



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

May 17-18: Tech Class-UW-Space Place

June 28-29: Field Day

Prez Says –

Greetings to all!

Our off-again – on-again April meeting was a bit impromptu. We thought we’d been preempted by the weather spotter training, but that was cancelled at the last minute. So some of us met to discuss Field Day preparations.

You’ll be hearing LOTS more about Field Day at both the May and June meetings. (How much of the June meeting we devote to Field Day preparations will be determined by how many of the details we manage to resolve in the May meeting...) Since we don’t have an experienced ‘... this is how we did it

last year...’ model to work from, we are working our way up to what we hope will be a reasonable showing on 27-28 June.

Doug/W9DCQ has stepped up to the challenge of coordinating our Field Day efforts this year. He has lined up Badger Prairie Park in Verona for our use, and is ‘encouraging’ those with special talents to share their skills and abilities. [If by some happenstance he hasn’t YET contacted you, please contact Doug!! Our list of needs is long, and we have opportunities of all sorts still available.]

Don/W9IXG, George/W9WUU and Sam/KG9NG made themselves available for an antenna party at the Red Cross facility on 22 April. We now have an appreciation of what is atop the roof, and are working with Red Cross to refine the HF antenna complement.

The MARA hamfest has come and gone. We were pleased to see so many of you in attendance. While we didn’t have all the same vendors we’d seen in previous years, there were lots of opportunities to trade dollars for toys or necessities. (I know that a lot of **my** dollars went home in vendor’s pockets, and my XYL was surprised to discover that we now have things she didn’t even know we ‘needed’ ...) Sam will tell us about the swapfest VE session at the May meeting.

The FLARC equipment pool is growing!! FLARC extends our thanks to Richard/ K9APW for the generous donation of an MFJ-1621 antenna. This is a small, portable HF antenna for 40M thru 10M that Ade/W0ZNM was evaluating in his antenna-restricted location. It is now available for use by others - - please contact an officer or Board member to make arrangements. We also extend our thanks to Keith/KS9C for making a gin pole available to the club! Those of you who do your

own tower work and don't have one of these in your toolbox may wish to contact an officer or Board member to make arrangements to use the one that Keith has furnished.

73,
Frederick

BIO

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

Sam Rowe, KG9NG, newly elected VP of FLARC.

My extra is the last of six license classes beginning with novice in the early 70s. Even before then I was a regular SWLer and remember listening to hams on North Carolina's outer banks handling traffic during the all too familiar hurricanes. During the Vietnam era, I was a Coast Guard Reservist serving as a radioman in the north Atlantic. My real profession, if I have one, is Broadcasting. It was at WTVI, educational television in Charlotte, that one of my co-worker said "You know the code. Now is the time to finally get your amateur ticket." So I came away with my novice. Soon afterwards I moved to Hershey Pennsylvania's WIFT which at that time was a production station for NET later known as PBS. As director of sound services, one major job was building the studio and control portion of a new FM radio station. After Hershey I freelanced for several networks and worked in commercials and feature films. Arriving in Madison shortly after the ice storm of '76, I planned on being here only two weeks. A fall in my house sometime ago now resulted in my spinal cord injury. Since the 1980s I have worked at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin first dealing with Television news film and later in the microfilm lab where I am still filming newspapers and developing and duplicating film.

While visiting a friend in Oak Ridge Tennessee I met a friend of her father Doc, W4ITJ, a long time ham who encouraged me to return to the hobby.

Since taking W4ITJ's advice and returning to the fold, I have served as net control for the MARA, INFO and public service nets, been VP of MARA and the emergency coordinator (EC) for Dane County ARES and the deputy state radio officer for Wisconsin RACES. I am also a VE with the FLARC testing team.

Only female friends who are hams are allowed in my living room which is mostly a ham shack and you can spot my house by the j-pole, ringo ranger and inverted V on the roof.

**FLARC Treasurer Report
4/25/2003**

**Money: balance in the treasury is about \$4,030.
Membership: 87 members.**

Don W9IXG

Field Day

For personal reasons, the Field Day Coordinator, Gary Dennis, had to resign. The new Coordinator is Doug Ward, W9DCQ, (W9DCQ@aol.com).

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.

Armed forces Day

Amateurs Invited to Participate in 2003 Armed Forces Day On-Air Event

NEWINGTON, CT, Apr 28, 2003--The US Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard will cosponsor the annual military/Amateur Radio crossband communications tests the weekend of May 10-11. The event will mark the 53rd celebration of Armed Forces Day. Although Armed Forces Day actually is Saturday, May 17, the Armed Forces Day Amateur Radio event is held a week earlier to avoid conflicting with Hamvention. The event features a military-to-amateur crossband communications SSB voice test and the Secretary of Defense message receiving test.

