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### President Bob Burrier N2TSQ



#### What's Next?

It's hard to believe the year is half over. Before we jump to the remainder of the year, let's have a very short recap of the first half. Thanks to some good planning the club set forth an aggressive schedule of activities. We launched a membership campaign and sold some donated equipment to ease the cash burn. We have had some good meetings with a variety of entertainment topics. The WI QSO party was a club success. The GoBox was constructed and tested with great results. Our trailer was constructed to be very serviceable as we all saw on Field Day. We activated the Lakeside Park and Lighthouse, had our first Foxhunt in many years, and enjoyed a hot Field Day. Not bad for a club our size! Thank you to all who participated. I think there are a few more of you who have yet to express your participation, but opportunities remain.

Upcoming are the Labor Day Parade, followed by the Race the Lake event. Both are great fun, allow us to practice our communications skills and are in fact money makers for the club. In addition, the youth station involving the Boy Scouts is on the radar. Looking further ahead, there is our Holiday Party. I encourage those of you with interests we have not addressed as a club to come forward with ideas of club activities that can allow us all to broaden our ham horizons.

For me personally, I am going to try and devote time this fall to improving some of my ham skills. Low hanging fruit for me is to be able to run a pile-up, single handed. What this really means is to be able to log into a computer directly, avoiding making a paper log to be transcribed later or having a second person working as a scribe. There are several club members who are very good at this, and it really shows. I believe that we should all be working to practice and develop skills so that when we have club events, everyone is working at their own top skill. We have lots of resources to practice including borrowing the GoBox or one of the other club radios for a weekend if you need help. There is room for us all to make improvements. In addition to a recap of Field Day, I would like to spend time at our July meeting on "What's Next" 73' Bob

## **NEXT MEETING - Monday, July 10, 2023**

Where: Moraine Park Technical College 235 N National Ave, Fond du Lac, WI NEW ROOM!!!! 7:00 PM Room O-122



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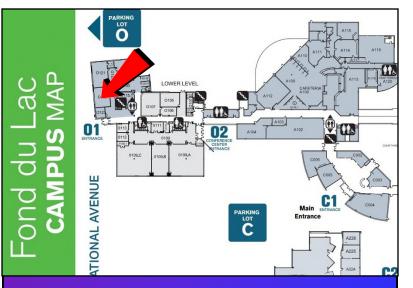


### ENTER ANNENT

#### ANTENNAS!

**President's Corner by Bob Burrier New Meeting Location** The Great John Portune and His Incredible Antennas The Fox Gets a New Master **Meet Pete Leonard AA9UU Dave McCumber Accepts FARC QSO Chairmanship Lighting Up the Go-Box Large Donation from the Sale of Items Field Day Operations Very Successful Field Day Pictures by Dennis Paulin Field Day Pictures by Peter Fox Build a 2 Meter Direction Finding Antenna Secretary's Report Treasurers Report Heritage Page - From the Vault Ham Radio Events and Club Activities** The FARC Classified Page A Cartoon by Member Rich Regent, K9GDF **FARC Downloads Membership Roster by First Name** 

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### **NEW MEETING ROOM**

## **Moraine Park Meeting Room 0-122**

We were just informed that due to renovations at MPTC beginning on June 12, 2023 at MPTC we will be meeting in Room O-122 through our November 13, 2023 meeting. Please park in the O parking lot since the room is very close to the entrance from that parking lot. Walk in, turn left, and you are there!



## Official FARC Goody Table Set Up At Meeting

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 ham 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. Older magazines are always welcome!

**Hey FARC** How are we doing

#### **Publication Corrections and Distribution**

The "FDL 73" newsletter is compiled and distributed by the members of the Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club. It is distributed by E-mail free of charge to all its members. Members are encouraged to send copies freely to other Ham Radio enthusiasts, electronic hobbyists, and friends. The newsletter is the heartbeat of the club and members are encouraged to participate by lending stories, experiences, and expertise. Deadline for submission is 10 days before the next advertised meeting. For corrections and submissions please send them to backstagelive@gmail.com.



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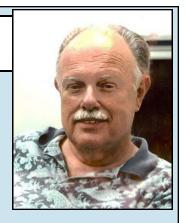
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Through Education

## John Portune W6NBC

## Ham Extraordinaire



### COAX / SLEVE DIPOLE ANTENNAS AND FOX HUNT DIRECTIONAL ANTENNAS

Many of you have read his articles or seen him on YouTube. One of the most knowledgeable persons in Ham Radio will be our guest for the August meeting on Monday. Before we talk about the subject, you need to know more about this incredible Ham!

John is a native of los Angeles, CA and has been licensed as an Amateur Radio operator since 1965. He gained his Extra certificate in 1972. He also has a commercial license in General Radio Telegraph "GROL." John has been a 10 year resident of the UK with the call sign MØGCK.

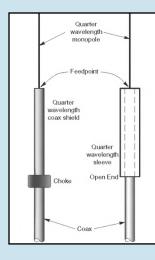
John has spent his career in broadcast television. He received a Bachelor's degree in Physics from Oregon State University in 1960. He became a career (Retired) TV broadcast television engineer/instructor at KNBC Ch 4 in Los Angeles, Sony Broadcast, San Francisco.

