



# October - 2002

## Officers

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under the callsign K9IZV.  
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## Meeting Notice...

**October 19** (Sat) 7:00pm -- Oak Creek location Topic: General business

## 2002 Club Calendar...

**November 2** (Sat) Swap Fest, at the Waukesha County Expo Center

**Board Meetings:** Call a board member for date, time, and location of the meeting.

### 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...

On September 11, 2001 an act of terrorism greatly affected our country. As a result the President asked all Americans to help out in many different ways. Volunteerism as another part of Homeland Defense. One year has passed since that horrible day and what have we done to prepare for other terrorist acts? The President appointed

Tom Ridge as Director of Homeland Security, and millions of dollars have been allocated for training volunteers to serve. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has dusted off the old Civil Defense training manuals to address the new threats we face, post Cold War. Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) has applied for and received federal dollars for funding training opportunities within the State. So what have we done as Amateur Radio operators, specifically the Milwaukee Repeater Club? The preamble of our constitution states in part... *to serve emergency communications needs for Southeastern Wisconsin... to conduct programs and activities so as to enhance the value of its communications system to civil authorities and citizens of Southeastern Wisconsin.* Our Constitution has been around long before the actions of September 11<sup>th</sup>, yet we have not aggressively pursued the goals of the President or of our Constitution. We seem to have limited our view of emergency communications to weather reporting and traffic accidents, only to have a dispatcher advise that someone called in on a cell phone to report the incident. Severe weather reporting is an important aspect of the services we have to offer, but it is not the only service we can provide. If we are to truly provide Emergency Communications, we must expand our focus to more than just T.L.C.S. We have the ability to do so much more. This summer the MRC had an opportunity to assist People & Paws in a mock Search and Rescue (SAR) exercise at Bong State Recreation Area. It was a great exercise that gave 18 of us an opportunity to participate and learn a few things. Not everyone had to run through the woods with a dog team, there are many ways to

assist in an emergency. No matter your license class or physical ability, volunteers are always needed. I am asking everyone to answer the call for volunteerism and become part of the solution to making our country a stronger and safer place. We must move forward and prepare ourselves to provide our unique service. As we establish working relationships with other organizations, we become better prepared to answer any call that may come. Well better late than never! I have established a new committee to work on the issues of emergency operations and training of our members. Emergency Operations & Training Committee. Gary Grant (N9MGJ) is the coordinator of the group and will work on developing relationships with other emergency responders as well as develop a plan for recurring training of the Membership. I ask that you all look at the opportunities that will develop for training and come out and assist any way you can. Additionally, anyone who has an interest in traffic handling over the National Traffic System utilizing HF frequencies please contact me; help is needed in that area as well.

See you on the Radio!  
Napoleon NOXXL

## Hello from KB9ZAG...

I hope everyone had a great summer. As usual it went by too quickly for me, and I am not looking forward to winter, other than I want to announce that the holiday party will be Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00pm at the American Legion Hall on 92<sup>nd</sup> and Beloit.

I would ask that everyone bring a dish to pass. We will also be presenting the club awards that night as well. (Please let Bob AB9FB know if there is anyone you would like to see receive an award of any type.)

## Committees

Activities	Janet	KB9ZAG
Awards	Bob	KB9YCR
Computer Net	Gary	N9UUR
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	Board	
Swap Net	Lloyd	WB9RGO
Technical	Mike Borchardt	N9NPB
Weather	Skip	WD9HAS
Co-Webmaster	Gary	N9UUR
Co-Webmaster	Richard	K9RWE

You can email him at KB9YCR@aol.com  
 Hope you can all make it. We will be raffling off the MRC quilt, have door prizes, music and lots of fun!

### Dayton/Hamvention 2003

Well, I only heard from about 7 people on the possibility of a bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention next May. So maybe, after the first of the year, I will bring this up again and see what happens.

I will not be able to attend the next club meeting and would like to thank in advance Maureen KB9VLJ and Mary KC9AST for making sure there will be snacks there. Also a special thanks to them both for all the extra time and effort they put into the MRC quilt to make sure it will be complete for the holiday party.

