

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

New Members

We welcome these new members to the Club this month:

Gary Doyan, KG4RUE - FDL
Richard (Rick) Ericksen, KC9LFL - FDL
Jay Gross, KC9KJD (KA9MST) - FDL
Nyles Priest, W9KUW - FDL

And we welcome these returning members:

John Meixensperger WA9EYM - FDL
Rick Robinson NI9Z - FDL
√Chuck Theisen, K9IA - The Villages, FL
√Francis Theisen, W9XYL - The Villages, FL

Upcoming Events

FDL Public Library Hobby Expo

On Saturday, April 14th, club members will be touting ham radio to local citizens at the Library's Hobby Expo event. Our communications van will be on hand to demonstrate on-air contacts on 40 and 20 meters.

Weather Spotter Training

Fond du Lac County Emergency Management is hosting a NWS Weather Spotter training program for all area hams at the City/County Government building, 160 S. Macy St., from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please plan to attend this very important training program.

April Meeting

The April Meeting of the Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club will be held on Monday, April 9th at 7 pm at Moraine Park Technical College Room O-103.

From the President - KD9ZP

Four of us (Jack, Doug, Steve and myself) just completed two weekends of classes and testing. They were long weekends. Saturdays started at 10:00 a.m. and ended after 5:00 p.m. Sundays, we went from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with testing at 3:00.

We provided special testing considerations to two students in the Technician Class and one in the General Class. In these cases, we had to often read the questions and answers so the student could follow along. One individual who took both the Technician and General Tests, had taken the Technician several times before and failed. When we gave him the General test, Steve (along with Jack and I – as observers – because three VEs are required at a test) spent the better part of an hour with him on the tests. Needless to say, we got home well after 5:00 PM. However, as tired as we were, we were elated that he finally went from a Novice to General after all his years of trying.

It was well worth all our time and effort.

In all fairness, 'my hat goes off' to Doug, Paul, Randy and Don for spending time testing all the remaining applicants.

The following week was AES Super Fest. Now, since I am retired, I felt I should be there on Friday and let some other 'Working Hams' man the table on Saturday. Thanks to Randy, I had some transportation, since Dottie and I only have one vehicle.

While there, I was approached by W9IPR from the Ozaukee Radio Club. It seems they are having a Swap Fest on May 5, 2007. At that event, they are scheduling a "Presidents Round Table" and wanted me (as President of the Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club) to participate. Main topic – "What Makes Clubs Grow?"

Now, here is something I needed to think about. Just why are we growing?? Well, here are a few possibilities:

Regular meetings • Classes • Quarterly Testing • Programs • Brat Frys • Communications Van • Field Day • WI QSOP • Skywarn • ARES/RACES • Red Cross Station • Lighthouse QSO Party • Walleye Weekend • Holiday Parade • Marshalling and communications • County Hunting • Fox Hunts • CW Operators • Repeater • Christmas Party • Annual Picnic • Newsletter • Mailings to non-members
Are you starting to "get the drift?"

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Minutes of March 12, 2007, Meeting

The March 12, 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 February minutes as published in the club newsletter. There were no corrections or additions voiced. Jack Heil made a motion to approve; second was made by Louie Simon and motion passed on voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Smith reported the following balances:

Truck Fund555.33
Repeater Fund	1,064.55
Emergency Services Fund309.68
General Use Fund968.01
Petty Cash25.00
Savings25.00
Total Net Worth	\$2,915.57

Motion was made to approve treasurer's report by Jack Heil, seconded by Lloyd Vandervort. Motion passed on voice vote.

Education

Jack Heil – Tech classes will be held March 17 and 18, a 2-day intensive class with exam the second day. General classes will take place the following weekend, March 24 and 25, with exam the second day.

Testing

A testing session will be held April 21, 2007.

WI QSO Party

Randy Grunewald calculated approximately 401,284 points with about 26 – 31 entrants for the QSO Party the past weekend.

Fund Raisers

Louie Simon announced that on April 7, help is needed in Lomira to blacktop the area around the brat barn. Phil Majerus is providing the equipment and the blacktop.

New Business

The Board of Directors met and discussed the responsibilities for each club officer position. This will be helpful to prepare other individuals who are interested in becoming a club officer in the future and will make the transition much easier.

2007 Storm Spotter Program

On April 19, 6:30 – 8:30, there will be a special session of the National Weather Storm Spotter program held at the City-County building for ham radio operators. There was

a special effort made to arrange this program for the FDL hams and an exceptional attendance is strongly encouraged in appreciation. This program is very worthwhile.

