



President's Notes, September 2011

I hope that you enjoyed your summer, and managed to keep a good tan and avoid those hordes of mosquitoes that have been attacking me in my yard. We had an unusually large number of operating activities this summer at the FARL, and even had a special July club meeting in order to handle it all. Now, we are back to our normal fall schedule. See you at the club meeting this Thursday at 6:30pm!

As I noted in my Summer President's notes, which went out via email only, we did extremely well in our operating at Field Day. Blessed with sunshine, we overcame a bunch of "Murphy" and managed to snag a whole bunch more contacts than last year. We will provide some tallies in this newsletter, but our antennas were doing very well with the band openings we had, and our good antennas and height really pay off during an event such as Field Day, where our signals are loud and there are few linear amplifiers out there to compete with. We will discuss the good and ugly at the September club meeting.

We then moved on to the Maker Faire. James, W8ISS, and Bill, N8OZV, organized a very large crew of amateurs to run two special event stations and hold license tests this year in a courtyard and hall of The Henry Ford. The weather turned out great, and the crowds were tremendous. Maker Faire has started out from Make Magazine. While there are many mini Maker Fairs around the country, the big ones this year were the San Francisco Bay area, Detroit, and New York. Very good company, and it shows the ingenuity of the people of the Detroit area. The ability to show off amateur radio was great. There was also a very high interest in taking Amateur Radio exams this year, and we had a decent pass rate. Those who did not pass have a good idea of what to study for next time.

There has been a number of bicycle rides this summer that have benefitted from Amateur Radio operators. The FARL participated in the Komen Ride for the Cure in August, with a huge help from the Ann Arbor Arrow club. A Komen organizer who works at Ford contacted me early this summer looking for help

with the ride. The path of Ann Arbor to Hell, Dexter, Irish Hills, and back had many areas where there was little cell phone coverage. Hams ended up manning the rest stops and the SAG wagons. We did a great job in communications and coordination. The SAG operators were busy on a cloudy, warm and humid day that took its toll on some of the riders. Overall, a great effort to help a worthy event that raised over \$140,000. See elsewhere in this newsletter for information on the upcoming annual PEAC ride on September 17th. We need lots of club participation to help this event run smoothly.

Our VHF radios have provided a treat for us with the launching of the ARISSAT-1 from the International Space Station. On a good pass, you can hear it from a vertical antenna mounted on an automobile. It is fun to hear it go overhead and listen for how much you can pick up. I have heard several passes while driving around town, and all but have the “secret word” that allows one to earn a certificate from AMSAT. Listen close if you have not tried, yet, as the battery on board is wearing out fast, and the satellite sounds best on a daylight pass when the solar panels are operational.

73,
David, N8HKU



Support

PEAC Bike Ride, (Sept 17, 2011 - Hines Park, Warrendale)

Patrick Quinn, WD8JDZ

The ride is on Sept 17th starting at Warrendale, in Hines Park as usual. We need sag drivers and vehicles as well as fixed stations at the rest stops. Let me know if you would like to participate this year. Send me a note, preferably with what you would like to do and times you might be available, to patquinn52@wowway.com and I will get back to you with an assignment ASAP. It is easy work and we help out both handicapped and able bodied riders with our participation.

The logo for Maker Faire, featuring the words "Maker Faire" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The text is enclosed within a blue rectangular border. A small registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the upper right of the word "Faire".**Maker Faire 2011**

Bill Boyke, N8OZV

For those of you who could not make it to the event, our second annual special event station at the Detroit MakerFaire was a success. We had two amateur radio locations inside the Henry Ford. Well over two hundred contacts were made from the Pennsylvania Courtyard, organized by James French, W8ISS. It was a great location with multiple stations and two HF antennas, the Tin Lizzie's Cushcraft R7 and a multi-band dipole, temporarily mounted on the roof of the Henry Ford. The site also ran packet, satellite and various modes, CW and Digital Voice included. The effort was recognized as the station was given an Editor's Choice Award from Make Magazine.

Bill Boyke, N8OZV, organized the information station and testing in the Pewter and Silver Gallery. Even though the location was not ideal because of reflected noise and no sound deadening, the testing was very successful, with seven new or upgraded amateurs, two of whom made it to the Extra Class.

We screened the examinees prior to taking the exam via Web Practice Tests made available on laptops or with some personal quizzing. Those who qualified had their testing fee covered by the Mark Mueller AB8ZI Scholarship Fund managed by the Arrow Communication Association.

