



## President's Notes, February 2013

When the Hazel Park swap comes around, you are assured of it being cold, snowy or icy, or both. Since it takes place in January in Michigan, this should be of no surprise to any of you. And true to form, with the high winds of Sunday morning, it felt bitterly cold. Fortunately there was hardly any snow or ice on the ground to contend with. As for the swap itself, the number of vendors seemed smaller to me this year compared to last year. The weather may have played a role in keeping some of the more distant vendors away, such as the vendor from Illinois known for carrying antennas and all types of rechargeable batteries. Still, I hope that more vendors show up next year. And I really hope that the vendors with the RF adapters show up at the LARC swap this month!

While at the swap, I ran into a number of club members: Rich, K8RMM; Gordon, KD8COJ; and Tye, KC8YEJ. I also spoke briefly with the ARRL Michigan Section Manager, Larry Camp, WB8R, who thanked us for sending him our newsletter and complimented us on the presentation of the newsletter.

The 2 meter repeater is still very limited in reception range; repairs to the power amplifier are still pending. This has kept the Sunday night net from operating. Watch the e-mail list for further updates.

Early warning for October: the USECA swap will be in a new location, the UFCW hall in Madison Heights near 13 Mile and I-75. Actually, the swap was there last October, but it'll still be a new location for those of us that didn't go to that swap.

This month, our meeting will be delayed one week to Thursday, February 21. Our regular meeting date coincides with Valentine's Day, and many of our members have prior commitments with their XYL's, thus the delay. Our presentation topic this month will be on new VHF FM contests by James French, W8ISS. Hope to see you there.

73,  
Roger, KD8CSE

**Ford Amateur Radio League** (AKA: The Tin Lizzy Club)**Club Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2013**

FARL Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2013

Meeting started at 6:35pm, Roger, KD8CSE presiding

Attendees and guests: 5 members, 3 guests, one of which became a member

KD8CSE, Roger

KD8KHB, Bob Pilzninski

W8ISS, James French

K8RMM, Richard

KD8KTF, Bill

Cliff Mulvihill

N8HKU, Dave

WD8JDZ, Pat

November, 2012 Club meeting minutes were reviewed for approval (Note: December club meeting was the annual Christmas Dinner and no formal club business was conducted)

Motion made to approve minutes by Pat, WD8JDZ, and seconded by Rich, K8RMM. Approved by a voice vote.

**Treasurer Report:** Read by Pat, WD8JDZ. Only expense was the normal club phone bill. Motion to approve Treasurer report made by Bill, KD8KTF, seconded by Dave, N8HKU. Approved by a voice vote.

**Post Office Box Renewal:** Roger brought in the annual bill for the post office box. Current cost is \$38 for 6 months, \$76 for a full year. Motion to approve expenditure of

the post office box for a full year for \$76 was made by Dave, N8HKU, seconded by Pat, WD8JDZ. Approved by a voice vote.

No formal board meeting was conducted since November.

## **Repeater:**

2m repeater transmit is weak, suspect the final amplifier is broken again. 220 machine is working normally.

Rich, K8RMM, inquired if it is time to replace the repeater amplifier rather than repair it. For now, we will repair it, but will bring a replacement up to the membership if this is deemed necessary.

440 machine is in need of a new antenna.

**Training:** Nothing scheduled at present, but look for a class or two (Ford Dearborn and Ford Yacht Club) to begin in the spring.

**Club Application:** Problem with the club application on the website: file is application.doc, not Application.doc. Dave, N8HKU, to correct. Dave also to correct the application to note the first time cost is \$20, and renewal is \$15. The extra \$5 includes a name badge.

**Hazel Park Swap:** Discussed interest in getting a table. None motioned.

**Livonia Swap:** Coming up. No interest in a table now, bring up next month. (with the motion to change the meeting date to Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, there is not a meeting to bring up the club table.)

**Presentation topic for February:** VHF Category of FM, James, W8ISS

**February Meeting date:** A show of hands was made as to who was going to be able to attend the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, which is on Valentine's day. Several attendees were not going to be able to be in attendance. Motion was made to move the February meeting to February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm, one week later. Motion made to move the meeting date to Feb 21<sup>st</sup> by Dave, N8HKU, seconded by Pat, WD8JDZ. Motion passed on a voice vote with one opposed. Roger and Dave to get the new meeting date notices out as best as possible.

Michigan Science Center discussion brought up by James, W8ISS. Email discussions have been occurring about activating this location on amateur radio. (It was formerly the Detroit Science Center.) The discussion has been aiming to activate it for the winter Field Day, two weekends from now. However, the antenna mounted on the building is not resonating on any of the amateur bands. The activation will be delayed until this situation can be addressed.

**Club Presentation:** Ham Radio History Blog from the ARRL.org site, presented by Roger, KD8CSE. It is a work in progress, but interesting the way it is handling the history.

Application for membership received from Bob Pilzninski, KD8KHB. He is a recent amateur and just upgraded to General during Christmas of 2012. Bob was approved as a member and welcomed into the club.

