

FOND DU LAC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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JULY MEETING

The July meeting of the Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club will on held on Monday, July 11th at the home of Gene & Dottie Olig, W4325 4th St. Road. **The meeting will start at 6 PM with a short meeting, then delicious Brats and Hamburgers will be served. Field Day will be re-capped during that period. Go 1 mile East of CT K and Fourth St. Look for the Balloons. Please bring lawn chairs**

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Vice-President.....Gene Olig
Treasurer.....Jeff Bechner
Secretary.....Dottie Olig
Sgt-at-Arms.....Dennis Paulin

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes June 13, 2005

Vice President Gene Olig called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. at Moraine Park Technical College. Gene asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May minutes as published in the club newsletter. There were no corrections or additions and Gene then asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published. Doug Schultz made a motion to accept the minutes as published and Louie Simon seconded the motion. The motion to accept the May minutes passed on a voice vote.

Gene then asked for the Treasurer's report. Jeff Bechner reported that the balance at the May meeting was \$1,780.05 and we had an income of \$1083.79 (\$1055.79 brat fry), and expenses of \$911.88 for the month. The new balance for this meeting is \$1951.96. Brat Fry precedes were deposited to the truck fund. The balance is made up of the truck fund at \$593.98, repeater fund of \$430.68, and emergency service fund of \$250.35. The general use fund has \$676.95. Motion was made to approve treasurer's report by Dave Witt, seconded by Dennis Paulin. Motion passed on voice vote.

Lloyd Vandervort reported on the repeater. There seemed to be a small problem with crackling on the repeater, however, it did clear. Lloyd will investigate and look into changing the tone board. Gene reported that members bought out the repeater from Chuck Theisen.

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Field Day 2005

Ed Beltz had nothing to report on Skywarn. Dave Witt noted that he had heard the ARES preamble read for the net as "The ARES Skywarn Net." It should NOT be announced in such a manner but as "The ARES Net." Also, Dave announced that news regarding two new appointments for ARES would be released soon.

Jeff Bechner was presented an award for 147/148 last counties. Gene Olig discussed new and changed awards for county hunting.

Dave and Gene completed some work on the club truck, which is coming along at a steady pace.

Randy Grunewald reported on contesting. Field Day is coming up this next weekend and there is a contest July 9 – 10. There will be a special Lighthouse Event in August.

Doug reported on Public Relations. There will be a press release this week regarding Field Day and pictures will be taken on Saturday. Todd Fonstad reported on the progress of the CW tent. Operators will be working on a schedule. He also read and discussed the bonus point list.

Jeff reported that regarding membership, 36 people have paid.

Old Business: The Sunday Night Net has picked up. People will be invited to attend Field Day from the Sunday Night Net. Louie thanked all who participated in the brat fry, which was a huge success. Thanks from all to Louie for his outstanding organizing abilities! The next brat fry will be the weekend of August 19, 20, and 21.

Ed Beltz said he would like to see officer's names and board member names published in the next newsletter. Current board members are Jack Heil, Charles Theisen and Doug Schultz.

There was no new business to discuss. Special guest for tonight's program is Dick Engle from AES. Dick will show us new equipment and let us know what's going on in the world of Ham Radio.

There being no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Doug Schultz, seconded by Todd Fonstad. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Guest speaker Dick Engle to follow.

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

Well another Field Day has come and gone. Now it is time to reflect on how we did and what went wrong. Over all it was a great success, thanks to Dennis Paulin and his teams of dedicated works. The morning started with discussing the layout of the land and where everything would be placed. It was pretty much the same as past years except this year, the CW people were put off across the parking lot to think about last year's dizzyingly results for them. Costing one of it members to shamefully run the course on a bet he made with the Phone guys. I think by doing that, we created a monster. They smoked the Phone people this year with their new setup and organized operators. Great showing Todd!!!!

This year the club made 2,184 contacts, compared to 2,234 in 2004. We won't know till October when the official results will be published as to where we ended up. No matter where it is, I feel everyone involved did an outstanding job.

I was thinking of the things we did to make this year's Field Day a success, and got to wonder what other people did at their Field Day. Well here is one example that may surprise you. This first one is from the outback of Australia

The NCRG (Northern Corridor Radio Group) here in Perth have been leading field day operators in Australia for many years but our idea of a perfect field day is

1. Guys only, no wives, girlfriends or kids.
 2. Ample liquid refreshments and good BBQ food.
 3. As many towers and new antennas as we can safely put up.
 4. Get to the site one night earlier to get the boozy night out of the way first.
 5. Get as far away from Joe public as we can (quite easy here out in the bush!)
 6. Use any means necessary to at least win the multi/multi section.
 7. The one who builds the biggest amp for field day is King for the weekend.
- We've been doing it that way for about 20 years now, and it never gets boring!!

Cheers all,
Keith VK6XH

Now I don't know if that way would fly with us. I think the Ladies of our club might have a few thinks to say about that. Speaking of the Ladies, they absolutely did a fantastic job in operating also. I know one in particular that warmed-up on the GOTA station, then moved over to the phone tent, and called them in like a farmer calling the pigs to the slaughter. Great job Dottie. And I can't forget about the other YL's that made all that delicious food for the guys. They did another super job as usual. Then there were the younger ones also that had a chance to show their skills in the GOTA station. I think we may have lite a fire in a few of them as far as Ham Radio goes. All in all it was a very good operating session, even with the little rain we had. The only thing I would like to see next year, is a few more people stay around for the takedown part of Field Day. No matter, we got it done, and it was a very successful event. Thanks to Dennis and everyone else that participated. See you all at the next event.

KB9VQM
Louie

PICNIC ON THE FARM

We will be hosting the Annual Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club picnic this year on Saturday, August 13th at 3:00 pm. It will be held at Phil & Gail Majerus Game Farm again this year. They have graciously invited us out again this year. We have picked that time so that viewing of the large herds of deer might be visible as the afternoon wears on

We are hoping for the Green Fox Amateur Radio club to participate also, serving their delicious corn on the cob as in past years. Soda and other refreshments will be provided along with brats and hamburgers and whatever else we can come up with. All we ask is that you bring a dish to pass and plan to have a good time with others. It would be advisable to bring lawn chairs also if you have them. Gene and Doug usually do a fantastic job as "Chefs on Call" for that day. I am sure that AES will have a station setup there for those that want to try and make some contacts from the Game Farm.

There you go Dennis, another special event station? Hope to see you all there, more info to follow.

Some Shots of Field Day



The CW guys planning



Dottie bring them in, Gene logging



The Boss Man



The Phone Girls,

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