



FARL President's Notes, October 2010

Well, here we are into October already. Where is the year going? As I type these words, it's been a few days since the annual PEAC ride. Once again, Tin Lizzy hams and hams from other clubs provided radio support at home base and at the rest stops. Participation seemed down to me this year, but that was undoubtedly due to the heavy rain that came down early in the ride. Many riders who were planning on longer rides had to have cut short their trips and come in early. I don't blame them, not if they weren't prepared for heavy rain! As for those who stuck it out, especially those on the longer routes, more power to them! I'll note that the absence of the late Kevin Degen was felt by all. Even though he wasn't there, his specially-built trike was there as a reminder.

If you attended the September meeting, then you learned that our treasurer, Bill, WA8HEA, has asked to step down from his position, owing to a forthcoming move away from Dearborn. I asked for volunteers to take over for him. We may be holding a special election in the October meeting to fill his position; alternatively, the board of directors may appoint someone to fill the position. On behalf of the club, I want to thank Bill for his many years of service to the club, most recently as treasurer and as Field Day chairperson. It may be a drive from Hartland, Bill, but feel free to continue coming to our meetings! We may even start up meeting call-ins again, if there is interest.

The 220 MHz repeater has been showing signs of flakiness in recent days; its output will seem fine, then all of a sudden it will drop to zero, come back at a low level – say, 20% -- then ramp back up to full power. This will of course be monitored and, if necessary, repaired.

It's not too early to think about where to hold our annual Christmas dinner. Last year, we were at Mallie's in Southgate. This year, who knows?

Because the business part of the September meeting ran so long, we did not have a chance to have any presentations. Those presentations will take place this month: the oft-delayed presentation from Al, W8AMH, on Bluetooth headsets, and perhaps my own presentation on the Yaesu VX8R HT.

73,
Roger, KD8CSE



Ford Amateur Radio League (AKA: The Tin Lizzy Club) Club Meeting Minutes – September 09, 2010

Minutes, FARL Club Meeting - Sept 9th, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 18:38 (6:38 p.m.).
13 Members were present.

Minutes from prior meeting: June 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved without changes.

Treasurer Report: Bill, WA8HEA was not available, so the report was read by Roger, KD8CSE. The report was approved.

Board of Directors Meeting: A (semi) board of directors meeting was held over e-mail concerning the emergency spending of \$200 to the Livonia club to cover our half of the damage done to the fire station awning. The awning on the mobile trailer was not secured when storms rolled into the area near the end of Field-Day and as such, the awning was damaged from the storms. Good news is that the Livonia fire station will continue to let us use the area for Field-Day because we did handle this promptly. Also, special attention must be made next year to make sure ALL equipment is stowed properly.

Committee Reports:

Repeaters:

The 2 mtr repeater is having a possible receive problem. Transmitting seems to be o.k. Could be possible de-sensing from nearby cell phone antennas and the location on the Hyatt, which results in poor coverage to the north and northeast. Will keep track.

The 220 repeater is back on-line.

The 70 cm repeater is not operating very well and is need of a possible upgrade. Anyone noticing any issues with the repeaters, please contact the board. Don't forget the Sunday night net at 8p.m.

Education and Training: Bill Boyke, N8OZV will be holding lunch and learn sessions at Ford in October. The Ford Yacht club has agreed to continue the same training and testing as last year. Bill will be holding a Technician class in March, and a General class in April. Contact Bill for more info. wboyke@ford.com.

The Maker Faire produced some good results with new and upgrading Hams.

Communication - Newsletter/Website: The newsletter was a little delayed being sent out. We will work on getting out sooner. The website is up and running and constantly updated with new info. www.k8utt.org

FERA News: No new news

Unfinished/Current Business: A proposal was made to replace the current cardboard file boxes with new plastic containers to protect all records and files. \$50 was authorized for the historian (John, N8NWA) to research and purchase the containers. Also, John, N8NWA and Bill, N8OZV will start converting the files and records to digital format; some of which will eventually put on the website for historical and informational review.

Some club equipment will be transferred from Bill, WA8HEA to John, N8NWA due to Bill's moving out of the area. The items will be listed and the website updated once done.

We will be looking for a new treasurer to replace Bill, WA8HEA who has moved out of the area. The volunteer must meet FARL requirements as prescribed in the FARL constitution; **Article IV Sec: 6 "Any member holding the office of president, vice-president or treasurer must be a full-time employee or retiree of the Ford Motor Company or a Subsidiary of the Company. Exceptions may be considered as specified by the FERA constitution."** Any volunteers can contact Roger, KD8CSE or Dave, N8HKU.

An amendment to the by-laws was suggested; **Article IV Sec: 2 "The Board of Directors or the Repeater Committee is empowered to authorize emergency expenditures of a maximum of \$200. A minimum of three(3) Board members must approve emergency expenditures above \$300"** to read **"A minimum of three(3) board members must approve any 'emergency' expenditures."** This will be revisited next club meeting taking any more discussions on the matter.

The Maker Faire has contracted with Henry Ford Museum for 2 more years. We will start discussing plans in February for operations/displays or a possible special event station for the next faire.

