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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 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

Prez Says –

Greetings to all!

The August Fox Hunt was a challenge for many of the hunters - - for a while, it looked like the Fox had a chance at winning!! While I can't speak for all the foxhunters, I certainly discovered some new propagation peculiarities in the Monroe Street neighborhood that had me chasing local maxima

reported by my 'S' meter [while the fox was still miles away on the other side of Lake Mendota]. ☺

I had the honor of being the fox conferred upon me last year, but was fortunate to have Betsy/WN9GOC and Sarah/KC9CBT agree to be vixen in my place so I could also play with the direction finding equipment. Tim/WO9U's FoxBox made it possible for the X/YLs to save their voices. Thanks, Tim!

Again, the professional direction finding team of Don/W9IXG and Daniel/W9DGI and their Doppler equipment were the first to find the hidden transmitter, locating the site by 7:35 according to the Vixen Report. John/KOZYA and David/N9GC subsequently found the site at 8:45 with their more pedestrian Yagi style equipment, I'm told. And that is the total of the teams that found the hidden transmitter in the prescribed 2 hour time.

It has been suggested that perhaps Next Year, *before* the August Fox Hunt, we should have a meeting that features foxhunting as a topic ... ☺

The September meeting will not have the hoped-for presentation, but will instead be a potpourri of short subjects. Those of you who regularly check the ARRL website and other amateur radio centered websites are aware of many of the national topics - - **BPL** (Broadband over Power Lines), **The Big Project** (ARRL outreach program to schools), and the half dozen petitions before the FCC concerning the future of CW on the bands and Morse as a continued licensing requirement for HF privileges. For local issues, there may also be some mention of the new Mount Horeb Antenna Ordinance, and Don can tell us how the Technician Class registration is progressing [20-21 September].

Now that September is here, **ARES** meetings are resuming. For those who've not made it onto Sam/KG9NG's mailing list, 7:30PM on 11 September at Space Place on Park Street will be the next meeting date. Wouldn't an **Amateur Radio Emergency Services** meeting be an appropriate place for hams to congregate on the anniversary date of 9/11 ??

Looking forward to seeing you there (both at the ARES meeting, and at the FLARC meeting)!
73,

Frederick

FLARC Treasurer Report 5/20/2003

Balance in the treasury is \$3,812.98 as of September 4, 2003.
Membership: 89 members.

Don W9IXG

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 N9CNH, Bill Hanold, N3305 Tipperary Point Rd, Poynette, WI 53955. The programs administration details and a contribution form are also available at the web site.

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.

Tech Class

The next Technician class at Space Place is September 20-21. For more information call Don Michalski, (608)263-4685 or (608)274-1886 .

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: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI>. The old site: www.w9ixg.eboard.com is no longer available.

73, Don

Buck Nite

None.

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:

September

- 3 W9RAL—Steven Elliot
- 12 WB9RNJ—Paul McFee
- 13 KG9FL—Gary Dennis
- 16 W9WUU—George Shands
- 22 KC9AQG—Pierre Munson
- 23 KG9NI—Ernest Stracener
- 29 KA9VHG—Jim Anderson

October

- 9 K9ZT—Bud Morin
- 10 KA9MTH—Timothy Gable
- 24 N9CHN—Bill Hanold

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)

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.

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.

Tom's Auto Clinic

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

Steve – N9CK

Marylynn – K9SAM

Contests

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WA7BNM 13-Month Contest Calendar
Last updated June 5, 2003

Please send corrections and additions directly to Bruce Horn, WA7BNM

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.

September, 2003

MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint	2300Z, Sep 1	- 0300Z, Sep 2
All Asian DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Sep 6	- 2400Z, Sep 7
Quick PSK63 Contest	0000Z	- 2359Z, Sep 6
IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB	1300Z, Sep 6	- 1300Z, Sep 7
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z	- 0400Z, Sep 7
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z	- 1700Z, Sep 7
YLRL Howdy Days	1400Z, Sep 10	- 0200Z, Sep 12
WAE DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Sep 13	- 2359Z, Sep 14
Louisiana QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 13	- 0200Z, Sep 14 and 1400Z - 2000Z, Sep 14
ARRL September VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 13	- 0300Z, Sep 15
North American Sprint, SSB	0000Z	- 0400Z, Sep 14
FISTS Coast to Coast Contest	0000Z	- 2400Z, Sep 14
Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 14	- 0100Z, Sep 15
QRP ARCI End of Summer PSK31 Sprint	2000Z	- 2400Z, Sep 14
AGB NEMIGA Contest	2100Z	- 2400Z, Sep 19
ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest	0600 local	- 2400 local, Sep 20 and 0600 local - 2400 local, Sep 21
SARL VHF/UHF Contest	1000Z, Sep 20	- 1000Z, Sep 21
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW	1200Z, Sep 20	- 1200Z, Sep 21
Collegiate QSO Party	1200Z, Sep 20	- 0400Z, Sep 21
South Carolina QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 20	- 2100Z, Sep 21
QRP Afield	1500Z, Sep 20	- 0300Z, Sep 21
Washington State Salmon Run	1600Z, Sep 20	- 0700Z, Sep 21 and 1600Z - 2400Z, Sep 21
Panama Anniversary Contest	1200Z	- 2359Z, Sep 21
Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint	0000Z	- 0400Z, Sep 22
CQ/RJ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 27	- 2400Z, Sep 28

Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Sep 27	- 1200Z, Sep 28
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 27	- 0200Z, Sep 28 and
	1400Z	- 2000Z, Sep 28
Alabama QSO Party	1800Z	- 2400Z, Sep 27

October, 2003

SARL 80-Meter QSO Party	1700Z	- 2000Z, Oct 2
TARA PSK31 Rumble	0000Z	- 2400Z, Oct 4
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 4	- 0800Z, Oct 5
EU Autumn Sprint, SSB	1500Z	- 1859Z, Oct 4
California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 4	- 2200Z, Oct 5
QCWA QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 4	- 1800Z, Oct 5
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, SSB	0700Z	- 1900Z, Oct 5
YLRL Anniversary Party, CW	1400Z, Oct 8	- 0200Z, Oct 10
10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z	- 2400Z, Oct 10
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 11	- 0800Z, Oct 12
EU Autumn Sprint, CW	1500Z	- 1859Z, Oct 11
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 11	- 0500Z, Oct 12 and
	1300Z	- 2200Z, Oct 12
FISTS Fall Sprint	1700Z	- 2100Z, Oct 11
Iberoamericano Contest	2000Z, Oct 11	- 2000Z, Oct 12
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z	- 0400Z, Oct 12
YLRL Anniversary Party, SSB	1400Z, Oct 15	- 0200Z, Oct 17
JARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 18	- 2400Z, Oct 19
ARCI Fall QSO Party	1200Z, Oct 18	- 2400Z, Oct 19
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 18	- 1459Z, Oct 19
W/VE Islands QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 18	- 2359Z, Oct 19
Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW	0000Z	- 0200Z, Oct 19
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, CW	0700Z	- 1900Z, Oct 19
Illinois QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 19	- 0200Z, Oct 20
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 25	- 2400Z, Oct 26
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 25	- 2400Z, Oct 26

 Send comments and corrections about this page to Bruce Horn, WA7BNM

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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.

**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**