John is a Ham magazine author publishing articles in QST (over 25 articles to date) and other publications. He gives frequent free radio club Zoom presentations for Ham Radio meetings and live at ham expos. John is active on HF, VHF, UHF – SSB, FM, digital modes, and ham satellites.

John will be speaking on two subjects of major interest to our club at this time. Homebuilding antennas has always been the mainstay of our hobby. John will be talking about homebuilding coaxial/sleeve dipole antennas, excellent for extending the range of a Handi Talkie for portable events, camping or RVing. After that, John will be discussing directional antennas for our new Fox Hunting events.

In fact, John has given us permission to reprint and article he wrote for QST magazine, reprinted with his permission on the next 2 pages.

We have had the honor of having John at one of our meetings back a little less than a year ago and he has always been one of our favorite presenters. See you at Monday's meeting!



## Two Ways to Make the Sleeve

- 1. An Actual Sleeve
- 2. A trick place a choke λ/4 down the sleeve from the feedpoint

## A Uniquely Tuned 2 Meter Transmitter Hunting Loop

This compact, inexpensive, easy-to-build loop is ideal for close-in direction finding and transmitter-hunting.

### John Portune, W6NBC

One of the hidden joys of transmitter-hunting is that it provides an excuse for homebrewing. As a new participant in this radiosport, I found myself constructing antennas I never would have considered for other activities. This little loop is a perfect example (see Figure 1).

#### The Basic Dynamics of Transmitter Hunting

At the starting point of a transmitter hunt, one needs high gain — a Yagi or quad, and a sensitive receiver. As you approach the hidden transmitter, however, the game changes dramatically. Now you need a portable antenna and an attenuator. This is the realm of the loop or a hand-held Yagi. I prefer the loop. It's handier and, in most cases, just as effective.

### **Loop Sensitivity**

Compared to a Yagi or a quad, a small loop has downsides, even though it does have equally good directivity. One is its size, which does not let it capture as much signal, particularly if not tuned to the frequency of the transmitter. Commercially manufactured direction finding (DF) loops are often not tuned. They are designed this way to permit them to be used on more than one band.

I preferred to increase my loop's ability to receive by tuning it to 2 meters with a variable capacitor at the loop's ends. The loop's untuned resonance is roughly 450 MHz, making it inefficient on 2 meters. For locating radio-tagged wild animals, finding memory impaired patients or locating a VHF aviation beacon, it is easy to retune the capacitor for another VHF band.

I chose a somewhat unconventional variable capacitor simply because common rotary and compression mica variables are awkward to add to a loop. Furthermore, they are becoming hard to find. At first I did not know what kind of variable capacitor to use. Then lightning struck.

Why not dispense with using a discrete capacitor at all? Let the loop itself be one of the plates of a variable capacitor by construct-



Figure 1 — Left to right, loop, coupling loop, balun, attenuator and handheld transceiver mount (behind attenuator).

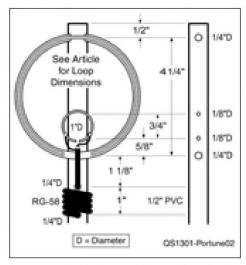
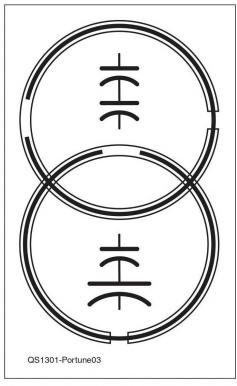


Figure 2 — The transmitter hunting loop. Note that a tuning capacitor is formed by the tubing of the loop itself and an inserted length of the inner conductor and dielectric from RG-8X coax.

ing it of tubing instead of solid rod or wire. The other plate of the capacitor is 11½ inches of the center conductor and dielectric of a piece of RG-8X coax, with the black outer jacket and shield removed. It's inserted inside the tubing of the loop as shown in Figure 2.

Notice that this design creates two capacitors in series. One is to the right of the gap, the other to the left. As illustrated in Figure 3, when the sides are equal total capacitance is maximum. Move the sliding piece to either side and the capacitance decreases, increasing the resonant frequency. Note the equivalent circuit of the two capacitors.

Therefore, to adjust the frequency of the loop you merely slide the coax inner conductor and dielectric with your fingernail at



**Figure 3** — Cross sections of the loop with coax inner conductor and dielectric from RG-8X coax in two different positions. Maximum capacitance is with the inner conductor at the left.

the gap in the top end of the boom. See Figure 4.

The tuning is very stable. I've never needed to retune my loop, though I did have to experiment, using an antenna analyzer, with tubing size and inner conductor length to find the right combination. Just duplicate the dimensions and you will have no trouble tuning the loop.



**Figure 4** — Loop from the top end. Tune the loop by sliding the coax inner conductor and dielectric with your fingernail.



