



## FARL President's Notes, June 2010

Hello, everyone! As I begin these notes, it's the Saturday of Hamvention, and my uncle and I are preparing to go down to the annual Four Days In May banquet. The FDIM event was informative as always, with good speakers on Thursday. We participated in the buildathon after the seminar, with our project being a CW keyer that used surface-mount components. It was all too easy to have a small resistor or capacitor go flying onto the carpeted floor, perhaps never to be seen again if you were unlucky (they had spare components, fortunately). Then, of course, there was the official Hamvention program the rest of the weekend. The flea market is always interesting, but it can be hard on your feet (it sure is hard on my feet!), so taking breaks for forums is always welcome. The forums I attended this year included antenna basics, how to identify and deal with power line noise, antenna modeling (where I ran into John, N3JM), the secrets to a good workbench, the youth forum (these kids are sharp!), the bike mobile forum, and a demonstration of a spark gap transmitter. I noticed that there is now a D-Star repeater in Dayton on the same 2 meter frequency as the Tin Lizzy repeater, which made it hard for us to keep in touch in the flea market. Perhaps we should think about another frequency or another band? On the HF side, I could hear EA3JE from Spain booming in loudly on 20 meters – but he was looking for contacts only in W6, W7, and VE7. FYI for next year: Hamvention moves back a week, so attendance at our May meeting should not suffer.

When I stopped by the ARRL booth (area is more accurate), I made sure to pick up a Field Day 2010 T-shirt, which I'll be able to wear along with the FARL/LARC Field Day T-shirt from last year. We'll have our Field Day plans pretty well firmed up by the time of our meeting this month.

On the drive in to work in the mornings, our morning informal net has benefitted from the infusion of new blood. Gordon, KD8COJ and Rich, K8RMM, have been joining Dave, N8HKU and I on the air most mornings. Those of you on the road at that time are always welcome to join in. Those of you who are retired and awake at that hour are also welcome.

The June meeting will be our last meeting until September, as is our usual custom. The major topic will be the final plans for Field Day, which will be two weeks and two days away at that point. I doubt that there will be time for us to pick up the presentation that Al, W8AMH, was scheduled to give last month but could not due to being called out of town on business; watch for the agenda mailing for details.

Have a great summer, everyone, and see you in September (if not before)!

73,  
Roger, KD8CSE



## **Ford Amateur Radio League** (AKA: The Tin Lizzy Club) **Club Meeting Minutes - May 13, 2010**

Minutes, FARL Club Meeting - May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 18:41 (6:41p.m.) after a brief technical difficulty with the main monitor by Dave, N8HKU vice president in place of Roger, KD8CSE president. 9 members were present.

**Minutes from prior meeting:** April 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Report was read, and a clarification was explained as to the balance. The report was then approved. Bill, WA8HEA is still accepting dues for 2010 FARL membership.

**Board of Directors:** A Board of Directors meeting was held on May 5<sup>th</sup> with the main focus being field day.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Repeaters:** The 2 mtr and 70 cm repeaters are operational with no known problems reported. The 220 repeater is currently off air and sitting in KE8UM's basement being evaluated as to why it is not properly operating.

Further info to follow. Phone patch instructions still available from Dave, N8HKU.

**Education and training:** There was an open exam on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ford Yacht Club. 7 people were present; 6 either got their ticket or upgraded. Please note that after July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Tech pool questions will change. Refer to ARRL website for updates.

**Communication - Newsletter/website:** The Bolt is always looking for articles to print. Please give any articles to Roger, KD8CSE or Dave, N8HKU. The link to Facebook, located on the FARL web page, is now operational. You do not need an account to look at it. Please feel free to join and leave comments, pictures, and stories for all to see and read.

## FERA News: ?

**Unfinished/Current Business:** The Club By-Law changes were brought to the general members at the meeting. Changes were discussed and modifications were added. Various sections will be amended/modified per the discussions and will be amended on the club web site. A hard copy will be made to be added to the club historian's file. For specific changes to the by-laws please contact Roger, KD8CSE Dave, N8HKU Bill, WA8HEA.

Increasing emergency expenditures from \$200 to \$300 for the repeaters was discussed but voted down. If more than \$200 is needed, then it would have to be brought up to the general members and voted on.

John, N3JM announced that anyone interested in joining the MCRC (Motor City Radio Club) Fox Hunt on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> is welcome to do so. Go to the MCRC website for more info.

We are still waiting for more info on the MOTT Children's Hospital Christmas in July special event. As soon as news is available it will be posted in the Bolt.

19:21 (7:21p.m.) break for refreshments before discussing field day agenda.