Due to miscommunication, we received a late invitation to help with the PEAC ride which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Info is available from Pat Quinn, WD8JDZ at patquinn52@wowway.com

The meeting was adjourned at 20:08 (8:08p.m.).(Due to the length of discussions during the business part of the meeting, presentations were deferred to future meetings.)



Support

2010 Free Press Marathon – October 17, 2010

If you are interested in providing communications support for the 2010 Free Press Marathon on Sunday, October 17, you may now register on-line at <http://www.freepmarathon.com/volunteers.htm>.

Click on volunteer registration which will take you to a page where you scroll down to Sunday, October 17, find the HAM Radio box, check it and fill in the requested information.

Bill, KD8KTF



Events



Motor City Radio Club FoxHunt - October 16, 2010

<http://www.w8mrm.org/foxhunt>

Where do we start off at?

We meet at Leo's Coney Island at 9845 Telegraph Road in Taylor at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast. Then at 10:30 a.m. people group up and begin the hunt for the Fox. If you don't have any directional finding equipment, don't worry. There will be someone there that you can ride with. It's sure to be a fun time for all!

Fox Hunting Rules for 2010 Season

Responsibilities of the Fox

The Fox Must:

1. Be an MCRC member, or hide with the MCRC member who gets club license.
2. Use common sense to avoid placing anyone at risk.
3. Locate within a 30 mile radius of the Wyandotte Repeater.
4. Locate on public non-residential property in a place accessible to the general public during hunt. Make sure teams are able to arrive at Fox's Hideout without violating Hunter's Responsibility Rule no. 6.
5. Locate where no admission charge or payment of any kind is necessary in order to access the Fox's Hideout.
6. Get permission from owners of property or local officials.
7. Notify police of your intention to locate Fox's Hideout in their jurisdiction.
8. Transmit on input frequency of the Wyandotte Repeater, 147.840 MHz.
9. Transmit one minute on; one minute off.

10. Monitor the Wyandotte Repeater for emergency or other traffic between transmissions.
11. Determine that transmissions constantly hold the Wyandotte Repeater. The power level and antenna pattern of Fox's signal may be varied as long as they remain uninterrupted on repeater output.
12. See to it that the Fox's signals are transmitted from within the same 100 foot diameter circle.
13. Observe Fox Hunt Time Limits: 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM.
14. Arrange for distribution at starting point of envelopes with maps to Fox's Hideout enclosed.
15. Obtain W8MRM License from the MCRC Trustee and the permission to use club call during the hunt.
16. Record arrival time as soon as hunter finds fox. Record odometer mileage for successful hunters at specified location. Then send hunters to a prearranged location, so as to not give away the fox's location.

Fox Hunt Schedule

- Hunt 1: May 15
- Hunt 2: June 19
- Hunt 3: July 17
- Hunt 4: August 21
- Hunt 5: September 18
- Hunt 6: October 16



25 Annual Utica-Shelby Emergency Communications Association HAMFEST - OCTOBER 24, 2010

Doors open from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

American Polish Century Club,
33204 Maple Lane Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312-6212
(1 Mile East of M-53, Just North of 14 Mile Rd.)

New and Used Sales - Radio Test Bench - VE Test Session (From 8am to 10am ONLY) - Many Great Door Prizes - Hang out with other Hams - Food and Fun - Join in the Buffet dinner starting at 12 Noon

Admission is \$ 5.00 at the door

Contact:

Jeff, KD8CIA, (586) 873-9198 or kd8cia@gmail.com
Talk in on the USECA Repeater 147.180 PL 100Hz
<http://www.usecaarc.com/events/>

Vendor Registration

2010 USECA Hamfest

October 24, 2010

Location:

American-Polish Century Club
33204 Maple Lane
Sterling Heights, MI 48088

Contact:

JEFF JOHNSON, KD8CIA
28527 ADLER DR
WARREN, MI 48088
Cell 586-873-9198
kd8cia@gmail.com



Company / Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Service	Rate	X	Quantity	=	Total
First Table – 1 ticket	17.00				
Additional Tables	12.00				
Additional Tickets	5.00				

Add the last column to calculate your total due - _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please make check payable to USECA. Please sign the form above and remit payment with this form to: USECA Hamfest

PO Box 46331 Mt. Clemens, MI 48046

No sales of Firearms or Food are Permitted. Vendors and individuals are solely responsible for any concession sales tax obligation, by purchasing a table(s), you acknowledge your awareness of this Michigan Tax Law and release USECA, its members, board and officers of any liability in this matter. USECA and the PACC can not be responsible for any loss or damage incurred to person or property during the Hamfest.



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	Dee Flint	248-981-8145	N8UZE@arrl.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.



Hazel Park ARC will be holding a comprehensive class on what knowledge is required for the General Class license. Classes are on Tuesdays, September 14 through December 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Southfield EOC (basement of Southfield Parks and Rec Bldg).

Cost: Free (although ARRL General Class Manual is required and can be purchased).

Contact **Marsha Fleming, N8FE** at n8fe@arrl.net if interested.



2010-2011 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	Bill Brezina	WA8HEA	313-563-2905
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	John Stucka	N3JM	313-576-9880
Bolt Editor	Rajiv Paul	KD8LHF	313-244-2515



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: October 14, 2010 at 6:30PM

Topic: Bluetooth Headsets – AI, W8AMH / Yaesu VX8R HT – Roger, KD8CSE

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