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Each committee has several members. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact the chairperson and volunteer your services.

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The Presidents Corner

By: Tom Karrmann KC9VYZ



We are making some headway in our search for 501c3 non-profit status. This requires some changes to the club, mostly just properly documenting the way the club currently operates. This will require some votes to change two of our founding documents, and that will require a quorum at a meeting in order to have a valid vote.

Please try and attend the next several meetings if at all possible. This is a big step for our club, and we need all hands on deck for the changes that will need to be made. On the plus side, these changes will not require a lot from our club members besides just being at the meetings and voting.

Well, I hope to see you all at the meeting.

Tom Karrmann KC9VZY, President, FARC

What's Inside This Month?

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Our Next Meeting For September

When: Monday September 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Where: Moraine Park College
235 N National Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Please Bring a Friend to the Meeting!

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Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club Will Meet At Moraine Park College!

The FARC will once again meet at the Moraine park location in room 0-102. You can park in the very same location we did back when this was our meeting place before covid. Park in the west lot and enter in the same place as previous meetings, the "O" building. We will be meeting **downstairs**.





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Official FARC Junk Table Set Up At Meeting

"One man's junk is another man's junk"

Back when we were meeting before Covid, we always had a table set up where you could select from some amazing things that other Ham radio operators would bring in to share. Piles of magazines, books, and even some hardware was brought in to borrow and give away. So it's time to clean out the radio shack of the accumulated stuff you don't want any more over the year of the pandemic. If you have old magazines, this is a great way to help distribute knowledge of our great hobby! Take them home and when you are done reading them bring them back next month and put them on the table for the next ham! And if you have anything to sell, bring it and attach a note to it showing how much you want for the item and who you are.

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FARC AT THE FOND DU LAC LABOR DAY PARADE

This is what leadership looks like!

Congratulations goes out to FARC Board Member Justin Buell KB9YET. With a call to action at last months meeting, and with less than 30 days to put a crack team together for the Fond du Lac Labor Day Parade, Justin took the challenge and did a tremendous job. Justin, along with 14 volunteer FARC members , had enough people to fill all positions and have extras as backups.

On Monday morning, Justin asked that people arrive at 9 am so that they could do a quick briefing and filling in on assignments before participants begin to arrive at 9:30 am then the parade rolls at 11 am.

And for Justin's efforts and the efforts of 14 FARC volunteers, our club received a check for \$500 which will be put in the treasury for our club's future use.

When it comes to public service, the Fond du lac Amateur Radio Club is ready, willing, and able to lend a hand to our great community anytime we are asked. And it's because of great leadership like Justin's and a great membership that makes it happen.

Congratulations Justin. Well done!



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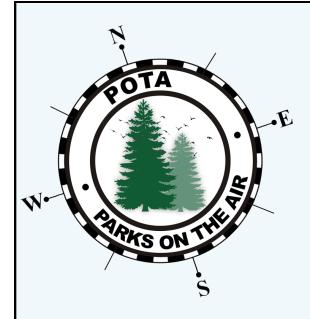
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Parks on the Air ('POTA")

What it is:

In 2016, the ARRL sponsored "National Parks on the Air" (NPOTA) to celebrate the Nation Park Service 100th anniversary and to showcase portable amateur radio. After the NOPTA event was completed a group of hams developed POTA, which encourages ham to get outside and operate or "activate" certain designated Federal and State lands. Both the ham operating in the park (the activator) and the "hunter" who is attempting to make a qso can earn awards. The activator has to send his logs into POTA for the qso's to count toward awards. Awards are free and are sent to you via email. I encourage you to learn more by looking at the www.parksontheair.com site for more details.

2. My involvement:

I obtained my tech and general licenses in July of 2020 and my Extra license in November of 2020. I purchased my first HF rig in November and soon I heard the call of "CQ POTA CQ POTA". It did not take very long, before I was hooked on being a hunter. I soon learned that POTA encourages the use of not just sideband, but digital modes as well, and I was soon chasing the activators via FT8 and FT4.

