



President's Notes for January 2015

I am writing these notes after having attended the L'Anse Creuse hamfest. The swap was about the same size as in previous years, although there seemed to be lesser interest in the raffle for an Icom IC-7200 transceiver; sales were below expectations at the time I bought my ticket (I didn't win). And while out among the tables, I overheard some talk that the Milford hamfest will not take place this year due to insufficient volunteers to put it on. If that turns out to be true, that will be a shame. I went to that swap fairly regularly, and unlike most swaps, it took place on a Saturday. We still have the Hazel Park and LARC swaps coming up this winter; let's do our part to keep them thriving. And let's hope Mother Nature does her part by not snowing or icing or any other nasty weather.

The Dearborn Schools' proposal for an ARISS contact was submitted December 15 at the deadline. We prepared the equipment plan for submission with the educational proposal; thanks to all who helped with that. At this time, I don't know if it's been accepted; we won't know until after our January meeting. Whichever way the proposal goes, it will have been valuable experience to help in its preparation. Here's hoping that it's successful!

December marked the end of the ARRL Centennial year and its activities. I know that one of the highlights of last year, and of my time in amateur radio, will be the Centennial Convention in Hartford which I attended with my uncle (and where I ran into Rich, K8RMM) and my getting to work 15 minutes on W100AW. But this year, there will be another big centennial: the 100th anniversary of QST Magazine. The ARRL will be marking it in every issue, and I'm working on a presentation on this topic for a future club meeting.

After having our annual holiday dinner in December, regular meetings resume this month with a presentation by Gordon, KD8COJ, on the successful ARISS contact by the Warren Consolidated Schools. If the Dearborn Schools' proposal for an ARISS contact is successful, it'll be a preview of what to expect.

I hope you all had a happy holiday period, and I hope to see you at our January meeting.

73,
Roger, KD8CSE



Ford Amateur Radio League (AKA: The Tin Lizzy Club) **Club Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2014**

Meeting Minutes for FARL November 13th, 2014

In Attendance:

Dave Treharne – N8HKU
Pat Quinn – WD8JDZ
Roger Reini- KD8CSE
Rod Deyo- K8SGL
Sam Wells- KD8YTR
Gordon Scannell- KD8COJ
Richard Maske- K8RMM
Jessica Cushard- KD8ZQP- guest
Norm Cushard- guest
Larry Koziel- guest
Mike Kirkhart- KD8QBA- guest

Meeting called to order:

By Roger at 18:36 EST

Review of the minutes

Reviewed. No comments for update

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

Treasury Report:

By Pat, WD8JDZ

1. Account balance was reviewed
2. Motion to accept made by Rod, 2nd by Dave.
3. Treasurer's report accepted by all
4. Upcoming expenses:
 - a. Roger mentioned that the renewal of the K8UTT.org site domain name is coming up; cost will be less than \$20.
 - b. Dave mentioned that we have not yet received any expense bills from LARC for the 2014 Field Day.

Repeater Report:

1. No new news. Repeaters are functional. No new word on the management at the Adoba Hotel, but it is good that the power is still on there.

Training Report:

1. Classes on-going on Thursdays. Studying mostly the General class license, and it is mostly informal.

Website info:

By Dave-N8HKU: Website is up to date.

FERA: No new information to report.

Equipment Inventory: No new information to report.

Old Business:

1. Spare 2m repeater: No action on getting the repeater from Murray, KE8UM, and placing it into the Adoba site.
2. Field Day Expenses:
 - a. Nothing from the LARC about our contribution, yet.

New Business:

1. Hazel Park swap: January 11, 2015. Usually cold and icy, but a good swap!
2. Dearborn Schools ARISS Contact proposal:
 - a. Our club is listed to be the local sponsor of the event.
 - b. Submission due no later than Dec 15th.
 - c. Working with people involved with other ARISS contacts
 - d. Working on the Equipment proposal.

