



President's Notes, June 2012

Here it is, June already. Where is the year going? And if you went by the unusual weather in late May and early June, you'd be questioning the calendar, too. Can it really be almost summer when we have to wear light jackets for good parts of the day? But believe the calendar; it is indeed June.

Did any of you get to see the transit of Venus on the 5th? It was uncertain if anybody in Detroit would, for there was extensive cloud cover. But fortunately, the clouds parted in the evening, and we who were watching got to see a tremendous sight, something none of us will ever see again in our lifetimes. There were a number of sunspots on the sun during the transit; I could see those clearly in my camera, thanks to the solar filter I had obtained. I could also see the disk of Venus quite clearly, larger and rounder than any of the sunspots. I doubt that the transit had any meaningful effect on radio propagation, but that has me wondering if there would be meaningful effects during a solar eclipse. That would be an interesting thing to investigate. But I'll be honest, if I'm in the path of a total solar eclipse, I won't be on the radio during totality!

As you know, the status of the 2 meter and 220 MHz repeaters is uncertain going forward, as there are issues involving the current location of the repeaters. More details will be forthcoming in the meetings. Suffice it to say, you will be kept informed about any actions we may need to take.

Our club meeting this month is as late as it can be in a month: the 14th. It will take place at the usual time and location, and the presentation topic is already set: Field Day. Dave, N8HKU, will be reviewing our operating plans for the Field Day weekend, which will take place nine days after our meeting. Once again, we are operating in conjunction with the Livonia club (LARC) at the fire station on Plymouth Road. With the fire tower scheduled to come down later in the year, and with the possibility of

housing being built on some of the open land behind the station, this may well be the last time the clubs will operate from that location, so history may be in the making.

There will be a meeting in July, but it will be devoted exclusively to planning for Maker Faire at the end of the month, so it won't be an official club meeting. There will definitely not be a meeting in August, so after this month's (June) meeting, we'll meet again as a club in September. Have a good summer!

73,
Roger, KD8CSE



Ford Amateur Radio League (AKA: The Tin Lizzy Club) **Club Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2012**

Minutes, FARL Club Meeting – May 10, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Roger, KD8CSE
at 18:38 (6:38p.m.)
9 members were present.

Minutes from prior meeting: Prior minutes were reviewed and the number of members attending last meeting was amended to read “9 members were present.” The minutes were then 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 held.

Committee Reports:

Repeaters: The 2 mtr; 220 and 440 are operating about the same. Note was made to the fact that the Hyatt has changed ownership. Whether this will cause us problems of losing our space is to be determined. We will have to keep abreast of the situation. Dave, N8HKU still has phone patch operating instructions if needed. Don't forget the Sunday Night Net @ 8p.m.

Education and Training: Bill Boyke, N8OZV was not available. Roger, KD8CSE mentioned that there was a training session held with 4 people. 1 Tech and 3 non-licensed. Final result was 2 General tickets, and 2 Tech tickets.

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:

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Reminder of the upcoming Maker Faire. It will be held July 28th & 29th. Further info to follow.

Field Day is coming up; June 23rd & 24th. Next meeting will have discussions concerning it.

New Business: Dayton Hamvention was discussed. Reminder that 145.27 is not an open freq. while down there.

Monroe swap is June 17th. The club decided not to get a table.

Break: 18:56(6:56p.m.)

Presentation: Dave, N8HKU gave a program on the Ford Focus electric vehicle. Very interesting information was had by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:57(7:57p.m.)



Michigan Legislature Recognizes Contributions of Amateur Radio Enthusiasts

- Pat Mullet, KC8RTW (Michigan ARRL)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/%28S%28lkotip551erxyd22oa2abf55%29%29/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2012-HR-0287>

(Lansing, MI, June 6, 2012) — The Michigan House of Representatives has issued a resolution recognizing the public service contributions of Michigan's Amateur Radio Operators, as they prepare for their annual emergency communications exercise. On June 1st, the State house passed House Resolution No. 287, A resolution to declare June 17–23, 2012, as Amateur Radio Week in the state of Michigan.

