



## President's Notes for July 2014

As I start to type these notes, I am sitting in the tent for our club station at Field Day. The sides have been rolled up to allow the breeze to blow through, and it's been a good breeze most of the time. 20 and 40 meters have been the workhorse bands for us out at the old Webster Elementary site in Livonia, and our performance appears to be pretty good. I know we made more CW and voice QSO's this year compared to last. In fact, early indications are that this was our best performance since 2004. So congratulations to everyone who participated!

This was my first Field Day at the new site; as you may recall, I was on vacation in Texas during last year's Field Day and visited a site near San Antonio. I tried to operate on 10 meters last year but failed to make a single contact. I don't know if anyone tried operating 10 this year; I know I didn't. 20 meters was doing very well for us. Our September presentation, as usual, will feature the complete Field Day wrap-up from Dave, N8HKU.

When you read this, it will be one week before the big ARRL Centennial Convention in Hartford. If any of you are going, perhaps we'll encounter each other there. I am definitely looking forward to it, to see how it will compare to Dayton and how it will be unique. For one thing, you can't tour ARRL HQ or W1AW at Dayton!

Here's a reminder that volunteers will be needed for the annual PEAC Celebration of Cycling on September 13. Radio support will be needed for SAG wagons and rest stations. If you are interested, contact Pat, WD8JDZ at [patquinn52@wowway.com](mailto:patquinn52@wowway.com). I am mentioning this now because our next regular meeting will only be two days before the event

This month's meeting period will be devoted to Maker Faire preparations, as has been the case since Maker Faire began. The next regular meeting will be in September. There are still openings for presentations in the fall meetings, so if you're interested in presenting, let us know.

73,  
Roger, KD8CSE



## **Ford Amateur Radio League** (AKA: The Tin Lizzy Club) **Club Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2014**

### **Meeting Minutes for FARL June 12th, 2014**

#### **In Attendance:**

Dave Treharne - N8HKU

Bill Allen - KD8KTF

Pat Quinn - WD8JDZ

Roger Reini - KD8CSE

Rod Deyo - K8SGL

Rusty Eizen - N8RGI

Guest: James French - W8ISS

Bill Boyke - N8OZV

Guest: Sam - KD8YTR: First license 2 weeks ago, Electrician at EMDO

#### **Meeting called to order:**

By Roger at 18:33 EDT

#### **Review of the minutes**

Reviewed.

1. Rusty Motioned to accept

2. Pat seconded.
3. Minutes from last month accepted unanimously

## **Treasury Report:**

By Pat, WD8JDZ

1. Account balance was reviewed
2. Pat to shut off land phone line
3. Check issued to Dave, N8HKU, for cell phone expenses, \$71.73
  - a. Bluetooth to phone line converter: \$49.99
  - b. Kyocera Forte Cell Phone: \$10.59
  - c. One month of 100minute cell phone coverage: May 15<sup>th</sup>-June 15: \$10.79
4. Motion to Accept Treasurer's report made by Rod, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rusty. All approved.

## **Repeater Report:**

By Dave- N8HKU

1. Repeaters are still working. Cellphone based shutoff now installed. Dave will autopay the bills and submit to reimbursement on a quarterly basis. The cost should be around \$10/month, give or take discounts and taxes.
2. Sunday night net still at 20:00 EDT on Sunday. Roger to add this time to the agenda line item.

## **Training Report:**

Bill- N8OZV

1. No classes started at Ford at this time.
2. Any classes with the Yacht club will occur in the winter, during off-season. Possible start in September.

## **Website info:**

By Dave-N8HKU: Website is up to date. Next update: Field Day items.

**Old Business:**

1. Landline Replacement
  - a. Cell phone installed.
  - b. Pat-WD8JDZ, to cancel the landline phone service.
2. Murray still wants to put the extra repeater hardware up at the Adoba site. Not done to date.

