



September - 2001

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Operating the 146.91- repeater
under the call sign K9IZV.
For best access use 127.3 PL.

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MEETINGS NOTICE

September 15 (Sat) at Wauwatosa Savings (Basement)
6560 S. 27th St, Oak Creek, WI

2001 CLUB CALENDAR

October 17 (Wed) at Mayfair
November 3 (Sat) Swap Fest, at the Waukesha County Expo Center
November 21 (Wed) at Mayfair, critique meeting for Swap Fest
December 22 (Sat) at Mayfair, Christmas Party. (This date may be changed)

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

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Back when Henry Ford was building his automobiles, he said to his customers, "You can buy one in any color provided it's black." Since then, the paint industries developed ways to make paint in many different colors, including black. The MRC says you are entitled to receive a newsletter, provided it's on printed paper. Since then, there have been different ways developed to provide you with a newsletter, including printed paper. The MRC Board of Directors is encouraging its members to receive the newsletter via E-mail if they are willing and able to do so. The members who choose to continue receiving the newsletter on printed paper delivered by U.S. Mail Service will have that option. For the members who choose to receive the newsletter via E-mail, an amendment needs to be made to our bylaws. The attempt to pass a change in the bylaw at the last meeting was defeated. Please read the bylaw changes in this newsletter; they are not the same proposed changes as voted on at the last meeting.

Speaking of the last meeting, I showed you a multicoupler that the club purchased for installation at Main Site. This has been accomplished without problems. We also did some re-cabling and some tweaking on the cavities. It was incredibly hot that day, and I want to express my sincere thanks to Gary N9UUR, Brad N9KXA, and others who stopped out to help. It turned out to be a very long day, but we did achieve the goals--plus more--we set out to do.

If you haven't heard by now, John KB9SXH, along with a bus driver, captured a thief trying to take a wallet from an elderly person. John called for police assistance with his ham radio. The thief was arrested. Way to go John. The bus driver was considered the hero by the news media, but we all know better. My suggestion is that John gets a job as a city employee in order to be properly recognized.

The Club is three hundred plus strong. There will be a motion at the next meeting to accept the applications of new members. One of the applicants lives in Florida. He passes through this area as a truck driver and found this repeater exceptionally friendly. The friendliness, as well as the large coverage, has prompted this person to join our club. Friendliness is a gift; coverage requires money. It's a fact that this repeater is recognized, listened to, and used by far more than just our Membership. You can't build a repeater today with yesterday's equipment and have a great system tomorrow. Please remember to keep up your dues.

And thank you.
Mike N9NPB

PROPOSED BY- LAW CHANGE July 18, 2001

Present article reads:
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Committees

Activities	Napoleon . . .	NOXXL	Public Service	Kate	KA9MWT
Awards	Bob	KB9YCR	Station Trustee	Warren Schall	K9IZV
Computer Net	Gary	N9UUR	Swapfest	Board	
Fun Net	Warren	K9IZV	Swap Net	Lloyd	WB9RGO
Historian.	Warren	K9IZV	Technical	Mike Borchardt	N9NPB
Membership Coord	Kate	KA9MWT	Weather	Skip	WD9HAS
Net Announcements Coord	Deb	KB9ISE	Webmaster	Open	
Newsletter	Heidi N9TUY & Bob AA9JW		Assistant - Webmaster	Rick	WD9IWK

request of any five members of the corporation.

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Proposal number one:

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2 CENTS WORTH FROM THE TREASURER... N9UUR

Hello to the over 300 members of the Milwaukee Repeater Club. Three hundred--quite a number!

The MRC is alive and well. As Chairman of The Wisconsin Association of Repeaters, I have "some" idea of the other clubs and repeater groups around the state. There are some seeing a decline of membership and interest. Not the case here.