**Figure 5** — Carol Adams, KG6VLG, demonstrating the use of *body fade*. Note the placement and orientation of the loop. She is facing the hidden transmitter.

#### **The Small Coupling Loop**

There are several possible ways to match the loop to  $50~\Omega$  coax. I use compact and flexible RG-58 for this application. From practical experience with small loops, I have found that an inductive coupling loop is the easiest matching method. This one is 1 inch in diameter, made from #14 AWG solid copper wire. Note that there is a gap in it inside the boom. Solder the feed coax, as shown, to the coupling loop just outside of the boom. There is no electrical connection to the main loop. The two constitute an RF transformer with energy passing via magnetic induction.

#### **Tuning the Antenna**

The easiest way to tune up the antenna is with an antenna analyzer such as an MFJ-259 or equivalent. Begin by centering the coax inner conductor. Next find the

resonant frequency by sweeping across the VHF band with the antenna analyzer connected to the feed coax and looking for the SWR dip. It will be below the 2 meter band at first. Again, don't concern yourself with SWR. If you later want to use the loop for transmitting, you can then fine tune the coupling loop for a better match. For receiving, the dimensions shown are entirely adequate.

Slide the coax inner conductor with your fingernail in small increments. Each time, again find the dip. Gap length increments work fine. Repeat the process until you reach the desired frequency. I easily tuned up a dozen new loops this way one afternoon at a radio club build-it session.

#### **Building the Loop**

The vertical boom is a length of common ½ inch PVC water pipe, visible in Figure 2. The pipe shown is actually the handle of a dust pan. It is a little lighter and has a nice feel.

Construction is very straightforward. Cut and bend the loops with your fingers. A form is not necessary. Then drill the holes in the boom for the loops and balun. Next, rotate the loops into place through the holes and add the coax, forming the balun as you go. Finally, solder the ends of the coax to the coupling loop and attach a connector.

#### **An Attenuator**

To use the loop as part of the sport of radio transmitter hunting you will need an attenuator. It cuts down the strong signals as you get close to the hidden transmitter. Without it, your receiver will saturate and you will lose the ability to determine directions through peaks and nulls.

Two types of attenuator are common. One operates with the receiver "on channel" and attenuates with switchable resistive pads or a potentiometer. The other, called an *off-set* attenuator, mixes the incoming signal with a local crystal oscillator, typically at 2 or 4 MHz. Hence, you listen high or low. With a resistive on-channel attenuator your receiver needs to be shielded to prevent direct pickup through the case. An off-set attenuator is much simpler to use.

I also made the boom long enough to accept glued-on rectangles of PVC, cut from a blank 120 V ac duplex PVC outlet box cover plate. You attach the attenuator and 2 meter handheld transceiver to these with squares of stick-on hook and fastener.

#### **The Balun**

Also essential to all transmitter hunt antennas is a balun. If it is omitted, the antenna pattern will be skewed, which could lead you in the wrong direction.

As above, drill four additional holes in the boom to secure it. This type of balun is an RF choke formed of five turns of the feed coax. VHF ferrite beads may also be used.

### **Using the Loop**

When using this antenna, keep in mind that there are two nulls and two peaks. The peaks occur when the loop is in line with the hidden transmitter, the nulls when it is broadside. To resolve this all you need is a very elementary transmitter hunting technique called *body fade*.

With the loop held close to your chest, and also in line with the transmitter, turn in a full circle. You will still get two peaks (and two nulls). But with your body present the correct and stronger peak will occur when you are facing the hidden transmitter (see Figure 5). Once you know the right direction, hold the loop high above your head. The peaks and nulls will be more evident.

Many good construction and operating tips for transmitter hunting may be found on our radio club's website, **satellitearc.com**. Of particular value is an audible S meter that we dub "the screamer," developed by veteran transmitter hunter David E. Dowler, KA6BFB. A variable tone eliminates the need to look at the S meter on your handheld. Also, the screamer has a much wider signal strength range.

Try this inexpensive little loop at your next transmitter hunt. You will be pleased. Also consider it as a radio club build-it project. It was a big hit at mine.

ARRL member and Amateur Extra class licensee John Portune, W6NBC, received a BSc in physics from Oregon State University in 1960 and a BA in liberal arts and communications from Ambassador College in Pasadena, California in 1963. He earned an FCC Commercial General Radiotelephone license and an FCC Radiotelegraph license. John retired as a broadcast television engineer and technical instructor at KNBC in Burbank and then from Sony Electronics in San Jose, California.

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## RON KELLER IS THE CLUB'S NEW FOX!