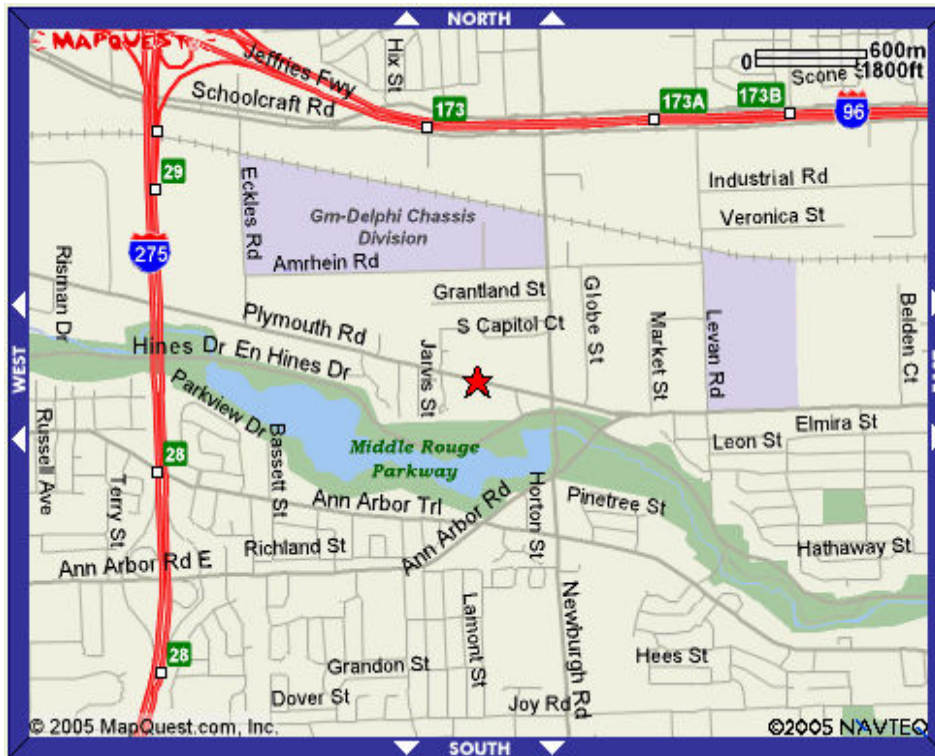
**Field Day Info:** The field day agenda/operating plan/equipment layout/ important contacts will soon be available on the website for viewing. Contact Bill, WA8HEA if you are interested in buying a LARC/FARL T-shirt. Bill, N8OZV is considering doing VE testing and training during field day if there is enough interest. Please contact Bill, WA8HEA about time slots you would like to operate in. We will need both an operator and logger in one time slot. Help for setting up Friday night along with teardown Sunday afternoon will be much appreciated.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:28 (8:28p.m.)

## 2010 FARL/LARC Field Day Operations - Map

Map to Livonia Firehouse #6 for the 2010 FARL-LARC Field Day .

This site can be located using the ARRL Field Day Station locator and searching for K8UTT.



Livonia Fire House #6, 37876 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150

(Located on the north side of Plymouth Road about 1/2 west of Newburgh Road)

