



# October - 2007

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certain amount of time and talent to help make the Milwaukee Repeater Club the best it can be. Include the various net control operators, committee members and responders, and it's pretty plain to see that it takes a lot to keep a great repeater great. With all that we have, we still could use more. If you have electrical or engineering knowledge (or want to), join the technical committee and help keep our repeater up and running smoothly. If you have some free time, join up and help with our upcoming swapfest. Your time will be well spent, and you'll get to see some of those people that you talk to on the repeater all the time. We're not asking a lot. For many positions it's just an hour or two a month. Any help is well appreciated.

Until next time, 73 de  
Dean KB7QDI

### From the Treasurer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contacted me in the last few months. There have been quite a few people who have graciously allowed the club to send the newsletter via email instead of sending the newsletter via US Mail. Over the year, the cost for postage, printing, and envelopes can add up to quite a bit for a club with so many members. Every single person that elects to receive the newsletter via email is helping the club by freeing up some valuable money resources. This money can be put to use on many other important items, such as new equipment and needed repairs.

If you haven't done so yet, I encourage everyone who has internet access and an email address to make the change and elect to receive the newsletter via email. If you choose the email delivery method, you will receive an email notification that the club's

website has the current newsletter posted as an Adobe Acrobat PDF file. The email will give you the website address where to get the newsletter. You can then visit the website and download a copy of the newsletter and print it out, or you can simply view the newsletter online.

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. 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.

Thank You,  
John Laske - KC9FJX

### A Note On Swapfest 2007

The time is quickly approaching for the best Swapfest we've had to date. There are a lot of exciting changes which will prove to make this years Swapfest a record breaker.

Our location has changed this year. Our Swapfest will be held on November 3, 2007 at the Elk's Lodge across the street from AES. Moving to the Elk's has lowered our hall rental prices and we are able to pass the savings along to the you. We will also be having a raffle to award some nice ham radio prizes along with our

### Meeting Notice...

**October 22** (Mon) Meeting 7:00 PM  
Topic: Emergency Preparedness by Gary N9MGJ at Wauwatosa Savings (Basement)  
6560 S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Creek, WI

### 2007 Club Calendar...

**November 3** (Sat) Swapfest at the Elks Club, 5555 W Good Hope Rd across from AES  
**November 21** (Wed) Meeting  
**Board Meetings:** Call a board member for date, time and location of the meeting.  
**Oak Creek Location**  
Wauwatosa Savings (Basement)  
6560 S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Creek, WI

### From the President

PUBLIC SERVICE..... it certainly has several meanings, depending on who you ask. Some define it as those who help out during disasters. Others, try to link public service to government work, or being an elected officials like mayors or senators. For the purposes of this article, I would like to concentrate on public service for the club. You might say that being an elected member of the board is public service, or perhaps being net control during a weather net. I think the definition can go even farther. There are several positions in this club - just look at the bottom of the first page of the newsletter. All of them, plus others, put a

## Committees

ARES Net Coord	Jeananne	N9VSV
Awards	Al	KC9IJJ
Computer Net	Dean	KB7QDI
Control Operators	Gary	N9UUR
Emer Operations & Training	Gary	N9MGJ
Fun Net	Warren	K9IZV
Historian	Warren	K9IZV
Librarian	Steve	KC9AYN
Membership Coord	Kate	KA9MWT
Net Announcements Coord	Maureen	KB9VLJ

Newsletter	Heidi N9TUY & Bob AA9JW	
Public Service	Kate	KA9MWT
Station Trustee	Warren Schall	K9IZV
Swapfest	Bob AB9FB & Matt KC9COY	
Swap Net	Leroy	WD9HOT
Technical	Mark	KB9VJQ
Weather	Skip	WD9HAS
Webmaster	Gary	N9UUR
Asst. Webmaster	Donovan	KC9FGJ

usual array of door prizes. Your admission price gets you into the Swapfest and into the raffle with one entry. We are also selling additional raffle tickets at a reduced price to give you a better chance of winning. You will need to be present to win a door prize but not for the raffle prizes.

Speaking of AES, we have teamed up with them this year to make our Swapfest even more spectacular. AES is having an ICOM open house at their location during our Swapfest, which will be attended by representatives from ICOM along with a D-STAR presentation. Many thanks to Ray Grenier of AES for all of his help in getting this organized. We will also, thanks to the gracious generosity of the MRAC testing group, be offering VE testing at AES during our Swapfest. AES is also providing us with a room to present our own seminars. I am still looking for volunteers to do presentations, so contact me with your ideas.

