



President's Notes for December 2013

Well, it's December. It's the end of another year. As I type this, we recently completed our final testing session of the year at the office. We had six applicants, two trying for their first licenses and four looking to upgrade. At the end of the session, five of the six had passed: one new Technician, one new General, two upgraded Generals, and one upgraded Extra Class licensee. Congratulations to the new and upgraded hams!

Next month, it will be 2014, the centennial year of the ARRL. There will be many events throughout the year in celebration of the centennial, including the centennial convention in Hartford next July. For those who can't make that convention, there will be six regional centennial events next year, and Dayton will be one of those. I'm wondering how Dayton's attendance will be affected next year by the centennial convention, as there will be those who will attend the centennial convention instead of Dayton. I'm planning on being one of those, although I have other reasons for missing Dayton next year: one of my nieces is graduating from college on the same weekend. When I went to the Fort Wayne swap in November, I saw a presentation on what's planned for Hartford, and it's looking to be a fine event. I'm preparing my own presentation on the centennial events for a future meeting.

Remember, the annual dinner replaces our meeting this month. If you go to the EMDO building this month, you'll be stuck outside shivering in the cold! And you don't want to do that. Regular meetings resume in January. As for

the dinner, we'll be at Deluca's in Westland, the northwest corner of Warren and Inkster. Hope to see you there.

On behalf of all of the officers of the Tin Lizzy club, Happy Holidays!

73,

Roger, KD8CSE



Ford Amateur Radio League (AKA: The Tin Lizzy Club) **Club Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2013**

Minutes, FARL Club Meeting – November 14th, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Roger, KD8CSE at 18:47 (6:35p.m.)

5 members and 3 guests were present at meeting start.

1. Roger Reini KD8CSE
2. Pat Quinn WD8JDZ
3. Rod Deyo K8SGL
4. Chris Jenks KD8VPJ (guest)
5. David Treharne N8HKU
6. Bill Allen, KD8KTF
7. Steve Gary KD8TBF (guest)
8. Mike Gary (guest)

Minutes from prior meeting:

Minutes from October, 2013 were reviewed:

Motion to approve minutes made by Pat, 2nd by Rod. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report:

Pat, WD8JDZ read the report. Monthly phone bill paid, Motion to accept as read by Bill, 2nd by Rod. Minutes approved.

Board of Directors Meeting: No formal meeting was held.

Committee Reports:**Repeaters:**

All is OK with the 2m and 220 machines. No changes to the 440 Machine.

Join the Sunday night net @ 8 p.m.

Education and Training: Exam session coming up on Tuesday, December 4th, 11 am, at Ford.

Communication - Newsletter/Website:

Send any items to Roger, Dave, or to Rajiv.

Historian: No news, historian John Turowski was not present.

Equipment Inventory: Up to date.

FERA: No new business

Unfinished/Current Business:

None

New Business and Announcements:

1. Special Election for Secretary: No volunteers accepted the position at this meeting.
2. Membership application received from Chris Jenks, KD8VPJ. Membership approved by vote.
3. Christmas Party Club dinner: Will be on Thursday, December 12th, DeLuca's. (Ollie's West was the alternate, if needed.)
4. Turkey Trot: Ham needed for Thanksgiving morning, brought up by Bill, KD8KTF. Contact Kevin Gilday to volunteer. Kgilday1285@wowway.com.

Presentation Topics:

Questions and Answers: Various amateur radio questions were brought up and answered by the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:52 (7:52p.m.)

David Treharne, N8HKU

Club Vice President



The Fort Wayne Hamfest

- Roger Reini, KD8CSE

(<http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>)

Over the weekend of November 16 and 17, I attended the Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo. This was my first time at the Fort Wayne swap, which was held in its usual venue, the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Exposition Center. It was the second-largest for a hamfest that I'd attended; only the Hara Arena in Dayton is larger.

There was one very large hall for all of the vendors and three rooms for forum presentations and exam sessions. Although it was chilly outside, the expo center was comfortably warm. In fact, I had to put my jacket in my backpack in order to not become overheated. There were good crowds, but the exhibit area was not completely sold out. Some of the vendors had deals on Chinese HT's, mainly the Baofeng and one brand I wasn't familiar with. As for the forums, none of the ones I attended were filled to capacity; there was no need to sit on the floor, as I have had to do at some forums at Dayton. I attended half of a presentation on working and operating in Afghanistan and all of a presentation on the ARRL's plans for its centennial convention next July. I'm planning a presentation on this subject in a future club meeting.

The Hamfest also served as the 2013 Indiana ARRL State Convention. This wouldn't be very relevant to a ham from Michigan, but this permitted a Wouff Hong ceremony to be held. A Royal Order of the Wouff Hong ceremony can only be held at an ARRL National, State or Division Convention, and according to the

host of the ceremony, Dennis Gilbey, K9JZZ, this was the first ceremony to be held in Indiana in over 50 years. I attended this ceremony and became a member of the Order. There were some differences between this ceremony and others, differences I can't get into because the ceremony is secret. But there are other aspects of the Wouff Hong that I can discuss and plan to do so in a future club meeting.



ARLX013 ARRL Granted Use of W100AW for League's Centennial

- ARRL

The FCC has authorized the Maxim Memorial Station W1AW to also use the call sign W100AW during 2014, the ARRL's centennial year. Contacts made from the Maxim Memorial Station in Newington, from regional Centennial conventions, and during the IARU HF Championship will use W100AW, with portable designators as appropriate. The "W1AWWAS" operations throughout 2014 from each of the 50 states will use W1AW, not W100AW.

Bulletins and code practice transmissions during 2014 also will still use W1AW. Contacts with W100AW will be worth 100 points in the ARRL Centennial QSO Party. To help kick off the ARRL Centennial, special W100AW activity will begin at 0500 UTC on January 1, 2014 (midnight in Newington), and will include participation in ARRL's Straight Key Night; one CW station will use Hiram Percy Maxim's straight key.

Activity will continue throughout New Year's Day.



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	Jerry Begel	248-543-2284	w9npi@comcast.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.



2012-2013 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 for current events and activities.

President	Roger Reini	KD8CSE	734-728-1509
Vice President	Dave Treharne	N8HKU	734-476-1666
Treasurer	Pat Quinn	WD8JDZ	734-729-1993
Secretary	John Turowski	N8NWA	313-258-1996
Repeater Chair	Murray Scott	KE8UM	248-743-1704
K8UTT Trustee	Dave Treharne	N8HKU	734-476-1666
Activity Chair	Bill Boyke	N80ZV	313-805-8877
Bolt Editor	Rajiv Paul	KD8LHF	313-405-2573



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: December 12, 2013 at 6:30PM
Topic: Annual Club Christmas Dinner

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