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MRC News

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Prez News

Well I am hoping we have finally seen the end of mosquito season...And (for their Fans) Congratulations to the Milwaukee Brewers!! HRO Superfest was amazing again this year. Thanks to those who took the opportunity to renew your membership at our Club table. This club definitely depends on your memberships to keep this repeater going. At our last club meeting the question was posed by a member "What are the benefits of being a member of the MRC91?" Discussion ensued. It was mentioned that our club invites



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"any one" to join in on our Picnics, Field Day, Ice Cream Socials, Christmas Parties etc. "So why become a member?" One of our newer members mentioned that he is involved with Milwaukee Ares as well as Skywarn, and since our footprint is so large, keeping this repeater up and running is critical. There are many people who use this repeater for "sandbagging" only. As a club we have always encouraged the use of the repeater, member or not, but as it was said four years ago at a MRC91 meeting.."It takes 90 paid members every year just to cover the cost of our tower rental." Yes, the club membership pays \$1800.00 per year for rent and we are getting a great deal on that. Other expenses are the phone line into our main site, PO

Box, Insurance and other incidentals. This does not even begin to cover moving the Downtown site to it's new location (old building being taken down). Nor does it cover any repairs or upgrades to the system. The Oak Creek site will also require funds as we are required to use climbers outside of our circle, mandated by the city. (yes, we have a committee working on that) All of this is quickly eating up the current funds and without some serious financial commitment from Licensed Amateur's... this repeater is on a quick road to it's end. We can only raise so much at our Swapfest, and some of you have been gracious to add extra funds by donation or on renewal, and it is appreciated. However, we are asking all of you to understand the situation the repeater is in, and has been since before my being on this Board of Directors. As President I am putting out a serious request to think about it, and talk to others to join or renew your membership. Being a member does not mean you have to come to meetings, it means you care about

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Committees

- Computer Net**
open
- Control Operators**
open
- Emer Operations & Training**
open
- Fun Net**
Jude WD9FUM
- Net Announcements Coordinator**
open
- Newsletter**
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Meeting Notice

The club meets the third Wednesday of every month at the Waterstone Bank at 6560 South 27th Street, Oak Creek, WI. The meetings start at 7:00 pm.

2018 Club Calendar

Nov 3 (Sat) Club SwapFest 8 am-12 pm
Elks Lodge
5555 Good Hope Rd,
Milwaukee, WI 53223

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MRC is now on Facebook!

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keeping this frequency on the air. So please give it some serious thought.

On another note, at our October meeting we will be discussing the Control Operators role and the Control Operators Charter. This information is on our web site www.mrc91.org. Please thoroughly read and understand the Charter and we will be having an informed discussion. It is important you are here at the October meeting as there will be proposed changes and if you care, be there.

Thank you for reading along here, I know it was a bit long, but it needed to be said. With that, I look forward to seeing you soon 73

Karen KC9WQJ
MRC91 President

Treasurer Reports

The nitty gritty of the Treasurer report is numbers: Savings has \$6268.34, primary checking has 1014.93 and the paypal checking account has 77.04. The primary checking account is pending a draft for \$450 tower rental which will bring the account to 564.93. The tower rental is paid quarterly which ends up as \$1800 per year in overhead. While we do have money in the savings account, there is still a pending tower move at the Marquette site. Everyone who supports or uses the repeater is encouraged to “join” the club for a nominal fee. The club uses those funds to repair and maintain the different tower sites and any additional donation is greatly appreciated. Suggestions for fundraising over and above club fees is appreciated-and so are volunteers to help with that! Enjoy your fall!



Heather Domanski, MRC91 Treasurer

From the Activities Manager

Fall is coming rather quickly. Our big event will be our swapfest on November 3rd. This is well attended and an important club activity. I’m asking for all of those that can help in any way please attend. We need to set up the night before as well. All of these facets are important to have a successful event. Please clear some time in your calendar to come and help. This is a great cause for the club, and just a plain old good time for all that attend. If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns feel free to contact me.



73
Blake KD9JKC

Aug 15th Meeting Minutes

Time meeting called to order: 7:00pm

Roll call and introduction of guests.

Reading of minutes from July 2018 meeting.

Motion made to accept minutes as read by: Bill WB9EFP, and Dennis AB9RH.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

No Treasurers report

Announcements:

- A simulated on air test is scheduled for September 22nd from 9-11 am

Old Business:

- Karen KC9WQJ, revisited the topic of Echolink. She asked what everybody thinks about adding Echolink to the repeater to be a beneficial service to the club and as a way to help draw new members. Dean KC9REN, asked how the phone line would change. Bill WB9EFP asked how much it would cost to install. Karen responded that it will cost next to nothing. Bill then recommended a cost benefit analysis before proceeding. Many people voiced the opinion of “as long as it doesn’t cost anything then why not?”

New Business:

- Karen KC9WQJ said that the fun and computer nets are in need of more net control operators. She also asked what would be a good motivator to get people to volunteer.
- Karen KC9WQJ mentioned that the club picnic had a good turnout and everybody had a great time. It was suggested that the picnic be moved to September instead of August to alleviate the heat and avoid interference from other events, perhaps the 2nd or 3rd weekend.
- Bill WB9EFP asked what the status of the Holy Hill site is. Karen KC9WQJ responded by saying the equipment needs to be replaced from the attic of the priests quarters. She also said that the Oak Creek site is a priority because it affects more people.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by: Darlene KC9SBN and Dean KC9REN.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:05 pm

Submitted by Jason KD9HFW

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!