

# FOND DU LAC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## New Members

We welcome this new member to the Club this month:

David Kick

And we welcome this returning member:

Joe Dvorak KA9FNU

For those of you who are keeping score, we now have  
62 members in the Club, up from 42 in 2006.

## Upcoming Events

### Club Picnic

The Club Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 18th, at Phil Majerus' South Eden Preserve. E-mails have been sent to all members and letters have been sent to all FDL County hams (who are not Club members) inviting them to join us at the picnic this year. And...we have invited all of the surrounding Club's members to join us as well. AES will be on hand to demonstrate the latest ham gear. This should be a real fun event.

### Brat Fry

The next Brat Fry will be August 23, 24, 25 & 26 at Lomira. We will need help! If you will be available to help on any of these days, let Gene or Louie know.

### August Meeting

The August Meeting of the  
Fond du Lac Amateur Radio  
Club will be held on  
Monday, August 13th  
at 7 pm at Moraine Park  
Technical College  
Room O-103.

## From the President - KD9ZP

It is that time of the year. The grass is getting yellow due to lack of rain and the days are getting shorter.

However, we have a few exciting events that occur toward the end of the summer.

The first is the picnic on August 18 at Phil's Game Farm. Time is 3:00 till ???. This year I sent out an email inviting all the various Club Presidents that attended the Round Table discussion at an earlier Swap Fest. Let's hope we get some new faces this year. We will need some help to setup and feed the group, so, at the next meeting I will be asking for volunteers. In addition, please bring a 'dish to pass'.

Also, please RSVP with the number attending to:

[picnic@fdlhams.org](mailto:picnic@fdlhams.org)

The following weekend, we have our second brat fry. This year it turns out that on Thursday night there is a Packer Game in Green Bay (Milwaukee Night), so Louie decided to start on Thursday. Thus, we will need help for a total of four days. For those of you that are retired, maybe you can help on Thursday and/or Friday. For those of you still paying Social Security, think about working Saturday and/or Sunday.

Also, this time of year, we need to start thinking about Officers for next year. (Elections will be in November.) One of the things we need to seriously consider is rotating the Club leadership. *It is not good for the Club to keep the same Officers year after year.* Thru the efforts of the officers and other Club members, our Club reached a record membership of 62, so there is a large pool of potential candidates.

One of the goals of your current Board of Directors was to draft a list of duties and procedures for each office. This will certainly make the duties of the new officers much easier. Additionally, everyone on the BOD has agreed to work with the candidates to 'show them the ropes'.

The Fond du Lac ARC officers up for election are: President, Vice president, Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant of Arms, one BOD member (There are 3, but only 1 is replaced each year – thus you would serve for 3 years.)

Finally, on August 29th, Dottie and I, along with 4 of my 5 sisters (and spouses), are heading for a eleven day trip and cruise to Alaska. We will certainly be thinking about all of you – Hi Hi

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## Minutes of July 9, 2007, Meeting

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The July 9, 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 June minutes as published in the club newsletter. Doug Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes; second was made by John Meixensperger and motion passed on voice vote.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Smith reported the following balances:

Truck Fund .....	\$163.58
Repeater Fund .....	\$1,064.55
Emergency Services Fund .....	\$309.68
General Use Fund .....	\$1,184.56
Petty Cash .....	\$25.00
Savings .....	\$25.00
Total Net Worth .....	\$2,722.37

Bills needing approval to pay – Field Day expenses submitted by Gene Olig, \$277.54. Motion was made by Ed Beltz to pay Gene Olig; Doug Schultz seconded motion. Motion passed on voice vote. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Ed Beltz, seconded by John Meixensperger. Motion passed on a voice vote. Suggestion to open a savings account for the General Use Fund to get interest was suggested. Steve will check into interest rates.

### Fund Raisers

Louie Simon announced that the next Brat Fry will be Aug. 23, 24, 25 and 26. He will check with Phil to see if we can get chips for the fry.

### ARES/RACES

EC Steve Smith announced that the next meeting will be held on July 23rd at MPTC in Room O-103 at 7 p.m.

### Red Cross

Joyce Keys, KC9KIJ, Disaster Coordinator for the Red Cross, announced that there will be a class offered shortly on the "Fundamentals of Disaster". She briefly discussed the class highlights. She will go into detail in a short program after the meeting.

### Old Business

Field Day was discussed and assessed.

### New Business

Gene Olig, Jack Heil and Steve Smith traveled to Manitowoc to test two hams, one from Kewanee and one from Sturgeon Bay. (Result: One new General and one new Technician ham operator.)

Gene called Phil Majerus and the summer picnic will be held August 18, 3 p.m. at the South Eden Preserve. Louie Simon suggested \$200 out of the General Fund for AES gift certificates for door prizes at the picnic. Motion for \$200 for gift certificates was made by Dave Witt and seconded by John Meixensperger.

A thank you letter was received from the Simon Mall thanking all who participated in the MS Walk.

Steve Smith announced the Sagbrow bike tour will take place in Sturgeon Bay on July 29 thru August 4 and amateur operators are needed for any day.

### Testing

Doug Schultz will announce the next testing date at a later meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, John Meixensperger made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Ed Beltz.

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

### Program

Joyce Keyes talked briefly about the need for Red Cross trained Disaster Assessment personnel to follow up after a disaster (like a tornado). Ham radio operators, because of their communications capabilities, are ideal candidates for this service. There will be a Disaster Assessment class in the near future and Joyce asked members to participate in the class and volunteer as DA Team members at the Red Cross.

