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Meeting Notice...

October 15 (Wed) 7PM Meeting, (Swap Fest planning) Mayfair location.

2003 Club Calendar...

November 1 (Sat) Swapfest 8AM to 2:00PM. at the Waukesha County Expo Center, Forum Building.

November 19 (Wed) 7PM Meeting, Mayfair (Swap Fest Debrief)

November 30 (Sun) 5PM Christmas party at the American Legion Hall, 9159 W. Beloit Rd, Milwaukee. We would ask everyone to bring a dish to pass or beverages.

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.

Swapfest News

The 19th Annual Milwaukee Repeater Club Swapfest will be held November 1, 2003 at the Waukesha County Expo Center.

Preparations for the Swapfest are proceeding nicely. We have passed out flyers at recent fests, and I would like to thank everyone who has helped. Table sales are coming along; we expect to have more as we get closer to the fest.

We are still looking for more volunteers to help with setup and operations. If you can help, please contact Bob AB9FB or me at 414-762-0396 or on the air with your T-shirt size. Assignments will be given out at the MRC meeting on October 15.

I encourage everyone to talk up the fest, and come out and join us for the fun on November 1.

73, Joe N9UX

Nominating Committee

I have been re-appointed Nominating Committee Chair for this year and I need your help. We try to reach all our club members by telephone, e-mail (or other private means), to ask the following questions: Would they like to run for club elective office or would they like to nominate someone else for club elective office. Can you help make those phone calls, in the next two months? Elections are at our January meeting. The nominating report goes in the newsletter which has a deadline of early December. Volunteers for this committee would call between 10 and 20 people, depending on how many volunteers we have. If you would like to

volunteer for this important work, contact me on 146.91- or leave a message on 414-444-4589 24 hours a day.

Thank You! Warren K9IZV

IT'S TIME TO VOTE!!!

What a great opportunity to get on the repeater! I am asking each and every one of you to call or e-mail me your recommendations for the 2003 MRC "The Friendly One" and Community Service awards.

When you are listening to the "91", who do you hear? Who seems to be on the radio when new people give out their callsigns? Who brings out the best in amateur radio over the air? Name someone that is always available for community service functions.

You can e-mail me your answers at kb7qdi@yahoo.com or call me at 414-507-8939. Your recommendations will be discussed at the next awards committee meeting, and all awards will be handed out at the 2003 MRC Christmas Party in December.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Until then,

73 de Dean KB7QDI

MRC Meeting Minutes September 13, 2003

Location: Wauwatosa Savings in Oak Creek. Napoleon, NØXXL, Club President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. All present introduced themselves. A motion was made by Maureen KB9VLJ and seconded by Dean KB7QDI that we reconvene the meeting in

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	Leroy WD9HOT
Technical	Mike Borchardt N9NPB
Weather	Skip WD9HAS
Co-Webmaster	Gary N9UUR
Co-Webmaster	Richard K9RWE

20 minutes at Nick's located at 6874 S. 13th Street. Motion carried. Meeting took break at 7:07 PM to reconvene at Nick's. Special thanks to Don WA9ERI for suggesting Nick's. Meeting resumed at 7:30 PM. Intros were made by those not at the Wauwatosa Savings Oak Creek location.

Reps for the Scouts: Bob Daniels and Ron Schmidt from Pack 264 came to the meeting to discuss Scout Camp in Oconomowoc. We have been invited to set up a display at their Safe Halloween. This will coincide with Jamboree on the Air. The Scout Camp will be October 17, 18, and 19, 2003 at Camp Indian Mound Reservation (IMR) 30 miles west of Milwaukee off of I-94 and Rout 67. For those participating, Cabins and meals will be provided. There is more information on the MSN Community page or you can contact Bob Daniels at (414) 481-8367 or e-mail the pack at pack264milw@yahoo.com. Dave KB9EWG is the point of contact for this event.

New Members: A motion was made by Dave, KB9EWG and seconded by Gary, N9MGJ to accept the following for membership to the MRC: Mike Harris KC9CMT and Jody Lederman KC9EOX. Motion passed. Later in the evening, a motion was made by Dave, KB9EWG and seconded by Gary KC9AYO to accept the following for membership to the MRC: Bob Gallegos KC9EOZ, Diane Gallegos KC9EOY, and Brad Smith WW9WWW. Motion passed. Welcome to our new members.

Newsletter: A motion was made by Dean KB7QDI and seconded by Al N9RXD that the minutes from the May 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 263 with 187 voters and 76 in suspension. Total of all accounts is \$13,141.28 and actual expendable funds are \$4,177.59. We currently have no outstanding debt. Notes: We paid for the Henry Amplifier Repair and the Tower Rental for August, September and October. The books for the MRC library in Memory of Don KB9VMA will be purchased this week.