**New Business**

1. Appropriations for Field Day:
  - a. Motion made by Bill-N8OZV, to allocate up to \$300 for 2014 Field Day expenses.
  - b. Seconded by Rod-K8SGL
  - c. Approved by voice vote.
2. PEAC Ride
  - a. Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Rod, Pat, Dave, Bill Boyke, Roger, all indicated they could support.
3. Meeting Start time:
  - a. Considered a change in start time to 6pm from 6:30pm.
  - b. Decided that this would hurt attendance from at least one person, and not improve attendance by anyone else.
  - c. Voted to keep meeting time at 6:30pm.
4. Maker Faire
  - a. N8M callsign reserved for use this year. This is listed with ARRL as a Special Event Station
  - b. 2 6BTV antennas will be ready to go.
  - c. Bill, N8OZV, will have a printer set up for the QSL cards this year.
    - i. Wants all contacts logged electronically in ADIF format for easy conversion to the automatic printing
  - d. Tents are available

## 5. LARC Balloon Launch

- a. Roger asked if anyone else had heard it.
  - i. Bill- KD8KTF, participated in the event and heard it.
    - 1. Late launch due to loss of first balloon, the need to get more Helium, and payload initially too heavy
    - 2. Payload was in the air 4-5 hours
- b. Potential balloon launch again next year. Materials cost is currently high for helium in particular.
- c. Recovered payload requested to be displayed at Maker Faire. Bill-KD8KTF to request it.

## 6. Field Day : Dave-N8HKU

- a. Site plans reviewed
  - i. Request made for SSB2 G5RV Jr antenna to be moved so people are less likely to walk underneath. Bill-KD8KTF, will try, yet also keep antenna pattern to provide good E-W coverage
- b. Bill\_KD8KTF, took the FARL G5RV to install on Friday
- c. Confirmed equipment and set up time for Saturday at 9am.
- d. Confirmed LARC has enough generator capacity
- e. Confirmed 4A operation
- f. Confirmed FARL will provide Breakfast. Dave- N8HKU, will coordinate breakfast.
- g. FARL Participants:
  - i. Dave-N8HKU: Saturday morn-Sunday pm
  - ii. Bill-N8OZV: Saturday night
  - iii. Roger- KD8CSE: Sat-Sun
  - iv. Pat- WD8JDZ: Sat set up and Sunday tear down certain.
  - v. Rusty- N8RGI: Will attend, time uncertain.
  - vi. James- W8ISS: Saturday night
  - vii. Bill-KD8KTF: Sat-Sun

**Adjourned:**

By Roger at 19:45 EDT

**ARRL Great Lakes Division Leadership Changes - ARRL**

ARRL [Great Lakes Division](http://www.arrl-greatlakes.org/) (<http://www.arrl-greatlakes.org/>) Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, has announced his retirement from the ARRL Board of Directors, effective at noon EDT on July 7. Great Lakes Division Vice Director [Dale Williams](mailto:wa8efk@arrl.org) ([wa8efk@arrl.org](mailto:wa8efk@arrl.org)), WA8EFK, of Dundee, Michigan, is the Division's new Director. The Great Lakes Division is made up of Ohio, Michigan, and Kentucky.

ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, has appointed W. Thomas "Tom" Delaney, W8WTD, of Cincinnati, Ohio, to fill the resulting Vice Director vacancy. Both Williams and Delaney will attend the ARRL National Centennial Convention and the July ARRL Board of Directors' meeting following the convention in Hartford, Connecticut.

Weaver, who lives in Mason, Ohio, had served as the League's Great Lakes Division Director since January 2003. He was a member of the Programs & Services and CEO Candidate Screening committees. He continues to hold several Field Organization appointments in Ohio, including Official Observer and Public Information Officer.

Williams had been Great Lakes Division Vice Director since January 2012. He previously served as ARRL Michigan Section Manager — from 1992 until 1997, and from 2003 until 2011.

Delaney, the new Vice Director, was a Public Information Officer for about a decade. He is active on the Queen City Emergency Net and belongs to several clubs in Cincinnati. Active in public service work, Delaney is also the volunteer chairman of the Communications Committee for Disaster Services at the Cincinnati Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.



## 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.



## 2013-2014 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: July 10, 2014 at 6:30PM**  
**Topic: Maker Faire**

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