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## PICNIC

A reminder to all: Please let us know if you are coming to the picnic. Send an e-mail to: [picnic@fdlhams.org](mailto:picnic@fdlhams.org), with your name, call and the number of people from your family who will be attending. We need to know how many are coming so we know how much food to have on hand.

If you don't have access to e-mail, call 920-907-0850 and leave the info on the answering machine! Thanks!



**Randy Dandy**  
In olden days, the blood line of Randy, KB9KEG, also included a great communicator. Here is a picture of his ancestor just a-grinning and wondering what happened to his horse.



Chip Tesch, WW9WT, proud owner of a new ICOM VHF transceiver that he won at the AES Superfest earlier this year.

## **ARES/RACES Team members provide communication support for RMC Triathlon**

Swim a mile – *pant* – Bike 15 Miles – *pant , pant* – Run 3 Miles - *pant , pant , pant* - Collapse onto green grass in finish area - Drink lotsa water....That was the formula for the Ripon Medical Center’s Triathlon last Saturday.

Over 200 triathletes participated in the event, held at the Lawsonia Golf/Conference Center just west of Green Lake. Communications support on the “Bike” portion of the course was provided by Doug Schultz, Dave Witt, Lloyd Vandervort, Ed Schumacher, Joyce Keyes and Steve Smith. We took advantage of the Green Lake repeater operating on 146.955 MHz, and access to the repeater was flawless

using only HTs throughout the entire course. Our job was to report the progress of the race, arrange to pick up any stragglers and direct medical help to those in need.

The bikers rode a 15 mile route along back roads located just north of the Lawsonia Center. The hilly terrain was a huge challenge, but only two riders dropped out on this part of the course. One went to RMC by ambulance.

It looked tough to us, but one participant—who was apparently an old hand at this—commented that he “did not even break a sweat” on the course. Oh, well, back to the exercise bike...time to get in shape.

Bikes waiting for their riders



We also did some traffic control



Time to relax...



## Interested In Being A Club Officer? Not Sure What's Involved? Read this...

Your Club's Board of Directors knows that a periodic "change of officers" is good for every club. Change brings fresh viewpoints, fresh energy and helps develop leadership skills that members have but which may be untested.

That's why a Board member may be calling YOU sometime in the next few weeks, asking if you would be willing to have your name put in nomination for one of the Club offices. Please consider running for an office!

Many (OK, most) people are reluctant to take on the responsibility of an office for a number of reasons...chief among them is a fear of failure—this is usually manifested by the individual saying something like "I don't have the time to do the job" or "Not me...I can't handle that job". Another reason is, typically, "I don't know how to do the job."

Your Board would like to help! Anyone who is interested in holding an office will be shown how to do the job *before* elections are held this year. So, if you are willing to consider having your name placed in nomination for, say, Treasurer, then Steve Smith will sit down with you and show you exactly what's involved in doing that job. (It's fairly straightforward, by the way. If you can add and subtract and are able to balance your own checkbook, then the job would be a piece of cake for you! You also get the big key to the Post Office box!)

Gene Olig is putting together a list of specific duties for each of the officer's jobs (most of them are only a few paragraphs long) as a guide to newcomers to each job.

The jobs are President, Vice-President (who usually is the prime candidate for President at the end of his/her term), Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms and one member of the Board of Directors. (The officers are also members of the Board, by the way.)

And, should you run and be elected, the outgoing office holder will "stay with you" until you are comfortable in your new responsibility.

Any Club member can run for an office. Officers are expected to attend all regular club and board meetings, of course, or to appoint someone who can represent them if they have to miss a meeting. Officers are elected for a one year term. (Exception: Each year one new member of the Board of Directors is chosen. That individual serves a three year term.)

## Present Club Officers

President	Gene Olig KD9ZP
Vice-President	Louie Simon KB9VQM
Secretary	Dottie Olig K9FDL
Treasurer	Steve Smith W9GPI
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dan Vande Kolk KC9IGD
Board Member	Dave Witt WD9W
Board Member	Doug Schultz N9EZF
Board Member	Lloyd Vandervort N9RPU

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## Wisconsin QSO Party

Gerry Radtke, WA9GON, recently sent a note that said, "The Fond du Lac Club from 1996 to present has represented itself very well," in this contest:

1996 - 4th	2002 - 2nd
1997 - 3rd	2003 - 1st
1998 - 3rd	2004 - 1st
1999 - 2nd	2005 - 1st
2000 - 1st	2006 - 1st
2001 - 2nd	

Thanks for the note, Gerry; and kudos to all who have participated and helped us achieve this modicum of success over the years!

## This Year's Results

The results are now in and the Ozaukee Radio Club took First Place in the WI QSO Party! Beat us out by over 50,000 points. Our total score was formidable and on a par with last year's efforts...but not good enough this year.

Looks like we will have to redouble our effort next year if we want to regain our status as top dog in Wisconsin.

## Kudos

Kudos to Randy Grunewald for his work in organizing the WI QSO Party and for making sure that we all turned in our logs. Randy took the time to review all submitted logs to ensure that point credit calculations were correct before submitting them to the QSO party sponsor. We may not have achieved First Place in the state this year, but Randy sure deserves credit for doing everything he could to make it possible for us to succeed.

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