter when I receive them. All have a nice summer and looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting

Finally I want to thank Scott KB9SQT for his presentation on power distribution. It was an outstanding presentation and look forward to seeing it again.

--Thank you
Ron N9KWW Secretary

MRC BOARD MEETING SUMMARY MAY 8, 2000

QTH N9NPB
N9KWW, N9UUR, N9NPB, KB9PHA,
KB9LSP, K9IZV
opened 7:43 pm

1. LEASE: Mike (N9NPB) sent a copy of the proposed lease to Attorney John Sikora. He will look at the lease and return with recommendations.

2. SWAP FEAST: recommend \$20.00 limit on tables and admission for club representation at other fests for membership drive.

3. DUES: should a dues increase come into effect, all who have paid in advance will be sent a letter and asked for the difference .

4. MAIN SITE NEWS: A new transformer board for the voter was made and installed. Trouble shooting continues on audio quality and audio processor.

5: VOTER: New voter will cost about \$319.00, currently have "talk off" or miss vote received responses and will continue to investigate possible update current or purchase new controller.

6. OLD RECORDS: K9IZV has old secretary records, received 98 records from N9NPB, will add all reprints from all newsletters into records. Record review in progress and will pass to N9KWW as soon as complete.

7. PHYSICAL AUDIT: in progress and ongoing; will complete and add records for insurance and secretary records.

8. 7K CONTROLLER AND NEW AREA CODES: verification and testing in progress, will reprogram as required.

9. SWAP FEST/ EXPO:
A. a list of all vendors is being compiled listed as paid/committed vendors and other interested vendors. N9PHA will compile and provide to board.
B. history of past swap fests and other club activities, discussion of events and possible changes to current swap fest.

10. MEMBERSHIP: KB9PHA to develop by law changes concerning new members.

11. FINANCIAL REPORT: received report from treasurer. Goal is to renew all who are in suspension.

12. MILLER RIDE FOR THE ARTS: the mrc machine is the primary back-up repeater for the event, N9NPB to coordinate.

13. HALL LAYOUT: N9UUR AND KB9PHA. To redraw and layout north hall with 10 x 10 foot areas.

10::55 pm N9UUR moved to adjourn
KB9PHA seconded, unanimous.

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 rmanak@execpc.com

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*) _____

E-mail: _____

Dues (New & Renewal): \$ 12.00

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!