I wanted to do more, though. I wanted to be an activator. I purchased a Wolf River Coil system (WRC) and worked with learning how to tune it and deploy it. After I felt comfortable with it, I looked around for a park to activate at. The obvious choice for me was Eldorado State Wildlife Area, just west of Fond du Lac. The western side is only about 20 minutes from my QTH of Ripon. I found several good parking areas, including one not marked on the map, but is by the actual road.

But, still I wanted to make it simpler. I purchased Diamond K-400 trunk mount so that I could mount the WRC on my SUV and use the SUV as a ground plan. I have installed the mount and by using the WRC with a whip antenna, I have received good DX with it.

3. My equipment:

Radios – Yaesu FT-818nd (6 watts) and a Xiegu G90 (20 watts) w/ cooling rack. I found that the G90 becomes very hot if you are activating, but with the cooling fan, it stays cool.

Antennas- Wolf River Coil SB 1000 with the large tripod and 8.5 foot whip. I can also deploy the WRC mounted on the back of my SUV. I also can use an Alex Loop, and a low power End Fed antenna. I hope to be able to set up the

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4. A few stories.

My high school aged special needs daughter will sometimes come with dad to do radio as she knows she can squeeze dad for a lemon aide. She will set in the front seat and play with a toy or two while I do radio. About 45 minutes in, she will start to ask how much longer. That gives me about 15 more minutes until I have to pack it up. Several days ago, when I was out at Eldorado State Wildlife Area, there was a large Ag sprayer tractor parked in the parking area I like to use. Pretty soon he shows up, unlocks a gate and he disappears down a road into a field. I did not see him again. Later on, another man shows up in a pickup truck and asks if I have dog, as I wanted to tell me that he was going to be target shooting in the parking area next door and did not want to frighten any dogs. This morning when I was out to Eldorado State Wildlife Area, I observed to groups of men dropping off their canoes to go out into the marsh and lake.

5. If you have any questions, I can be reached at my email at QRZ.com









FCC NEWS

The \$35 FCC application fee for radio amateurs has been postponed until 2022 to give the FCC time to upgrade the FCC website.

All amateurs that are renewing the license or making an application to upgrade their license will be required by the FCC to provide them with a valid email address. The FCC will be contacting the amateurs via email from this point on.

New Applicants for Amateur Radio Licenses will be required to get a FRN from the FCC website before coming to an exam session. Social Security numbers aren't accepted on the FCC form 605 any longer and if you don't have a FRN you will be unable to take the Technician exam.

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KC9YVL Portable Operations and Go Box

By Ron Keller KC9YVL

I would like to share a little about portable operations and the go box I created. I actually have two go boxes. An HF go box and VHF/UHF go box. The 2 meter/70cm one is built into a small case and used for my work as a volunteer for SATERN (Salvation Army Emergency Radio Network) group for more local communications.

The go box I used on 8/28/21 is my HF go kit. I qualified Lighthouse Island (WI073) in Lakeside Park for the U.S. Islands program QSO Party. I setup a station on the middle part of the island. The main components of my kit are a large cooler on wheels, a lawn mower size deep cycle battery, an Icom 7000 HF transceiver with IT-100 antenna tuner. The go kit has a trio of antennas which include an offset center fed dipole with a 25 foot extendable mast & tripod, an end fed wire antenna (easiest to deploy and a Wolf River coil ad-

justable vertical antenna setup. The HF go box is capable of working 10-80 meters contains some RG8X coax, a ground

stake, folding table, a seat cushion to be able sit on the cooler, a 10 X 12 tarp, poles as well as stakes and ropes for the tarp. Also in the go box I carry some tools such as pliers, screwdriver, hammer and etc. I also carry miscellaneous supplies such as rope, zip ties, electrical tape, antenna adapters and a 20 Oz. soda bottle filled with sand with a string tied on for throwing a line over a limb in a tree. Everything in the go box fits in the cooler or on top of it. The Go box fits into a trunk, truck bed or a back seat.

An amateur can use a setup like this for many portable, off grid situations but not limited to emergency disaster communications, island activations, parks on the air or summits on the air events. Amateurs also do portable operations for fun!