"These tests give Amateur Radio operators and shortwave listeners an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills and receive recognition from the Secretary of Defense and/or the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise," the chiefs of the Army, Air Force and Navy-Marine Corps Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) said in announcing the event.

During the crossband test, 14 military stations in the continental US, Germany and Hawaii will listen on amateur frequencies in the 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10-meter bands and transmit on selected MARS

frequencies--a mode of operation similar to the split operation used by many DXers.

More information is at

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/04/28/100/?nc=1> and a frequency list is at

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/af-day/armdfrcs-2003.html>

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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> .

Red Cross Emergency Response Course Dates

The following dates are as sent to the editor. Here are the Red Cross dates for upcoming classes as follows. Must attend all classes. March 16, 17,18, 19, 20. Sunday 1pm to 8 pm, Monday thru Thursday 8am to 4pm. May 27,28, 29, 30, 31, June 1. Check with Red cross to verify dates as the dates may change by a day or two. Health and safety services 608 2271253 Cost for course is \$200.00. Note: some employers will pay for class as it is a tax deductible contribution. Also please note class size is limited to (6). Times for May classes are 8 am to 4:30pm and Sunday 1:00pm to 4:30pm.

Programs

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

FLARC Web Site

The FLARC URL is <http://www.qsl.net/flare> 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

None.

Checker for the WAS Award. Gari, NG9V. When you are ready, just contact him; he'll be glad to do it, 608-221-2022 or

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:

May

- 2 W9IXG—Don Michalski
- 3 W9DGI—Daniel Gomez-Ibanez
- 4 K9SSI—Jim Hill
- 7 KA9REQ—Annette Fitzpatrick
- 18 KB9VGQ—Bob Lacock
- 20 N9GTB—William Steaffens
- 21 N9DRA—Gary Muskat
- 22 WO9U—Tim Czerwonka
- 22 K9KVA—Joe Turner

June

- 2 K9YXW—John Schroeder
- 12 WD9BFV—Richard Lindgren
- 13 AD9X—Jim Lackore
- 14 W9JEK—Wilbur Jensen
- 21 N9MW—Ed Toal
- 28 W9DCQ—Douglas Ward
- KC9CMA—Shyam Koppik

Web Sites:

CWRA www.qsl.net/cwra
FLARC www.qsl.net/flare
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)

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.

If you click on some of these URLs, they may not work and you will get an error message; I haven't figured out why yet. They are OK if you type them into your browser.

For Sale

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.

Tom's Auto Clinic

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

Steve - N9CK

Marylynn - K9SAM

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.

May, 2003:

AGCW QRP/QRP Contest	1300Z	- 1900Z, May 1
IPA Contest, CW	0000Z	- 2359Z, May 3
MARAC County Hunters Contest, CW	0000Z, May 3	- 2400Z, May 4
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW	0001Z, May 3	- 2400Z, May 4
Microwave Spring Sprint	0600	- 1300 local, May 3
Indiana QSO Party	1300Z, May 3	- 0500Z, May 4
ARI International DX Contest	2000Z, May 3	- 1959Z, May 4
New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 3	- 0500Z, May 4 and
	1300Z	- 2400Z, May 4
IPA Contest, SSB	0000Z	- 2359Z, May 4
Nevada QSO Party	0000Z, May 10	- 0600Z, May 11
VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	1200Z, May 10	- 1200Z, May 11
Oregon QSO Party	1400Z, May 10	- 0200Z, May 11
FISTS Spring Sprint	1700Z	- 2100Z, May 10
CQ-M International DX Contest	2100Z, May 10	- 2100Z, May 11
50 MHz Spring Sprint	2300Z, May 10	- 0300Z, May 11
US Counties QSO Party, SSB	0000Z, May 17	- 2400Z, May 18
Anatolian RTTY WW Contest	1800Z, May 17	- 2100Z, May 18
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	1800Z, May 17	- 1800Z, May 18
Baltic Contest	2100Z, May 17	- 0200Z, May 18
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 24	- 2400Z, May 25
VK-ZL Trans-Tasman Contest, Phone	0800Z	- 1400Z, May 24
QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint	2000 local	- 2400 local, May 25
MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint	2300Z, May 26	- 0300Z, May 27
Six Club WW Contest	2300Z, May 30	- 0200Z, Jun 2
Great Lakes QSO Party	0000Z, May 31	- 2359Z, Jun 1

June, 2003:

VK-ZL Trans-Tasman Contest, CW	0800Z	- 1400Z, Jun 7
IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW	1500Z, Jun 7	- 1500Z, Jun 8
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
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

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**

FOUR LAKES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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FIRST CLASS POSTAGE

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