



## President's Notes for September 2017

As I type these notes, it has been two days since the Great American Eclipse zoomed across the nation. Michigan was not in the path of totality, but I wanted to see totality, so my uncle Bill, K8WA, and I drove to St. Joseph, Missouri to see the event with his niece and great-nephew (and thus my cousins by marriage). I figured that going to western Missouri would reduce the risk of clouds and rain that would seem to be more likely in the South. Well, it didn't work that way. There were clouds in the sky all morning, and then it was raining with 15 minutes to go until totality. But the rain stopped, and some breaks in the clouds appeared. We who were in St. Joseph got to experience totality, even if we didn't really get to see much of it. But we did get to see a few seconds of the totally eclipsed sun.

Back here in Michigan, the club participated in the Solar Eclipse QSO Party. Dave, N8HKU, was the driving force behind this, as he arranged to operate from the Ford FEL building (a.k.a. EEE or POEE) powered from a Ford Fusion Energi plug-in hybrid. I did get to hear, after the fact, the interview Dave gave to WJR's Frank Beckmann.

As we move closer to the end of the year, the days are getting shorter. That's good for operating HF, of course, but not so good for using the 2-meter repeater during darkness, as it means the return of the ongoing interference issues. We will keep you apprised of all the latest developments

By the time of our next meeting, the annual PEAC Celebration of Cycling ride, will have taken place. We've supported that ride for many years, and I hope that we were able to support it well this year. Pat, WD8JDZ, will have a short report for us at the meeting. Here's hoping that the event went well with no major mishaps. And by the time of our October meeting, the first Great Lakes Hamcon will have come and gone. We're providing VE support for the testing sessions

For our meeting this month, we will have two presentations. Both will be related to the eclipse. Dave will present on our efforts at the SEQP, and I will have a short presentation on the total eclipse. I didn't (couldn't) take many pictures, but I did shoot over 8 minutes of video around totality, which I will be showing. Next month, we'll have the Field Day wrap-up. Come on out to our first meeting of the fall! Meeting times are at 6 PM.

73, Roger, KD8CSE



## **Ford Amateur Radio League** (AKA: The Tin Lizzy Club) **Club Meeting Minutes – June 08, 2017**

Ford Amateur Radio League Meeting Minutes June 8, 2017

Call to order at 6:04 PM by Roger was done.

1. **Minutes from prior meeting** reviewed, motion made and approved.
2. **Treasurers report:** Pat reported that the balance was (not shown) with interest (not shown).
  - Pat discussed with have \$ in account and interest. Not stated here.
  - Income of \$45 received, \$139 expense for fiberglass pole was planned.
3. **Board of Directors discussion**
4. **Committee reports:**
  - A. **Repeater** has less noise with summer and longer nights, lighting delayed. The pattern of 6:30 AM turn on without being told to turn

on is continuing, not sure why and may review the Scom Controller.

Contact Dave for shutdown codes if needed.

- B. **Net** is going and OK in Analog so far. Join in! Discussion of the count for participation, this is 4-5 and better than prior.
- C. **Education and Training**, none coming. Tye has 4-5 people in Ford for the next class and mix of technician and general class. Plan is for class on the 11-12 time at Ford, Building 2 or 3, 6-8 weeks time and end prior to Easter per Bill.
- D. **Education and Training** has classes starting in next two weeks and test by the end of May per Bill Boyke.
- E. **Communications and newsletter**: send items to Rajiv. Website had no comments or issues.
- F. **Historian discussion**, Tye is trying to find a format for records, scanned and storage for long term. No format of electronic lasts forever and paper is a lot and aging too.
- G. **Equipment Inventory**, the list of items is updated for the spiderbeam pole purchased at Xenia Hamvention.  
The motion to approve the \$139 expense was made and approved for funding this.

## 5. Unfinished and Current business

- A. Great Lakes Hamcon support or VE's and setup, have enough to for the commitment per discussion.

## 6. New business

- A. Program Discussion of the Xenia Hamvention was held and some attended to have the new location of the Green County Fairgrounds that is a grassy and when wet its mud. Some parking issues noted to get cars out of the location (Dave) and others were on busses from hotel (Mac) but all had the arrival on Friday traffic

Jam delay of 1 hour plus. Overall its working and for first year at new location was successful.

**B.** Maker Faire discussion plans for event at Henry Ford Museum late July. The focus of this is Arduino or Raspberry Pi per coordinators.

## **7. Program**

Field day discussed for the June event and participation with the Livonia LARC as prior years. Dave had presentation of this and review. From meeting the planned participation was Tye, Roger, Al, Tom, Dave and Bill.

**Adjourned** at 7:30 PM.

### **Attendance:**

1. Malcolm Lunn, KD8TPO
2. Robert Rusty Eizen, N8RGI
3. Tom Bray W8JJB
4. Sam Wells, KD8YTR
5. Clark Wierda N8CBW
6. Al Habbal W8AMH
7. David Treharne N8HKU
8. TyeWinkel KC8YEJ
9. John Oynoian KE8CTQ



## 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

**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.



## 2017-2018 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](http://www.k8utt.org) for current events and activities.

<b>President</b>	Roger Reini	KD8CSE	734-728-1509
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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 6:00 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 14, 2017 at 6:00PM**

**Topic: Solar Eclipse in St. Joseph, MO and Dearborn, MI.**

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