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MEETINGS NOTICE

Oct. 26 (Thurs) 7:00pm--the annual swapfest planning Meeting. All members interested in helping with details of the swapfest should be sure to attend this meeting. Meeting located at the Mayfair community room.

2000 CLUB CALENDAR

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: The past couple of weeks we have spent much time getting things up to speed with the Amateur Radio / Computer Expo. Everything is slowly coming together as we get closer to November 4th. Al, N9RXD is taking names of those who want to volunteer to work the show. The kitchen staff, Milt - Margee - Pat and Sue are ready at the helm to feed the hungry. Gary, N9MGJ is working on collecting door prizes. Anyone wishing to help is sure welcome to jump aboard. This year there will once again be admission tickets as well as door prizes. Lloyd WB9RGO is ready to man the mic to announce the stub drum winners. The layout will be a little

different than last year. The Computer Expo will take place in the North Hall and the South and East Halls will be used by the swap fest vendors.

Last year we had a class "B" license for the raffle tickets. This meant the tickets could only be sold the same day as the drawing. This year we have a class "A" license which means we can do pre-sales. The tickets are printed and ready to be sold. If you wish to sell tickets or purchase them for yourself, let anyone on the Board know. Tickets are \$2.50 each or a book of ten for \$20.00. Realistically folks, there is the potential for making more money on the raffle tickets than what the Expo brings in. The drawing will take place before the Christmas party at Mayfair Mall, December 16th.

Anyone who attended the last membership meeting knows that the bylaw change to increase the dues from \$12.00 to \$20.00 per year was passed. Personally, I didn't want to see the dues increase even though I voted for it. Over the past five years, we have jumped huge hurdles to rebuild the repeater system. We started the Capital Improvement Fund to purchase the Henry power amp, new transmitter, larger circulator, inspect the feedline and have the jumper from the feed line to the antenna replaced, and hardware needed to increase our transmitting power. To you generous people who have, and continue to contribute to the fund, I give my deepest and heart-filled thank you. The reason for the Capital Improvement Fund was to raise money for the necessary improvements to the system without having to change our dues. Our system has had no failures this year. The Technical Committee has not spent one dime on the system this year for repairs. But, the big kick in the head was when the tower rent increased by threefold from \$50.00 to \$150.00 per month. This increase in rent came without warning and is probably just a shot in front of our bow as to what's to come. It's a fact that the tower we are on is going to be replaced soon. This will mean moving off the existing tower on to the new one at the cost of feed line, antenna, and possibly higher rent. I have been and will continue to look into the possibilities of securing a different location for the main site. But until our expenses come back down, or we can find alternative income to off set the rent, the dues increase was our only choice to make ends meet. If our situation changes, if we can reliably generate more income or lower our expenses, I will be the first to submit a bylaw change to lower the dues.

Thank You Mike N9NPB

FROM THE ACTIVITIES MANAGER...

Mr. Bob Paquette, Sr., of Select Sound Service, made an excellent presentation about the history of microphones at the last MRC membership meeting on September 9th in Oak Creek. Bob has an encyclopedic knowledge of microphones of all kinds -- from manufacturer and model number to the internal mechanisms and how it was used. His slide presentation was fascinating and he even brought along a copy of his book on microphones. Bob is the owner of the world's largest private museum of microphones, located at his warehouse on First and National in Milwaukee. MRC members interested in viewing his collection, which also includes vintage televisions, phonographs, t.v. cameras and similar equipment, can do so by appointment. Just call Select Sound Service at 414 645-1600 and ask for Bob Senior. It's definitely worth the trip!

Don't forget Saturday November 4th! That's our Amateur Radio and Computer Expo 2000 from 8 am to 3 pm. We need lots of hands to help out on this day, so please call any Board member to volunteer. Come to our Expo Planning Meeting on Thursday, October 26 at 7 p.m. to find out what you can do to make this the most successful Expo yet. This year we are selling raffle tickets in advance of and also after the event, with some really great prizes. The grand prize is your choice of a trip for two to Hawaii or Ireland, or a large screen 50" television. The winning tickets will be drawn at the annual MRC Christmas Party at Mayfair on Saturday, December 16. That means there is plenty of time for everyone to help out, even if you are only able to sell raffle tickets to your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers. This year we have the added incentive of cash prizes for members who sell tickets IF we sell over 2500 tickets (as a club). Anyone who sells at least 5 packets of 10 tickets (that's only 50!) is eligible for a random drawing of \$100, \$250 to the person who sells the most tickets, and there will also be prizes for the lucky people who sell the Grand, First, Second and Third prize-winning tickets. Contact Mike Zore KB9PHA to get your tickets and start selling!