Let's make this the best Swapfest ever. Come to buy, come to sell, come to test, come to learn, or just come to have fun. Bottom line, BE THERE. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a table, or would like to volunteer to present a seminar or help out, please contact me as soon as possible. The best way to contact me is on my cell at 414-526-7011. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Bob Albert, AB9FB  
2007 MRC Swapfest Co-Chairman

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## MRC Meeting Minutes July 14, 2007

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### Location: Oak Creek

**Attendees:** Dean(KB7QDI), Kurt(N9DWG), Mike(K9MDJ), John(KC9FJX), Vince(KB9ZOT)  
Plus sign in list

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by N9DWG

### President Dean(KB7QDI)

Thanked everyone for attending the meeting. This is one of the few late summer meetings where we have had a quorum to conduct business.

### Vice President Kurt(N9DWG)

Motion to accept new members by Milan N9IDX, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob KC9JWZ. Motion passed.  
Welcome to Bob N9HWB, Cathy K9CAD, Allan AA9XH, Bill KC9LRG.

Awards Committee, Al KC9IJJ is looking for nominations for the awards for 2007 – The Friendly One and the 91 Community Service Award. You can contact him at [kc9ijj@arrl.net](mailto:kc9ijj@arrl.net)

### Secretary Mike (K9MDJ)

Nothing to report this meeting.

### Treasurer John(KC9FJX)

Financial report, total funds \$7104.91, expendable cash \$2439.32. Motion to accept by Bob N9HWB, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John W9AOL, Motion passed.

### Activities Manager Vince(KB9ZOT)

The picnic was very well attended. Thanks to Kate KA9MWT and everyone who attended. There were 63 people at the picnic. The Christmas party may not be at the Elks Club this year. They want it to be catered rather than pot luck due to liability concerns.

### Old Business

Technical update by Mark KB9VJQ – He is holding off buying a new amp until he can see a schematic of the amp he is looking at. Mark also stated that there appear to be some excessive losses in the main site system, and addressing these may result in a smaller amp being as effective at main site. These losses may point to problems that have traditionally caused regular failures of the amp at main site. The cavities, for one thing, appear to have some excessive loss. Mark has a set of Sinclair cavities that would need to be tuned for the 91. He will donate them to the club. Motion made by Bob N9HWB to send the cavities to New York for retuning, 2<sup>nd</sup> by KC9FMC. Motion passed.

The Swapfest will be on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Elks Club, 5555 W Good Hope Rd. in Milwaukee, right across from Amateur Electronic Supply. There will be a raffle including at least one new radio and there will be VE testing. Volunteers are needed. Contact Bob AB9FB at

[ab9fb@yahoo.com](mailto:ab9fb@yahoo.com), or Matt KC9COY at [kc9coy@themoog.com](mailto:kc9coy@themoog.com).

### New Business

Everyone is invited to an eyeball QSO at Kayla KC9KPW's Ice Cream Social on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Woodlawn Lutheran Church. \$2.50 for all the ice cream you can eat, \$2.00 if you bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.

Motion by Mike K9MDJ, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave KC9JJW, to adopt a mission statement for the Milwaukee Repeater Club, "The mission of the Milwaukee Repeater Club is to provide an amateur repeater in southeast Wisconsin for Fun, Experimentation, and Emergency Communication". Motion Passed.

Jamming – If you get a bearing and signal strength on a jammer, report it to the local Official Observer or a member of the board. Reports need the date, time, your location, and a bearing and signal strength of the jammer. The jamming has gotten worse recently and there are things being done behind the scenes to address this. This web page provides a lot of information on 2 meter direction finding for people interested in taking bearings. <http://members.aol.com/homingin/equipment.html>.

Adjourned \_8:58pm\_ By \_N9DWG\_

Respectfully submitted:  
Michael D. JONES (K9MDJ)

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## Short Notes

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### Name Badge

Anyone wishing to purchase an MRC name badge should e-mail Tom WI9TOM at [wi9tom@arrl.net](mailto:wi9tom@arrl.net). The price is \$7.75, and anything left after the badges are sent will be put in the Capital Improvement Fund.

### Yahoo! Group Page

Come visit SE Wisconsin's only Yahoo! group page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/amateurradionmilwaukee>  
It is designed specifically to promote all the great people and clubs in SE Wisconsin. It contains links to all the different clubs in the area, times and locations of the different area nets, and also an opportunity to ask a question on a ham-radio topic, or share your unique knowledge.

