



# The Feedline

“W9JZ – SERVING AMATEUR RADIO SINCE 1933”

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**2003 FLARC Officers**

Frederick Baguhn W9GOC - President  
Sam Rowe KG9NG - Vice President  
Gary Muskat KA9SRM - Secretary  
Don Michalski W9IXG – Treasurer

**Board Members at Large**

Bud Morin K9ZT  
George Shands W9WUU  
Doug Ward W9DCQ

**CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS, etc.**

Our club meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of the month at the Red Cross building in Madison, 4860 Sheboygan Avenue. Regular meetings start with the business meeting at 7:30 PM, followed by the program unless otherwise noted. They are subject to change.

**Saturday morning “Zilch” locations**

The Eastside Zilch (ham breakfasts) are at 7:30 AM at the Green Lantern on the west end of Siggelkow Road in McFarland. The Westside Zilch is at 10:00 AM at Village Green at 7508 Hubbard Ave in Middleton. See you there.

**Madison Area InfoNet:** Thursday evenings on 147.15 at 8 PM; 146.76 is the backup frequency. Traffic and check-ins are welcome.

**Madison Ham Web Page**

Website is at [www.qsl.net/flarc](http://www.qsl.net/flarc) Keep checking the links page for new goodies!

**Meeting dates and programs**

## ATTENTION

December 16:

Vote on proposed 2004 budget; a copy of the budget is at the end of this newsletter.

Present nominations for Club Officers and Members-at-Large by the Nominating Committee and take any other nominations from the floor.

January 20:

Vote for Club Officers and Members-at-Large.

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## Nominations

So far, the nominations are:

President:	Frederick Baguhn, W9GOC
Vice President:	John Steffl, K0ZYA
Secretary:	Gary Muskat, KA9SRM
Treasurer:	Don Michalski, W9IXG
Members-at-Large:	Phil Carlson, WB0CLI Bud Morin, K9ZT Doug Ward, W9DCQ

## FLARC Treasurer Report

11/18/2003

Balance in the treasury is \$3,528.68.  
Membership: 84 members.

Don, W9IXG

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## MDXC Scholarship Program

The Madison DX Club has initiated a student scholarship program for students attending post high school educational institutions. The intention is to promote amateur radio and help ease the financial burden that students encounter. If you know of a graduating high school student, or a student currently enrolled in a college who has a valid amateur radio license, please refer him or her to this program. The details are available at <http://www.madisondxclub.org>; click on Scholarship Program and then the Application button. Contributions are being handled by N9CHN, Bill Hanold, N3305 Tipperary Point Rd, Poynette, WI 53955. The programs administration details and a contribution form are also available at the web site.

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## A Request

Jim Emery, KG9PT, who generously donated several J-poles to the Club, would like to acquire a short wave receiver for a disabled friend. It could be a general-purpose receiver or one for amateur use but should cover 80, 40, 20, and 15 meters. If you have something he could use, call him at 608-233-4172.

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## Programs

We need some more ideas or topics for programs to present at the meetings. So let us hear from you.

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## FLARC Web Site

The FLARC URL is <http://www.qsl.net/flarc> If you see any errors, please let us know.

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## Elmers

If you are interested in being an Elmer, one who helps newcomers get started in ham radio, contact Gary Dennis, KG9FL.

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## VE Program

Tim, WO9U, is the VE Team Chairman. The exams are given at SPACE PLACE on South Park Street on the FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.

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## Wisconsin Section

Keep in touch with the ham action in Wisconsin by going to the Wisconsin section website: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI>. The old site: [www.w9ixg.eboard.com](http://www.w9ixg.eboard.com) is no longer available.

73, Don

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## Buck Nite

The winner was John Hicks, KA9KYB..

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## WAS Checker.

*Checker* for the WAS Award is Gari, NG9V. When you are ready, just contact him; he'll be glad to do it, 608-221-2022 or [gberliot@ameritech.net](mailto:gberliot@ameritech.net).

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## BUY — SELL — TRADE

**ATTENTION FLARC MEMBERS:** If you have amateur radio or computer items that you would like to BUY, SELL, or TRADE, you can do it in the *Feedline*. There is no charge for non-commercial advertising.