73's  
 Janet

## Emergency Operations & Training

The Emergency Operations & Training Committee will be a group of individuals who have an interest in providing emergency communications. There are many opportunities in S.E. Wisconsin for Hams to assist civil authorities. As we participate in exercises with these groups we become better trained to provide communication services. The first official function of the committee was to attend the Boy Scout Disaster Preparedness exercise held in Kenosha and Racine counties. Approximately 408 people participated in the exercise, individuals from the Civil Air Patrol, Wisconsin State Troopers, Flight for Life, Racine County Fire, Kenosha Fire and Rescue, Mount Pleasant Fire, Twin Lake, Caledonia, Burlington and many others. The coordination of an exercise of this size was a great experience and we left with many ideas, as we develop our Ready Kits and lists of resources that are available to use in an emergency. We must take it one step further to actually practice with the assembled resources. We hope to have many opportunities to assist ARES with exercises as well as other emergency response organizations. If you have ideas or would like to participate in the planning of some of the practice sessions, let me know. We will need individuals to teach classes as well as evaluate the progress of exercises. Contact me for more info.

Gary N9MGJ..

## MRC Meeting Minutes September 14, 2002...

The meeting was called to order by Napoleon, NØXXL club president at 7:08pm. Those in attendance made introductions.

1. **New Members:** A motion was made by N9VSV and seconded by N9RXD to accept the following as new members of the MRC; Joe N9UX, Chris KD9HD and Fennell KA3TOR. Motion passed. Welcome new members.
2. **Technical:** Gary, N9UUR stated that 95% of the system is up. The Northwest site still has a problem getting the RF signal back to the main site. The radio at the Northeast site failed and has been replaced. Cost to repair the Henry Amp was \$80. The finals had to be replaced. It is unknown if we had a possible lightning strike or if it was the 21 hours of kerchucking. The Henry amp bypass relays were replaced with one purchased from Doweast Microwave. The cost was \$195.
3. **Newsletter:** A motion was made by N9VSV and seconded by N9WSZ to approve the July minutes as published. Motion passed.
4. **Treasurer Report:** The full 2002 roster is at 289 with 237 voters and 52 in suspension. The club by-laws allow the club to drop those in suspension after 6 ½ months from the annual meeting. Gary, N9UUR stated he would wait a while before sending out letters to those in suspension. Some of them will possibly renew at the swapfest. Everyone received a newsletter by mail in order to receive a swapfest flyer, the Charter and shows your dues status. We need 5 more members to renew their dues to meet this year's budgeted amount. Total of all accounts is \$13,214.90 and actual expendable funds are \$4,721.41. The Field Day fund is lower this year than last year because food had been bought with the funds money. Gary also stated that we are under budget for all budgeted items.
5. **Swapfest:** Gary got a deal on getting the flyers printed, \$99 for 5,000. See Gary and get your flyers to post around town and give to friends.

There will be a group going to Gray's Lake hamfest on September 21<sup>st</sup> to hand out flyers and to talk to the vendors to get them to our fest. Gary has sent out letters to the vendors who have attended our fest in the last 5 years, inviting them to attend our swapfest in November.

6. **Activities:** Janet, KB9ZAG stated that this Christmas party would be at the American Legion Post on 92<sup>nd</sup> and Beloit on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost to rent the hall is \$150, which was donated by an anonymous donor. JOTA, Jamboree on the Air, will be happening on October 19-20. Napoleon stated that the Girl Scouts Council would be contacted to see if they would like to participate in this event. He will be attending a council meeting to explain to them what Amateur is. He will be looking for volunteers to help with the setup and to work the HF radios. An Amateur Radio display will be set up at the Highway 50 outlet mall on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Janet stated that she will not be at the October club meeting but will find someone to bring the refreshments.
7. **Old Business:** The application for a new club call sign has been sent in. The club has a FRN number and is waiting for the club license to arrive. Bob, AB9FB is looking for nominations for this year's club awards. So far he has one nomination. The awards are for The Friendly One and Outstanding service. Other awards could be given out also. The award committee will make the discussion on who gets the awards. Send your nominations to AB9FB@aol.com.
8. **New Business:** Gary, N9UUR explained that the Control Op's Charter Document is a set of guidelines for the control op. The document being voted on is different than the one everyone received in the mail. The change is that in three places the phrase "with prior notice in the newsletter" was added on the suggestion of K9IZV at the Board meeting. The Board agreed and so it was added. A motion was made by KB9EWG and seconded by KB9WNS to accept the Control Op's Charter Document with the change, the added phrase "with prior notice in the newsletter". Discussion

