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President's Note

Summer, 2007

Hello, and I hope you are enjoying your summer. It is going by fast, but we still have some time yet before the cooler fall weather approaches. While the vacations and warm summer days have a tendency to distract me from a whole lot of radio operating, I did manage to get some in. I did get to work the 50th anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge, working station W8M. They had a nice special event station running in the park just north of Big Mac, and I managed to get into their log Saturday afternoon on 40M. I suspected that 40M during the day would be the best time and band to find them from my experience this year working the Michigan QSO party. Anyway, I talked with Clark, who hails from the Ypsilanti area, the same as I do now. He cruised up north to help work the special event station that weekend.

Speaking of special event stations, we have got our plans firmed up for the FARL 50+ Anniversary celebration in September. The details are contained in this newsletter, and also on the club website, <http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Hall/2183/>. From Friday, September 7th through Sunday, September 9th, we encourage all past and present club members to work stations on behalf of our club anniversary. For those who work at least three of us, including the club special event station, we will print and send them a Tin Lizzy Award certificate. For those who contact us on our Saturday Special Event station at Ford Field in Dearborn, we will send our special QSO card. I hope that you can get on the air and join us in the park for our anniversary celebration! We will bring along the club's Yaesu FT990 transceiver, which received excellent reports on its CW Field Day operation this year. I have the MFJ voice keyer now installed and operating with it, plus have modified a headset of mine to work on this radio, and have received good audio reports on it as well.

Congratulations to all those who participated in this year's Field Day with the Livonia club members. You all appeared to have had great weather, and also ate well, based upon all of the pictures I have seen. Photos from the event and the submission form are available on the club website under Club Activities.

Speaking of the club website, please check out the new format when you get a chance. Over the summer I have been able to update it to a new format, now that it is much easier to upload to the site, and we have a lot more room. This is due to us paying host Yahoo a small fee for the upgrade. We are currently at the same address our free site had been on. If, sometime in the future, we want our club name as our web address, we can always upgrade. The site is formatted with new menus and a new structure. There is also a feedback form built in where any visitor can write a note and that note gets sent right to my email in box. I hope that you enjoy the new look. I have a club logo graphic that appears at the top of every page. If anyone wishes to take on the effort to create a better graphic at the top, please let me know.

Our first club meeting of the fall will be Thursday, September 13th. Our Vice President, Pat, WD8JDZ, will be leading this meeting, as I will be out of the office that day. Perhaps I can join in via the teleconference, but I will be away from Dearborn. Along with a review of both Field Day and our Anniversary celebration from the prior week, we have a great program lined up. Roger, KD8CSE, spent part of his spring on the East coast, and visited the ARRL home station, W1AW. He will be presenting a virtual tour of his experience with the club station. I hope all club members can attend the meeting! We will publish Roger's presentation on the club website for those of us unfortunate enough to miss out.

73,

Dave N8HKU FARL Club President

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50th+ Ford Amateur Radio League Special Event Weekend!

The Ford Amateur Radio Club, the "Tin Lizzy Club", will be celebrating our 50+ anniversary during the weekend of September 7-9th, 2007.

The Special Event weekend will consist of the following: All Ford Amateur Radio League members and retirees will be invited to work from their home stations from Friday, Sept 7th through Sunday, September 9th as part of the Special Event festivities. Anyone contacting a total of three or more members will receive a special Tin Lizzy Award. All member stations will identify themselves as Ford Amateur Radio League club members. They may be found on any of the HF bands.

The club will set up a portable Special Event station at Ford Field in Dearborn on Saturday, September 8th from 9am until 5pm under the callsign K8UTT. Listen for us around the following frequencies: 7.200 14.310 21.315 MHz.

FARL Special Event Station Ford Field - 9/8/2007 Schedule of Events

Time	Event	
8am	Meet at Ford Field	
	Breakfast- bagels	
	Place tent, generator & antennas	
	Set up generator & start coffee	
	Set up tent & operating position(s)	
	Set up antennas & coax	
	Set up banner & PR materials	
	Test operating station(s) & modes	
9am	Begin operations	
12	Lunch	
	Continue operations	
	Dinner	
5pm	Tear down operating positions	
	Tear down antennas & generator	
	Teardown tent & banner	
5:45	Leave Ford Field	

Operating will be continuous for the day. We will clean up before dinner.

We schedule a 9-5 operation for the day, all may operate from home QTH.

Recovering Hams

Rusty Eizen N8RGI had a heart attack Mid August. He had a successful triple heart bypass and is recovering at the Medilodge of Talyor. He is expected to be released early October. His room is safe for ham radio and a 2 meter handheld and external antenna will be rigged shortly for him to stay in contact with anyone on the Lizzy.

Further questions can be directed to Bill Boyke N8OZV (313) 805-8877

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The Ford Amateur Radio Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, except for Christmas and the summer months (July & August). The meetings are held at 7 PM at the Ford Engine Manufacturing & Development Offices (EMDO) building. EMDO is located at 17000 Southfield Rd, Allen Park, MI, on the east side of Southfield just north of the Allen Park Municipal offices. Park in the front of the building and come to the front door near the flagpole. Knock on the door if no one is standing there to let you in.

Conference call: All FARL club meetings are available via a conference call. Dial in at 7pm to: 313-323-6737. When prompted, enter passcode 19153130#.

Meeting agendas start with club business items followed by a short break. Presentations on selected ham radio topics of interest are given after the break. Anyone wishing to present a topic can contact any Board member.

Club Repeater Information

The Ford Amateur Radio League operates 3 repeaters under the K8UTT call. The repeaters are located in the Dearborn, MI, area and are open for members and guests to operate. The 2 Meter and 1.25 Meter repeaters are linked together. New from Murray, KE8UM: The PL is now transmitted on the output, so we may program in coded squelch, which is handy with the Lowell repeater coming in from Grand Rapids some times.

Club Repeater Net: Sunday evening at 8 PM local time.

Autopatch: Codes are available from N8HKU to club members. The repeater autopatch can reach all of the Detroit Metro area.

Please contact the following people if there is any problem with a repeater listed below:

<u>Band</u>	<u>Output</u>	<u>Input</u>	<u>PL Freq</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>
2 Meters	145.270 Mhz	144.670 Mhz	100 Hz	Dave Treharne	734-476-1666
1.25 Meters	224.520 Mhz	222.920 Mhz	100 Hz	Murray Scott	248-734-1704
70 CM	443.425 Mhz	448.450 Mhz	107.2 Hz	Bob Krause	248-437-6634

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2006-2007 Club Officers

Please contact any of the officers for information regarding the Ford Amateur Radio League, or go to the club website at www.geocities.com/capecanaveral/hall/2183/ for current events and activities.

President	Dave Treharne	N8HKU	734-476-1666
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Next club meeting September 13, 2007.

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