See you all at the next meeting,

--Sally KB9LSP Activities Manager

Ed: Because of space constraints in this newsletter the 9/9/2000 meeting minutes will be published in the next issue and will be available for review at the next meeting.

Raffle

As many of you heard at the last general membership meeting, MRC is running a raffle in addition to this year's Fest as a secondary fundraiser. Unlike the raffle we ran at the Fest last year, this year we are the proud possessor's of a Class A Raffle license, allowing us to sell tickets outside the Fest.

One other big difference this year is that so we've gone out and come up with a list of prizes that should twist the heads (and checkbooks) of many of your friends and co-workers. To make sure that the raffle prizes are of interest to the widest range of people, we've come up with the "Winner's Choice" awards idea: Winners in each drawing can choose which item they would like to take home. For example, if you love sun and surf, you could spend next year in Hawaii. Can't take the heat? If your ticket won the Grand Prize, you could choose to tip back a cool pint of Guinness at a pub in Ireland. Rather stay home? Choose the mondo 50" screen Home Entertainment Display (didn't we just call those TV's before?) and take on outer space in a way that will make you think Darth Vader just parked in your living room.

To make sure we have plenty of winners, we will have one Grand Prize, one First Prize, Two Second Prizes, and five Third Prizes. In the mix, you should find something for everyone (hey, there's even a Harley in the list!!!).

Tickets will sell in packs of 10 for \$20 or individually for \$2.50 each. To insure proper and legal accounting for our ticket sales, each member will "sign-out" a pack of tickets by range of ticket number – you must return the stubs and cash OR unsold tickets. Period. Take what you need, but please try not to lose any. It makes life tough for us and expensive for you.

Tickets are available now and I will drop them off at your door if you need more. Please e-mail (MZore@SterlingTech.Net) or call (877-MRC-FEST) to sign up for the number of tickets you'll need. If you run out, I'll get more to you as soon as possible. You can also contact nearly any board member or pick them up from several locations. I also have a few brochures listing the prizes and some info about MRC that can help answer the "Why should I buy these?" question.

So, do you feel lucky?

We hams love to brag. We love telling everyone how well our location hits main site. We love to track QSL cards to show how much of the world we can contact using only a few electromagnetic waves. Our whole hobby is built with the idea that we should encourage each other on to new challenges, better ways to operate, and more significant ways to influence the world around us. So, have we got a deal for you!

MRC will be having our own in-house promotion related to the raffle. While it's not part of the raffle, we want to encourage all of you hard-working club members that put effort into events like Friendly Fest year after year without recognition. This year, we'd like to recognize some of the help you provide by having a little sales contest.

To help motivate us, provided we sell over 2500 tickets, a couple of additional cash sales performance awards will also be made. The person who **sold** a prize-winning ticket will receive a cash award from the club as follows: \$250 for Grand prize, \$100 for first, \$50 for second, and \$10 for third. A \$250 prize will be awarded to the person that sold the most tickets, and a \$100 prize will be awarded randomly to a drawing for anyone that sells at least 5 packs of tickets. **These awards do not require you to buy anything**, just simply offer the chance to win to your friends, enemies, co-workers, neighbors – heck, even other radio clubs!!! The odds of winning our sales contest are between 1:70 to 1:1000, odds that would make Las Vegas bookmakers drool.

Now, you could sell tickets directly but, instead, think teamwork. Anyone with our blessing can sell these tickets. Send them to work with your spouse. Have your kids force their fellow school kids to buy them. Walk your dog around the block tied to a sign that says "Follow me to Ireland". Play poker and bet your winning ticket stub (really, if you think that pair of sixes will win, you're a shoe-in for the Grand Prize!), then make the losers buy tickets. Set up a table in the parking lot of Potowotomi Bingo. Be creative: the possibilities are endless.

If you've sold your tickets and need more or just have questions about the process, I'll be available to help answer them, so feel free to let me know via email (MZore@SterlingTech.Net) or via phone (work: 414-454-0654x205 is the best place to get me).

Thanks,

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