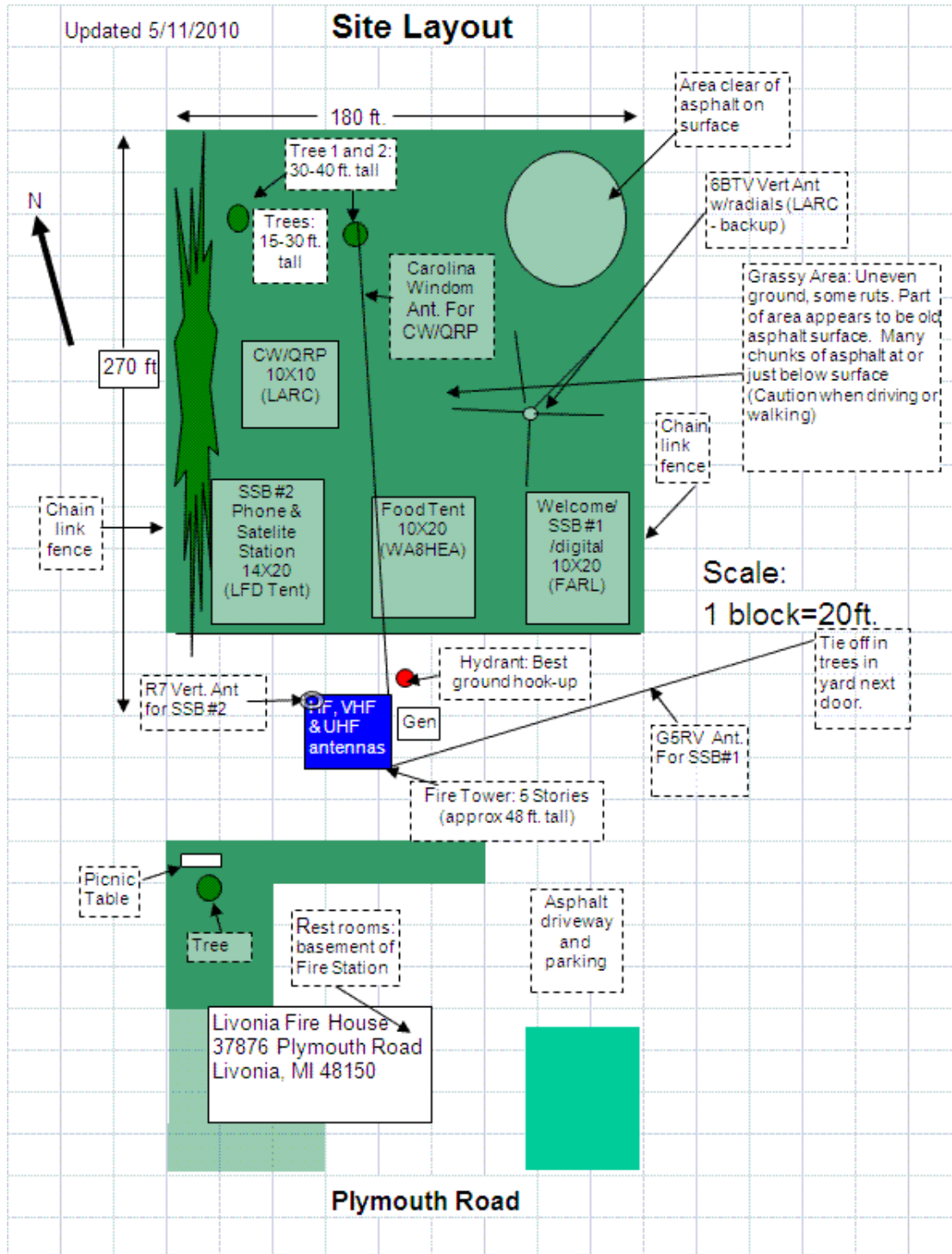
Emergency Contact Numbers:

313-550-0928 Bill Brezina (W8HEA)

313-801-0322 Tas Foley (K8TAS)

K8UNS Repeater

145.350 out/144.750 in with 100 Hz PL





## 2010 Field Day Schedule

### Friday, June 25, 2010

6:00 PM Set up tents or layout markers for tents

### Saturday, June 26, 2010

9:00 AM Review Site Plan, Safety Briefing  
Begin setup of stations and antennas  
Carry equipment to each station  
Set up operating equipment  
Layout antennas, coaxes and antenna supports  
Put up antennas and supports  
Locate and ground generators  
Run power cords to stations  
Test stations  
Setup and network all logging computers

12:00 PM Break for lunch (see lunch 1 menu)

1:00 PM Logging Programming training session  
Review operating plan for each station (bands, modes, etc.)  
Check for all operating materials (rules, manuals, band plans, etc.)  
Check for operator schedules/hours of operation  
Final test of equipment

2:00 PM Begin Field Day operations - all stations

6:00 PM Dinner (see dinner menu)

7:00 PM Training session #1

8:00 PM Training Session #2

9:00 PM W1AW Bulletin (RTTY)

11:00 PM Late night snack

### Sunday, June 27, 2010

8:00 AM Breakfast (see breakfast 2 menu)

9:00 AM Repeat of Training sessions

12:00 PM Lunch and arrival of tear down crew (see lunch 2 menu)

1:00 PM Begin packing non-essential equipment & spares

2:00 PM Cease all Field Day Operations  
Copy logs to USB drive  
Tear down and pack station equipment  
Tear down antennas and supports  
Power down generators and remove grounds  
Pack up shelters and tarps  
Walk the site for missed grounds, guys, etc.

4:00 PM Vacate the Field Day site



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

<b>President</b>	Roger Reini	KD8CSE	734-728-1509
<b>Vice President</b>	Dave Treharne	N8HKU	734-476-1666
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bill Brezina	WA8HEA	313-563-2905
<b>Secretary</b>	John Turowski	N8NWA	313-258-1996
<b>Repeater Chair</b>	Murray Scott	KE8UM	248-743-1704
<b>K8UTT Trustee</b>	Dave Treharne	N8HKU	734-476-1666
<b>Activity Chair</b>	John Stucka	N3JM	313-576-9880
<b>Bolt Editor</b>	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: June 10, 2010 at 6:30PM**  
**Topic: Field Day Final Preparations: Bill, WA8HEA**  
**Bluetooth Headsets: Al, W8AMH**

**The Ford Amateur Radio League**  
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