Some tips I learned are to add "stroke portable" after your call sign when communicating. The amount of output power you use will be dependent on how big of a 12 volt battery you use. The output of your station could vary from .5 watts to 100 watts. Check the weather





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forecast. Make sure the location is safe and it is legal to operate from. Search for a shady spot and make sure you ground your station. Make sure your battery is charged, bring paper and pencil for logging, bring a garbage bag or clear plastic cover to protect your equipment in case of a quick rain shower. If you setup in a public area mark all your wires, cables and ropes so nobody trips over them. Bring spare fuses, make a plan and write down an inventory list of items needed and then check them off as pack up. Test new equipment before you leave. Another thing I have learned is to double check to make sure you have everything and pack as light as you can. If you're hiking into an area have a shelter that stays put in the wind, bring along bug spray and dress for the weather. Provide shade or a sun visor for your transceiver display which are hard to see in bright sunlight. I'm sure there are some things I missed in this article so feel free to ask me questions. Go out and have some fun operating outdoors!

73 everyone,

Ron Keller KC9YVL







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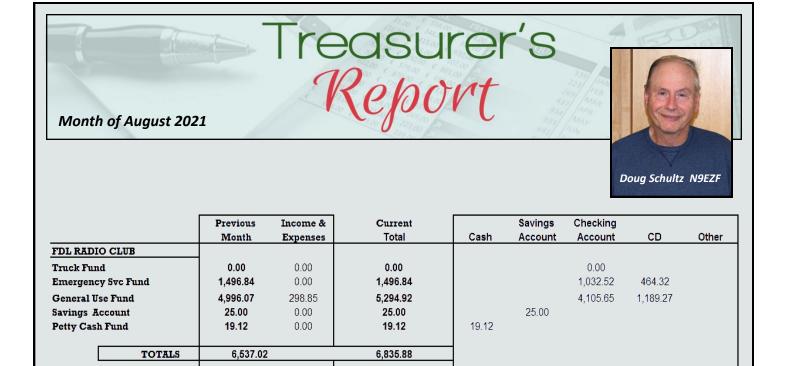
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Income							
Refund IRS	501c3						275.00
Dues & Raffle							55.00

235.44

Expenses			
Pizza Cash Shortage	K9VY		18.15
FD Fuel	KC9VXR		13.00
		TOTAL	31.15

Bills Needing Approval to Pay & Action Required				
Fuel Field Day	Dave M.	N9WQ		11.21
P.O. Box Rent				134.00
				145.21

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Meeting Minutes







Meeting Minutes for the August 9th Meeting

Vice President Tom Powell KC9VXR called the meeting to order at MPTC room O-102 at 7:01 PM. We then did introductions of all attendees. A motion to approve last month's meeting minutes was made by Cully Kowal KS0D and seconded by Don Chapman KC9KZQ. Tom Powell than asked if there was discussion or objections to the minutes in the newsletter. No objections were raised and the minutes were approved.

Next Tom Powell KC9VXR asked for the Treasurer's report and Treasurer Doug Schultz N9EZF gave the highlights. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Jack Heil KG9IN and seconded by Erling Gruel WB9OJD. No objections were brought up and the Treasurer's report was approved. A motion was made to pay the bills was made by Jim Balthazor K9AIX and seconded by Dick Finn KC9ZVW. Tom Powell asked for any discussion on the motion to pay the bills. No discussion or objections on paying the bills and motion was approved.

Tom Powell KC9VXR the asked if there was any old business to be brought up? None was brought to the floor. Tom then asked if there was any new business? Steve Kirchhoff from the Fond du Lac Labor Council asked if he could address the club about our help for the Labor Day Parade in Fond du Lac. Steve asked for our help with the Labor Day Parade on Sept. 6. The Labor Day Parade lineup will begin at 9:30AM and the parade kicks off at 11:00AM. The Labor Day Parade is much smaller the Holiday Parade in numbers of units and the Labor Council would be willing to donate \$500 to our club for our help. Tom Powell then asked for volunteers and a number of members raised their hands to help at the Labor Day Parade. Justin Buell KB9YET volunteered to coordinate the clubs' participation in organizing the Labor Day Parade.

Tom Powell KC9VXR the asked if there was any other new business? Brad Cowal then brought up we need to do a revision of our Articles of Incorporation. We will need club membership approval to change them. The IRS heeds specific wording to apply for 501C3 designation.