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## Mission Statement

The Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club

The Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club (F.L.A.R.C.) is a non-profit, general interest club that exists to promote the growth and enjoyment of Amateur Radio in South-Central Wisconsin. The club's mission is to encourage new operators, enhance the skills and interests of those already licensed and to provide communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies. To accomplish this mission, F.L.A.R.C. will:

- Schedule regular meetings with informational programs and the opportunity for informal fellowship.
- Publish a monthly newsletter for the membership.
- Sponsor training classes.
- Sponsor Volunteer Examinations.

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## Birthdays

### December

- 8 N9LGZ—Marvin E. VanCleave
- 13 WA9ACI—Chuck Forster  
K9GRD—Dorothy Gable
- 14 WU9F—Terry Bachmann
- 28 N9NTB—Duane Brophy

### January

- 2 KE9XN—Phil Koclanes
- 8 AF9B—William Fletcher
- 13 N9CP—Curtis Peters
- 16 K9VDD—Ralph Henes
- 17 AB9FN—Ed Wagner
- 21 N9ADN—Ken Trachte  
W9VFD—Frederick Weigt
- 28 NK9U—Eldon Boehm
- 31 W9LA—Herb Jordan

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## Web Sites:

- MARA [www.qsl.net/mara](http://www.qsl.net/mara)
- WAR [www.wi-repeaters.org](http://www.wi-repeaters.org)
- MDXC <http://www.madisondxclub.org>
- N9MW <http://www.n9mw.com> (DX-Cluster)

Dane County  
ARES/RACES

(has a current listing of Public Service  
Events)

Note: The Wisconsin Association of Repeaters (WAR) site, <http://www.wi-repeaters.org/>, will provide a current list of all repeaters in the state of Wisconsin. You can get the list sorted by frequency, by city or by region. The list has the offset, tone frequency, availability of auto patch, emergency power, owner, if open and if it's associated with emergency nets.

MDXC works with Internet Explorer and not with some versions of Netscape.

Other interesting sites are [www.qsl.net](http://www.qsl.net) and [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com). There are many, many links to other sites, which promote things from antennas, antenna construction to software. Also [www.ac6v.com](http://www.ac6v.com) and [www.cpcug.org/user/wfeidt/index.htm](http://www.cpcug.org/user/wfeidt/index.htm) are

full of links about ham radio. The latter is NG3K Amateur Radio Contest/DX page with the link ADXO, Announced DX Operations.

If you click on some of these URLs, they may not work and you will get an error message. They are OK if you type them into your browser.

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## For Sale

SK equipment for sale by widow:

Drake R8 receiver	\$350
Grundig Sat-700 receiver	\$250
Sony ICF-2010 receiver	\$150
Radio Shack HTX-100 xcvr	\$50
discone antenna	\$35
Heathkit HD1410 keyer	\$25
JPS NIR-10 filter	\$75
voltmeter/mA meter	\$5
no name code practice key	\$8

Contact Nancy Henry, 831-9367

FLARC has RG-213 in stock for 47 cents per foot.  
PL 259 connectors are \$1.25 each.

**The club is always looking for advertisers for our club. This helps defray the cost of the news letter some. If you have a candidate(s) in mind; see Don or any board member for details. It is a good way for some business to get exposure and help the club out. It isn't very expensive at all. Contact Don, W9IXG or Federick Baguhn, W9GOC.**

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## Tom's Auto Clinic

**2652 E. Washington Avenue  
Madison, WI 53704  
608-241-3391**

Steve – N9CK

Maryllynn – K9SAM

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# WA7BNM 13-Month Contest Calendar

Last updated November 7, 2003

Please send corrections and additions directly to Bruce Horn, [WA7BNM](mailto:WA7BNM)

For an e-mail version of this calendar, send a request to: [calendar@hornucopia.com](mailto:calendar@hornucopia.com)

Please note that you may not be able to operate during all of the total hours of the contests listed below. Total operating time may also vary by entry category. See individual contest rules for allowed operating hours.

