



President's Notes, June 2013

As I start these notes, Dayton Hamvention has finished its second day. There was a large contingent of club members down here, as there usually is, and I ran into some other Ford folks as well. I hope everyone found what they were looking for. Compared to my last visit in 2011, there seemed to have been fewer booths occupied and slightly smaller crowds overall; still, that didn't keep some of the forums from being packed, such as the antenna modeling and microcontroller/embedded single board computers forums. A lot of folks are interested in the Raspberry Pi! Recall the presentation from Rich, K8RMM, last November. And now a new single-board system called the BeagleBone may be giving the Pi a run for its money.

Now for a business matter. As of mid-May, we have only received six dues payments for membership renewals. Dues payments were due April 1, as they have been for many years. Our club has been in existence for over 55 years, but we can't continue without a strong membership base. To those who renewed, thank you. To those who haven't, and you still plan to do so, then please send your payments right away. If you don't plan to renew, then is there a reason why? Has the club not been meeting your expectations? Is there something we could be doing better? Actually, I'll ask it of the entire membership: what can we be doing better as a club? Better activities? Better presentations? Something else?

June means Field Day, and the June club meeting will focus on our Field Day plans for this year. Things will be quite different this year with our being at a new site (the former Webster Elementary School location in Livonia): new site plan, new locations for the antennas, and many other things I can't remember now. But though our location may be different, many other things will be the same. We'll find out in the presentation this month. There may be some updates regarding Maker Faire, as well; major updates for that, though, will be covered in July.

73, Roger, KD8CSE



Ford Amateur Radio League (AKA: The Tin Lizzy Club) **Club Meeting Minutes – May 09, 2013**

Minutes, FARL Club Meeting - May 9th, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Roger, KD8CSE at 18:35 (6:35p.m.)
8 members were present.
2 guests were present Ted Storke (KD6AKT) and his wife Donna.

Minutes from prior meeting:

Prior minutes from April 2013 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurers Report:

Pat, WD8JDZ read the report. Motion to accept as read.
Treasurers report is being submitted to FERA for the annual report.
Questions about FERA rebate check. Has not arrived yet.
NOTE: Dues are due!

Board of Directors Meeting: No formal meeting was held.

An informal e-Mail communications was held about purchases for the up coming
Field day.

Committee Reports:

Repeaters:

The 2 Mtr repeater is up and operating again thanks to Murray.
The 440 repeater is still in need of a new antenna.
The 220 is working good.
Remember the Sunday night net. (On hold until repeater is repaired)

Education and Training:

Nothing new to report. Plans for future classes will be announced at a later date.

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: Talk about merging treasurer report into historian archives.

Equipment Inventory: Up to date

FERA: No new business

Unfinished/Current Business:

Discussion of updating club event summary/activity report to include presentations

From Apr 2012 to Mar 2013

New Business:

Dayton purchase plans - nothing really mentioned.

440 repeater antenna repairs. Waiting until we can get access to do repairs.

Also see if Murray is willing to take over repairing 440 machine.

Dayton freq discussed and decided on 146.55 + 100hz PL

Field day and Maker Faire brief discussions.

Announcement: 2 videos and 1 audio file are available about the California Palomar repeater and club station. Also various California field day stations And a funny audio clip about tower climbing. Email Richard (K8RMM).

Break: 19:15 (7:15p.m.)

Presentation: Rich (K8RMM) did show and tell about the S9V31 MKII vertical antenna available from Cheapam.com or LDGelec.com

The meeting was adjourned at 19:50 (7:50p.m.)



Thank you! – Ted Storke, KD6AKT

Just a note of thanks for an enjoyable evening while attending your club meeting in May. I enjoyed meeting some of your club members and the presentation of the 31 foot portable antenna. I went back to our lake home rental that evening and ordered the antenna and when we arrived home this past Friday the antenna was waiting for me. I mailed in the rebate and now waiting for the balun.

Thanks again for a very nice evening. Next year in May we'll be back and I will make it point to join you again. If you or any of your members find yourself in San Diego please join us on the first Wednesday of the month for our meeting at the Palomar ARC.

<http://www.palomararc.com/>

Thanks again and I'll see you next year in May.

73'

Ted / KD6AKT

Friendship Through Amateur Radio

ARRL Field Day 2013

The FARL and LARC jointly host Field Day this year in Livonia, MI. Need set-up and tear-down help, operators, and other participants!



Date: June 22nd – 23rd, 2013.

Location: **New Site for Field Day 2013!**

Lyndon Street, West of Newburgh Rd,
Just North of I-96.

