I would like to start by expressing my thoughts about this journey of Amateur Radio. Interesting how this is impacting my life, and exciting watching friendships grow. Although I don’t have as long of a history as many others of you do, I am confident that the years ahead will bring fantastic events, projects, meetings, and trips such as “Dayton” (ok Xenia, I just like saying Dayton). Although I am, and have developed an optimistic view in life, it has not come without disappointment and hard times. Stepping into Ham Radio became easy for me, as I have my brother Fred KC9PXP, who introduced me and encouraged me to start this journey. I so admire all of you who have shared your stories of your “intro to Ham Radio” and all the different reasons why you decided to take this path. I enjoy volunteering, always have. It has always been a big part of who I am. This hobby/service has endless opportunities to do that. Great news, all the Clubs are in need and always looking for volunteers for events and serving the Ham community in so many ways. Presidents to parking cars, committees to setting up chairs, to lending a hand to a Ham in need. Serving on the Board is a great experience, although it is not without it’s challenges too. Change is a funny thing...some love it, others not so much. My thoughts are “How does this benefit or improve the Club”. This Club belongs to you, the Membership and the Board is only here to serve you and are always looking for your ideas and input. Whether it is as simple as a newsletter or a huge event such as Field Day, the Board has the Membership and the future of this Club and the Ham community at the forefront of our minds. My hopes are that going forward this year, this Board will build your confidence that we, like yourselves’s, are looking for a great future for this Club. With that being said, thank you, and lets have fun. Lets work together to continue to be the “Friendly One” and enjoy all this hobby/service has to offer.

Karen KC9WQJ
MRC91 President
**February Treasurer Report**

**BORING FACTS**
Checking has 882.80 but will have a check written for tower rental and phone bill this month.
Paypal checking has $10
Savings is 11,199.45
Four renewals by mail and one renewal by paypal for a total of $90

**ONLINE BANKING**
Working with the rest of the Board of the MRC 91, it was decided to utilize on-line banking management at the request of our bank, Tri City. All of our accounts are accessible to myself and Karen, KC9WQJ.

**FINANCIAL RECORDING**
In the interest of planned obsolescence, Quicken (our finance program) has decided that the program we currently have doesn’t talk to Windows 10 at all. In order to make it work, we’d have to pay for at least 2 upgrades. Instead of that, I am going to start from scratch with the newest version of Quicken and interface it with the online checking account data. This will allow budgeting and better monitoring of spending trends. I did have to purchase this already, the cost was $34.67. There will be yearly upgrades for this product, but would be well worth it. I would like to reimbursed for this. May I have a vote?

**CLOUD STORAGE**
In order to maintain a more paperless system, we would like to keep files in electronic format instead of lugging them around in ever increasing sized boxes.
I looked at three options: One Drive (a Microsoft product) 50GB at 1.99/month
Google Drive 100 GB at 1.99/month
Dropbox 1T (1000 GB) at $10/month.
These are broken down by month but are payable as a lump sum so think $24/year or
$100/year. At this point, The thumb drive for the treasurer/roster is at 8GB and has all of our files on it. I would like to go with Google because we can link it to the MRC91feedback Gmail.
An additional option is to purchase a separate hard drive kept by one of the board members but accessible via the internet. This is more expensive and requires an additional consideration for security but it is an option.
I will post this to the group via the next newsletter for general dissemination and will ask for a vote next meeting.

**From the Activities Manager**

Hopefully the cold weather will soon be behind us! As the warmer weather approaches, this can become an exciting time for club activities. As we push to June, we need to start thinking about field day. We will need several people within the club to get involved to make this not only fun, but a success. I invite all members to take an active role. You all have something to offer. As we move forward there are also a couple more dates to plan for. August 12th will be the MRC picnic. It will be in the same location as last year at Whitnal Park. I am also looking for many volunteers to help make this a fun, exciting and successful event as well. We can also not forget that the annual SwapFest is November 3! This is also an activity that helps our club shine. If anyone has ideas or would like to help, feel free to contact me. Hopefully, we hear you on the air as well!

