



## President's Notes, April 2011

While on my way to Texas for vacation, I stopped at a ham swap in Terre Haute, Indiana one Saturday morning. It was held at the National Guard Armory in Terre Haute. The swap seemed smaller than the swaps I frequent in Michigan, which isn't that surprising when you consider how much smaller Terre Haute is than metro Detroit. Perhaps it would have seemed more crowded had a smaller venue been used. The parking lot was quite full, though, which suggests that they were doing a good business. One unusual item of note: there was a vendor there who looked very much like Bob Richards, N8JUH (SK). His name was Bob, too; uncanny.

Things will be heating up for us in the next few months, and I hope that includes the weather. It was a shock to leave the 70's and 80's of Texas and return to temperatures struggling to reach 40. Of course, I meant that club activities will be heating up: a testing session at Ford in May, with another one at the Ford Yacht Club, perhaps; trips to Dayton Hamvention and related activities – we'll need to select a common frequency to use, now that a D-Star repeater has been activated on 145.27 in Dayton; Field Day at the end of June; and Maker Faire at the end of July. We talked about some of the plans last month, and we'll likely talk about them some more this month, after our main business is concluded.

The main business in the club meeting this month is the election of officers. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Chair. Now per the club constitution, I have served two consecutive terms as your president and am ineligible to serve another consecutive term unless nobody else can be found to fill the position. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as club president these last two years, and I know you'll give the incoming president the same respect and consideration you have shown me, even if the new president happens to be me.

See you at the April meeting!

73,  
Roger, KD8CSE



## Ford Amateur Radio League (AKA: The Tin Lizzy Club)

### Club Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2011

#### Minutes, FARL Club Meeting - MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> 2011

Meeting was called to order at 18:38 (6:38p.m.)  
7 members and 2 visitors were present.

Moment of silence for silent key Bob Richards, N8JUH

**Minutes from prior meeting:** February 2011 meeting minutes were approved without changes.

**Treasurers Report:** Pat, WD8JDZ read the current financial records. All was approved as read.

**NOTE: Dues are now due.** Please mail in your check or pay at the next club meeting. Thank you.

**Board of Directors Meeting:** No B.O.D. meeting was held.

#### Committee Reports:

**Repeaters:** The 2mtr and 440 repeaters are operating about the same. The 220 repeater has been taken off-line for repairs and should be back up “soon” according to Murray, KE8UM. Bob is giving up duties of the 440 repeater. Maintenance will be taken over by Murray, KE8UM.

If you notice any problems, please inform a Board member at the e-mail address listed on the website.

Dave, N8HKU still has phone patch operating instructions if needed.

Don't forget the Sunday Night Net @ 8p.m.

**Education and Training:** Classes are under way with Bill Boyke at Bldg. #1 conference room Thursdays between 11 & 12. Also at the Ford Yacht Club on Saturdays. Contact Bill, N8OZV at [wboyke@ford.com](mailto:wboyke@ford.com)

**Communication - Newsletter/Website:** No new information on the newsletter or website. If you notice any problems, please contact Dave, N8HKU.

**FERA:** None

**Unfinished/Current Business:**

**Unfinished Business:** Submitted an updated copy of our By-Laws to FERA. Awaiting word from FERA.

If you are going to renew your ARRL membership, contact Pat, WD8JDZ so the club can get a percentage of the payment and you can get a discount. For an application form go to:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Clubs/ARRL%20Affiliated%20Club%20Membership%20Application.pdf>

**Current Business:** Club is eligible for a table at the Milford swap on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Roger, KD8CSE or Dave, N8HKU for info.

Brief discussions on the Maker Faire. Awaiting Bill, N8OZV.

Don't forget that nominations for Board members is next month. Pat, WD8JDZ has volunteered to continue as Treasurer. John, N8NWA has volunteered to continue as Secretary/Historian unless someone wishes to volunteer for those positions. Please note that President and Vice-President have hit their term limits. Read the club By-Laws to see if you are eligible.

**Break:** 19:15 (7:15p.m.)

**Presentation:** Demo by Rich, K8RMM on APRS operation and capabilities of this operating system.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:38 (8:38p.m.)

## Silent Keys Report - Roger, KD8CSE

- **Marty Slabey, W8AVI**

Sad news to report: former Tin Lizzy Club president Marty Slabey, W8AVI, passed away in October 2010. Word has just now reached us via Ralph Irish, W8ROI, and Bill Brezina, WA8HEA. It is believed Marty was one of the original members of the club from 1956.

- **Spencer Heath, W1BWK**

We have another belated recognition of the passing of a former club member. Spencer Heath, W1BWK (SK), a former Associate Member of the Tin Lizzy club, passed away in March 2005, according to Ralph Irish, W8ROI. He was an airline pilot based in Detroit in the early-to-mid 1960's, knew several club members and was eventually invited to become an Associate Member. "Spencer and his wife used to go to Dayton with the Ford people, back in the mid 1960s. He often had some interesting 'pilot' stories to tell, and was always interesting to be with. I was one of many who were disappointed when he left this area. We did see him at Dayton several times after his relocation," said Ralph.



