



## President's Notes, January 2013

We held our annual Christmas dinner on the evening of December 13, and the nine of us who were able to attend had a great time. The Mexican Fiesta was very busy when we were there; the table wasn't ready for us at 6:30, and we had to wait to be seated. That was proof of very good food, which we confirmed for ourselves with the meal. The crowds had thinned by the time we left around 7:45 or so; perhaps that's a sign that we should consider a later meal if we choose to go there again. Well, we have a whole year to decide.

If you're on the club e-mail list, then you'll know that we were unable to do Speaking with Santa this year. With the hospital in its new facility, it's necessary to complete an evaluation of how our frequency and power usage will affect the medical equipment in the hospital, and it was not possible to conduct that evaluation in time to hold the event. We will be willing to support that compatibility review and evaluation process.

Now for some recognition and praise: we don't see him at the club meetings very often, but our newsletter editor, Rajiv Paul, KD8LHF, has been doing a great job preparing the newsletter every month. Bill Brezina, WA8HEA, had this to say about Rajiv: "Many of us have done a stint as a club newsletter editor and know it is a difficult job to publish a newsletter with great content and on time. The BOLT looks great (very professional) and I can't wait to read about local club items as well as items of ham radio interest." Keep up the good work, Rajiv!

One way that we can help Rajiv keep up that good work is to supply items for the newsletter. If you want to talk about your recent activity, write it up and send it to him or me or another club officer. If there's a subject that interests you, put something together on it and send it in.

This month's presentation is TBD. And one more thing: dues are due April 1, so it's not too early to think about paying up and getting that out of the way for the year.

73,  
Roger, KD8CSE

**Ford Amateur Radio League** (AKA: The Tin Lizzy Club)  
**Club Meeting Minutes – November 08, 2012****Minutes, FARL Club Meeting - Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Meeting was called to order by Roger, KD8CSE  
at 18:41 (6:41p.m.)

7 members were present. (With a brief phone call to Bill, N8OZV)

**Minutes from prior meeting:** Prior minutes from October were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Pat, WD8JDZ read the report. Motion to accept as read. It was approved as read.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Repeaters:** Thanks to Murray for the repair to the 2 mtr repeater.

The Hyatt has changed management affiliation and is making serious plans to buy the hotel. As of now, we have not heard of having to move.

The 2 mtr is operating good, The 440 is operating weak, (has broken antenna).

The 220 is operating.

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

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

**Education and Training:** There will be testing at Ford, contact Bill, N8OZV for more info.

**Communication - Newsletter/Website:** No new information on the newsletter or website. If you have a story or info for the newsletter, please contact Dave, N8HKU.

**Historian:** Nothing new

**Equipment Inventory:** Up to date

**FERA:** No new business

**Unfinished/Current Business:** Nothing new.

**New Business:** Bill Boyke, N8OZV was on the phone talking about “Speaking with Santa”. Still need to check with the hospital and scout the area, if approved, to see how the new building will interfere with radio operations.

Christmas Dinner will be held at Mexican Fiesta on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Please contact Roger, KD8CSE or Dave, N8HKU if you are attending so we can plan.

**Break:** 18:59 (6:59p.m.)

**Presentation:** Raspberry Pi mini computer by Rich K8RMM.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:00 (8:00 p.m.)



## Upcoming Events

- **March 9, 2013**  
**The Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association Hamfest**, Terre Haute, IN  
Contact: Club President / Hamfest Chairman, Chuck, W9COD,  
[hamfest@w9uuu.org](mailto:hamfest@w9uuu.org)
- **March 16, 2013**  
**53rd Annual Marshall Hamfest and Radio Swap**  
Marshall Activity Center (MAC), 15325 W. Michigan Avenue in Marshall, Michigan  
Contact: Tom, WR8G, [wr8g@arrl.net](mailto:wr8g@arrl.net), Telephone (269) 962-8007.

Please see the flyers on the following pages for these events.

**K9IKQ/R 146.685 - 151.4 Hz**  
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA  
Weekly 2 Meter Net 9 P.M. EST  
EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT!  
W.V.A.R.A CLUB MEETINGS  
Every 1st Friday of EVERY Month  
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[www.w9uuu.org](http://www.w9uuu.org)

**SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB**

*Serving the Amateur Radio Community in Terre Haute, IN, and the surrounding area since 1927.*

**THE WABASH VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:**

**2013 Terre Haute Hamfest & Computer Expo**  
**Saturday -- March 9, 2013**  
**Dede Activity Center**  
**Indiana State University**  
*(39° 28' 16" N, 87° 24' 39" W)*  
**Indoor Event – Rain or Shine!**  
**9:00 AM to 2:00 PM EST**  
*(Vendor setup begins at 6:00 AM)*  
**Admission \$7.00 (12 and under free)**  
**Free Tables**  
Hourly Door Prize Drawings  
Free VE Testing Session at 11:00 AM  
Talk-In: K9IKQ/R, 146.685 MHz, PL 151.4 Hz  
*For More Information about the W.V.A.R.A. please visit [www.w9uuu.org](http://www.w9uuu.org)*