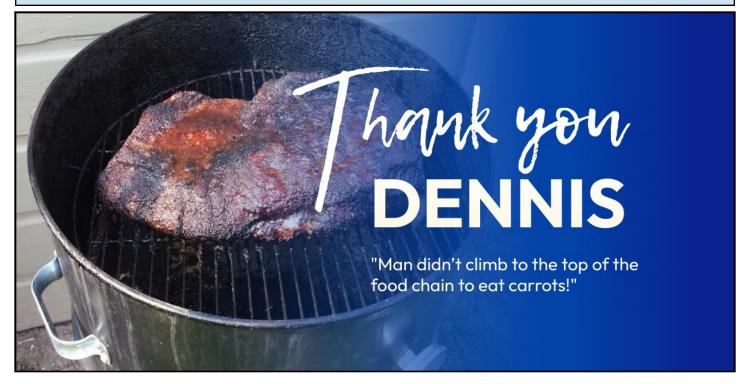


On Sunday, May 21 Jack Heil KG9IN, Ron Keller KC9YVL, Lloyd Vandervort N9RPU, Tim Brusky N2TIM, Wendy Kudrowicz, and Bob Burrier N2TSQ met at the Moraine Park Technical College to participate in a radio fox hunt. After checking out the groups combined equipment, Bob gave the group some general instructions including the fox transmission frequency and the boundaries of being inside the HWY41 and 155 Fond du Lac "beltline". Bob then left to relocate to a secret fox hiding spot on the south end of the city.



The event was incredibly successful! So our club has decided to keep the program and find a Chairman for the event. Ron Keller has stepped up to become our very first Chairman of the Fox Hunt event. All in all, everyone learned a lot, had a great time, and enjoyed the outdoor experience (fantastic weather!) with fellow FARC club members. Everyone was eager to discuss planning of our next fox hunt with the desire to include many more club members in

Ron is going to design 3 Fox Hunts per year, spring, summer, and fall. At the next meeting, Ron Keller and Lloyd Vandervort will receive the first 2 Fox Hunt certificates. If you would like to help with the Fox Hunt events, please contact Ron Keller at kc9yvl@gmail.com.





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# Meet **Pete Leonard AA9UU**

Each month we get to meet one of our members in a more formal way here in our monthly newsletter. This month we feature FARC member Pete Leonard AA9UU. Article written by Doug Schultz N9EZF.

Pete Leonard AA9UU had an interest in CB radio and shortwave listening in his younger days. He thought about getting a ham radio license but Morse code was required. He watched some You Tube videos on amateur radio and decided in 2019 begin studying for his Technician license.



He used Ham Study and Ham Prep online to help him in studying for both the Technician and General exams. Pete passed the Technician license in December, 2019 and the General license in March, 2020. He took both exams on online with the Greater Los Angeles Amateur Club VE group. Pete then began studying for the Extra exam in 2020 using the online resources along with taking lots of sample exams. Pete got his Extra license at an in person VE session at MPTC by the Fond du Lac VE's in December of 2021.

Pete used the book: "The Fast Track to Your Extra Class Ham Radio License" written by Michael Burnette. There is also a web page associate with the book with practice exam by chapter which tracks your progress.

Pete had an Anytone 878 DMR HT and Hotspot as a Tech. When he upgraded to the General license he picked up an Icom IC-7300 HF transceiver. He had a chance to spend a month in Sebastian, Florida where he found Europe and South America were easy to work on FT-8 in comparison to operating from Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

His antenna is a Wolf River Coils SB-1000 using it in a vertical configuration using the 102 inch telescoping whip. He also has a bracket to make it into an otophone with a second coil and telescoping whip off the ground. He would like to try an end fed wire antenna but he is limited at his home with a lack of trees. He does have trees at his permanent campsite at Big Flats, WI and he does operate HF there as well at home. He has worked several thousand FT-8 contacts since he has been licensed. Pete operates more digital contacts than he does phone contacts. Most of the time he runs 50 watts or less on FT-8.

Doug Schultz N9EZF.



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## Dave McCumber N9WQ FARC Wisconsin QSO Chairman



## Dave McCumber Accepts FARC QSO Chairmanship

I am absolutely blown away after seeing what is in our history files! At the last meeting, we were very honored to have the present and past Chairmen of the Wisconsin QSO Party and the information we received was tremendous. We were all surprised to see our name posted in his presentation as winning the 2015 first place award. Upon going through and documenting our history, I find we took the #1 championship for 4 years! Pictured below are pictures of the trophies I uncovered which now are filed away in our fireproof filing cabinet for the day we get a clubhouse! Dave McCumber N9WQ will be our Wisconsin QSO chairman for the club. We can start working on this at our January meeting. The 2024 event will be mid March. With Dave's help, and with the help of the membership, we can take the 2024 championship as our own for the 5th year! Contesting is a very exciting hobby and a great addition to our already fantastic hobby. Every day I am finding precious tid bits of our amazing history that goes back to 1953. Thanks Dave for stepping up for this.



2009 First Place 517,516.5 Points



2010 First Place 977,185 Points



2012 First Place 955,805 Points



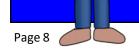
2015 First Place 806.790.5 Points



Testing

## Next 2023 Exam Date is October 21st

The Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club Volunteer Examiners have scheduled another testing date, October 21st, for 2023. Everyone taking amateur exams are required to get an FRN from the FCC website to put on their FCC application as well as provide a photo ID. I have a suggestion for people taking the Technician exam to also study for the General exam since if you pass the Tech. exam on the first try you can take the General exam for free. Cost of the exam is \$15. Preregistering is encouraged, but walk-ins are allowed at the exams. To pre-register for any of the exam sessions call Doug Schultz at 920-922-3088 or via email at: schultz74@charter.net.