## Events

### April 16, 2011 - Michigan QSO Party (<http://miqp.org/>)

Note: I will have several CD copies of APRS programs and presentations to hand out at the next meeting.

- **Richard Maske, K8RMM, 586-549-9828, K8rmm@att.net**

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## ARISSat-1 on the Air for Gagarin Anniversary - ARRL



To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first human spaceflight by cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the ARISSat-1 satellite aboard the International Space Station will be on the air using the station's external antenna. Transmissions will begin on Monday, April 11, at 14:30 UTC and continue until 10:30 UTC on April 13.

To preserve the satellite's battery, transmissions will cycle on and off. ARISSat-1 will transmit for 40 to 60 seconds, and then remain silent for 2 minutes.

The FM transmissions on 145.950 MHz will alternate between a voice ID, telemetry values, SSTV images and audio greetings in 15 different languages. One of the transmissions will contain audio of a conversation between Gagarin and ground controllers that was recorded during the historic flight. Specific only to this event, planning is currently underway to provide an additional FM broadcast downlink at 437.550 MHz.

A CW beacon will be heard on 145.919 MHz cycling between the ARISSat-1 call sign, telemetry and call signs of individuals involved in the ARISS program. BPSK-1000 telemetry transmissions will also take place on 145.920 MHz SSB using the new 1kBPSK protocol developed by Phil Karn, KA9Q. Software for demodulating the BPSK-1000 telemetry is available [here](#).

([http://www.arissatlm.org/download/ARISSatTLM\\_050\\_Setup.exe](http://www.arissatlm.org/download/ARISSatTLM_050_Setup.exe)).

AMSAT will issue commemorative certificates to listeners who receive the ARISSat-1 transmissions. Reports can be e-mailed to [Gagarin@arissat1.org](mailto:Gagarin@arissat1.org). Include your name, call sign, a description of what you heard and the UTC time you heard it. Recording the battery voltage telemetry values and the UTC time you received them will be especially helpful.

You can determine when the International Space Station will be passing overhead by using the AMSAT-NA online pass prediction tool (<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/tools/predict/>).

- Information for this story provided by AMSAT-NA



## Club Repeater Information

The Ford Amateur Radio League operates 3 club repeaters under the club K8UTT license. All the repeaters are located in the Dearborn, MI area near the Southfield Freeway. All repeaters are open for members and guests to operate.

Repeater	Output Freq	Input Freq	Tone
2 M Repeater	145.270	-600 KHz	100 Hz PL
1 1/4 M Repeater	224.520	-1.6 MHz	100 Hz PL
70 cm Repeater	443.425	+5 MHz	107.2 PL

**Club Net: 8pm on Sunday, 2 and 1-1/4 Meter Repeaters!**



## Classes and Exams

The following amateur radio clubs conduct license exams throughout the year. Many clubs allow walk-ins but pre-registration will insure an exam is available for you when you attend.

Club Name	Contact Person	Phone	Email
Ford Amateur Radio League	Bill Boyke	313-805-8877	wboyke@ford.com
South Lyon ARC	Christian Anderson	248-437-3088	K8VJ@arr.net
Motor City ARC	Don Novak	734-281-7030	K8THU@arrl.net
Hazel Park ARC	Dee Flint	248-981-8145	N8UZE@arrl.net
USECA ARC	Joseph Kennedy	586-977-7222	N8OZ@arrl.net
ARROW Assn	Roger Place	734-663-4625	merrogplace@aol.com

Some of the above clubs also conduct license classes. Please contact them for additional information.



## 2010-2011 Club Officers

Please contact any of the officers for information regarding the Ford Amateur Radio League, or go to the club website at [www.k8utt.org](http://www.k8utt.org) for current events and activities.

<b>President</b>	Roger Reini	KD8CSE	734-728-1509
<b>Vice President</b>	Dave Treharne	N8HKU	734-476-1666
<b>Treasurer</b>	Pat Quinn	WD8JDZ	734-729-1993
<b>Secretary</b>	John Turowski	N8NWA	313-258-1996
<b>Repeater Chair</b>	Murray Scott	KE8UM	248-743-1704
<b>K8UTT Trustee</b>	Dave Treharne	N8HKU	734-476-1666
<b>Activity Chair</b>	John Stucka	N3JM	313-576-9880
<b>Bolt Editor</b>	Rajiv Paul	KD8LHF	313-244-2515



## Club Meetings

The Ford Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Thursday of each month, except for Christmas and the summer months July and August. The meetings are held at 6:30 PM at the Ford Engine Manufacturing & Development Offices (EMDO) building. EMDO (located at 17000 Southfield Rd, Allen Park, MI) is south of I-94 on the east side of Southfield just north of the Allen Park Municipal offices. Park in the front of the building and come into the main lobby at the side. Knock on the inside door on the right if no one is standing there to let you in.



**Next Club Meeting: April 14, 2011 at 6:30PM**  
**Topic: Club Elections and Annual Reports**

**The Ford Amateur Radio League**  
**PO Box 2711**  
**Dearborn, MI 48123**