73’s
Blake Klingle, KD9JKC
Activities Director

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**From the Webmaster:**

At the January 17th meeting I previewed an enhancement for the Club’s website that would allow people to join or renew their membership online without the need to mail in a check or application. All the fees would be paid in though Paypal either as a guest (via credit card) or as a registered user as a checking transfer. The board and membership are looking for further input from the membership to see if this would be a useful option for the website. The software was Form Maker from Web-Dorado and would allow us to make other forms (feedback, repeater issues, table reservations, etc.) for the website. The completed forms would then be emailed back to the user and emailed to designated parties within the board. The cost of the software is $45.00 and includes 1 year of support and updates. After the year expires the software can still be used without support or future updates. Please feel free to email your thoughts to mrc91feedback@gmail.com to express your feelings on if we should proceed with this upgrade.

73,
Mike, AC9MN
February Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2018
Time meeting called to order: 7:00pm
Roll call and introduction of guests
Vote for new members. Welcome Ken Rugaber, KC9QV

Reading of minutes from January.
   It was noted that the election report should have been in the newsletter.
Motion made to accept minutes as read by Dean and Matt.
   Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Reading of treasurers report for January.
Motion made to accept report as read by nobody.
   Vote not taken.

Activities Directors report:
• Picnic will be held on August 12th
• Swap fest will be held on November 3rd

Announcements:
• South Milwaukee club spring auction March 5th
• Spotter training in Oak Creek on March 17th
• New technician license version will take effect July 1st.
• Club has a new email address: MRC91Feedback@Gmail.com

Old Business:
• Mike’s proposal to use Web Dorado for our website tabled because Mike not present at meeting.

New Business:
• Treasurer Heather spoke about the process of upgrading the Quicken financial software to the newest version and run on newer computers. The old version couldn’t be easily upgraded so a new copy was purchased.
• Motion made to reimburse Heather for the cost of the upgrade made by Dean and Ron.
• Motion passed by unanimous voice vote
• Heather also described the need to digitize the clubs paperwork. There are several large boxes of old paperwork. She proposed that we use one of the cloud storage services or a portable hard drive.
• A lively discussion developed about the need for digitizing our records and the pros/cons of the proposed solutions.
• Dean asks that when emails are sent out to all club members that the Bcc field be used. Currently all addresses are put into the To field where everybody can see all the other addresses. When printed it takes up over a whole page of paper. It also can also lead to security issues such as spam.
• Matt agreed to work with Mike to correct the issue.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46pm

Calling All Hams
By: Ike K9IKE

When I was about 10yrs old I was asked to help out a neighbor in cleaning out an old house he had just inherited. I was told that I could have anything I found in the house as payment. Well, this guy was a hoarder and it took a few days to clear everything out of the house. By the time I got to the garage I was pretty beat. Anyway buried under a stack of boxes I found an old Hallicrafters SX 101 receiver. Once I got that thing fired up it was like opening a door to a whole new world. I couldn’t believe all that I was hearing. I was really hooked! I started off in CB and got my ham ticket in 1991. I’m active on all bands 2M, 220, 440 6M and 10-160M. What a great hobby!
Club Membership Application

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

Membership Year ____________

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____________________________________________ CALL SIGN ___________ CLASS __________

FAMILY MEMBER NAME_____________________________ CALL SIGN ___________ CLASS __________

STREET ADDRESS _________________________________
CITY ________________________________________ STATE ________ ZIP ____________ - _________

TELEPHONE (home) ____________________ (work or cell optional) ____________________

BIRTH DATE (optional) ____________________

E-mail address (For Newsletter Notification) ______________________________________________

E-mail address of family member ham radio operator _______________________________________

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 1st $10.00 $ ________________
ANNUAL RENEWAL - $20.00 $ ________________
NEWSLETTER POSTAGE ASSESSMENT - $5.00 $ ________________
MRC NAMETAG w/MRC LOGO # OF NAMETAGS _____ x $7.75 = $ ________________
HAVE NAMETAG MAILED TO YOU - $2.00 $ ________________
DONATION TO MRC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (tax deductible) $ ________________

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED $ ________________

Send check payable to ‘Milwaukee Repeater Club’ at the address above.

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!