



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 Zilches (ham breakfasts) are at 8:00 AM at the Green Lantern on the west end of Siggelkow Road in McFarland and 8:30 AM at the Avenue Bar on East Washington Avenue in Madison. 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

2002 FLARC Schedule

September 17: K9REO—Meteor storms: Their Past, Their Future & Their Communication Potential

October 15: K9MA—Contesting Techniques

November 19: KB9LIE—Radio Vacation to St. Pierre & Miquelon/Budget Presentation

December 3: Holiday Party

December 17: Nominations/Video: The Ham Radio Olympics—WRTC 2000

Prez Sez:

It doesn't seem possible that summer is winding down already and fall is nearly here. Unfortunately, a personal crisis kept me from attending the July

meeting. Many thanks go out to George for stepping in and covering for me. I am sure he ran the meeting far smoother than I ever do. It certainly made my decision to not be there much easier knowing I had him there to take care of things.

Beginning with this issue of The Feedline, Bud K9ZT is taking over as our editor. If you have anything you would like put in the newsletter, Bud is now the person to forward it to. Please be patient while we work through this transition. Hopefully soon we will be back running on a more normal schedule. Thankyou for stepping in, Bud.

An issue has come up with the Red Cross, concerning them not allowing us access into the Radio Room anymore. This was as much a surprise to me as it was to anyone else. After some discussion, the board and I have decided to hang tight and let them realize on their own the error of their ways. Unfortunately this means I do not have access to our door prizes, or a couple of other items I use for the meetings. I'll be working out how to circumvent everything else, but we'll have to suspend the drawings for the door prizes for a while. Eventually I'll get hold of them and things will be back to normal.

Of course, instead of having a meeting in August, we had our annual fox hunt. Tim WO9U found Paulette WA9VHF at Warner Park first, with his high tech Doppler gear. Frederick W9JOC found her next, therefore becoming our fox for next year. Congratulations! Our participants had quite a time finding the fox this year, and it just goes to prove that finding a hidden transmitter is not as easy as it might appear. It also proved how challenging it can be getting a bearing here in Madison, with the signal being reflected all over the place.

Dave NO9M and I had been trying to pull together a FLARC picnic, but unfortunately we were not able to find a place and get the details put together. Usually we have a dinner along with Field Day, but were unable to do that this year at the Red Cross building. Hopefully next year things will be back to normal.

Speaking of Field Day, I need some people to volunteer to be on a committee to decide where we are going to hold Field Day next year, and get the site secured. We are getting very mixed signals from the

folks out at Black Hawk. I think we are in good graces with them, but they definitely do not want us interfering with the Badger State Games that take place there. If you are interested in helping out with this, please let me know, so we can get this ball rolling and not have the problems we had this year.

This month's program will be Jim K9REO talking to us about Meteor Storms: Their Past, Their Future and Their Communication Potential. Jim always does a fine job, so come hear what he has prepared for us this time! See you there!

73, Mary KF9ZB

Comment from the editor: These newsletters will be messed up until I get the hang of it.

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*.

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

Buck Nite

Checker for the WAS Award. Me, NG9V. When you are ready, just contact me, I'll be glad to do it, 608-221-2022 or ng9v@arrl.net

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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.

October Birthdays

9 K9ZT—Bud Morin
16 K9VDD—Ralph Henes
26 N9CHN—Bill Hanold

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 Marylynn 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 Marylynn, K9SAM or Mary Jones, KF9ZB.

Contests

Blank for now.

Other Web Sites

CWRA www.qsl.net/cwra
FLARC www.qsl.net/flarc
MARA www.qsl.net/mara
WAR www.wi-repeaters.org

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.

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.

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