The new Articles of Incorporation then need to approved by the state. The club members have to be notified in writing to be legal. Two thirds members present or 50% of membership are required to approve changes to the Articles of Incorporation. A motion was made by Joe Scheibinger K9VY to put in an email and U.S. mail to the members. The motion was seconded by Wally Drees KD9JAD. No discussion or objections were brought up and the motion passed.

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Tom Powell KC9VXR then asked for any more new business? Doug Schultz N9EZF announce the VE team will be having testing at MPTC room O-103 on October 9, 2021 and Dec. 4, 2021. Is there any other business from the floor?

A motion was made by Peter Fox KB9WZD to adjourn and it was seconded by Jim Balthazor K9AIX. Motion to adjourn passed with no objections. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.



Face Coverings Required at MPTC Through December, 2021

I have received notice from Moraine Park Technical College that all outside groups using their campus will be required to wear face coverings due to the continued Covid pandemic through December, 2021. The Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club Meetings that are scheduled for Sept. 13, 2021, October 11, 2021 and Nov. 8, 2021 will require that all members attending wear face coverings.

Doug Schultz

Amateur License Exams

The Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club VE team will be holding two exam sessions at MPTC this fall. They are scheduled for: October 9, 2021 and December 4, 2021 from 900 AM until noon in room O-103 at MPTC. Face coverings will be required at both exam sessions. If you need more information on the exam sessions please contact Doug Schultz at 920-922-3088 or via email at: schultz74@charter.net.

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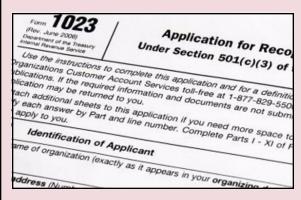
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Where Are We on the 501c3

An Update for the September Meeting

Our brand new future Articles of Incorporation were mailed out via USPS on August 19th to members in good standing as per State law. Please look them over carefully. At the September meeting we need everyone who is a "member in good standing" to come and vote for this new paperwork that was

professionally done for us by Brad Kowal. After passage, Brad will file this with the State of Wisconsin and our club will be up to date for future endeavors. This is what the new articles will look like:

The Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Monday September 13, 2021

7:30 PM

Moraine Park Technical College

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Up for discussion and vote will be proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation. If accepted by the membership, the amendments will be filed with the State of Wisconsin as "Restated Articles of Incorporation". The purpose of such will be to:

- 1) Bring the format of the Articles up to date with current standards per Wis. Stats. CH 181.
- 2) Add necessary text to qualify for IRS 501(c)(3) designation per IRS Publication 557.
- 3) Change outdated voting requirements that the organization was not aware of. Pursuant to the current Articles of Incorporation; only General Class or Higher Certificate holding members are allowed to vote on matters of business at any meeting of members. Once adopted, voting rules will revert back to the Bylaws which allow every member to vote.

Attached are general notes as well as the proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation.

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Sec. 181.1006 Wis. Stats.

State of Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION – NON-STOCK, NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

The following Restated Articles of Incorporation of THE FOND DU LAC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC duly adopted pursuant to the authority and provisions of Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes, supersede and take place of the existing Articles of Incorporation and any amendments thereto:

- Article 1. The name of the corporation is: The Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
- Article 2. The corporation is organized under Ch. 181 of the Wisconsin Statues.
- Article 3. The name of the Registered Agent is: Douglas Schultz
- Article 4. The address of the registered office is: 541 Delaware Ave; North Fond du Lac, WI. 54936
- Article 5. The principal office address of the Corporation is: PO Box 53; Fond du Lac, WI. 54936
- Article 6. The corporation shall have members.
- Article 7. The corporation is authorized to make distributions under sec. 181.1302(4).

Article 8. The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to promote the interest of amateur radio in the general community, develop individual efficiency by furthering cooperation among its members and to offer our service to the community in times of emergency or disaster.

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article 8.1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 8 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall

be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or interfere in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax

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Article 8.2. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Certificate

This is to certify that the foregoing restated articles of incorporation contains one or more amendments to the articles of incorporation requiring approval by the members.