**Field Day Location:** Livonia club has settled on the site where a school building once stood, off of Newburgh in Livonia, north of I-96.

Motion to Adjourn: Made at 7:30pm.

Minutes by:

David Treharne, N8HKU, Club Vice President



## **Volunteering Opportunities - Bill Allen, KD8KTF**

Kevin Gilday (kgilday1285@gmail.com) is looking for radio operator volunteers for the following events:

- Riverview Winterfest - February 10, 2013
- Corktown 5K - March 10, 2013
- ShamRock n Roll - March 17, 2013



## SKYWARN Training Sessions - Roger, KD8CSE

Since we're halfway through winter now, SKYWARN training season will soon be upon us. Here's the link for all of the classes being put on by the NOAA weather office for the Detroit area:

([http://www.crh.noaa.gov/news/display\\_cmsstory.php?wfo=dtx&storyid=63581&source=0](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/news/display_cmsstory.php?wfo=dtx&storyid=63581&source=0))

Of special interest are the sessions for Wayne and Washtenaw counties:

- March 9, 10 AM, Garden City Presbyterian Church
- March 13, 7 PM, Ypsilanti Township Civic Center Auditorium
- April 6, 10 AM, Ann Arbor Pioneer High School
- April 18, 7 PM, Livonia Public Library
- April 24, 7 PM, Henry Ford Medical Center Gilmore Center
- May 3, 7 PM, Westfield Center in Trenton
- May 4, 2 PM, Main Branch of Detroit Library



## ITU Offering Free Download of 2012 International Radio Regulations

- ARRL

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (<http://www.itu.int/>) is offering an [electronic version of the 2012 International Radio Regulations](http://www.itu.int/pub/R-REG-RR-2012) (<http://www.itu.int/pub/R-REG-RR-2012>) at no charge. These regulations incorporate the decisions of the World Radiocommunication Conferences of 1995 (WRC-95), 1997 (WRC-97), 2000 (WRC-2000), 2003 (WRC-03), 2007 (WRC-07) and 2012 (WRC-12), including all Appendices, Resolutions, Recommendations and ITU-R Recommendations incorporated by reference.

While [Article 25](http://life.itu.ch/radioclub/rr/art25.htm) (<http://life.itu.ch/radioclub/rr/art25.htm>) of the International Radio Regulations defines the Amateur Radio Service, the regulations as a whole define the allocation of different frequency bands to different radio services, as well as the mandatory technical parameters to be observed by radio stations, procedures for the coordination and notification of frequency assignments made to radio stations by national governments and other procedures and operational provisions.

The free download -- as well as paper copies and a DVD -- are available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, French and Russian. While the electronic version is available at no charge, the individual paper versions and the DVD containing versions in all six languages cost CHF 398 (approximately \$438). The free download is available through mid-2014.



## Ham Radio in Hollywood: Last Man Standing to Feature Ham Radio in Upcoming Episode - ARRL

In an episode to air in mid-March, the hit ABC comedy [Last Man Standing](http://beta.abc.go.com/shows/last-man-standing) (<http://beta.abc.go.com/shows/last-man-standing>) starring Tim Allen as Mike Baxter, KA0XTT will prominently feature scenes with cast members using Amateur Radio. This episode will be the first episode to feature Amateur Radio since [the middle of the show's first season](http://www.arrl.org/news/em-ham-radio-in-hollywood-em-amateur-radio-makes-its-debut-on-em-last-man-standing-em) (<http://www.arrl.org/news/em-ham-radio-in-hollywood-em-amateur-radio-makes-its-debut-on-em-last-man-standing-em>).

According to Last Man Standing Producer John Amodeo, NN6JA, the episode called "The Fight" will feature several of the regular cast members talking on the radios. "I can't say much about the episode right now," Amodeo told the ARRL, "But this episode has the most significant use of Amateur Radio in a TV comedy since [Herman Munster, W6XRL4, got his ham license](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-8RItOZE30). (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-8RItOZE30>)" Fans of 1960s television will remember the episode of The Munsters (originally aired January 21, 1965) when Herman, on his ham radio, overheard children using walkie-talkies who were pretending to be Martians.

"In addition to the original KA0XTT station in Mike Baxter's work office, viewers will get to see Mike's ham shack in the basement of his home," Amodeo explained. "A cast member will also be calling in from a portable HF radio while hiking along the Amazon." The ARRL provided many of the awards -- including 5 Band DXCC, 5 Band Worked All States, 5 Band Worked All Continents and VUCC -- that are on Mike Baxter's home shack wall. The episode, which was filmed February 12, will also feature Richard Karn. Fans of Allen's former show [Home Improvement](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0101120/) (<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0101120/>) will remember Karn as Al Borland.

Last Man Standing is produced by 20th Century Fox for the ABC Television Network and airs on Friday nights at 8 PM Eastern and Pacific and 7 PM Central.



## 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](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>	Bill Boyke	N80ZV	313-805-8877
<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: February 21, 2013 at 6:30PM**  
**Topic: VHF Category of FM by James, W8ISS**

**The Ford Amateur Radio League**  
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