Club Library

Jack Heil is looking for old AARL manuals for the club library.

Community Outreach

Gene Olig did a ham radio presentation for the Wednesday Evening Optimist Club.

Superfest

AES Superfest will be held March 30, 31. Friday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The FDLARC will have a table. Volunteers to be available at the table are appreciated.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Louie Simon made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; motion seconded by Doug Schultz.

Program

Program immediately following the meeting will be presented by Steve Smith. Program topic is APRS (Automatic Position Reporting System).

*Respectfully submitted by Dottie Olig, K9FDL – Secretary
FDL Amateur Radio Club*



Superfest Fun: Louie Simon, ARRL President Joel Harrison W5ZN, Randy Grunewald and Dennis Paulin gather for a photo at Superfest last weekend.

Technician Training Class

March 17th & 18th, 2007

Ten hours of classroom work over two days. Questions and answers and more questions. Electrical and electronic theory, formulae and circuits, safety practices and considerations, FCC rules and regulations, atmospheric conditions, sun spots and all the other things you have to know as a Technician were presented and absorbed. And, when the training was over the paperwork started. Form

605, CSCEs, exams, grading and verifying, signatures and witnesses. Then the paperwork filing to the ARRL and, finally, to the FCC.

The upshot of all that work? Nine very happy new Technician Class amateur radio operators! They earned their licenses and how have their new calls. *Congratulations to all!*



Brian Turkewiczi
KC9LFR



Pat Owen
KC9LFM



Jeff Waldvogel
KC9LFJ



Jim Loehr
KC9LFL



MarJean Buck
KC9LFI



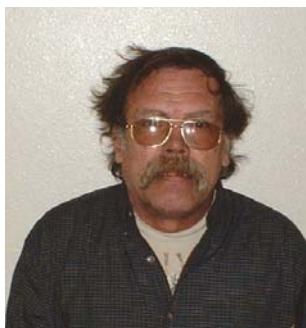
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KC9LFN



Nate Van Da Huvel
KC9LFQ



Vern Diegel, Jr.
KB9EME



Rick Ericksen
KC9LFK



General Training Class

March 24th & 25h, 2007

And then we did it all again for a group of General Class students. *Congratulations to all who participated.*



Barb Simon
W9MER



Jim Nelson
N9PJS



Ed Beltz
N9PJQ



Jay Gross
KC9KJD (KA9MST)



Jeff Waldvogel
KC9LFJ



Larry Lamont
KB9POP
Sorry, Larry! Thought I had a better
photo of you. Maybe next time!



Vern Diegel, Jr.
KB9EME



John Meyst - KC9KIL
*Missed by one question...
but still determined!*



Tim Leigh
N7TAL



Michael Martch
KC9HQV

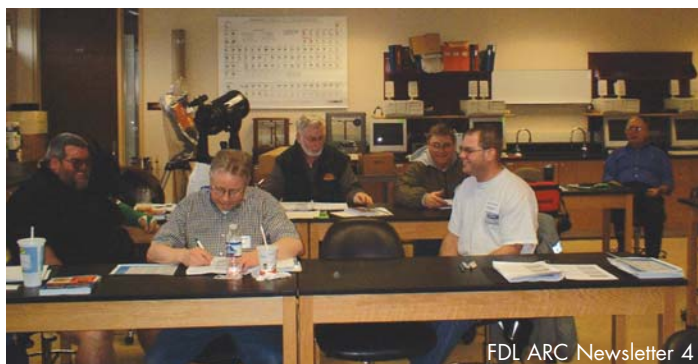


Dave Clark
K9UHF



Kudos

Kudos to Gene Olig and Jack Heil for all they work they did in preparing the PowerPoint presentation for the General Training program. Each contributed many, many hours to the slide show knowing full well that we were only going to be able to use it once, given that the General Question Pool will be changed at the end of June. They volunteered this work because they wanted to give General candidates an opportunity to earn their upgrades now instead of waiting for a program in July or August.



Peter One Island DXpedition Program

After the meeting on Monday, April 9th

After Monday's meeting, Gene Olig will show his DVD of the Peter One Island DXpedition story. The video covers the DXpedition from inception and planning, through travel to the island in the Antarctic, setup, operations, tear down and disassembly. It is quite a story and worth watching.