As we grow, many small issues can become "problems". This club has grown large and then dwindled down over the years many times before. Is it a natural cycle? I don't think so. The more people who take an interest, or "own" their membership enough to get involved and have an opinion about whatever issue is at hand, the more possibility there is for a "difference of opinion". And one can never know which issue is a minor "who really cares, we're just talking'" versus a "Deal Breaker" in the mind of others.

To be absolutely clear about where I am going here, in MY opinion, the MRC Membership, and the current interpersonal make-up of the members on the Board of Directors is at a very HIGH and productive point. So I have been thinking about why we're at this point, and how to avoid another disaster (that some say this club is famous for!). So let's just talk about it. I think a basic part of the process that brought us to where we are today is open communication, and I mean no offense to ANYONE in these comments. You see, it's even hard to talk about being "open" without someone possibly thinking that "implies" others are closed.

I believe in the past, some small "issues" grew to the point of anger and frustration. And bad things can happen when tempers flair and fingers are pointed. So as we're all in a pretty happy mood these days, let's take a look at some "issues" before they become problems. Again, I'm not looking to start any major situations here, just looking at some very small embers before any flames pop up.

I have heard some "issues" about a few of the same people being on the repeater all the time. I, the Board, and the Control Ops are NOT the "Repeater Police". I do not believe it is our place or responsibility to enforce an opinion on others. This is an "open" repeater: anyone, member or not, is encouraged to use the machine. On the other hand, I also find myself frustrated at times waiting to use the machine. Yes, I know I can put my call out there and get a

break to make my contact, but I tend, like many others, to wait until the current conversation is over and the users clear until I make my call.

So what to do? After looking closely at it, I'm happy the machine is being used, and I should be frustrated only at my own timidity in not keying up. I should MAKE MY CALL, and then QSY to another of the MANY fine repeaters in the area. Or... Join the conversation (what a concept); it's easy enough to do.

I have heard some "issues" about a few of the conversations, and the "topics" of the conversations on the Repeater. The MRC has no official rules or policy about what may or may not be discussed on the repeater that I am aware of, except for the restriction on the discussion of "prices" on the air when selling gear on the Sunday Swapnet. Our Control Ops use a general "Common Sense" criteria in this area, but the Control Ops are there to control the machine on a FCC regulation level; again, we're NOT the "Repeater Police". On the other hand, I also have found some conversations, and "references to women" within these conversations, upsetting. On a few occasions, personally offensive. But this is a matter of "taste" at some level. A city or community expresses its opinion in the matters of taste and "proper conduct", what is acceptable or not to the population, via its laws and courts. For example, George Carlin was hailed around the country as a rising star for his 1970's comedy routine featuring "Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television", but in Milwaukee, he was arrested.

So what to do? I think in this area, the entire 300 members of the MRC can be considered a "community" and is well within its rights (as the owner/operator of the machine) to set, or express its opinion on what is in "inappropriate taste". I would also offer that "Proper Amateur Radio Practice" as set out and IMPLIED in the FCC rules, and the added interpretations of those rules by the ARRL, is a good starting point. In addition, I have dealt with and attended seminars on sexual harassment and interpersonal relations in my workplace (a university which, of course, must be very careful and aware of these issues). I

would offer that a few of the conversations I have heard HAVE crossed my personal line of "bad taste" and "inappropriate behavior". On one occasion I have taken the repeater off line, on a few others I have immediately picked up the phone and called the individual(s) involved, in others I have sent e-mail's. I have tried to be polite, and expressed my view and opinion about what within the conversion concerned me. Most of these talks have met with good results, apologies, or comments such as, "We just were having fun and went too far...". I would encourage all of you as the MRC "Community" to make your opinions known on this issue; don't internalize it, don't turn the other way. My general rule of thumb is that I never want to hear anything on the Repeater, or any Amateur Radio band that I would not want my 12 year old niece, or 90 year old mother to hear.

