



## President's Notes for February 2015

As I start these notes, it is the evening after the Hazel Park swap. Attendance by dealers was down this year, with plenty of tables being available. Given that this is the middle of winter, it's quite possible that some of the farther away dealers were unable to make it due to weather. It wasn't snowy here, but there could have been snow between here and the dealers' locations. Now to see how the LARC swap will do....

As you know, last month's presentation on Warren Consolidated Schools' contact with the International Space Station had to be postponed at the last minute due to an emergency. There was no time for a replacement presentation, but thanks to Joel Stanley, WU8Y, we learned about the special event station WW1USA being operated at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City. It has operated on or near the 100th anniversary of key events in the war and will continue to do so through November 2018. It started operating on Field Day weekend last year, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the event that triggered the war, and it operated three more times last year, with plans to operate four times this year. More information can be found at [ww1usa.org](http://ww1usa.org). That was very interesting information, and if the museum were located closer to Detroit, I'd consider volunteering for some of those special events.

And speaking of ISS contacts, I've received word that Dearborn Public Schools' proposal for an ARISS contact has passed the first stage of approval. Now comes the finalizing of the equipment plan, which has mostly been developed but will be refined as needed. Many of you are helping out with your equipment; for that, I thank you. The contact is still not definite (there are 15 schools vying for 12 contact opportunities), but we are in a good position.

Our presentation for this month will be the postponed presentation from last month: Gordon Scannell, KD8COJ, will speak about Warren Consolidated

Schools' ARISS contact from last year. It is more timely than ever, now that our chances of helping with Dearborn Schools' ARISS contact have improved.

Don't forget about the Livonia swap on the 15th! Good thing it wasn't on the 1st (a very snowy day).

73, Roger, KD8CSE



## **Ford Amateur Radio League** (AKA: The Tin Lizzy Club) **Club Meeting Minutes – January 08, 2014**

### **In Attendance:**

Roger Reini - KD8CSE  
Patt Quinn - WD8JDZ  
Rod Deyo - K8SGL  
Chris Jenks - KD8VPJ  
Joel Stanley - WU8Y Guest  
Jim Ryan - KE8AAQ Guest

### **Meeting Called to Order:**

By Roger at 18:40 EST

Group Introductions for new people in attendance

Order of Note: Contact for ARISS presentation Postponed.

### **Review of Minutes:**

1. Motion to accept by Pat
2. Seconded by Rod
3. Minutes from November accepted unanimously

### **Treasury Report:**

WD8JDZ reported

1. Account Balance was reviewed.
2. Expenses
  - a. Paid for website domain name
3. Upcoming expenses

- a. Post office box fee due
  - i. Full year payment
- 4. Rod Motioned to accept Treasurer Report
- 5. Roger seconded
- 6. Approved

***Board Communication:***

No Formal Communication from the Board

***Repeater Status:***

- 1. 2 meter repeater is working
- 2. 440 repeater is no longer working
  - a. Unknown if can be fixed
- 3. Adoba is still open for now
- 4. Sunday night net is ongoing

***Education and Training:***

- 1. Last license classes were September through December 2014
- 2. No known date for next set of classes or exams.

***Website Information:***

- 1. Domain is paid for.

***FERA Report:***

- 1. Bill has tickets for auto show

***Historian:***

No Report

***Equipment Update:***

No New Updates

***Old Business:***

- 1. Spare 2 meter repeater still with Murry not installed
- 2. 2014 Filed Day Bill – Still waiting for bill from LARC
- 3. Dearborn Schools ARISS Contact
  - a. Still waiting on selection

## **New Business:**

1. Proposed update of the constitution to combine the 2 secretary positions in to 1 club position.
2. Broken Links on the website
  - a. Feedback from
    - i. Link goes to a GeoCities page.
  - b. Link page to lingo

## **Announcements and others:**

### ***Calendar Items:***

1. Hazel park Swap January 11
2. Next Club meeting February 12

### ***Ideas:***

1. Stream 2 meter on web site (web defined radio / software defined radio over the web). 1 way to listeners
2. Maker Faire:
  - a. Tethered Balloon TV
  - b. Is it possible to set up a remote site launch to track during Maker Faire

### **Impromptu Presentation:**

1. Planned presentation delayed (ARIS Contact from Warren Consolidated Schools)
2. Joel told us about WW1USA Special event station
  - a. Event club at Kansas City World War 1 museum
  - b. 4 special event stations
  - c. 4000 QSOs
  - d. WW1USA.org
    - i. Videos can be found via Google searches.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 19:20 EST by Roger



