



President's Notes for September 2013

Fall is in the air – the leaves haven't started to turn yet, but soon they will be. The mornings are a bit chillier. And that means the noise on the low bands will be quieting down and 75/80 and 160 will become more usable, as they tend to do this time of year.

As you may know, the club did not help the PEAC organization with its annual Celebration of Cycling event this year. There weren't enough volunteers to make it feasible; according to our treasurer Pat Quinn, WD8JDZ, there were only three volunteers this year, nowhere near enough to man every rest stop and SAG vehicle. There were some who would have volunteered if not for conflicts such as religious holidays. I was looking forward to the event, as I had served there most every year since I got my license. There may have been two years where I was out of town and thus was unable to participate. But I enjoyed the event, whether being a SAG driver or serving as Net Control operator. I hope we're able to participate next year.

We have an opening for club secretary, as John Turowski, N8NWA, resigned last month. We are scheduled to have a special election to fill the post at our next meeting. I hope one of you will decide to step up and volunteer or consent to be nominated.

Our next meeting will be on October 10 at the usual time (6:30 PM) and the usual place (the EMDO building). Our presentation topic is Island Chasing, to be delivered by yours truly. One thing we need to start thinking about is where to meet for our annual Christmas dinner. Another thing we need to consider is how to encourage membership growth, for without new members, our club will dry up and wither away. We can discuss this more at the October meeting.

73,
Roger, KD8CSE



Ford Amateur Radio League (AKA: The Tin Lizzy Club) **Club Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2013**

Minutes, FARL Club Meeting – September 12th, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Roger, KD8CSE at 18:39 (6:39p.m.)

5 members were present.

- Roger Reini
- Pat Quinn
- Rod Deyo
- Ivan Love
- David Treharne

Minutes from prior meeting:

Minutes from June, 2013 were reviewed:

Motion to approve minutes made by Pat, 2nd by Rod. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report:

Pat, WD8JDZ read the report. Monthly phone bill paid, food supplied by Dave, N8HKU paid. Motion to accept as read by Dave, 2nd by Ivan. Minutes approved.

Board of Directors Meeting: No formal meeting was held.

Committee Reports:

Repeaters:

All is OK with the 2m and 220 machine. No changes to the 440 Machine.
Join the Sunday night net @ 8 p.m.

Education and Training: No news from Bill, N8OZV

Communication - Newsletter/Website:

Send any items to Roger, Dave, or to Rajiv.

Historian: No news, historian John Turowski was not present.

Equipment Inventory: Up to date, R7 antenna now shown with Bill Boyke.

FERA: No new business

Unfinished/Current Business:

Dave Treharne was paid for his expenses. No final expense numbers from LARC, yet.

PEAC Ride was Sept 14th. Due to lack of membership support, FARL was unable to provide operators for neither the rest areas nor the SAG wagons.

New Business and Announcements:

Speaking with Santa: Need to hear from Bill Boyke about possible dates.

Spacecraft Juno: coming around for a flyby. Will send Hi on CW on October 9th. For more information, see www.jpl.nasa.gov/hijuno

Presentation Topics:

1. AA5RO Field Day site: Presented by Roger Reini, who attended this during the Saturday of Field Day. See the club website for the summary presentation.
2. LARC-FARL Field Day. Review of the clubs' score and the event in general was presented by David Treharne. All material from the review is on the club website under 2013 Field Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:42 (7:42p.m.)

David Treharne, N8HKU
Club Vice President

ARRL National Centennial Convention – 2014 - Roger, KD8CSE



The ARRL has put up the website for the 2014 National Centennial Convention to be held July 17-19 in Hartford, CT. Go to <http://arrl2014.org/> for the details. Details about the programs will be posted in the coming weeks. Registration will begin in January.

Tickets for the convention will be \$75 for a 3-day ticket, \$25 (advance) or \$30 (on-site) for a 2-day ticket. The Friday night centennial banquet will be \$75. There will also be tickets for trips to the Newington HQ of ARRL and W1AW.