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## Lighting Up the Go-Box

On Saturday, June 17, and led by Lloyd Vandervort (N9RPU) a contingent of club members assembled at a shelter near the bandstand in Lakeside Park to try out the Go-Box. The group included Doug Shultz (N9EGF), Dennis Paulin (KB9OFM), Wendy Kurowicz, and me.

Using 1 ft slingshot Dennis made an immense shot that launched the wire antenna he constructed antenna perfectly in a high tree near the shelter. The wire antenna draped to nearly the ground and was then fed to the radio. Power for the radio was provided by a conveniently located power pole in the park. Upon inspection, the radio/antenna tuned on every ham band from 6-40.

The group took turns calling CQ, mostly on 20 meters. It quickly became apparent the bands were in horrible condition and what little chatter we could hear was mostly hams complaining about propagation. After everyone had a chance to practice their skill for Field Day, we called the outing a success and packed up after about 2 hours. All in all, the outing was a lot of fun, the weather was great (albeit smoky due to the Canadian wildfires), we made some contacts (FDL, TX, TN to list a few) and some good comradery was had. A few park visitors also expressed interest in what we were up to. The Go-Box is indeed ready to go at a moment's notice and should provide a great platform for both planned and spontaneous activations for years to come. Thanks to Lloyd for being the ringleader.

Bob Burrier N2TSQ













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## Power Amp, Power Supply, and Tuner SOLD!!!

Funds will be donated to the club. We received a total of \$3800 with 10 bids plus \$130 for shipping. Dennis is taking the items to the UPS store for shipping. EBay charges around 10% for the sale so we still netting way more than we were expecting. With \$4000 of insurance, postage was around \$400. More at the meeting. Thank you Dennis!!!!!



## Ameritron / Palstar Power Amplifier Package New /

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Paid: \$3,800.00 + \$130.00 Shipping

Order number: 27-10250-56362

Item number: 185964096063

Date sold: Jul 06, 2023

Quantity sold: 1

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## **Dr Jack Heil KG9IN**Field Day Chairman





### A VERY Successful Field Day

You might argue that we could have gotten more points by betting that the weatherman was wrong again!

Two points: First, the weather was severe to areas just North and South of us. Severe enough to have ruined equipment. Second, the Rules for Field Day state that this is NOT a contest. No prizes or other recognition other than point total listed in QST. Our exercise demonstrated that we could set up emergency communications equipment, and that we have trained operators. We demonstrated our capability more than adequately.

The VERY is added because of the great turnout by members, both old and new, and the good food and discussion that followed. A good time for all.

Yes, it was a long day for those of us that wrestled with the questionable weather Saturday night. A consensus was reached that there was little to be gained by leaving the equipment up for a few more hours of operation. Kudos to those that stayed and helped with the teardown. As we finished, a light rain assisted in confirming our decision.

Thanks to all that attended and special kudos those that assisted in the teardown.

Dr. Jack Heil KG9IN



## Thank You for Being a FARC member

Dues are \$15 for individuals, \$7.50 for students and family memberships are \$20. You can pay Doug Schultz at any meeting. Sign up a new or expired member that has been away for more than a year and you will get your dues FREE of charge with the "23 in 23" incentive program. Send your dues or application (attached in newsletter) to:

Doug Schultz N9EZF Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 53, Fond du Lac, WI 54936



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Month of June 2023

|         |                  | Previous        | Previous Income & | Current           |       | Savings | Checking |          |        |
|---------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|---------|----------|----------|--------|
|         |                  | Month           | Expenses          | Total             | Cash  |         | Account  | CD       | Other  |
| FDL RA  | IDIO CLUB        |                 |                   |                   |       |         |          |          |        |
| Truck I | Fund             | 0.00            | 0.00              | 0.00              |       |         | 0.00     |          |        |
| Emerge  | ency Svc Fund    | 2,060.60        | 0.00              | 2,060.60          |       |         | 1,592.28 | 468.32   |        |
| Genera  | ıl Use Fund      | 6,434.78        | 18.73             | 6,453.51          |       |         | 4,861.23 | 1,199.48 |        |
| Savings | s Account        | 25.00           | 0.00              | 25.00             |       | 25.00   |          |          |        |
| Petty C | ash Fund         | 19.12           | 0.00              | 19.12             | 19.12 |         |          |          |        |
|         | TOTALS           | 8,539.50        |                   | 8,558.23          |       |         |          |          |        |
|         |                  |                 |                   |                   |       |         |          |          |        |
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| Repeat  | er Fund          | 154.72          | 0.00              | 154.72            |       |         | 0.00     | 154.72   |        |
|         | TOTALS           | 154.72          |                   | 154.72            |       |         |          |          |        |
|         |                  |                 |                   | TOTALS            | 19.12 | 25.00   | 6,453.51 | 1,822.52 |        |
|         |                  |                 |                   |                   |       |         | •        | •        |        |
|         | Income<br>Dues   |                 |                   |                   |       |         |          |          | 45.00  |
|         | Raffle           |                 |                   |                   |       |         |          |          | 11.00  |
|         |                  |                 |                   |                   |       |         |          | TOTAL    | 56.00  |
|         | Expenses         |                 |                   |                   |       |         |          |          |        |
|         | Joe Scheibinger  | Fireproof       | File Cabinet      | and related parts |       |         |          |          | 37.27  |
|         | ove ochebniger   | Пергоог         | The Cabinet       | and related parts |       |         |          |          | 31.21  |
|         |                  |                 |                   |                   |       |         |          | TOTAL    | 37.27  |
|         | Bills Needing Ap | proval to Pay   | & Action Re       | equired           |       |         |          |          |        |
|         | Porta potty      | Pit stop Portab |                   | Field Day         |       |         |          |          | 166.16 |
|         |                  |                 |                   |                   |       |         |          |          | 166.16 |



