



## President's Notes for January 2014

It's January, the start of another year. Did any of you receive any radio-related gifts over the holidays? I didn't, not directly. But the Hazel Park swap is coming in less than 2 weeks – the Sunday after our monthly meeting, in fact. It seems like its being held a little earlier this year, perhaps a week earlier. But it's still mid-January, so it's going to be cold.

The ARRL Centennial activities have begun, with W1AW's portable operations in North Carolina and West Virginia and with W100AW operating out of ARRL HQ. The Centennial QSO Party has started, as well, and it will run throughout the year. Find out more information about the centennial at <http://www.arrl.org/centennial>.

We still need presentation topics for our meetings for the year. February is covered; March may be covered, if one of the February presentations can't be delivered. If you have a topic you want to give a presentation on, let me or one of the other officers know.

After our holiday dinner in December, we get back into the meeting mode this month. The meeting will be on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the EMDO Building, with the presentation topic being Mesh Networks, presented by Rich Maske, K8RMM. If you were at Maker Faire and stopped by our station, you saw a mesh network in operation (set up by James French, W8ISS), and now you'll get to learn some more about the technology. Hope to see you there!

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rod. Minutes approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Pat, WD8JDZ read the report. Monthly phone bill paid, Motion to accept as read by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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



## **ARRL Centennial QSO Party - Operators Wanted! - ARRL**

For those of you who were on the HF bands on January 1st, you may have heard the chaos accompanying the beginnings of the ARRL Centennial Celebration and year-long QSO Party. The ARRL's HQ station (W1HQ) is on the air and the main station (W1AW) was on the air was W100AW. All in celebration of the League's 100th birthday.

In addition, the first two ARRL sections were each on the air (North Carolina and West Virginia) as W1AW/4 and W1AW/8 respectively. The pile ups were enormous.

As part of the year-long QSO Party, each section will have two separate weeks during which operators will be able to work from their home stations as W1AW/8 using CW, SSB, and Digital modes. There are hundreds of hours of operating time available and we are looking for stations that would like to take this opportunity to be the focus of a bunch of folks who want to work YOU!

All states will be on the air for a week at a time at least twice in 2014. Michigan will first be up to bat on February 19 – 25. Randy, AA8R, is coordinating the first round of the big dance for us. Dave, K8CC will be coordinating Michigan's second go-round October 15 – 21 and we will hear from him as that time grows near.

What we need are operators from Michigan who are willing to operate using the W1AW/8 call from their home QTH on any of the US bands and modes. No cross band or mode operations are allowed. No repeater

contacts are allowed. The modes available are CW, Phone and Digital. Clubs can get in on the fun as well.

A log containing the calls worked, date, time and freq in an "ADIF" format must be maintained. You will need to send your log to Randy and he will then merge all the logs into one .ADI log that will then be forward to ARRL HQ. More detailed information is available here: <http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party>.

Anyone interested can send Randy an email at [AA8R@AOL.COM](mailto:AA8R@AOL.COM), with your desired time/band/mode slot(s). Randy will do his best to accommodate your requests, but it is first come first served. Randy will send you a confirmation email of your scheduled operations. Randy is available to answer your questions as we prepare for this once in a lifetime opportunity!

It is very important for Michigan to have lots of operators available for other hams to contact us. We certainly don't want to be the section that is discussed as "we could never find anyone to make a contact with. There are 9 HF bands and 3 modes, so for each hour, there are 27 slots that could be filled. This gives you an idea of just how many folks we can accommodate. Don't wait, make your plans now. Join the fun!

We have a few weeks yet before we go live, but really the time is short. Please contact Randy right away and make arrangements to spend some time representing your section on the air. What fun it will be to actually BE W1AW for a few hours!

I look forward to hearing you on the HF bands during the Michigan week(s) and I hope you have as much fun as I plan on having.



## 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	313-405-2573



## 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: January 9, 2014 at 6:30PM**

**Topic: Mesh Networks, by Rich Maske, K8RMM**

**The Ford Amateur Radio League**

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