- e. Expecting a reply from the ARISS group sometime in January, 2015
 - f. Contacts will be made sometime between May-December, 2015
 - g. Building chosen by the Dearborn School District: Michael Berry Career Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
3. Holiday Dinner:
- a. Final vote was between DeLuca's and Mexican Fiesta
 - b. Mexican Fiesta was voted in by 3 to 1.
 - i. Thursday, December 11, 2014
 - ii. 6:30pm
 - iii. Mexican Fiesta, 24310 Ford Rd, Dearborn Hts, MI 48127
4. Presentations for future meetings
- a. Gordon, KD8COJ, will make a presentation on the Warren Consolidated School District ARISS contact in Jan or Feb.
 - b. Dave, N8HKU, will make a presentation on Digital Voice for HF during the January or Feb club meeting.
 - c. Still looking for more presentations during future meetings.

Presentation Topic: \$50 Sat. Mike Kirkhart, KD8QBA

- 1. \$50 sat is in the Pocket Cube class, a pico cube, due to its very small size.
- 2. The satellite was launched as part of a cluster of 33 satellites.
- 3. It was launched with a Unisat that was built in Rome, Italy.
- 4. The Satellite has a designation of Eagle-2, also known as OSCAR-76 or MO-76, for Morehead University OSCAR 76, as the satellite was sponsored by Morehead University in Tennessee.
- 5. It is currently in a ~600km orbit, travelling 7.5km/second.
- 6. The satellite follows an orbit that takes it over the poles. It is roughly a sun synchronous orbit, meaning that it appears in the sky at approximately the same times every day. It does drift 10 minutes per day, though.
- 7. It is still functioning as of November 13th. More information at www.50dollarsat.info.

Adjourned:

By Roger at 8:35pm local time



“Amateur Radio Parity Act” Campaign Will Resume in New Congress - ARRL

Largely as the result of a grassroots campaign, “The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014” ([H.R. 4969](#)) (<https://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/4969>) attracted the support of 69 members of the US House of Representatives in addition to that of its sponsor, Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL). While the soon-

to-adjourn 113th Congress did not enact the bill, the effort to gain passage of the legislation will resume anew when the 114th Congress convenes in January. Introduced with bipartisan support last June, H.R. 4969 called on the FCC to apply the “reasonable accommodation” three-part test of the [PRB-1](#) (<http://www.arrl.org/prb-1>) federal pre-emption policy to private land-use restrictions regarding antennas. The limited PRB-1 pre-emption currently applies only to state and municipal land-use ordinances. The FCC has indicated its reluctance to provide the same legal protections from private land-use agreements — often called covenants, conditions, and restrictions or CC&Rs — without direction from Congress. ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, this week stressed that the fight is not over.

“While we are disappointed that the bill did not make it through the process during the session, the effort was extremely energized by the efforts of thousands of ARRL members who participated in our grassroots lobbying effort,” Henderson said. “In just 6 short months we gained tremendous traction for the Amateur Radio Parity Act.”

Henderson explained that sometime after the new Congress is called into session in January, a new “Amateur Radio Parity Act” bill with a new number will be introduced into the US House. “Once this happens, the ARRL will gear up for a fresh effort to push this legislation forward,” he added.

In a note to ARRL Section Managers this week, ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, thanked Section leaders and Field Organization volunteers on behalf of the ARRL Board of Directors and Headquarters staff for their help in garnering legislative support for H.R. 4969. “We had hoped to gain 30 co-sponsors for the bill and ultimately ended up with 69, plus the sponsor,” Sumner noted. “The overwhelming majority of these 70 supporters are returning in January, which gives us a good base on which to grow additional support.”

Sumner said the objective for 2015 is to continue the momentum, gathering enough support to move the bill through the Energy and Commerce Committee. “We have received expressions of interest from the Senate side and are hoping to have the bill introduced there as well,” he added.

Henderson said the bill would not have attained its current level of support in the US House without the thousands of letters and phone calls made by ARRL members to their congressional representatives. “The success of this crucial issue relies on the efforts of *all* radio amateurs and ARRL members,” he said. “We know you will step forward in the New Year, when we renew our efforts on Capitol Hill.”

The ARRL has developed an H.R. 4969 web page that provides [additional information](http://www.arrl.org/hr-4969) (<http://www.arrl.org/hr-4969>) on this subject.



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.



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 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: January 08, 2015 at 6:30PM
Topic: TBD

The Ford Amateur Radio League
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