Amendments adopted on September 13, 2021 in accordance with sec. 181.1003, Wis. Stats. (By Members).

Executed on: September 13, 2021

Signature of President
Thomas Karmann____
Printed Name of President

This document was drafted by Bradley S. Kowal PO Box 53; North Fond du Lac, WI. 54936 Address for filed copy of the document

What Is a Member in Good Standing?

So what is a "member in good standing?" If your dues are paid in full you are a member in good standing. You many still get the newsletter and other mailings but only a member who's dues are paid is considered someone who can vote on this new article of incorporation.

So if you are not a member in good standing, *the FARC wants you back*! 2022 will be a stellar year for the FARC! Please consider coming back to the family. The pandemic took a toll on us as it has for many organizations, but we are a strong club and we are resilient! We have our great meeting place back, we have great entertainment lined up for next year, and we have members stepping up to volunteer and make our Ham radio experience incredible.

Treasurer Doug Schultz is extending all renewing members a full membership for 2021 - 2022 if you come to the meeting to renew or renew by mail. Your \$15 will cover you for the rest of this year and the entire full year of 2022.

To renew by mail, send \$15 to Doug Schultz N9EZF, P.O. Box 53, Fond du Lac, WI 54936

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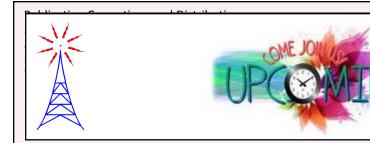
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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

08/28/2021 - Circus City Swapfest

Location: Baraboo, WI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club

Website: http://yellowthunder.org

08/28/2021 - MRAC & MAARS Interclub Swapfest

Location: Milwaukee, WI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club & Milwaukee

Area Amateur Radio Society

Website: https://www.w9rh.org/club-events/swapfest/

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09/11/2021 - Ozaukee Radio Club Regional Fall Swapfest

Location: Cedarburg, WI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Ozaukee Radio Club (ORC)

Website: http://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org

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10/16/2021 - Wisconsin ARES/RACES Conference, ARRL

Wisconsin State Convention

Location: Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Type: ARRL Convention **Sponsor:** WeComm Ltd

Website: http://www.wi-aresraces.org

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11/06/2021 - MRC91 Friendly Fest

Location: Milwaukee, WI **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Milwaukee Repeater Club **Website:** http://www.mrc91.org

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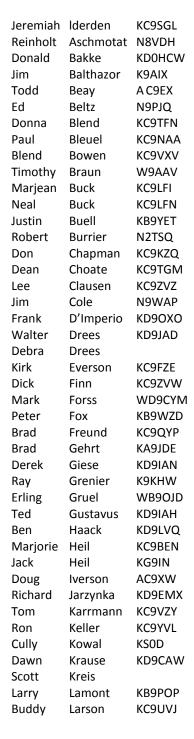
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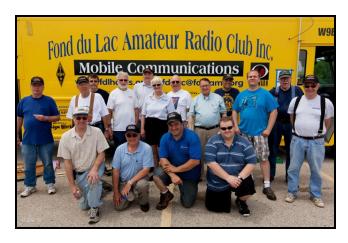
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Amateur Radio operators come from all walks of life -- doctors, students, kids, politicians, truck drivers, movie stars, missionaries and even your average neighbor next door. They are of all ages, sexes, income levels and nationalities. Whether through Morse Code on an old brass telegraph key, voice communication on a hand-held radio or computerized messages transmitted via satellite, all hams use radio to reach out to the world.

These are the devoted members of one of the best Amateur Radio Clubs in the Midwest, dedicated to community service, and dedicated to preserve and protect one of the greatest hobbies in the world.

We are the members of the Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club



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Mike	Lawrence	N9UA
Isaac	Lundberg	KD9FPG
Chuck	Mahnke	K9HXI
David	McCumber	N9WQ
Walter	Meyer	K9WKM
Larry	Mielke	KC9RUE
Doug	Murray	KC9ZVT
Tom	Murray	NOHOR
Nancy	Myers	K9ANA
Randy	Nelson	KC9MYG
Ted	Neuburg	W9LUQ
Dot	Olig	K9FDL
Gene	Olig	KD9ZP
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