In addition to testing sessions, those working the booth answered questions, greeted visiting Amateurs and demonstrated various keys, Straight, Bug and Iambic. Between these interruptions, John Stuka, N3JS, gave an excellent presentation on antennas and their origins. He will hopefully be able to present it again at one or more future Tin Lizzy Meetings.

This was a success in many ways, but most of all, it was the teamwork and support shown by the members of the Metro Detroit amateur radio clubs. The Arrow Club, the Plymouth Historic Society, the LARC and of course the FARL membership made the event run smoothly even with the unexpected thrown in.

I can not mention everyone who participated but I wish to acknowledge Roger Reini, KD8CSE, Dave Treharne, N8HKU, Rusty Eizen, N8RGI, and John Turowski, N8NWA for the hard work and support they gave the event. I look forward to next year.

Bill Boyke, N8OZV



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August 19, 2011

Ford Amateur Radio Club
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Dear Dave,

Thank you for your support of the 2nd annual Susan G. Komen Mid-Michigan Ride for the Cure[®]!

Thanks to our participants, donors and sponsors, we raised more than \$140,000 dollars (and counting)! These critically needed funds will change lives in our community now, and in the future, by funding local breast health and breast cancer programs and national research to find the breast cancer cures.

This year alone, the Komen Mid-Michigan Affiliate awarded a record breaking \$430,000 in breast health grants to local nonprofits. These dollars fund crucial screening, education, and survivorship programs to women who would not otherwise have access to these programs.

The Komen Mid-Michigan Ride for the Cure is our dynamic, new, fundraising event and would not be successful without the support of community partners like you. Thank you to the Ford Amateur Radio Club and all of your wonderful volunteers for helping to provide SAG for our Riders! You all did an incredible job ensuring that all of our Riders were safe and on the correct route and we are grateful to you all for generously sharing your time and talents to help make our Ride a success!

Your support is truly making an impact in the lives of women right here in your community. It is your passion and commitment that allow us to fund these life saving programs. Thank you again for stepping up, saying "yes" and becoming part of the Komen promise to end breast cancer. We look forward to a continued relationship with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Pearson".

Chris Pearson, Executive Director
Mid-Michigan Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure[®]

The greatest risk factors for
breast cancer are being female
and growing older.



Events

**Adrian Amateur Radio Club,
38th Annual Hamfest, (www.adrianhamfest.com)
Sunday September 18, 2011
Brian Sarkisian, KG8CO**

Location:

Lenawee County Fairgrounds
602 N. Dean Street,
Adrian, MI 49221

Talk-in 145.370- PL 85.4 W8TQE

Hamfest Hours:

Sunday, 8:00 am – 1:00pm
Set-up starts at 6:30am Sunday morning

Prices:

\$10.00 per (1) Table
\$5.00 per (1) Trunk Space
\$5.00 per Ticket (Advance tickets receive 2 stubs)

VE Licensing Exams:

Walk-in VE Licensing Exams, starting 9:00 A.M.
Registration at 8:45 A.M.
Bring Photo ID, \$15.00, and Photo copy of existing license if upgrading.
Questions? Contact Kevin Brooks (kbrooks@selectivedata.com)
Phone 517-467-7695

There will be no half tables or half spaces offered. You must purchase a whole 8ft. space. Each vendor MUST purchase one ticket per person regardless of how many tables or trunk spaces purchased. Limited wall space and electricity is available for inside space. A food vendor will be provided during the ham fest on Sunday! Get a printable form to reserve your table(s) (<http://www.w8tqe.com/hamfest/tables.pdf>).

Tentative Future Dates for the Adrian Hamfest:

The 2012 Hamfest will be held on September 16, 2012

Hamfest Chair

Mark Hinkleman, NU8Z
e-mail: cgnu8z@comcast.net

Adrian Hamfest Table Sales Form

Call _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____
 Zip _____
 Email _____
 Phone _____
 Web Page URL _____

Table sales

Tables are 8 ft long some have power.

Do you want power (first come) Circle one: Yes No

Number of tables X \$10.00 _____
 Number of tickets X \$5.00 _____
 Total included \$ _____

No spaces will be held without full payment.

Venders with prepaid tables will receive in the mail one free ticket.

Note: It is the Commercial vendor's responsibility for state sales tax.

Mail to:
 Adrian Amateur Radio Club
 P.O. Box 26
 Adrian Michigan 49221



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.



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	Dave Treharne	N8HKU	734-476-1666
Vice President	Roger Reini	KD8CSE	734-728-1509
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	313-244-2515



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: September 08, 2011 at 6:30PM
Topic: Review of Summer Activities

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