Christmas Party: The Christmas Party will be held Sunday, November 30th at 5 PM. The location will be the American Legion Hall on 92nd and Beloit. There was a motion by Maureen KB9VLJ and seconded by Dave KB9EWG for the club to pay the \$75 deposit for the Christmas Party. Motion passed.

Old Business: Echolink – This has been tabled due to FCC Part 97. We are looking for a feasible alternative and will work on the details and move forward.

New Business:

Per the Bylaws – Gary N9MGJ spoke to us regarding our bylaws and that they state that we support ARES/RACES. There will be a SET (Simulated Emergency Test) coming up on October 25th. The start time for set up is 9 AM with an official start of 9:30 AM. The 146.91 will be used as the primary repeater and 513 and 82 will be backups. 146.55 will be the simplex station. SET will involve all different counties via the repeater and there will be a roll count in each county of its 4 quadrants. We will also see how far we can go on simplex. Afterwards there will be a local SET, which will be run as a net.

Bob AB9FB and JOE N9UX discussed Swapfest. They are getting Vendor information out and ARES has signed up to participate. If you need information on the event, contact Bob and Joe at swapfest@mrc91.org. As we are an ARRL member, we are posted on the ARRL website. Under our posting is the Fox Valley's posting. They contacted us and have asked if we could help each other in spreading the word about our Swapfests. They are taking some of our flyers to an Eau Claire Swapfest. Next week, Joe N9UX is going to Grays Lake to hand out flyers. Joe and Bob are looking for Volunteers for Swapfest. We currently have the following people signed up to assist: Steve KC9ZYN, Dean KB7QDI, Warren K9IZV, Napoleon N0XXL, Al N9RXD, Janet KB9ZAG, Dave KB9EWG and Gary N9MGJ. If you would like to volunteer, contact Bob AB9FB or Joe N9UX.

Diabetes Walk Looking for Volunteers – Al N9RXD is looking for people to assist with the Diabetes Walk on October 5th. The walk starts at 9 AM but they are looking for 4 or 5 Amateur Radio Operators to volunteer their time to assist

from approximately 7 AM to Noon.

Awards Committee – Dean KB7QDI spoke about the upcoming awards that will be presented at the Christmas Party for the Friendly One and Community Service. If you would like to nominate someone, contact Dean KB7QDI. The criteria for the Friendly One is that this person comes back and says hi to new people...or anyone looking for a QSO. Community Service criteria is anyone who stands up and volunteers to help out at Field Day, Bike Rides, any community service involving Amateur Radio.

When you hear a call - Warren brought up that even though we are a busy repeater and sometimes have busy lives outside of Amateur Radio, when you hear someone put out a call, please take a moment to come back to that person even if it is for a short QSO. Remember when we put our call out, we want people to come back and talk with us even for a short time.

Contingency Plan – We looked at coming up with a contingency plan if we need to change the meeting site as was done this evening.

Election Committee - Warren K9IZV will be heading this committee and is looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please contact him on the air.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dean KB7QDI and seconded by Steve KC9AYN. The Business Meeting adjourned. Motion Carried.

Technical Program: Provided by Gary N9MGJ on Fire Safety...Having an Escape Route, How to use a Fire Extinguisher, Smoke Detectors and CO Alarms.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Zentner KB9VLJ
Club Secretary

A Note From The Secretary

For those of you who could not attend the last MRC Membership Meeting, you missed a wonderful presentation. Gary, N9MGJ, provided us with a lot of useful information on Escape Routes, Carbon Dioxide and Smoke Alarms and How to use a Fire Extinguisher.

He provided a lot of handouts and here is some information I found very enlightening.

Per an article titled Important Information from UL about Smoke Alarms; I found it interesting there are two types of alarms. Photoelectric and Ionization type alarms. "When smoke enters a photoelectric alarm, light from a pulsating light source is reflected off the smoke particles onto a light sensor, triggering the alarm signal. When smoke enters an ionization alarm, ionized air molecules attach to the smoke particles and reduce the ionizing current triggering the alarm. While photoelectric smoke alarms generally respond faster to smoldering smoke conditions and ionization smoke alarms respond faster to flaming fire conditions, both types provide adequate protection against fire. Combination smoke alarms featuring both photoelectric and ionization technology are also available at hardware, department and home improvement stores." There is also safety in numbers – "Although one smoke alarm can help save your life, several may be needed to adequately protect your home. Install UL Listed smoke alarms in or near each bedroom and sleeping area and on each additional level of your home, including the basement. Depress the button periodically to check for battery power." It also reviewed smoke alarm safety and maintenance. "Read and follow the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions exactly. Install fresh batteries in your smoke alarm at least once a year. Don't allow anyone to disconnect or "borrow" the batteries from your smoke alarms. A smoke alarm can't work unless it's connected to a power source. And if a smoke alarm's warning signal sounds, don't panic. Stay close to the floor and get out of the building. Before opening any doors, check temperature. If the door feels hot to the touch, don't open it. Use an alternative exit."