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# **Meeting Minutes**







### June 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Burrier N2TSQ at 7:00pm. Members introduced themselves along with how many times they have participated in the Wisconsin QSO Party. Guests Chuck Dellis W9WLX and Tom Macon K9BTQ presented information about the event sponsored by West Allis Amateur Radio Club. A motion was made by Cuuly Kowal KS0D and seconded by Paul Bleuel KC9NAA to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote. Doug Schultz N9EZF gave the Treasurer's report and indicated the need to pay a bill of \$166.16 for a porta-potty for Field Day. A motion was made by Tom Karrmann KC9VZY and seconded by Wendy Kudrowicz to approve the report and payment of the bill. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Old Business**

It was noted that no one has received responses from the post cards sent to County Hams not affiliated with the Club. Phil Schmahl W9MW was not present to report on the project. He has told Bob that he will meet with the Youth Station Committee after Field Day. The next Testing Session will be held on October 21 in Room O-122 of FVTC. Justin Buell KB9YET reported that the trailer modifications are almost complete and will be ready for Field Day. He displayed pictures of his work building shelves, drop down desk, lighting, wiring, etc. The Fox Hunt was successful and enjoyed by all. Joe Scheibinger K9VY nominated Ron Keller KC9YVL to be the Event Manager for future events. Ron will consider and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Lloyd Vandervort N9RPU reported that the Go Box and antenna are ready but the Lighthouse is not yet open to the public. He said we could use a shelter with power to activate the lighthouse and or the island (both are registered) and will make plans to do this on Saturday June 17 about 1pm. Additional information will be sent by email for those wishing to participate.

For Field Day we will operate 2A + GOTA. VHF operation will not count as a separate station. Setup will begin at 9am on 6/24 with operation from 1pm to 1pm on 6/25 with take-down to follow. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass that does not need to be refrigerated. Meat, water, soda, plates, cups, etc. will be provided. Bonus categories were reviewed and safety issues noted. As for the Club website, Tim Braun W9AAV will be preparing a guide book for whomever will take over as manager of the site. Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Karrmann KC9VZY and seconded by Wendy Kudrowicz. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.



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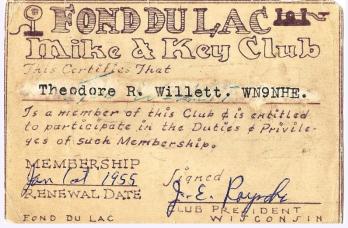
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# heritage from the VAULT

Can you imagine the feeling Indiana Jones had when he pulled the stone away and saw millions of dollars of gold bars and the Arc of the Covenant? It may have not been that good, but it came pretty close, when I had the honor of opening the 2 cases of club history! And soon it will all be yours!

Starting in June, our club is on a quest to document inventory and heritage. All of our printed history will be assembled, photographed, digitally recorded, and stored in our new fireproof safe. The entire inventory will be accessible from your computer. Pictures, old newsletters, awards, correspondence, you name it, we will have it in digital form. And you can put your memories into the vault for all to see. This will be a 2 year project and you will be able to follow this journey right here in our newsletter! So let's get started with a few gems from the past.



| Fond du Lac                                       |
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| Amateur Radio Club, Inc.                          |
| This certifies that Le. W. lettcall Wante         |
| has paid dues to                                  |
| FULL HONORARY                                     |
| is a STUDENT member in good standing and entitled |
| ☐ ASSOCIATE                                       |
| to all rights and privileges.                     |
| Earl Jensin                                       |
| Financial Secretary                               |
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| 37-Tetzlaff BOb            | 426 Henry Str.                | 8931J    | WOUDR       |
| 36-Thompson Hervin         | 107 E. 12th Str.              | 7349     |             |
| 39-Williams Don            | 208 W. Scott                  | 333      |             |
| 46-Witt Dave               | 63/ Liberty, Ripon            |          |             |
| 41-Willett Ted             | 291 Dishoff                   |          |             |
| 42-Zebrovski L.G.          | 21% Watson, Ripon             | Red402   | W/MP6       |
| 43-Jerry Williams          | 283 W. Scott<br>293 W. Scott  | 333      |             |
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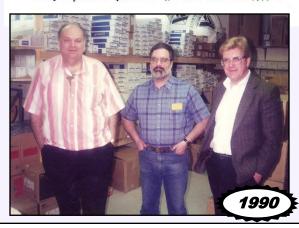
Here is the very first membership list that goes back some 70 years! In 1955, these were the members of the club. Just think how much work went into that with a real typewriter! Look at those phone numbers they had back then! Do you know or have you met any of these members?

