



**July 2008**

Operating the 146.91 repeater under the callsign WI9MRC. For best access, use 127.3 PL.

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# FIELD DAY EDITION!

(and also going without a newsletter editor edition, as well)

**Committees**

Awards.....Al KC9IJJ  
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 Historian.....Warren K9IZV  
 Librarian.....Steve W9GSD  
 Membership.....Kate KA9MWT  
 PS Net Announcements.....Milan N9IDX

Newsletter....Heidi N9TUY & Bob AA9JW  
 Public Service.....Kate KA9MWT  
 Station Trustee.....Warren K9IZV  
 Swapfest....Dean KB7QDI & Matt KC9COY  
 Swap Net.....Leroy WD9HOT  
 Technical.....Mark KB9VJQ  
 Weather.....Skip WD9HAS  
 Webmaster.....Gary N9UUR  
 Asst. Webmaster.....Donovan KC9FGJ

<http://www.mrc91.org>

### Meeting Notice.....

July 16 (Wed)  
6:30 PM – Basement of the  
Wauwatosa Savings Bank  
(6560 S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak  
Creek)

### 2008 Club Calendar.....

June 28-29 – Field Day  
Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – MRC Picnic  
Sep 10<sup>th</sup> – Meeting  
Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – Meeting  
Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – Swapfest  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup> – Meeting

### Board Meetings.....

Call a board member for date,  
time and location of the next  
meeting.

### Name Badge .....

Anyone wishing to purchase  
an MRC name badge should  
e-mail John KC9FJX at  
johnny-05@peoplepc.com.  
The price is \$7.75, with  
proceeds going to the Capital  
Improvement Fund.

### News from the President

Bring back Bob! Bring back Bob! I'm referring to our long-time newsletter editor Bob Manak AA9JW. Bob and his family decided to take a nice, long vacation, so we are bringing this edition via my limited abilities with OpenOffice and my Linux computer.

I say Linux because I am currently playing around with using Linux on my home computer. Not too long ago, my home PC was having a lot of hard drive problems, so I knew that a restore was necessary. After saving a bunch of family photos, etc. I was just about to put the Windows XP Home restore CD back in when I decided to go ahead and put the new Ubuntu Linux version on instead. The live CD worked great on my older PC, and although I switched back to Windows temporarily, Ubuntu is on it again, where hopefully it will be to stay.

By the way.... have you seen Milan N9IDX's new "PC"? If not, next time you see him, ask to take a peek at it. Very cool!

In amateur radio news, Field Day is fast approaching. Once again, the Milwaukee Repeater Club will be having it's annual Field Day event at Whitnall Park. The event starts Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, but if you can spare some time Friday afternoon, we can use everyone to help with setting up. Also, if you can spare some time Sunday afternoon, tearing down is easier the more people that come over and help out. If you would like more information, talk to John KC9FMC or Matt KC9COY. Or, just stop over and see us. Bring the family!

Until next time, 73 de Dean KB7QDI

### From the Treasurer

I would like to take a couple of moments to remind everyone with summer around the corner not to forget about some of those infrequently used bands, like 6 and 10 meters. While I personally have been in the process of setting up new ham shack, and I currently have no ham gear in the house, I have begun to hear more and more of you out there report of increased activity on 6 and 10 meters as of late. So for you out there that haven't done so lately, maybe now is the time to dust off some of your gear, set up an antenna if you don't have one up, and get out there and do some operating. Summer can be a good time to make some decent contacts. I know I will be doing some of that soon. I also look forward to seeing some of you this year at Field Day and remember to get out there and have some fun.

Again, if any member wants to make the change for newsletter delivery via email, I encourage them to contact me. You can be assured that if you make this change, your email address will be held confidential and will not be used for any other purpose except for club business. Due to the increase costs associated with the newsletter printing and mailings, starting this year there is an additional assessment fee for anyone who still desires to receive the newsletter via US Mail, so if you have paid your dues or are planning in paying your dues in the future, please remember this. If you do not pay the assessment fee for this year and I have an email address on file for you, I will automatically change your newsletter notification to email.

**Yahoo! Group Page .....**

Come visit SE Wisconsin's only Yahoo! group page. It is designed specifically to promote all the great people and clubs in SE Wisconsin. For more information, contact Dean KB7QDI at kb7qdi@yahoo.com.