Schedule

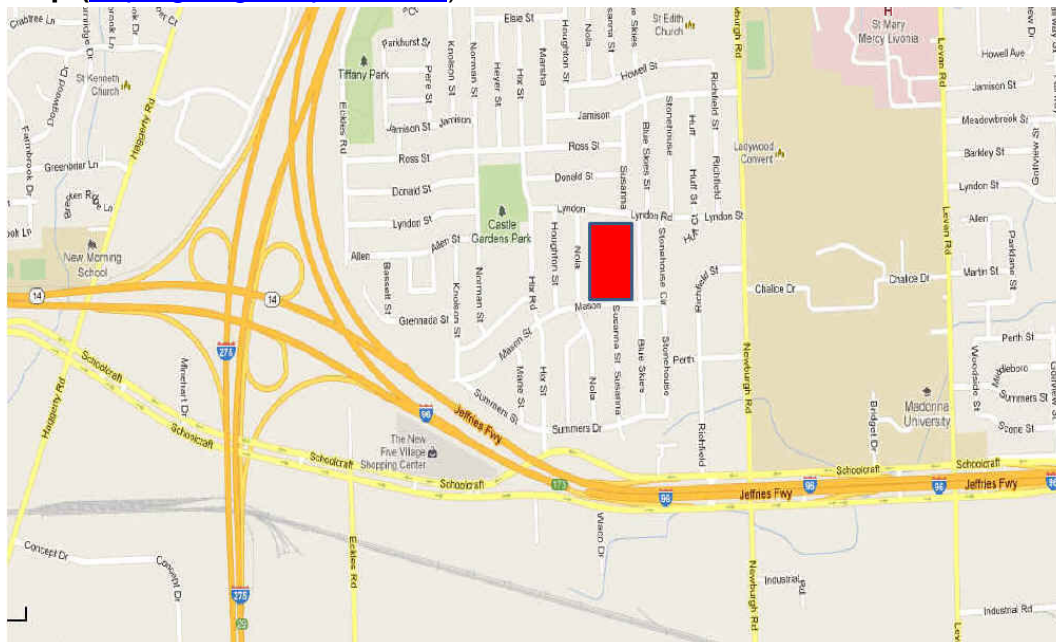
Set up: Begins: Friday, June 21st, Time TBD
Continues: Saturday, June 22nd, 9 A.M.

Operating: Saturday, 2 P.M.– Sunday, 2 P.M.

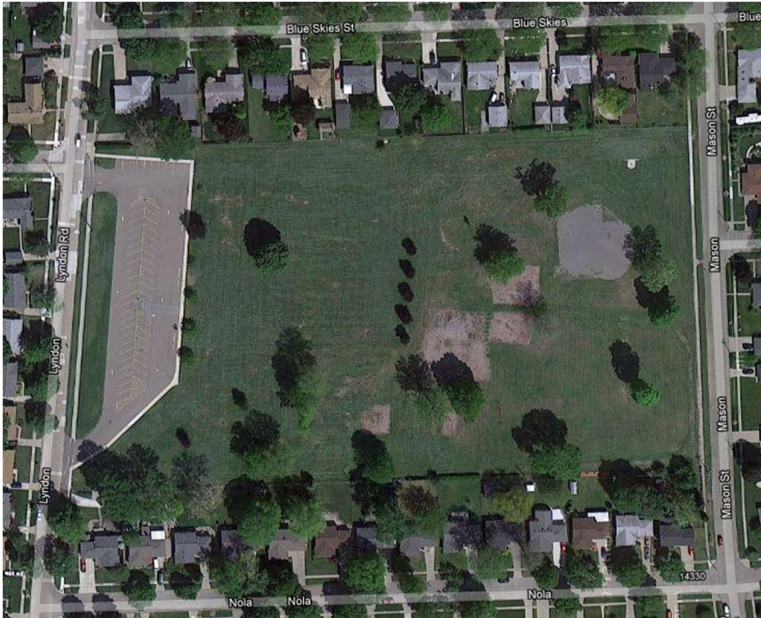
Teardown: Sunday, 2 P.M. – 3 P.M.

More Info: http://k8utt.org/2013_Field_Day.htm

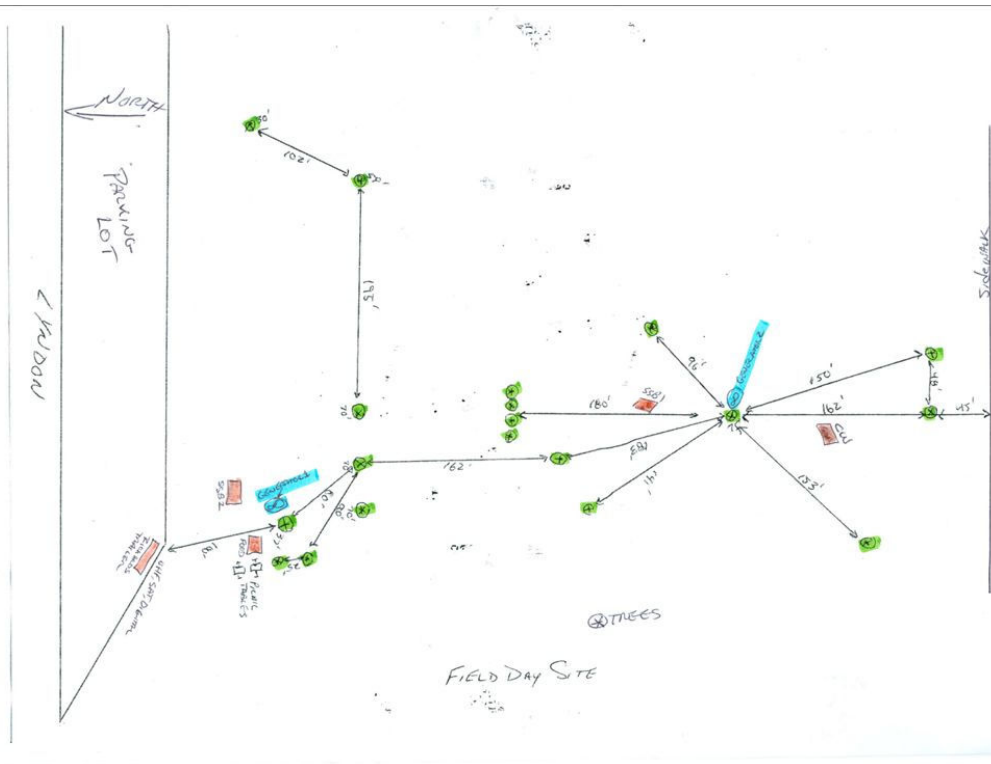
Map (<http://goo.gl/maps/bNhFv>)



Site Map



Layout





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 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
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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: June 13, 2013 at 6:30PM
Topic: Field Day! New location this year!

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