



The Feedline

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CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS, etc.

Our club meetings are usually 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 8:00 AM at the Green Lantern on the west end of Siggelkow Road in McFarland. The Westside Zilch is at 10:30 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 Keep checking the links page for new goodies!

Meeting dates and programs

2003 FLARC Schedule

June 28-29: Field Day

Prez Says –

Greetings to all!

The May meeting was devoted to Field Day preparations and planning. For those of you who missed attending - -

We are in Badger Prairie Park in Verona for Field Day Saturday and Sunday. NOTE - - our 17 June FLARC meeting will be a site walk-thru AT Badger Prairie Park in Verona at our regular meeting time, 19:30. (off business 151 as you enter Verona from Madison - - more detailed directions elsewhere in the Feedline, or you can do a www.mapquest.com lookup for Badger Prairie

Park in Verona, WI for either a map view or driving directions from your chosen location.)

The Saturday night cookout-style dining experience Dave has planned for us is \$10.00 per person - - please pay our Treasurer, Don/W9IXG in advance so we can get the correct amount of food arranged.

There are still openings for additional stations on various bands, and the potential to operate at some of the stations we have commitments for. Persons with special interests in non-traditional modes (sound card PSKnn modes, RTTY, SSTV or ATV, satellite, etc) are Pleadingly Encouraged to bring your fancy toys and show us and the public what can be done with ham radio.

Lots of opportunities for participation remain for all. Please contact Doug by phone at 608-233-2468 or by e-mail at w9dcq@aol.com to offer your services and suggestions.

We are contemplating an ARRL order of trinkets, tee-shirts, etc to commemorate this year’s Field Day effort. While we won’t get a price reduction from the web-listed prices for the pins or shirts and such, a group purchase will allow us to at least save on shipping charges. If you are thinking about a Field Day shirt or pin(s) and have not yet placed your order, please contact an officer or Board member so we can include those items in the group purchase.

73,
Frederick

BIO

From time to time biographies of some of our members will be published. Here is:

Gary Muskat, FLARC Secretary:

I was originally licensed as KA9EUZ as a Novice. I got into ham radio from a friend on CB who was also a ham. I eventually upgraded to Technician and changed my call to the more familiar N9DRA. In April of 2000 I upgraded to General, my current license class. This past summer came another call change. I took the vanity call KA9SRM which was the call of a deceased friend, Michele Tracy, the UW Medical student killed in a car accident in Africa on July 4, 1999. I work in Administrative Support (clerical) for the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Some of my interests besides ham radio include cars and music. I like many different types of music so you may find me listening to Punk, Ska, Classic Rock, Easy Listening, Classical, Jazz, Polka, among others. I have a brother who is also licensed, Mike KA9SSL. He is not very active but he and I do communications for the Fun in the Sun Run put on by his church.

FLARC Treasurer Report 5/20/2003

**Money: balance in the treasury is \$3,960.
Membership: 79 members.**

Don W9IXG

Field Day

Directions to Badger Prairie Park from intersection of the Beltline and Verona Road:

- 1) Go southwest on Verona Rd/US-151S/US-18W toward Raymond Rd.
- 2) Take US-18 Business Route/County Rd MV ramp toward Verona.
- 3) Merge onto US-151 Business Route South/E Verona Ave/US-18 Business Route West to Enterprise Dr.
- 4) Turn right and go north to the park, about 0.5 mile or less.

A new class has been introduced. Copied from the rules:

4.8. (Class F) Emergency Operations Centers (EOC): An amateur radio station at an established EOC activated by a club or non-club group. Class F operation must take place at an established EOC site. Stations may utilize equipment and antennas temporarily or permanently installed at the EOC for the event. Entries will be reported according to number of transmitters in simultaneous operation.

4.8.1. For Field Day purposes, an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is defined as a facility established by:

- a) a Federal, State, County, City or other Civil Government, agency or administrative entity; or
- b) a Chapter of a national or international served agency (such as Red Cross or Salvation Army) with which your local group has an established operating arrangement.

4.8.2. Planning of a Class F operation must take place in cooperation with the staff of the EOC being activated.

4.8.3. Class F stations are eligible for all bonus points under Field Day rule 7.3.

4.8.4. Other provisions not covered are the same as Class A.

Student Scholarship

The Madison DX Club is setting up a student scholarship program for Dane and surrounding counties. It will be for a minimum of \$200 per grant. Support from any hams and area businesses will be appreciated. More information will be forthcoming by newsletters and the site <http://www.madisondxclub.org> .