I have heard some "issues" about the "jammer", and when is the Board going to do something about it. This is an extremely difficult question to answer. Every MRC board I have ever been on or around has had this as an agenda point. Contact has been made with the local ARRL OO's, the ARRL Section Manager, the ARRL National office, and the FCC. Things have been tried and done; more is in progress. The people involved and the plans that are in place MUST remain secret, known to only a few and kept in confidence. The Club's stance is to ask you to use higher power when needed, and ignore the jamming. Do not even acknowledge it as it only serves to feed their egos. And believe me when I tell you... Someday someone around here will lose a license and some cash, but it has to be done "right", and by the FCC. Accusations and finger pointing will only serve to fuel the problem; it is difficult, but please just ignore it.

There are other "issues" I'm sure. I ask you to think about what your biggest concerns with the MRC are at this time. Try to find an answer that makes sense and is fair to all involved. Be proactive, speak your opinion, call a Board Member, call the others involved with

your concern, ask to address the Membership at a Club meeting. Please don't let your ember grow to a flame. We're in a very good place now, and with a little respect, and some continued cooperation, there is no reason in the world that we can't stay here for a very long time.

And now it's time to do a swapfest. See you when my head gets above water again!

N9UUR

TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT YOUR MAILING LABEL!

Your current dues status is printed on it! No more trying to remember if your dues are paid.

The Milwaukee Repeater Club will be dropping members who have not renewed for 2001, and starting work on producing the 2001 ROSTER soon. We hope to publish the 2001 ROSTER in the next newsletter. Please take a look at your mailing label, if it says "SUSP" you are in Suspension for 2001 and need to send in your dues. If you have any questions, send me an e-mail at n9uur@wi.rr.com, or give me a call 414 355-6922. If you have received this newsletter, we have your address correct... so there would be no need for you the completely fill out the application / renewal form again. Just write your callsign on the memo line of your check and send it in. If you have an e-mail address, or other information change you need to get into the database, please include a note... or use the form.

Thanks & 73, Gary

MRC MEETING MINUTES JULY 18, 2001

Meeting called to order by Mike, N9NPB, club president. Introductions were made by all.

1. New Members: Motion made by KB9RLB and seconded by N9RXD to accept the following for MRC membership; K9IKE Ike, W9GC John,

W9ACF Jeff, KA9JBD Mike, KB9ZOS Pat (member number 300), KB9ZEZ Bob, KA9MBM Mike, KB9FNH Cheryl, and KB9WNT Jerry. Motion passed. Welcome to all. The club now has over 300 members.

2. News Letter: Motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting as printed was made by N6NKO and seconded by N9UUR. Decision occurred and Warren K9IZV pointed out a spelling error. Summated should have been submitted. A second motion was made by N9KWW and seconded by KB9MMC to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

3. Technical: Mike, N9NPB, showed off the new Decibel Products, a multi coupler, which will be used at the main site. Mike explained to the club how the unit works. The cost of the unit new is around \$4200.00 which includes the spare pre-amp. Dave Karr purchased this at Dayton Hamfest at a cost to the club for \$150.00. Mike hopes to have this installed along with recabling of the radio cabinet soon.

3a. Mike, N9NPB, went into detail of why the repeater went into battery backup on July 5th. Mike found a bad coax connection coming from the power amp putting RF back into the cabinet.

3b. Mike, N9NPB, is asking for information and letters from various organizations that Amateur Radio provides a service. He wants to take this to the Waukesha County Board to see if they will allow us to place the main site equipment at their tower.

4. Club Inventory: A physical audit is being done at all sites in order to make sure the club has enough replacement insurance coverage. As of the last audit the replacement value of the main site equipment was \$18000.00, this could go up to \$28000.00.

5. Financial: As of July 16, 2001 the roster stood at 295 members, 212 voters and 83 in suspension. Checking account balance \$12,403.39. Total of all accounts \$12,563.39. Actual available funds \$4,542.03. Motion to accept the financial report as made by Gary, N9UUR, was made by KF9QD and seconded by N9KXA. Motion passed.

