

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

Upcoming Events

BRAT FRY

The Club is holding a Brat Fry in Lomira, at the Highway 41-67 Interchange, on September 8th, 9th and 10th. Hours are typically from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

EXAM SESSIONS

The Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club VE team will be holding exams from 9:00AM to Noon on Sat. Sept. 30, 2006 and Dec. 9, 2006 at Community United Methodist Church, 701 Minnesota Avenue, North Fond du Lac. Cost of the exam is \$14.00. Please bring a photo ID as well as any CSCE's or a copy of license. A reminder, if you're taking the Technician exam the question pool was updated on July 1, 2006. If you need further information please contact Doug Schultz N9EZF at 922-3088 or via email at: n9ezf@fdlhams.org.

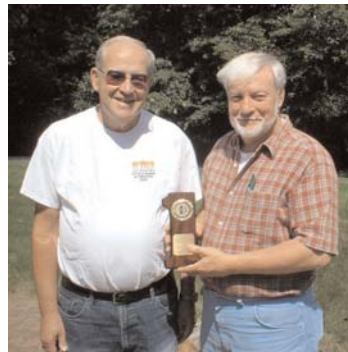
New Ham Training

The Club will be sponsoring a training program for people interested in becoming Amateur Radio Operators, in the fall. Doug Schultz is coordinating this program and can use volunteers who have some experience with adult training programs. If you are interested and are willing to spend some time preparing and teaching, please contact Doug.

September Meeting

The September Meeting of the Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club will be held on Monday, September 11th at 7 pm at Moraine Park Technical College Room O-103

Wisconsin QSO Party Award



Lynn Tamblyn, K9KR—Secretary of the West Allis Radio Amateur Club and Chairman of the Wisconsin QSO Party Contest Group—presents Gene Olig with the Award for First Place in the 2006 Wisconsin QSO Party.

Lynn congratulated the FDL ARC members on their “Fourpeat” (this was the fourth year in a row that

we've taken First Place in the contest!) He noted that overall scores in this year's contest were down, compared to previous years, and said, “Perhaps it is because we are in the near or at the bottom of the sun spot cycle, or perhaps due to the weather this year, some other item, or a combination of items, upon reviewing this years scores against past years, I definitely see lower scores. As a result, there were no new records set in our standing records list.”

The WARAC Web Site puts it this way: The 2006 plaque for the Wisconsin Club Competition goes to Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club. If there is a word like fourpeat, it belongs to them. They had 19 stations enter this year, producing a total point value of 466,739 points. Congratulations to all of you who are members of FDARC.

Kudos, again, to Randy Grunwald, KB9KEG, for all his hard work pulling together the information from our Club members, organizing it into the format required to submit to the WARAC and getting the data to them on time. Without Randy's efforts we could have won the contest but no one would know that we had done so!

Top Five Clubs in the 2006 WI QSO Contest

CLUB	Points	Operators
Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club	466739	19
Bay Area Wireless Association	293725.5	2
Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club	281860	32
Ozaukee Amateur Radio Club	262881	11
Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club	218326	6

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Minutes of August 14, 2006, Meeting

Vice President Louie Simon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on August 14, 2006 in Room 0-104 at MPTC. Louie asked if everyone had read the minutes of the July meeting and then asked for any additions or corrections. Louie then asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published. Dave Witt made a motion to approve the minutes and Ed Beltz seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Smith gave the Treasurer's Report:

Truck Fund	(148.45)
Repeater Fund	1064.55
Emergency Services Fund	559.68
General Use Fund	1,626.20
Petty Cash	25.00
Savings	25.00
Total Balance	\$3,151.98

Jack Heil made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Lloyd Vandervort seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

VP Simon then asked about Old Business. Louie reported that the MARAC Brat Fry took in \$1555 before expenses which were \$528.22 that netted the club \$1026.78 in income. Dennis Paulin brought a proposal to the floor to take \$700 from General Fund and move it to the Truck Fund with the balance staying in the general fund. Don Kroes also expressed support for the proposal.

Tax Exempt Status

Louie Simon brought up 501-3C status of the Club and Dave Witt said he had talked to Claude—an attorney from Watertown—who felt that our club wouldn't qualify for that status. Dave said the only benefit is that the donations would Federal tax deductible.

Communications Van

Steve Smith reported that the truck is still being worked on and has put paneling behind the operating locations. Steve is also putting a battery isolator in the truck. Dave Witt brought up the fact the Truck committee should be supervising the upgrade of the truck. The next step for Steve is to meet with committee. EdBeltz then brought up the convex mirror for the truck and no action was taken since this needs the Truck committee to decide on it.

Repeater Tower

Steve Smith reported that a Bill of Sale has been completed for the repeater tower, transferring ownership to Bible Press, Inc. and he will be delivering it. An Agreement was

also signed giving the Repeater Association access to the tower and the repeater as long as Bible Press, Inc., owns the property. Lloyd Vandervort reported the repeater is working normally.

NEW BUSINESS

VP Simon then brought up new business with the Brat Fry on Sept. 8,9,10 at Country Corners in Lomira and he said he will be contacting members to help man this fund raiser.

Dot Recovering

Dot Olig is home from hip surgery and recovering.

Labor Day Parade

Ed Beltz brought up the Labor Day Parade and that REACT needs help coordinating this parade. Please contact Ed if you can help!

ARES/RACES

Steve Smith noted that the 2006 Simulated Emergency Test will be held statewide on October 7 from 8AM-Noon.

He reported that a UHF TV antenna (on the tower) along with an HDTV card has been added to the computer to get access to 24hr. weather radar at the Red Cross. This provides back up if Charter Cable goes out during a weather event.

Steve would like to add 440 capability at the Red Cross. He wants to purchase a Yaesu FT-8800 dual bander to provide this capability and asked for \$250 to help pay for the rig. The vertical that is being used has dual band capability. Dave Witt made a motion to take \$250 from the emergency services fund to buy the dual bander and Ed Beltz seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Steve also said there would be a training session at the ARES/RACES meeting on August 28 at 7:00PM in Jack's Lab and FEMA course IS-100 would be the training topic. All ARES/RACES members are required to complete this course by the end of the year.

Dave Witt and Steve Smith brought up the fact they are both ARRL Registered Instructors.

SKYWARN

Peter Fox reported on SKYWARN. There haven't been any activations in the last several weeks.

Adjournment

Dave Witt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lloyd Vandervort seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:56PM.

—Respectfully submitted by Doug Schultz