### 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 KC9AYN and ask what's available.

Milwaukee Repeater Club Membership Application

Type of Application \_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_ Renewal

Type of Membership \_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_ Family

(If Family: Please 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. The \$20.00 dues payment covers an entire family for MRC membership.)

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN(s) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(s) YOU USE ON THE AIR \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS OF LICENSE \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE! If there is ANY personal information that you DO NOT wish to be published into the club roster, please note it on this form.

EMAIL ADDRESS (for newsletter notification) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you would you like the Club Newsletter delivered by \_\_\_ e-mail (free of charge) or \_\_\_ U.S. Mail (additional \$5 per year)?

Are you currently an ARRL member? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

DUES:

NEW MEMBERS - January thru December	\$20.00	\$	_____
NEW MEMBERS - After July 1	\$10.00	\$	_____
ANNUAL RENEWAL -	\$20.00	\$	_____
NEWSLETTER POSTAGE ASSESSMENT -	\$5.00	\$	_____
MRC COFFEE MUG	# OF CUPS _____ x \$5.00 =	\$	_____
MRC NAMETAG w/MRC LOGO	\$ OF NAMETAGS _____ x \$7.50 =	\$	_____
DONATION TO MRC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (tax deductible)		\$	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED		\$	_____

Send check payable to 'Milwaukee Repeater Club' at the address below:

THE MILWAUKEE REPEATER CLUB, INC.  
P.O. BOX 2123  
MILWAUKEE, WI 53201

I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution, by-laws and rules of the Milwaukee Repeater Club.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your membership will be voted on at the next membership meeting once the application is received.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MILWAUKEE REPEATER CLUB!



The Milwaukee Repeater Club Presents our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Swapfest!

# AMATEUR RADIO Fest 2007

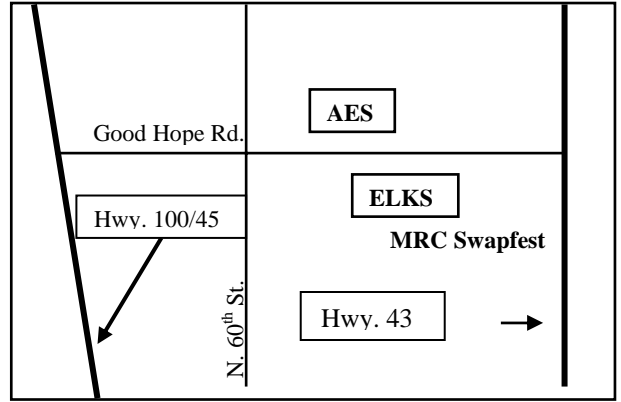
## HAM RADIO, COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS

**Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007**  
**8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**NEW LOCATION for 2007!!!!!!**

**Elks Lodge**  
**5555 W. Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, WI 53223**  
**Across The Street From AES**

**Admission: \$6.00, Extra Raffle Tickets \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00**  
**Tables: \$10.00 per 8' table      *Vender Loadin***  
**Electricity: \$5.00                      *5:00 AM***



### AMATEUR RADIO & ELECTRONICS

New and used Ham and CB radios, batteries, antennas, scanners, test equipment, parts, connectors, electronic components, tubes, wire, coax, cable, switches, computers, software, and much more.

### Raffle/Door Prizes, VE Testing, Seminars, Kenwood Open House

Raffle with \$\$\$ prizes (need not be present to win raffle prizes) along with door prizes. VE Testing will be conducted at AES during our fest between 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM sponsored by the MRAC testing group. The MRC will be presenting seminars during our fest. Programs and time schedule will be available at the fest location. Talk to Kenwood manufacturing reps at AES Kenwood Open House during our fest

### TALK-IN

Talk-In will be on the MRC Repeater, 146.910, -offset, 127.3 PL

#### For Further Information:

Browse our Web Page at: <http://www.mrc91.org>  
 Send us an e-mail at: [Swapfest@mrc91.org](mailto:Swapfest@mrc91.org)  
 Call Co-Swapfest Chairman Bob Albert (AB9FB) at: **414-526-7011**

#### Vendor Reservation – Please Print

(Each vendor must have an admission ticket)

# of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ **Vendor Loadin**  
 # of Extra Raffle Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x (\$3 each or 2 for \$5) = \_\_\_\_\_ **5:00 AM**  
 # of 8' Tables: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Electricity: Each \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Send your order and check payable to: Milwaukee Repeater Club / PO Box 2123, Milwaukee, WI 53201-2123  
 Please enclose a SASE so your tickets can be mailed if ordering by October 21, 2007