6. Hamfest: Gary, N9UUR, has the Hamfest flyers printed and are available to handout. A possible direct mailing of the flyer to new hams, in the area, might

be done. Gary would get the names and addresses of these hams from the FCC database.

7. Activities: The date for the club picnic was not printed in the newsletter. The date is August 26th at Hoyt Park. Get the word out on the repeater since there is no newsletter until after the picnic. This is bring your own food, drink and a dish to pass. There are grills on site and a HF station will be set up. The club is two states away from the work allstates award.

8. By Law Changes: The secretary read the current Article IV By Law along with each proposed change. It was noted that a 2/3 majority of those present was needed to pass either proposal. There are 51 people present, 41 voters and 4 non-members, 31 votes are needed to pass either change.

Proposal number 1: 20 Yes votes.

Proposal number 2: 19 Yes votes. Since there was no majority both proposals failed.

9. Old Business: None.

10. New Business: Mike N9NPB, made the following appointments; Warren K9IZV is now the club historian. Bob KB9YCR is now the awards chairman. Appointments were approved by the membership.

10a. Mike KB9TPT reports that he has three t-shirts left to sell from field day. Size is 3x and cost \$12.00. Mike gave a BIG THANK YOU to all that were at Field Day.

10b. Warren, K9IZV, spoke about his documentation he had made on the activity of the jamming of the repeater from July 11th to the 17th.

10c. John, KB9SXH, read a statement he had prepared to the membership apologizing to the club for some of his operating practices on the repeater. It took courage for John to do this and a big round of applause was given.

11. Field Day: Napoleon, N0XXI, gave summary of the Field Day activities. The totals have not been calculated but it looks like the club scored around 300 points, 800 plus contacts and 1000 bonus points. There were 210 people that attended throughout the weekend, 89 non-hams and 121 hams. Napoleon would like to hold this event at different

parks each year. Kb9ZAG made the banner. EILEEN KB9ZHV and JANET KB9ZAG did the Saturday night fun net from the Field Day site.

12. Two proposed By Law changes to Article IV were given to Mike, N9NPB, and will be published in the next newsletter and voted on at the next regular club meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 9:20p.m. Was made by N9KXA and seconded by N9RXD.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Tom Schulte, KB9RLB
Club Secretary

RAMBLINGS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT...

Wow! Just when I thought Field Day was over for this year and I could take a break, it's Swap Fest time again. This year's Swap Fest will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2001 at the Waukesha County Expo Center in Waukesha. Now that you have the date and place, I will give you a minute to go mark your calendar. Times up!!!! Everything is the same as last year except no separate Computer Expo. Without the Computer Expo in the north hall we will have lots of extra room for tables. So, pull all the old stuff you no longer need out of the closet, the garage, the trunk of your car, or wherever else it has been hiding, dust it off and turn it into some extra cash at the swap fest. If you need table info, check out the Club website or call N9UUR to reserve your table now, before they are all gone. Hope to see you there!!!!

In case you missed the last meeting, we have two new committee chairmen to announce: Warren, K9IZV as Club Historian and Bob KB9YCR as Awards Committee Chairman. Congratulations to both Warren and Bob. If you are interested in helping out on these committees, contact Warren or Bob.

Hats off to the Technical Committee "again". They spent the better part of a day out at the main site doing all kinds of cool stuff to make the repeater even better than it was!!! The new

multicoupler is in and working along, with a lot of other necessary changes to make everything run smoothly. So next time you hear one of the Technical Committee on the repeater, remember to say thanks for all their hard work and dedication to make this the best repeater in southeastern Wisconsin.

At the last meeting two proposed bylaw changes were voted upon and both failed. There are similar changes that have been submitted and will be voted upon at the next meeting. Please take time to read the changes and make it to the meeting to ask questions and vote on the bylaw changes. These changes are important for the club to move ahead in the fast paced technological world in which we live. Every vote counts and, as a member of the Milwaukee Repeater Club, it is your time to cast your vote to make the changes necessary to propel us into the future.