Who has the names of the 3 good lookin' Hams in the picture below. It looks like the picture may have been taken at the Milwaukee Amateur Radio store.

The Fond du Lac 6 meter Civil Defense Net? That is simply incredible.



\* Jerry's present QTH is at 497 Lake Str. Ph. 9599-R







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## FARC RECORDED MEETINGS by Lloyd Vandervort N9PRU

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FARC - Pacific Antenna Talks Kit Building

FARC - Scanner Master Presentation

FARC - WBAY Field Trip TV (11/17/15)

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FARC - Elecraft Radio

FARC - Ed Tobias & Morse Code

FARC - Salvation Army Emergency Communications

FARC - KFIZ, Morning Show with Bob Hoffmaster

FARC - HAARP interview from Alaska

FARC - The "DZ Kit" Ham Radio Kits (02/12/2018)

FARC - Christmas Island DXpedition with Bill Kendall (04/09/18)

FARC - Restoring Old Antique and Classic Radios (5/17/2019)

FARC - SDR Radio with Steve Brightman (01/10/2022)

FARC - Paul Ewing and his Incredible DXpeditions Around the World

FARC - Fond du lac Amateur Radio Club presents Dave Sumner IRAU

FARC - Solar Cycles with Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA (03/14/22)

FARC - The Collection & Legend of George E. Ulm W9EVT (04/11/22)

FARC - Field Day 2022 radio interview on KFIZ (6/20/22)

CLICK HERE FARC - Radio Deluxe Software with Dr. Carper (7/11/22)

FARC - Hiding the Antenna in the Attic with John Portune (8/15/22)

CLICK HERE FARC - Loop Antennas with John Portune (11/14/22) Nov. Meeting

FARC - ARES / RACES with Stan Piekarczyk K9STN (2/13/23)

FARC - Going Aboard the U.S.S. Wisconsin (5/10 23)

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#### Ham Radio Events and Club Activities

### FARC Meeting at Moraine Park Monday, July 10, 2023

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07/08/2023 - WI9SM Swapfest Location: Oak Creek, WI Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: South Milwaukee Amateur Radio Club

Website: http://WI9SM.org

08/26/2023 - Circus City Swapfest

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

Sponsor: Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club

Website: http://yellowthunder.org

09/09/2023 - ORC Annual Regional Fall Swapfest

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

Sponsor: Ozaukee Radio Club (ORC)
Website: http://www.OzaukeeRadioClub.org

09/22/2023 - 09/23/2023

HRO Superfest, ARRL Wisconsin State Convention

Location: Milwaukee, WI
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Ham Radio Outlet

11/04/2023 - Wisconsin ARES/RACES Conference 2023, ARRL Wisconsin Section Convention

Location: Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: WeComm Ltd

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





I received this message on our Facebook page. If anyone wants a free tower, and it looks like it could be 40-50 ft, please contact this gentleman below. This is a great way to get a tower for your back yard!

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Anyone have an idea how I can get this tower down? Don't know where to start. In Neshkoro. Will someone take it down if they can keep it?

Thanks **Mike Trepina** 312-965-3409

### **ELMER**



### Rich Regent, K9GDF





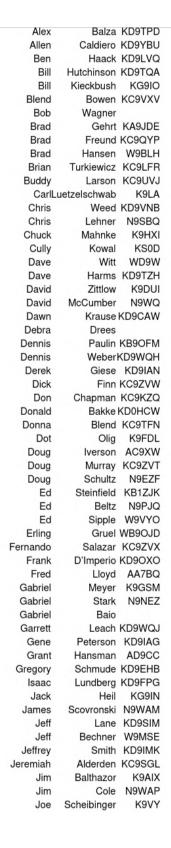
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Amateur Radio operators come from all walks of life -- doctors, students, kids, politicians, truck drivers, movie stars, missionaries and even your average neighbor next door. They are of all ages, sexes, income levels and nationalities. Whether through 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 and serve their fellow man.



Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

| Joe             | Lauber         | KC9MDY  |
|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| John            | Livingston     |         |
| Justin          | Buell          | KB9YET  |
| Keith           | Schwefel       | K9WAF   |
| Kevin           | Teutschmann    | KD9WQE  |
| Kirk            | Everson        | KC9FZE  |
| Larry           | Lamont         | KB9POP  |
| Larry           | Mielke         | KC9RUE  |
| Larry           | McDermott      | WD9BAJ  |
| Laura           | Yates          | WESEAG  |
|                 | Winchell-Beltz | KC9YQS  |
| Lee             | Clausen        | KC9ZVZ  |
| Lloyd           | Vandervort     | N9RPU   |
|                 |                | KC9LFI  |
| Marjean<br>Mark | Buck           | WD9CYM  |
|                 |                |         |
| Mark            | Soboleski      |         |
| Mathew          | Yates          | KD9CSD  |
| Matthew         | Zimmerman      | KD9KTY  |
| Michael         | Meyer          | KD9YBN  |
| Michelle        | Lawrence       | N9RQL   |
| Mike            | Kraus          | KD9UWD  |
| Mike            | Lawrence       | N9UA    |
| Nate            | Kvalnick       |         |
| Neal            | Buck           | KC9LFN  |
| Patrick         | Knowles        | K9ZPU   |
| Paul            | Bleuel         | KC9NAA  |
| Paul            | Tvrdv          | N9KLK   |
| Pete            | Leonard        | AA9UU   |
| Peter           | Fox            | KB9WZD  |
| Phil            | Schmahl        | W9MW    |
| Randy           |                | KC9MYG  |
| Ray             | Grenier        | K9KHW   |
| Raymond         | Teschke        | KD9QLE  |
| Reinholt        | Aschmotat      | N8VDH   |
| Richard         | Jarzynka       |         |
| Richard         | Regent         | K9GDF   |
| Robert          | Burrier        | N2TSQ   |
|                 |                | KC9YVL  |
| Ron             | Keller         | KC91VL  |
| Scott           | Kreis          | 1407114 |
| Steve           | Weinert        | K9ZW    |
| Steve           | Smith          | W9GPI   |
| Ted             | Gustavus       | KD9IAH  |
| Ted             | Neuburg        | W9LUQ   |
| Ted             | Willett        | W9NHE   |
| Tim             | Brusky         | N2TIM   |
| Tim             | Winslow        | N9ICD   |
| Timothy         | Braun          | W9AAV   |
| Todd            | Beay           | AC9EX   |
| Tom             | Trethewey      | KC9ONY  |
| Tom             | Powell         | KC9VXR  |
| Tom             | Karrmann       | KC9VZY  |
| Tom             | Murray         | N0HOR   |
| Tom             | Pachner        | W9TJP   |
| Tom             | Sturtevant     |         |
| Tony            |                | KC9QYR  |
| Travis          | Brockman       |         |
| Walter          | Meyer          |         |
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### **MEMBERSHIP INFO & APPLICATION**



## Please Print All Information Complete both sides of this Application

| Call   | License Class ——  |  | Date   |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| Name   |   |  |  |   |
| Address  |   |  |  |   |
| City   |   |  | _ State  | Zip   |
| Phone  |   | Cell Pho   |  |   |
| E-mail Address   |   |  | Sponsor Name   |   |
| Do you have a web site?  | If so, list here  |  |  |   |
|  | n additional family mem<br>arate Membership App   | berif your solication. Dup at a Regulant a are pro-rate            | spouse/son/daughter<br>nes are payable upour<br>or Meeting, and at the<br>ed if joining after July | r is licensed, please have<br>on acceptance of your<br>first meeting in January<br>1st: |
| Membership Applica I hereby apply for member Constitution and By-laws of on any committee or in any ability. I understand that, as are sponsored by the Club. good example for other han | ership in the Fond du<br>the Club. And, recognize<br>elected office to which<br>s a member, I am expect<br>I will conduct myself ap | ing that an or<br>I can give the<br>ed to help at<br>propriately l | rganization does not r<br>e proper time and atto<br>t all events, including                        | run itself, I agree to serve<br>ention, to the best of my<br>fund raising events that   |
| Signed   |   |  | Date   |   |

## **Background and Interests**

| interested in?   | other hobb  | oles you are |
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| Please tell us a little about your "ham shack" and your interests in the Amate equipment, antennas, DX, contesting, rag chewing, HF, VHF, UHF, Packet, R satellite, emergency preparedness, etc) If not yet licensed, are you into sho | TTY, Microw | ave, EME,    |
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| How did you hear about the Club?   |             |              |
|  |             |              |
| Security Preferences   |             |              |
| Do you want your phone number listed in the on-line Club Directory?  | ☐ Yes       | □ No         |
| Do you want your cell phone number listed in the on-line Club Directory?  Do you want your E-mail address listed in the on-line Club Directory?  | □ Yes       | □ No<br>□ No |
| Interests  |             |              |
| Are you a member of the ARRL (American Radio Relay League)?  | ☐ Yes       | □ No         |
| Are you interested in Emergency Services (ARES/RACES)?   | ☐ Yes       | □ No         |
| Are you interested in weather spotting (SKYWARN)?  | ☐ Yes       | $\square$ No |
| The Club maintains several standing committees. Please indicate any that yo  | ou would be | interested   |
| in serving on (you may check more than one):   Testing   Contesting  |             |              |
| ☐ Public Service ☐ Fund Raising ☐ Repeater ☐ Field Day ☐ Progra  | am 🗆 TVI    |              |
| ☐ Education/Scholarship ☐ Contesting ☐ Web Site ☐ Publicity/News   | sletter     | On-Air Nets  |