

FOND DU LAC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Join Us On Sunday Evenings For Our Weekly Net – 1930 hrs 145.430 MHz – Tone 107.2

Upcoming Events

Election of Officers at November 12 Meeting

Nominations will be taken from the floor to augment those already made for Officers for 2008. Nominations so far include:

President – Louie Simon and Steve Smith
Vice President – Doug Schultz
Secretary – Joyce Keyes
Treasurer – Gene Olig
Sergeant at Arms – Karen Beltz
Board of Directors – Peter Fox

Officers serve one year terms. The Board of Directors job carries a three year term.

Any Club member may be nominated for an Officer's job.

November 12th Meeting Program

Discussion: What do you want to do with your Amateur Radio License? What are you interested in? The discussion will be facilitated by Jack Heil, KG9IN, and based on a checklist that will be provided to members in advance of the meeting.

November Meeting

The next meeting of the Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club will be held on Monday, November 12th at 7 pm at Moraine Park Technical College Room O-103.

From the President - KD9ZP

Well, we did it again. The Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club took 1st place in the 2007 Field Day contest. That is the 5th time in a row that we came in first.

We also placed 23rd in the Nation for 2A. That is up by one from last year (24th).

My 'hat's off' to all who participated and especially KB9OFM who has again did a fine job as chairman.

This year, we purchased 2 new tents which solved four problems:

1. They were darker and greatly helped in viewing the CRTs
2. Construction was different and helped in that the rain did not collect in the top center of the sides.
3. We were able to use one of the white tents as a shelter from the sun for those who wanted to sit and 'talk radio'.
4. Web moved the 'GOTA tent' from the van to its' own tent. This allowed for more room and was not quite as hot. Nice idea Dennis.

Bottom line – well done everyone !!!!

Now on to a different subject. Last month, I talked about a book on Iraq authored by a soldier from the Wisconsin National Guard Unit. What brought the book to my attention, was an interview by a Joe Streeter on Public Radio.

As you may remember, I stated that Joe (was) is a former Fond du Lac resident and a member of the Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club. His call is AA9TV.

Several weeks ago, Dottie and I went over to Brandon to a book signing, hoping to see Joe. Joe was not there, however, we purchased a book *Private Soldiers* and had it signed by the author, Benjamin Buchholz. Joe and another guardsman, Nathan Olsen, took all of the pictures.

It is basically a documentary following the Guard Unit from Training thru Redeployment. It is full of pictures and very well done. The pictures are mainly of the members of the Unit as well as local Iraqis. There are no pictures of wounded or destruction of Iraq – just the Unit. You can almost put picture yourself in Iraq and it gives view of another side of the War.

Recommended Reading: *Private Soldiers* by Benjamin Buchholz. It is hard covered and 189 pages.

73's de KD9ZP

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Minutes of October 8, 2007, Meeting

The October 8, 2007 meeting was held at Moraine Park Technical College. President Gene Olig called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Gene asked for any additions or corrections to the September minutes as published in the club newsletter. Dave Witt made a motion to approve the minutes; second was made by Ed Beltz and motion passed on voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Smith reported the following balances:

Truck Fund	.....	\$163.58
Repeater Fund	.....	\$546.55
Emergency Services Fund	.....	\$309.68
General Use Fund	.....	\$649.33
Certificate of Deposit	.....	\$1,500.00
Petty Cash	.....	\$25.00
Savings	.....	\$25.00
Total Net Worth	.....	\$2,829.14

Bills needing approval to pay – Tim's Alignment \$358.00 for two tires for Van, installed, and oil/filter change. Motion was made by Lloyd Vandervort to approve payment of bills; Joyce Keyes seconded motion. Motion passed on voice vote. Two opposed. Motion made to approve \$65.87 expense submitted by Gene Olig for brat fry stand paint made by Don Kroes, seconded by Louie Simon. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Fund Raisers

Louie Simon announced that there might possibly be a brat fry in November. More information at the next meeting.

License Exams

The next exams will be held Saturday, December 8.

Old Business

Tech and General classes were held on Sept. 22-23.

The Boy Scout Jamoboree on the Air will be held October 20-21. Volunteers are welcome!

New Business

SET

There was a SET (Section Emergency Test) held last Saturday.

Nominees for Office

Nominees for officers for 2008 are:

President – Louie Simon and Steve Smith; Vice President – Doug Schultz; Treasurer – Gene Olig; Secretary – Joyce Keyes; Sergeant of Arms – Karen Beltz; Board of Directors – Peter Fox. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Christmas Party

Louie Simon announced that the Christmas Party will be held December 9th at Pier 15. Cocktails at 5:30 pm and Dinner at 6 pm. Phil and Gail Majerus & Richard and Pat Engle will be guests of honor.

Contests & Hamfests

The CQ Worldwide Phone Contest will be held October 27th.

The FCARC Hamfest will take place on Sunday November 4, 2007, at The Wave Ballroom in Appleton. If you need more info or would like to order a table or tickets please check out Swapfest website at <http://www.fcarc.us/hamfest.php>. Questions can be e-mailed to Anthony L. Mach AB91O at fcarcswapfest@yahoo.com.

There being no further business to discuss, Doug Schultz made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Lloyd Vandervort. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by
Dottie Olig, K9FDL
Secretary*

New Members

We have Membership Applications from:

Paul M Bleuel
Robert Von Rotz, Jr. KC9MEJ
Robert Pendergast N5JYW
John Whelan AB9NR

These applications will be voted upon at the November meeting.

