

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

Tidbits



Like Father, Like Son...

Paul Taddey's son, Kolton, has been watching his dad "work the radio" and, now that Paul set him up with his own transceiver, he can "play along." By the way, Paul may hold the record for fastest upgrade from "no license" through Technician, General and Extra, then to VE...all within 60 days. Has anyone done it faster that you know of?

March Meeting

The March Meeting of the Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club will be held on Monday, February 12th at 7 pm at Moraine Park Technical College Room O-103.

Welcome New Members

We welcome these new members to the Club this month:

Tom Gabel, N9RPQ - FDL
Dave McCumber, N9WQ - North FDL
Walter Rueger, KC9WQ - Ripon
Ed Schumacher, KC9JRH - Winneconne
Walter 'Chip' Tesch, WW9WT - New Berlin

Larry Hammel K5OT - Georgetown, TX
(Larry sent us a donation and we turned his kindness into a membership.)

We look forward to working with you 'on all things ham radio'!

Upcoming Events

Wisconsin QSO Party

This contest is scheduled for Sunday, March 11th.

New Ham Training

The Technician Training program will be on Saturday, March 17th and Sunday, March 18th with the license exam being administered after the program concludes on Sunday afternoon. Tell your friends. If you know people who are interested, start encouraging them to sign up. Students must purchase and read a copy of the ARRL Technician License Manual before they come to this program. The manual is available through the Club for \$24.95. As you know, no code knowledge is required.

A General Class Training program has been scheduled for March 24th and 25th, with the test following at 3 p.m. Sunday. Students must purchase the ARRL General Class Training manual (from ARRL, AES or any other source) and read through it before taking this class.

Students will be mailed info on times and location after they sign up.

Superfest at AES in Milwaukee

The latest Superfest "News Flyer" was E-mailed separately to all Club members. Sounds like another great event has been planned for this year. See you there!

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Minutes of February 12, 2007, Meeting

The February 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 January minutes as published in the club newsletter. There were no corrections or additions voiced. Doug Schultz made a motion to approve; second was made by Ed Beltz and motion passed on voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Smith reported the following balances:

Truck Fund . . . . .	.555.33
Repeater Fund	1,064.55
Emergency Services Fund . . . . .	.309.68
General Use Fund . . . . .	.824.01
Petty Cash . . . . .	.25.00
Savings . . . . .	.25.00
Total Net Worth	\$.2,753.57

Motion was made by Ed Beltz to pay Tom Murray \$100 out of the Repeater Fund and motion was seconded by Doug Schultz. Motion passed on voice vote. 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. There is book cost and \$14 for testing.

New Business

Discussion ensued regarding a possible change in monthly meeting times. This will be addressed at the BOD meeting.

Board of Directors Meeting

Gene Olig presented the 2007 Budget. Ed Beltz made a motion to accept the Budget. Motion was seconded by Jack Heil and motion passed on a voice vote.

Program

Randy Grunewald will present the program for tonight, "Demonstrating the QSO Party software and how to log contacts."

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Karen Beltz made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.; motion seconded by Jeff Bechner.

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

Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club 2007 Budget Summary

The Club's Budget for 2007 includes the usual expenses for PO Box, bank safety deposit box, state corporation fees, liability insurance, Field Day, Christmas party and Communications Van expenses. This year the Board also budgeted specifically for Advertising and Education expenses...an indication of our expanding commitment to those areas. Here are the overall numbers:

Source of Funds	Amount
Dues – 40 @ \$15: . . . . .	.600
Brat Fry #1:	1,100
Brat Fry #2:	1,100
Pizza Sales: . . . . .	.300
 Projected Income:	 \$.3,100

Allocation of Funds	Amount
Advertising and Education: . . . . .	.600
Gen'l. Club and Field Day: . . . . .	.860
Communications Van	1,100
Emergency Services Fund: . . . . .	.300
 Projected Expenditures:	 \$.2,860

License Exam Session February 24th, 2007

When the FCC dropped the Morse Code requirement for all license levels everyone expected a flood of applicants for new licenses and upgrades. Ha! Little did they know! The ARRL reports that more license exam sessions were scheduled in the last week of February than in the entire month of February last year. Ditto the first week of March...with more of the same planned for the entire month of March. The ARRL HQ has added extra people to help process the flood. They are working overtime and are still struggling to process all the applications! We expect

that the FCC will have the same problem. We are looking forward to seeing actual numbers later this month or early in April. Meanwhile, those of you who upgraded will have to continue putting up with the /AG and /AE extensions until the "paperwork pile" clears.

The good news is that our Club's newest Generals... Dan Vande Kolk KC9IGD and Butch Schoemann KC9IGB and newest Extra Class operators... Louis Simon KB9VQM and Mike Miller KC9DOA, are already enjoying their new status and are making contacts all over the world.



Louis Simon KB9VQM
Earned his Extra



Mike Miller KC9DOA
Earned his Extra



Butch Schoemann KC9IGB
Earned his General



Dan Vande Kolk KC9IGD
Earned his General

Others who took their exam on the 24th:

(Those who live in FDL county are not yet Club members, but we are hopeful!)



Brian Hechel-K5GBW
from Racine - General



Brian Krotzman KC9IGF
from Waupun - General



Melinda Krotzman
Waupun - New Technician



Christ Guttermann
K9CEG Campbellsport
General



Don Chapman
FDL - Technician



Jeff Meyn KC9DGU
Eden - General



John Garner - Chilton
New Technician



Todd Beay KB9VUP
Brownsville - General

License Exam Session February 24th, 2007



VEs Carolyn Kammen NQ9A and Frederick Baguhn W9GOC drove in from Madison to help us handle the paperwork involved in processing the license exams. Carolyn is the Lead VE in Madison.



Our Volunteer Examiner (VE) group for this exam session: Randy Grunewald KB9KEG, Doug Schultz N9EZF, Steve Smith W9GPI, Gene Olig KD9ZP and Paul Taddey KC9KIO.

Randy and Frederick (from Madison) handled the initial sign-in and registration of exam candidates. Paul, Gene and Steve checked and verified the exam results and issued CSEs for successful candidates. Doug did his usual great job of organizing the session, verifying that all paperwork was properly completed and handling submission of all the required paperwork (there is a bunch!) to the ARRL after the session. (FYI: Doug says that he has now been involved in just over 250 individual license exams as a VE. How's that for dedication to the hobby?)

And, of course, they each offered a hearty "Congratulations!" to all the successful test-takers!