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Meeting Notice...

July 23 (Wed) 7:00PM Meeting -- Field Day Debrief, Mayfair location.

2003 Club Calendar...

August 17 (Sun) **MRC Picnic** 11:00 am to dusk at Whittnal Park, picnic area 6.

September 13 (Sat) Meeting, Oak Creek

October 15 (Wed) Meeting, Mayfair (Swap Fest)

November 19 (Wed) Meeting, Mayfair (Swap Fest Debrief)

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

Mayfair Mall (Room G-110, See Below), 2500 North Mayfair Road, 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 through 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.

People & Paws Search & Rescue

Who we are: People and Paws Search and Rescue is a volunteer, non-profit search

and rescue organization based in Milwaukee using trained people and dogs to locate missing people.

What we do: We respond to calls from emergency services to locate missing people. This could be missing children, Alzheimer's patients, lost hikers or hunters or collapsed structures.

When: We respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Where: Within two hours of Milwaukee.

Why: This is our way of servicing the community.

How: Using technology, the best people and the best dogs!

How can the hams help? The hams are our communication link. While we have several hams on the team, we need your technical knowledge and your radio knowledge.

So, how can you help? Contact Gary (N9MGJ). Contact Jeananne (N9VSV) and attend ARES meetings.

What should I expect? You need to be ready to go within 15 minutes of getting called. You need to have a good map of Wisconsin. You will not get a lot of directions when you are dispatched. Once you arrive at the scene you should sign in with People and Paws dispatch and then return to the staging area. Signing in may involve signing a liability waiver and taking specific information from you. If you have a cell phone please include that. You may be asked to produce picture ID or have your picture taken. If you have medical considerations, please advise us. This is for everyone's safety. We will deploy you from there. Please make sure that you sign out when you leave.

Where might I be deployed? You could be deployed outside for the entire time. If you are deployed with a dog team, you will be going wherever the dog goes. This includes steep, slippery, muddy, wet terrain.

What equipment do I need to bring?

You will need to be ready to be away from home for a minimum of 24 hours. That means that you will need appropriate clothing for the weather. If you are physically able to follow a dog team, please be ready for long fast movement through a wide variety of terrain. This means sturdy comfortable, waterproof footwear. You need clothing that can keep you warm if it is cold or keep you cool if it is hot. You will need sturdy rain gear. You will need a hand held radio with lots of batteries. If you have a GPS please bring it. We usually work on UTM coordinates on WGS84 Datum. Most of all you need to practice with all the gear, particularly your radio!

If you are going to be at base, you need to be ready for the weather as well. We usually try to provide a warm or cold place for dispatch, but there are no guarantees.

Regardless of where you are deployed you need food and munchies for 24 hours. You need lots of water. Even in the winter, water is critical.

Radio wise we primarily work on the two-meter band. If you are in the field you will need a portable unit. If you are at base, you may or may not have power. If you do have power, you will need a power supply. Some sort of battery backup even if it is from your vehicle is preferred.

What if we are responding to a structural collapse? There are several additional considerations if we are responding to any type of collapsed structure. Our first concern will be safety. In addition to Incident Command decisions like location of Staging areas and considerations of second devices, etc... there are obvious additional safety considerations. If you have them please bring: Safety boots – steel toes and steel

Committees

Activities	Janet	KB9ZAG
Awards	Dean	KB7QDI
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	Lloyd WB9RGO
Technical	Mike Borchardt N9NPB
Weather	Skip WD9HAS
Co-Webmaster	Gary N9UUR
Co-Webmaster	Richard K9RWE

shank, hard hat, dust mask, gloves, coveralls or disposable outer clothing. If you don't have safety shoes, you might want to consider getting a pair. Any of the other items can be provided by other agencies including People and Paws.

What happens once I'm deployed? You should receive a briefing before you leave that will include: Where you are going? What frequencies? You should have a minimum of two frequencies. Who is your team leader? Who is your medical person? What your assignment is – this may include what or who you are looking for clothing descriptions etc... Based on the number of people available and their level of experience, your team may be made up of ham's only. In this case, you will need to know what to do with clues you find etc... IF IN DOUBT PLEASE ASK!!