on the Charter occurred. Anyone who wanted a chance to voice his or her opinion was given a turn by Napoleon, NØXXL. The Board did not have a voice in putting the Charter together. The Board recommends the Charter to the membership. After all opinions were made, Napoleon, NØXXL called for a vote. Those in favor 20. Those opposed 11 and one abstained. Motion passed. A question was asked, what is happening with the KB9ECA problem with him interrupting the nets? It was stated that individuals had talked with him. It was also stated that there are no guidelines in place telling a control op how to handle a situation when someone wants to make a call on the repeater when an emergency net is in progress or any of the MRC nets. The discussion is up to the control op. A list of Control Op's will be published in the newsletter.

- A. **Name Badges:** KB9YCN suggested that the club purchase name badges with the logo "The Friendly One" on them. Napoleon appointed KB9YCN chairman of the Name Badge committee. Steve will get prices for them.
- B. Janet, KB9ZAG wants to know if we should have more programs that are hands on at a different time than at the regular club meeting, possibly having the program before the business meeting or on a week day /Saturday instead of after the meeting.
- C. Napoleon spoke about Home Land defense and what we have done to prepare ourselves for events that occurred on 9-11-2001. What has the MRC done? He stated that we need to expand ourselves in other services other than severe weather reporting and hold emergency drills. Napoleon then made a new committee position and appointed

Gary, N9MGJ chairman of the Emergency Operation and Training. Give Gary all your support. Gary will be asking everyone to respond to a survey in order to build a resource book on the type of emergency equipment each of us have. There will also be some training exercises to help us prepare ourselves for an emergency.

- D. Jeff, KB9YXP from PAW'S gave a short talk on the search and rescue exercise at Bong that some of club members participated in.
- E. AL, N9RXD is looking for volunteers, 12-15, for the American Diabetes Walk at Whitnall Park on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to adjourn by KB7QDI and seconded by N9MGJ. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Schulte, AB9EK  
MRC Secretary

Newsletter...

Send articles, reports, comments, suggestions and corrections to Bob AA9JW or Heidi N9TUY Manak ☎ 262 544-6151 or Email aa9jw@amsat.org

**The Milwaukee Repeater Club Inc.  
P.O. Box 2123, Milwaukee, WI 53201  
Membership / Renewal Application**

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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!



The Milwaukee Repeater Club Presents... *our 18th Annual Swapfest!*

# AMATEUR RADIO Fest 2002

## HAM RADIO, COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS

**Saturday November 2, 2002**  
**8:00 am. to 2:00 pm.**

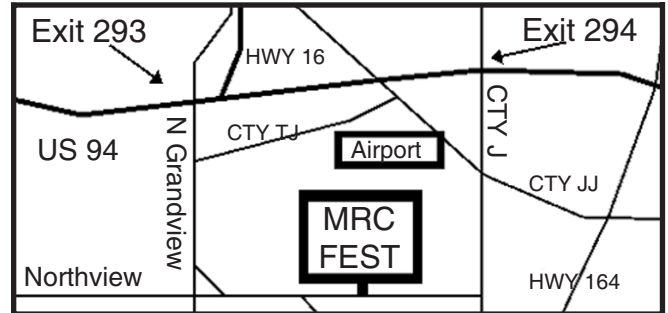
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Browse our Web Page at: <http://www.mrc91.org>

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**5:00 AM**

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