**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 W9GSD and ask what's available.

I also encourage you to contact me if any of your information like call sign, email address, street address, phone number, or class of amateur license has changed. 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. Again, thanks to those who have made the change to email for your newsletter notification.

Thank You,  
John Laske – KC9FJX

**Message from the Activities Manager**

Hi everyone. Summer is finally here and it's hard to believe it's time for field day, severe weather nets, family picnics, fishing trips, public service events, and whatever else interests you. We have had a lot of severe weather recently and I've been able to listen to a couple of the weather nets and thankfully I didn't have to report anything.

Next on the club agenda is the next membership meeting and that will be held on July 16th at Waterstone Bank (formerly Wauwatosa Savings) at 6560 S. 27th Street, Oak Creek. Then the club picnic will be on Saturday August 2, 2008 at Greenfield park Area 6. There is a map on the club website [www.mrc91.org](http://www.mrc91.org).

I recently purchased a new mobile rig now I need to find the time to get it installed hopefully by the next meeting it will be installed, in fact feel free to ask me if it is up and running. Last meeting we had a nice presentation by Warren K9IZV and helpers on D STAR. I don't know if that is something I'll pursue in the future but it is always neat to see the ways the hobby evolves and the different technologies amateurs put to use for communications.

73, Vince KB9ZOT

**Milwaukee Repeater Club  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Date: 05/21/2008**

**Location:** Wauwatosa Savings Bank (Basement)  
6560 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oak Creek, WI

**Meeting called to order at \_ 6:39pm \_ by Dean( KB7QDI)**

There was a motion by Gregg (W9AWX) to approve membership for (4) new members:

W9ULA – Jack Hughes  
KM4G – Marv Lamar  
KC9FZK - Nancy Stecker  
KC9MMT - Lyndah Klein

The motion was seconded by Michael (KC9CMT). A vote was taken and membership was approved.

Motion to approve the March 8<sup>th</sup> 2008 Meeting Minutes “as read” was made by John ( KC9FMC) the motion was seconded by James (WK9N). A vote was taken and the March 8, 2008 Meeting Minutes were approved.

**Vice President – Kurt ( N9DWG)**

Not Present

New RF cables are being made by Kurt for the Main site installation of the duplexer.  
Mark ( KB9VJQ) Technical Committee is building a stand for the cavity.

**Secretary- Cindy (KC9HJU)**

No Report

**Treasurer- John ( KC9FJX)**

Discussion on the purchase of a eleven month CD opened for \$3000.00 at 3.45% APR

MRC name badges ( some have come in) and are ready for distribution.

Financial Report was reviewed, a motion to approve the financial report was made by Milan (N9IDX) and seconded by Steve ( W9GSD).

**Activities Manager - Vince ( KB9ZOT)**

Still working on a location for the MRC picnic.

Idea was presented to have a pot luck style picnic at the field day.  
( NO CLUB FUNDS TO BE USED)

**Field Day Committee – John (KC9FMC) & Matt (KC9COY)**

Field Day- June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup> @ Whitnall Park, Toboggan Run Hill

Set up time is 1:00 pm on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions on Field Day should be directed to John ( KC9FMC) at :

[johnledge@aol.com](mailto:johnledge@aol.com) or phone # 414-762-8156.

John will have a list of the equipment that is needed at Field Day.

**Swap Fest Committee – Dean (KB7QDI) & Matt (KC9COY)**

Swap Fest – Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 2008

Location: Elk's Club  
5555 West Good Hope Road  
Milwaukee, WI

VE Testing will be on-site/ Lower Level

Forums Room will be on the Lower Level

Dean is temporarily serving on this committee with Matt ( KC9COY) until a replacement co chair can be found. Bob (AB9FB) has respectfully resigned from the committee. We thank Bob for doing such a great job serving on this committee and wish him the best of luck. If you are interested in volunteering as a co-chair on the committee please contact Dean (KB7QDI).

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Recumbent Bike Ride Volunteers needed for Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> @ Ottawa Lake, Eagle, WI

Discussion on if there was interest in the “POSSIBLE” use of Pay Pal as another option for the payment of membership dues.

Motion to adjourn the membership meeting was made by Gregg (W9AWX) and was seconded by James (WK9N). Motion was passed.

**Meeting Adjourned\_ 7:37pm\_ By \_ Dean ( KB7QDI)**

Presentation by Warren (K9IZV) on D- Star Radio to follow the membership meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cynthia L. Waltemath (KC9HJU)