What should I do if I'm assigned to a Canine Team? Working with a canine team is a unique experience. You are driven solely by the dogs' nose. The basic rules are: Do not get ahead of the handler. Do not get too far behind. The general rule of thumb is that you should be able to talk to the handler without yelling. Do not smoke around the dogs. Do not run vehicles around the dogs as the fumes interfere with their sense of smell. Do not spray anything – bug screen, sunscreen, tent waterproofing, etc around the dogs. Do not focus on the dog. Your job is to see what is around the dog. The dog and handler may miss easily visible clues. Their job is to find the whole person not clues. Your job is to find the clues. Watch for traffic or other hazards. Know where you are at all times. The handler is focused totally on the dog and may not know where they are. The pace may be fast and the terrain will probably be rough. Areas that dogs fit through easily, we do not.

What happens when I get back? When you get back, you should debrief with your team leader. If we are finishing for the day, there will be an overall debriefing. At the overall debriefing, you will be asked 3 things you liked, 3 things you didn't like and 3 things that we could do differently or better next time. Please don't be afraid to comment. This is how we all learn and get better. PLEASE SIGN OUT!

This information is from a handout provided by People and Paws at the Technical Meeting.

MRC Meeting Minutes May 28, 2003

Location: Mayfair Mall. Napoleon, NØXXL, Club President, called the meeting to order at 8:28 PM. All who were present introduced themselves.

New Members: A motion was made by Mike, N9NPB and seconded by Al, N9RXD to accept the following for membership to the MRC: Dan Crandall KB9NOD, Dan Darnieder KB9YDI, Don Harris KC9CKM, Len Koziuechar KC9ALN, Tom Moog KC9DPR, and Lee Nelson KH2BK. Motion passed. Welcome to our new members.

Newsletter: A motion was made by Dean KB7QDI and seconded by Jeananne N9VSV that the minutes from the last meeting were accepted as published. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Eileen, KB9ZHV presented the information for the Treasurer's report. The full roster is at 261 with 182 voters and 79 in suspension. Total of all accounts is \$14,233.00 and actual expendable funds are \$5291.51. We currently have no outstanding debt.

Old Business: ARRL approved us as an ARRL club. Dick Isley came to Superfest and gave the Board and Gary N9UUR the certificate.

New Business:

Memorial Fund for KB9VMA – The Board Meeting discussed what we would do with the donations we received as a Memorial Fund for KB9VMA. We are looking at purchasing a number of Amateur Radio books. Gary N9UUR stated he would donate the ARRL Handbook. Dean KB7QDI said he would donate The Antenna Compendium.

Technical Committee was discussed by Mike N9NPB. Mike is re-establishing the committee. Since the system was rebuilt, the Technical committee has not had a meeting. They are now looking at replacing some of our radios. The cost to repair the radios is more than the price of the radios. Lightning hits are what take our radios. We need to look at what's available so that the transmitters, which are still working, can be sold and we can recoup some of the cost. Motorola is still making Radius Line. If interested in participating in the Technical Committee, please contact Mike N9NPB.

Why is the level of commitment waning? We as a group need to let Hams know about the activities that are available

for people to participate in. Perhaps we need to spread the word...Make new people feel welcome. We need to become part of the solution to get others involved.

A motion was made by AL N9RXD and seconded by KC9AYN for the club to allow the Am. Diabetes Association Society to use the club logo on all printed materials and T-shirts for the Diabetes Walk Oct 5th, 2003. Motion carried.

Use of repeater: Mike asking for July 13th for the Bay View Cycling Classic and Al asking for October 5 for the Diabetics Walk.

Batteries Plus: Show MRC Card and you will receive a 7 - 25% off depending what you purchase. You must have card to get discount. This can not be talked about on the air due to pecuniary interest.

Survey Results – Handouts were given to all in attendance and discussed

EchoLink Presentation by Dean KB7QDI The difference between IRLP vs. EchoLink is that EchoLink is based for Windows and IRLP is Linex based and IRLP requires more bandwidth. There was concern about using EchoLink during drive time and net time. There were many questions on the subject and the topic was tabled.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gary N9UUR and seconded by Matt KC9COY. The Business Meeting adjourned at 10:32 PM. Motion Carried.

Technical Program: People and Paws presentation started at 7:13 p.m. on Urban Search & Rescue & Structural Collapse. For more information see their website www.peopleandpaws.org

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Zentner KB9VLJ
Club Secretary

Newsletter...

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