Last but not least, time is growing short to renew your membership to the Milwaukee Repeater Club Inc. So check out your mailing label and, if you haven't sent in your 2001 dues, please do so now. Our membership has grown to over 300 members, but to keep the roster over 300 we still have about 80 members that need to renew their dues for 2001. Let's keep the roster over 300 and get in those dues!!! See you at the September meeting.

Mike, KB9TPT

BANNER CONTEST

I NEED YOUR HELP!!! The MRC Board is finally ready to purchase a banner for the Club. We all sat around at the last board meeting trying to pin the responsibility for the layout of the banner on someone, and since no one would take responsibility for this monumental task, we decided to pass the buck!! First we were going to make N0XXL do it because he wasn't there to say no, but we felt sorry for him. Yeah, that's right, we "wimped out". So, since we are a bunch of chickens, it is your turn to shine. So get out the crayons and put on your thinking caps to help us come up with a banner layout. The rules are simple, so even the simple (like me) can participate. Rule # 1: There are no rules! Just get

the Club logo and whatever else you can think of to fit on a 3' X 8' banner. Life-size entries will be disqualified only 'cause I ain't carrying it around. You can e-mail your entry to me at Mikekb9tpt@aol.com, mail them to the club P.O. Box, hand them to me at the September membership meeting, or use carrier pigeon (extra credit will be given for carrier pigeon submissions). All entries must be received by September 15th. The Club will choose the best entries at the September meeting and the Board will pick the winner at the October board meeting. The winner of the contest gets a picture of the banner they helped create and an all expense paid trip to the destination of their choice. Wait a minute here, we can't give away a trip, so I guess you will just have to settle for the picture of you and the banner. Good luck--and happy coloring.

Mike, KB9TPT

BAY VIEW CYCLING CLASSIC

The 12th Bay View Cycling Classic was on Sunday, July 15 and the MRC repeater was used for communications from about 6 am until about 2 pm. Proceeds from this ride have been donated to the Bay View Police Department Bike Patrol; community charities; and bicycle awareness programs. It was a hot day, but thanks to some members of the MRC and the ham community, the ride was almost flawless! I would like to thank the following people who volunteered:

N9DFE, Alan; N9HIP, Jack; KB9ISE, Deb; K9IZV, Warren; N9KXA, Brad; N9NMR, Carl; N9NPB, Mike; N9RPR, Walt; N9RXD, Al; KB9SXH, John ; KB9TPT, Mike; N9UUR, Gary; KB9YCR, Bob; KB9ZHV, Eileen; KB9ZOS, Pat; and N9ZXS, Don.

Special thanks go to KB9TPT, Mike and N9RPR, Walt who came prepared to use their own vehicles for sags due to a last minute shortage! I would also like to thank N0XXL, Napoleon and KB9WYX, Alex for being our eyes and ears on the route while they participating in the ride. (Alex, by the way, finished a good 5 minutes ahead of his father!) Hope to see you all next year!

73, Jeananne
N9VSV

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 aa9jw@amsat.org



The Milwaukee Repeater Club Presents... *our 17th Annual Swapfest!*

AMATEUR RADIO Fest 2001

HAM RADIO, COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS

Saturday November 3, 2001
8:00 am. to 2:00 pm.

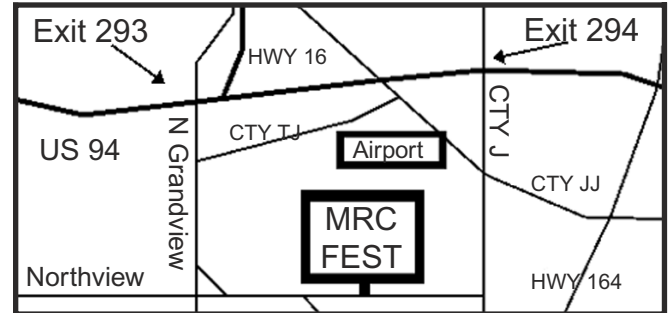
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