The ARRL Centennial QSO Party Starts January 1, 2014! - ARRL

In conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the ARRL, the [ARRL Centennial QSO Party](http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party) (<http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party>) is set to kick off January 1



for a year-long operating event in which participants can accumulate points and win awards, as well as working new stations and making new friends. During 2014 W1AW will be on the air from every state (at least twice) and most US territories, and it will be easy to work all states solely by contacting

W1AW portable operations. This marks the first ARRL-sponsored operating event where every member is worth at least one point. The event is open to all, although only ARRL members and appointees, elected officials, HQ staff and W1AW are worth [points](http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party#Table) (<http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party#Table>). Working ARRL's president, for example, earns 300 points!

To qualify for points all contacts must be two-way (no cross-band or cross-mode contacts), using CW, phone (FM, SSB, AM, digital voice), digital (any digital

mode, such as PSK31, RTTY) on 160, 80, 40, 30, 17, 15, 12, 10, 6, 2 and 1.25 meters, plus 70 centimeters and satellite.

Stations [exchange](http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party#QSO_Information_Exchange) ([http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party#QSO Information Exchange](http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party#QSO_Information_Exchange)) signal report and ARRL abbreviation. Contacts do not have to be contest-style and it isn't necessary to give the ARRL organizational information. A centennial database will assign point values to all logs submitted electronically. Those not submitting electronically, however, will need to obtain the QSO information during the contact. This event is not a contest, so participants may make contacts in any fashion they prefer.

The Centennial QSO Party is scored by totaling the values of all eligible contacts. There are no multipliers or bonus points. Logs submitted via Logbook of the World ([LoTW](http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world)) (<http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world>) will be scored automatically.

Awards

Work W1AW operating portable from all 50 states. Working W1AW or W1ØØAW in Connecticut does not count for Connecticut, however. Participants can earn W1AW Connecticut credit only for working W1AW/1 in Connecticut. A W1AW WAS certificate and plaque will be available (pricing not yet announced). For an extra challenge, work all 100 W1AW portable operations — essentially a double WAS with W1AW!

Endorse the W1AW WAS Certificate with the Territorial Stickers for working W1AW/KH2, W1AW/KP4, W1AW/KP2, and any others that may be active, and also endorse with W1AW/3 from the District of Columbia (stickers are \$1 each)

Centennial Points Challenge

To compete in the Centennial Points Challenge, submit logs via Logbook of the World ([LoTW](http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world)) (<http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world>). The system will automatically look for points-qualifying contacts from submitted logs and apply them to each participant's Centennial QSO Points table. QSOs do not have to be matched in LoTW for points to be achieved — this is an honor-based event. No

paper forms or information will be accepted for the Centennial Points Challenge, however. Some points worth noting:

Club call signs do not count for points.

Repeater contacts are not valid for credit.

Mobile and portable operations are okay but do not count for points in addition to home operation — ie, a contact with KØGW counts for KØGW, whether it is made with KØGW/4, KØGW/m, or PJ4/KØGW.

Stations outside of the US may also count for points. More than 10,000 ARRL members live outside the US, and some of these are also volunteer examiners or DXCC card checkers.

ARRL appointees, staffers, and officers should choose for their contact exchange the appointment or office held that offers the highest point value (this is how the database will work also). For example, KI9XX is an ARRL Life Member (a LM is worth 2 points), a Volunteer Examiner (VE is worth 5 points) and a State Government Liaison (SGL is worth 30 points), so KI9XX should use “SGL,” since that offers the highest point value. In any event, the database will give credit for the proper point value.

The top-scoring operator from each ARRL Section, Canadian Province and DXCC entity will receive a First Place certificate. The Top Five overall point scorers will receive awards. There is a charge for award certificates. For complete information, visit the [ARRL Centennial QSO Party](http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party#QSO%20Information%20Exchange) (<http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party#QSO Information Exchange>) web page. [Contact us](mailto:100QSOParty@arrl.org) (100QSOParty@arrl.org) if you have questions.



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
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: October 10, 2013 at 6:30PM
Topic: Island Chasing by Roger, KD8CSE

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