Equipment For Sale

A reminder to all that the Club Web Site includes a "For Sale" section, where members can post items they want to sell, with full descriptions and prices. If you have not checked this out lately you might be surprised at what you will find there. Go to www.fdlhams.org and click on the spinning "For Sale" button. If you have an item you want to sell, contact Louie Simon to have it included on the site.

ARRL Membership Is Important!

Hello To All New Hams...

As new members of the Amateur Radio Service, I would like to take a few minutes here to tell you about an organization that helps to protect your interest as a ham Radio Operator. The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) represents you on matters associated with the FCC and government legislation. ARRL provides its members with numerous articles, and keeps its members abreast of local, state, and federal legislation, which affect us all as ham radio operators.

The Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club is an Affiliated Club of the ARRL. We also have status as a *Special Service Club*, due to the fact that we do so many things to advance the cause and education of Amateur radio. We have gained this status by 1) Having 50% or more of our membership belonging to the ARRL. 2) Meeting certain criteria that enable us to be a Special Service Club. 3) Participating in events that help other local organizations and so on.

At present, with the influx of so many new members into the club, we have fallen below one of these criterias; we have not met the requirement of having better than 50% of our membership belonging the ARRL. I ask, therefore, that you please consider joining the ARRL! It is a great organization and they have many benefits, as you will see in the next paragraph. As first time members, our Club will also receive a rebate from your initial membership dues.

As an ARRL member you join the ranks of thousands of other ham radio enthusiasts shaping the Amateur Radio Service today. If you consider yourself an active ham... you need ARRL now. As a member of the ARRL, for as little as \$39.00 per year, here are some of the benefits you will enjoy:

- QST Magazine – your monthly membership journal
- Online Services –
- E-mail forwarding
- E-Newsletters – delivered to your inbox
- QST, QEX and NCJ article index
- A voice in the affairs of ARRL and ham radio through locally appointed volunteers
- Publication Specials and on-line course discounts
- Emergency Communication Services
- Technical and Regulatory Information Services
- Operating Awards
- Ham Radio Equipment Insurance Plan Available
- Outgoing Foreign QSL Service
- Plus much more!

ARRL is the major national association for Amateur Radio operators.

The seed for Amateur Radio was planted in the 1890s, when Guglielmo Marconi began his experiments in wireless telegraphy. Soon he was joined by dozens, then hundreds, of others who were enthusiastic about sending and receiving messages through the air--some with a commercial interest, but others solely out of a love for this new communications medium. The United States government

began licensing Amateur Radio operators in 1912. By 1914, there were thousands of Amateur Radio operators –hams–in the United States. Hiram Percy Maxim, a leading Hartford, Connecticut, inventor and industrialist saw the need for an organization to band together this fledgling group of radio experimenters. In May 1914 he founded the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) to meet that need.

Today ARRL, with approximately 152,000 members, is the largest organization of radio amateurs in the United States. The ARRL is a not-for-profit organization that:

- Promotes interest in Amateur Radio communications and experimentation;
- Represents US radio amateurs in legislative matters, and
- Maintains fraternalism and a high standard of conduct among Amateur Radio operators.

At ARRL headquarters in the Hartford suburb of Newington, a staff of 120 helps serve the needs of members. ARRL is also International Secretariat for the International Amateur Radio Union, which is made up of similar societies in 150 countries around the world.

ARRL publishes the monthly journal, *QST*, as well as newsletters and many publications covering all aspects of Amateur Radio. Its headquarters station, W1AW, transmits bulletins of interest to radio amateurs and Morse code practice sessions. The ARRL also coordinates an extensive field organization, which includes volunteers who provide technical information for radio amateurs and public service activities. In addition, ARRL represents US amateurs with the Federal Communications Commission and other government agencies in the US and abroad.

Membership in ARRL means much more than receiving *QST* each month. In addition to the services already described, ARRL offers membership services on a personal level, such as the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator Program and a QSL bureau.

Full ARRL membership (available only to licensed radio amateurs) gives you a voice in how the affairs of the organization are governed. ARRL policy is set by a Board of Directors (one from each of 15 Divisions). Each year, one-third of the ARRL Board of Directors stands for election by the full members they represent. An Executive Vice President manages the day-to-day operation of ARRL HQ.

No matter what aspect of Amateur Radio attracts you, ARRL membership is relevant and important. There would be no Amateur Radio—as we know it today—were it not for the ARRL. We would be happy to welcome you as a member! (An Amateur Radio license is not required for Associate Membership.)

For more information about ARRL and answers to any questions you may have about Amateur Radio, write or call:

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Silent Key

We have the sad duty of reporting the passing of Bruce Lawrence, N9KF. Bruce was an active ham in Fond du Lac for many, many years and was a former member of the Club. He had many friends in the amateur community and he will be missed. Our condolences go out to his son, Mike Lawrence, N9UA. of Omro, WI.

Paul Taddey, KC9LIO, scored first place among Wisconsin hams with 3,578 points in the 2007 Tennessee QSO Party. Paul has really 'gotten into' HF since earning his Extra Class license earlier this year.

FIELD DAY BONUS

Broccoli Salad Recipe

1 head broccoli
1 lb bacon, fried & crumbled
1 cup onions, minced
1 cup yellow raisins
1 cup sunflower seeds

Dressing
1 cup mayonaise
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons vinegar

This recipe provided by popular request by Gerry Arndt, NO9U, Watertown, Wisconsin.

More Field Day Photos

These photos were provided by Don Chapman, KC9KZQ