## December, 2003

QRP ARCI Topband Sprint	0000Z	- 1200Z, Dec 4
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 5	- 1600Z, Dec 7
PSK31 Death Match	0000Z, Dec 6	- 2400Z, Dec 7
TARA RTTY Melee	0000Z	- 2400Z, Dec 6
TOPS Activity 80m Contest	1800Z, Dec 6	- 1800Z, Dec 7
QRP ARCI Hol. Spirits Sprint	2000Z	- 2400Z, Dec 7
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 13	- 2400Z, Dec 14
Great Colorado Snowshoe Run	0200Z	- 0400Z, Dec 14
AGB Party Contest	2100Z	- 2400Z, Dec 19
Russian 160-Meter Contest	2100Z	- 2300Z, Dec 19
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z	- 2400Z, Dec 20
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 20	- 1400Z, Dec 21
International Naval Contest	1600Z, Dec 20	- 1600Z, Dec 21
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z	- 1059Z, Dec 26
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z	- 2400Z, Dec 27
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 27	- 1500Z, Dec 28
Original QRP Contest, CW	1500Z, Dec 27	- 1500Z, Dec 28

## January, 2004

AGB NYSB Contest	0000Z	- 0100Z, Jan 1
SARTG New Year RTTY Contest	0800Z	- 1100Z, Jan 1
AGCW Happy New Year Contest	0900Z	- 1200Z, Jan 1
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 3	- 2400Z, Jan 4
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z	- 2400Z, Jan 3
EUCW 160m Contest	2000Z	- 2300Z, Jan 3 and
	0400Z	- 0700Z, Jan 4
Hunting Lions in the Air	0000Z, Jan 10	- 2400Z, Jan 11
East Asia 160/80 DX Contest	0900Z, Jan 10	- 2200Z, Jan 11
UK DX Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jan 10	- 1200Z, Jan 11
Midwinter Contest, CW	1400Z	- 2000Z, Jan 10
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Jan 10	- 0600Z, Jan 11
NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW	0530Z	- 0730Z, Jan 11

NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB	0800Z	- 1000Z, Jan 11
Midwinter Contest, Phone	0800Z	- 1400Z, Jan 11
DARC 10-Meter Contest	0900Z	- 1059Z, Jan 11
070 Club PSKFest	0000Z	- 2400Z, Jan 17
LZ Open Contest, CW	1200Z	- 2000Z, Jan 17
MI QRP January CW Contest	1200Z, Jan 17	- 2359Z, Jan 18
Hungarian DX Contest	1200Z, Jan 17	- 1200Z, Jan 18
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 17	- 0600Z, Jan 18
ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes	1900Z, Jan 17	- 0400Z, Jan 19
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	0000Z, Jan 24	- 2359Z, Jan 25
REF Contest, CW	0600Z, Jan 24	- 1800Z, Jan 25
BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 24	- 1200Z, Jan 25
UBA DX Contest, SSB	1300Z, Jan 31	- 1300Z, Feb 1

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Information is also available from the ARRL contest web site  
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html> and the ARRL Contest Rate Sheet at  
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rate-sheet/>. You can also get the Rate Sheet emailed to you  
once a week.

**2004 FLARC Budget Proposal**

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Income (\$)</b>	<b>Expense (\$)</b>
Income from Dues	1547	
Interest Income	38	
Field Day Food	150	
Holiday Party (30 attend)	150	
Ad Income	40	
<b>In Total:</b>	<b>1925</b>	

**ADMIN FIXED EXPENSES:**

Liability Insurance		230
Equipment Insurance		30
Printing & Postage		18
Miscellaneous		10
Annual Report		10
<b>Sub Total:</b>		<b>298</b>

**FEEDLINE:**

Printing		150
Postage		150
<b>Sub Total:</b>		<b>300</b>

**FIELD DAY:**

Generator & Gas		70
Park Rent		136
Food		150
<b>Sub Total:</b>		<b>356</b>

**OTHER:**

Holiday Party		275
Awards		75
Special Award		25
Educational Materials		150
Special Event		40
Directory		50
Equipment		140
Sunshine Fund		50
MARA Hamfest		50
FLARC Web Page		0
Buck Night		11
Educational Books		0
Badges (Setup)		105
<b>Sub Total:</b>		<b>971</b>

**Expense Total:** **1925**

**BALANCE:** **: (Income - Expense)** **0**

**Sunshine Fund Balance: \$170**

**Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club Membership Mail-  
In Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Callsign: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Month & Day of Birth: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Newsletter delivery:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Standard Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dues: \$20 regular, \$17 Senior (65 plus), \$10 Student, \$14 additional  
family members.**

(one newsletter per family)

Mail check and completed application form to:

**FLARC c/o Don Michalski  
4214 Mohawk Dr.  
Madison, WI 53711**