## 53rd Annual Michigan Crossroads Hamfest & Radio Swap

Saturday, March 16, 2013  
Marshall Activity Center (MAC)  
15325 W. Michigan Avenue, Marshall, Michigan 49068

*Sponsored by the Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society*

**Vendor set-up:** Friday, March 15th, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Saturday, March 16th, 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM



**General Admission:** Saturday, March 16th, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**\$5.00 admission fee**  
**Vendor table or 8' space rental \$10.00**  
Free parking  
Door prizes

Amateur Radio Examinations (10:00 AM)

QSL Card-Checking

Talk-in: 146.660 MHz (-600 kHz offset) SMARS Repeater PL 94.8



For more information, visit our website <http://www.w8df.com>, contact Tom, WR8G, at (269) 962-8007 or via email at [wr8g@arrl.net](mailto:wr8g@arrl.net)

### Registration Form

Name or Company \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check boxes for:    **Electrical hookup**     **Wall table(s) preferred**

\_\_\_\_\_ Hamfest Tickets at \$5.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tables (8ft) at \$10.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
( Or 8' space)

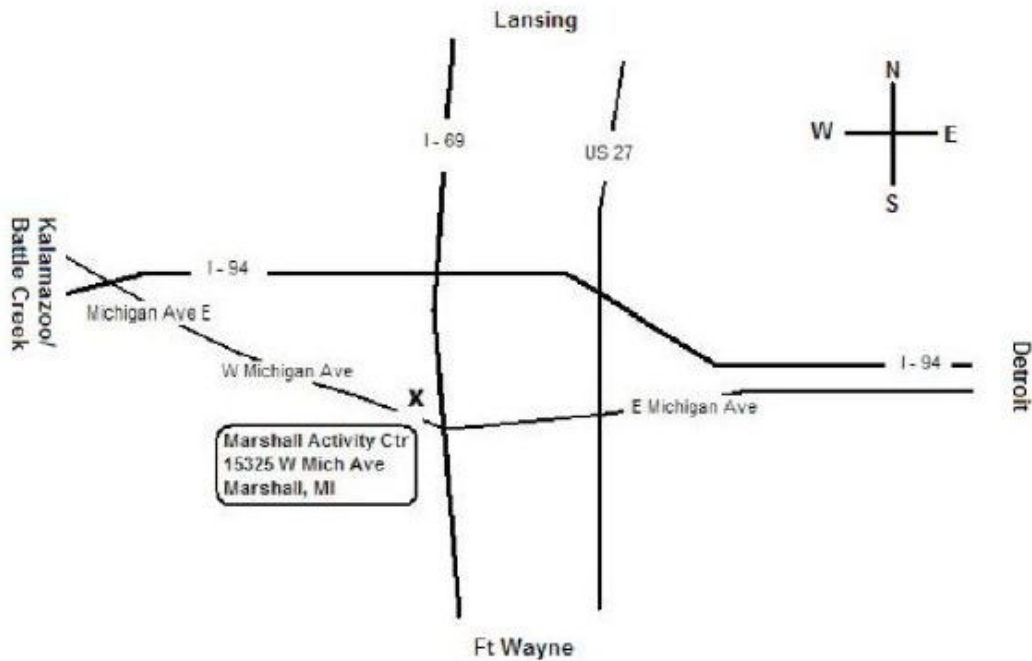
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**Battle Creek, MI 49016**

**NOTE: NO RESERVATION WITHOUT THIS FORM AND PAYMENT.**

There is **NO SMOKING** in the building. Adult material and alcohol are prohibited.  
Reservations accepted until March 1, 2013



## Driving Directions to the Marshall Activity Center (MAC)

**From Lansing/Charlotte:** Go south on I-69 to Exit 36 (Marshall/Michigan Ave). At the top of the exit ramp, turn right onto Michigan Ave. Take the 2nd driveway to your right.

**From Benton Harbor/Kalamazoo:** Go east on I-94 to I-69 (Exit 108) and stay on your right, heading south toward Coldwater/Ft Wayne. Take the first exit south of I-94 (Exit 36 - Marshall/Michigan Ave). At the top of the exit ramp, turn right onto Michigan Ave. Take the 2nd driveway to your right.

**From Detroit/Jackson/Albion:** Go west on I-94 to I-69 (Exit 108). Take I-69 south toward Coldwater/Ft Wayne. Take the first exit south of I-94, Marshall/Michigan Ave (Exit 36). At the top of the exit ramp, turn right onto Michigan Ave. Take the 2nd driveway to your right.

**From Ft Wayne/Coldwater:** Go north on I-69 to Exit 36 (Marshall/Michigan Ave). At the top of the exit ramp, turn left onto Michigan Ave. Cross over I-69. Take the 2nd driveway to the right.



## 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: January 10, 2012 at 6:30PM**  
Topic: TBD

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