Programs

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

Wisconsin Section News

Arnold Bachmann, K9DCJ, passed away. Arnold was an avid county hunter and managed the amateur department at Madison's Satterfield Electronics in the 60s.

FLARC Web Site

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

Elmers

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

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.

Wisconsin Section

Keep in touch with the ham action in Wisconsin by going to the Wisconsin section website: www.eboard.com/w9ixg.
73, Don

Buck Nite

The Winnah was John Hicks, KA9KYB.

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.

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.

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.

Birthdays:

June

- 2 K9YXW—John Schroeder
- 12 WD9BFV—Richard Lindgren
- 13 AD9X—Jim Lackore
- 14 W9JEK—Wilbur Jensen
- 21 N9MW—Ed Toal

29 KC9CMA --- Shyam Koppikar
W9DCQ—Douglas Ward

For Sale

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

July

- 1 K9IMM—Ted Gisske
- 3 N9UBZ—Scott Phillips
- 6 N9OJN—Floyd Creamer
KA9KYB --- John Hicks
- 9 KB9KVA—Yolanta Graniero
- 11 KF9ZB—Mary Jones
- 16 N0IRR—Jeffrey Weiss
- 27 N9XVZ—Karl Wigdal

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.

Web Sites:

MARA www.qsl.net/mara
 WAR www.wi-repeaters.org
 MDXC <http://www.madisondxclub.org>
 N9MW <http://www.n9mw.com> (DX-Cluster)
 Dane County
 ARES/RACES <http://kb9orn.eboard.com>
 (has a current listing of Public Service
 Events)

Tom's Auto Clinic

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

Steve – N9CK

Marylynn – K9SAM

Note: The Wisconsin Association of Repeaters (WAR) site 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 and www.qrz.com
There are many, many links to other sites, which promote things from antennas, antenna construction to software. Also www.ac6v.com and 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.

Contests

Courtesy of WA7BNM contest calendar web site.

[[This Week's Contests](#)] [[Due Dates](#)] [[Complete Calendar](#)] [[Calendar Home Page](#)]

WA7BNM Contest Calendar
Last updated April 2, 2003

For an e-mail version of this calendar, send a request to:
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.

June, 2003

VK-ZL Trans-Tasman Contest, CW	0800Z	- 1400Z, Jun 7
IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW	1500Z, Jun 7	- 1500Z, Jun 8
QRP TAC Sprint	1800Z	- 2359Z, Jun 7
ANARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Jun 14	- 2400Z, Jun 15
Portugal Day Contest	0000Z	- 2400Z, Jun 14
WW South America CW Contest	0000Z, Jun 14	- 1600Z, Jun 15
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z	- 1300Z, Jun 14
West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 14	- 0200Z, Jun 15
ARRL June VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Jun 14	- 0300Z, Jun 16
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 21	- 2400Z, Jun 22
SMIRK Contest	0000Z, Jun 21	- 2400Z, Jun 22
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1600Z	- 2100Z, Jun 21
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z	- 2400Z, Jun 21
DIE Contest	0600Z	- 1200Z, Jun 22
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jun 28	- 1400Z, Jun 29
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 28	- 2100Z, Jun 29
QRP ARCI Milliwatt Field Day	1800Z, Jun 28	- 2100Z, Jun 29
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1800Z, Jun 28	- 1800Z, Jun 29

July, 2003

RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z	- 2359Z, Jul 1
MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint	2300Z, Jul 4	- 0300Z, Jul 5
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest, SSB/CW	0000Z, Jul 5	- 2400Z, Jul 6
DL-DX RTTY Contest	1100Z, Jul 5	- 1059Z, Jul 6
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z	- 1700Z, Jul 6
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 12	- 1200Z, Jul 13
FISTS Summer Sprint	1700Z	- 2100Z, Jul 12
QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	2000Z	- 2400Z, Jul 13
Pacific 160m Contest	0700Z	- 2300Z, Jul 19
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 19	- 0600Z, Jul 20
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 19	- 2100Z, Jul 20
CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush	2000Z	- 2200Z, Jul 20
Russian RTTY WW Contest	0000Z, Jul 26	- 2400Z, Jul 27
Black Sea 2m VHF FM Contest	1100Z, Jul 26	- 1100Z, Jul 27
IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 26	- 1200Z, Jul 27

Kentucky QSO Party

1600Z, Jul 26 - 0400Z, Jul 27

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.

**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: _____

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**