Amateur Radio (or "ham radio") operators from throughout Michigan will be joining Hams across the nation, attempting to talk to people around the world using an amazing variety of differing methods. These range from the tried and true Morse code to voice and digital communications, even to using amateur satellites as they demonstrate their unique dedication to public service during Amateur Radio Week. Michigan's local ham radio clubs will be active in their communities to raise awareness about Amateur Radio in preparation for the week's culminating event, an annual emergency preparedness exercise called "Field Day." Field Day is a 24-hour marathon event where the object is to contact as many other stations as possible during the contest, which will occur over the weekend of June 23 and 24. Field Day is sponsored

by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national association for Amateur Radio.

Field Day is designed to test operators' abilities to set up and operate portable stations under emergency conditions such as the loss of commercial electricity and normal avenues of communication. Most participants will set up their Field Day stations in city parks, on village greens or even in shopping mall parking lots. The event is a serious test of skill, and a contest for fun, too. During the weekend, the radio operators try to contact as many other Field Day stations as possible, simulating the on-air skills needed to assist state, regional and local officials as well as agencies such as the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross during an emergency. More than 37,000 Amateur Radio operators across the country participated in last year's event, a far cry from the handful of hams that participated in the first Field Day back in 1933.

The public is invited to stop by and watch the proceedings, ask questions and will often get a chance to join in, making a few contacts themselves under the watchful eye of a friendly ham operator. Anyone interested in visiting a Field Day site may locate the site nearest you by using the online locator on the ARRL website at <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>

With more than 650,000 Amateur Radio operators in the United States and more than 2.5 million worldwide, the Amateur Radio hobby is alive and well. And best of all, anyone can become a ham. Information on how to become involved in Amateur Radio is available from the American Radio Relay League, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 or by calling 1-800-32-NEW HAM. The URL for the ARRL's home page on the World Wide Web is www.arrl.org.

Reps. Lindberg, Darany, Byrum, Yonker, Hovey-Wright, Hammel, Liss, Dillon, Kandrevas, McBroom, Barnett, Durhal, Geiss, Heise, Horn, LeBlanc, Slavens, Switalski, Talabi and Tyler offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 287.

A resolution to declare June 17–23, 2012, as Amateur Radio Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Amateur radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast over the airwaves; and

Whereas, Amateur radio has continued to provide a bridge between peoples, societies and countries by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and

Whereas, Amateur radio operators have also provided countless hours of community services both in emergencies and to other local organizations throughout these decades; and

Whereas, These amateur radio's services are provided wholly uncompensated; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan also recognizes the services amateur radio's people also provide to our many civilian Emergency Response organizations, including the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army; and

Whereas, These same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs and other charitable public events; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service; and

Whereas, Amateur radio once again proved its undisputed relevance in the modern world by providing emergency communications when other systems failed in the wake of Hurricane Irene, the paralyzing October Blizzard that hit the Northeast and Atlantic Seaboard; and

Whereas, The Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the leading organization for amateur radio in the USA; and

Whereas, The ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 23-24, 2012 and is a 24-hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the Radio Amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare June 17–23, 2012, as Amateur Radio Week in the state of Michigan



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.



LARC VE Exam Sessions

The Livonia Amateur Radio Club is pleased to announce that the following dates are available for VE sessions. Exams will be Thursdays at 7:00pm at the Livonia Civic Center Library by appointment only. Contact information is mwa8dhp@arrl.net. The dates for exams are: June 14, Aug 16, Oct 18, Dec 13.



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 for current events and activities.

President	Roger Reini	KD8CSE	734-728-1509
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Activity Chair	Bill Boyke	N80ZV	313-805-8877
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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: June 14, 2012 at 6:30PM
Topic: Field Day Preparations

The Ford Amateur Radio League
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