There was another article about CO Alarms by Underwriters Laboratories Inc. Here is just an overview of the article. Do you know what Carbon Monoxide is? Also known by the chemical formula "CO", it is a poisonous gas. It is a "silent killer" because it sneaks up on its victims. You can't hear, taste, smell or see CO. CO is a by-product of incomplete combustion and when inhaled, the toxic gas enters the bloodstream and replaces the oxygen molecule. It deprives the heart and brain

of necessary oxygen to function. "The following symptoms are related to carbon monoxide poisoning and should be discussed with all members of the household: Mild exposure: Often described as flu-like symptoms, including slight headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue. Medium exposure: Severe throbbing headache, drowsiness, confusion, fast heart rate. Extreme exposure: Unconsciousness, convulsions, cardiorespiratory failure, death. Many cases of reported carbon monoxide poisoning indicate that while victims are aware they are not well, they become so disorientated, that they are unable to save themselves by either exiting the building or calling for assistance. Young children and household pets are typically the first affected." How you can avoid CO poisoning is prevention by having a qualified service professional inspect your fuel-burning appliances at least once a year and install a CO alarm outside of sleeping areas and near all fuel-burning appliances. "Do CO alarms operate differently than smoke alarms? Although they may look and sound similar, CO alarms and smoke alarms are designed and intended to detect two separate, distinct hazards. Therefore, to help protect your family from both hazards, it's important to install both CO alarms and smoke detectors."

"Like smoke detectors, CO alarms need to be tested regularly and cleaned as indicated in the manufacturer's use and care booklet. If the unit operates off a battery, test the detector weekly and replace the battery at least once a year."

"What should I do if my CO alarm sounds? Immediately operate the reset/silence button and call your emergency services (fire department or 911). Move to fresh air – either go outside or move to an open door or window. Check to make sure that everyone in your household is accounted for. Do not re-enter the premises nor move always from the open door or window until the emergency services have arrived, the premises have been sufficiently aired out and your CO alarm remains in its normal condition."

Again special thanks to Gary N9MGJ for providing this program and to Don W19ERI for suggesting Nick's as a place to reconvene our membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Zentner KB9VLJ
Club Secretary

Newsletter...

Send articles, reports, comments, suggestions and corrections to Bob AA9JW or Heidi N9TUY Manak ☎ 262 544-6151, Fax 208 247-9055, or Email aa9jw@amsat.org



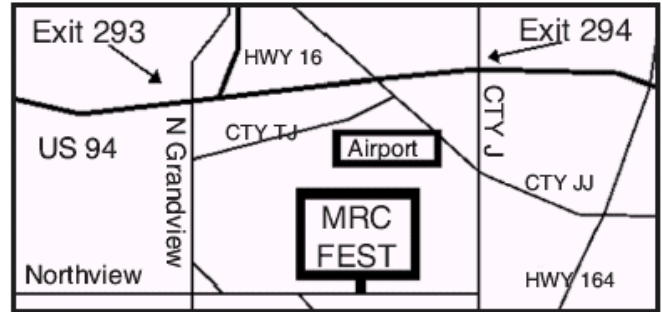
The Milwaukee Repeater Club Presents... our 19th Annual Swapfest!

AMATEUR RADIO Fest 2003

HAM RADIO, COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS

Saturday November 1, 2003
8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Waukesha County Expo Center Forum Buildings
N1 W24848 Northview Rd., Waukesha Wisconsin
Admission: \$6.00
Tables: \$15.00 per 8' table *Vendor Loadin*
Electricity: \$15.00 *5:00 AM*



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

In The North Hall – Breakfast 7:00 to 9:00 am.

Featuring our “Famous” breakfast Specials!

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice, coffee and more!

Food counter open all day with hot dogs, brats and afternoon delights.

For Further Information:

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

Send us an e-mail at: Swapfest@mrc91.org

Call Co-Swapfest Chairman Bob Albert (AB9FB) at: **414-526-7011**

Vendor Reservation – Please Print

of Tickets: _____ x \$6.00 = _____ (Each vendor must have an admission ticket)

of 8' Tables: _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Electricity: Each \$15.00 = _____ Total \$ _____ *Vendor Loadin*
5:00 AM

Company Name: _____

Name: _____ Call Sign _____

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