## FCC “Paperless” Amateur Radio License Policy Goes into Effect on February 17 - ARRL

[UPDATED 2015-01-29 1939 UTC] Starting February 17, the FCC no longer will routinely issue paper license documents to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (**ULS**) (<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm>), although the FCC has continued to print and mail hard copy licenses. In mid-December the FCC adopted **final procedures** ([https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-14-1846A1.pdf](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-14-1846A1.pdf)) to provide access to official electronic authorizations, as **proposed** (<http://www.fcc.gov/document/wtb-announces-access-electronic-authorizations-seeks-comment>) in WT Docket 14-161 as part of its “process reform” initiatives.

Under the new procedures, licensees will access their current official authorization (“Active” status only) via the ULS License Manager. The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one. Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License Manager.

“We find this electronic process will improve efficiency by simplifying access to official authorizations in ULS, shortening the time period between grant of an application and access to the official authorization, and reducing regulatory costs,” the FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) said. According to the WTB, the new procedures will save at least \$304,000 a year, including the cost of staff resources.

In **comments** (<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=60000978934>) filed November 5, the ARRL had strongly recommended that the FCC “give serious consideration to continuing a default provision for sending an initial paper license document to new licensees in the Amateur Radio Service, along with detailed, simple instructions for how to make the elections set forth in the notice relative to future modified or renewed licenses.”

Under the new procedures, a new license applicant who already has an FCC Registration Number (FRN) and provides a valid e-mail address under “Applicant Information” in the ULS will receive an official ULS-generated electronic authorization via e-mail. New license applicants lacking an FRN will receive in the mail an FRN and a temporary password to access the Commission Registration System (CORES).

New applicants will no longer automatically receive a license document and must request one by changing their "Paper Authorization Preference" in the ULS License Manager.

The ARRL and other Amateur Radio commenters also worried that unless a license document is printed on distinctive paper stock, its authenticity could be questioned in such situations as obtaining vanity call sign license plates. To address this, the FCC said the watermark “Official Copy” will be printed on each page of an official authorization that a licensee prints out from the ULS. The WTB recently stopped using distinctive paper stock to produce hard copy licenses and has been printing these on “standard, white recycled paper.” The Bureau noted that the distinctive paper stock it had used was six times more expensive than the plain recycled paper it now uses.

The ULS License Manager now includes settings that allow licensees to notify the WTB that they prefer to receive official authorizations on paper. Once the final procedures go into effect designating electronic access as the default, licensees can change the ULS License Manager setting so that the Bureau will print and mail a license document. Licensees also may contact [FCC Support](http://esupport.fcc.gov/index.htm?job=contact_fcc_support) ([http://esupport.fcc.gov/index.htm?job=contact\\_fcc\\_support](http://esupport.fcc.gov/index.htm?job=contact_fcc_support)) via the web, telephone or mail to request paper licenses.

The FCC rejected as “outside the scope of this proceeding” an ARRL argument that Section 97.23 of the Amateur Service rules be amended to replace “licensee mailing address” with other alternatives, including e-mail, for use in Commission correspondence. The rule, which requires that any licensee mailing address be in an area where the licensee has US Postal Service access, has precluded FCC issuance of location-specific call signs in such areas as Navassa Island (KP1) and some Pacific islands.



## **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.

<b>Repeater</b>	<b>Output Freq</b>	<b>Input Freq</b>	<b>Tone</b>
<b>2 M Repeater</b>	145.270	-600 KHz	100 Hz PL
<b>1 1/4 M Repeater</b>	224.520	-1.6 MHz	100 Hz PL
<b>70 cm Repeater</b>	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.

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>Ford Amateur Radio League</b>	Bill Boyke	313-805-8877	wboyke@ford.com
<b>South Lyon ARC</b>	Christian Anderson	248-437-3088	K8VJ@arr.net
<b>Motor City ARC</b>	Don Novak	734-281-7030	K8THU@arrl.net
<b>Hazel Park ARC</b>	Jerry Begel	248-543-2284	w9npi@comcast.net
<b>USECA ARC</b>	Joseph Kennedy	586-977-7222	N8OZ@arrl.net
<b>ARROW Assn</b>	Roger Place	734-663-4625	merrogplace@aol.com

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



## 2014-2015 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	313-405-2573



## 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: February 12, 2015 at 6:30PM**  
**Topic: TBD**

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