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August, 2021

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Each committee has several members. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact the chairperson and volunteer your services.

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by Dick Finn KC9ZVW*

The Presidents Corner



By: Tom Karrmann KC9VZY

We are making some headway in our search for 501c3 non-profit status. This requires some changes to the club, mostly just properly documenting the way the club currently operates. This will require some votes to change two of our founding documents, and that will require a quorum at a meeting in order to have a valid vote.

Please try and attend the next several meetings if at all possible. This is a big step for our club, and we need all hands on deck for the changes that will need to be made. On the plus side, these changes will not require a lot from our club members besides just being at the meetings and voting.

Well, I hope to see you all at the meeting.

Tom Karrmann KC9VZY, President, FARC

What's Inside This Month?

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- Where In The World Is Brad Gehrt KA9JDE
- Where Are We on the 501c3?
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Our Next Meeting For July

When: Monday August 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Where: Moraine Park College (see article inside Page 1)

235 N National Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Please Bring a Friend to the Meeting!



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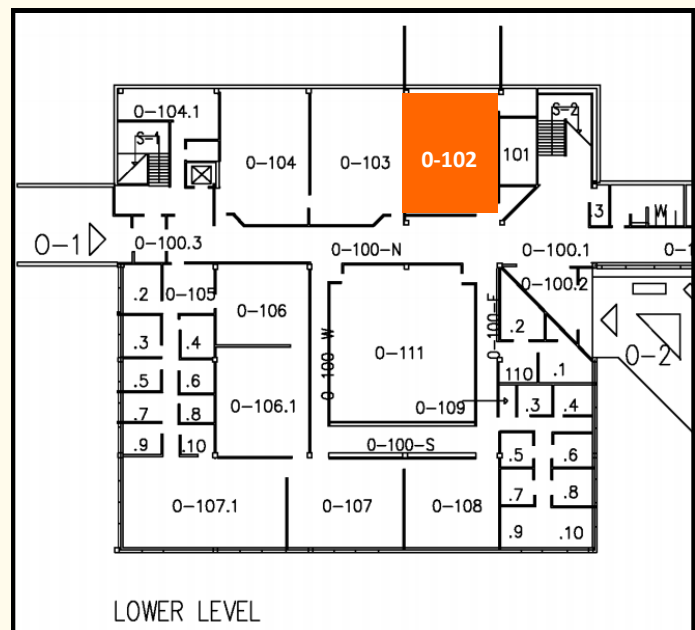


We're Back!

But we are in a different room!

Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club Will Meet At Moraine Park College!

The FARC will once again meet at the Moraine park location in new room, room 0-102. This room is one we have used in the past and is about twice as big as the one we had last month. You can park in the very same location we did back when this was our meeting place before covid. Park in the west lot and enter in the same place as previous meetings, the "O" building. We will be meeting **downstairs**.



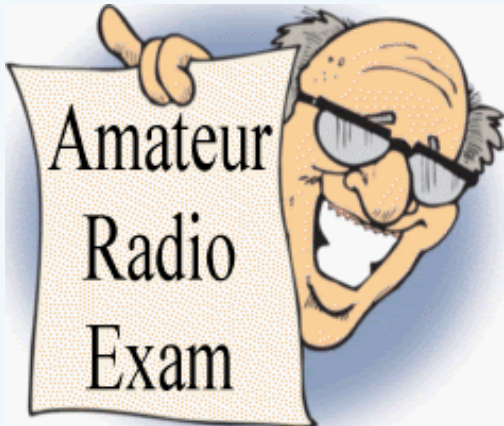


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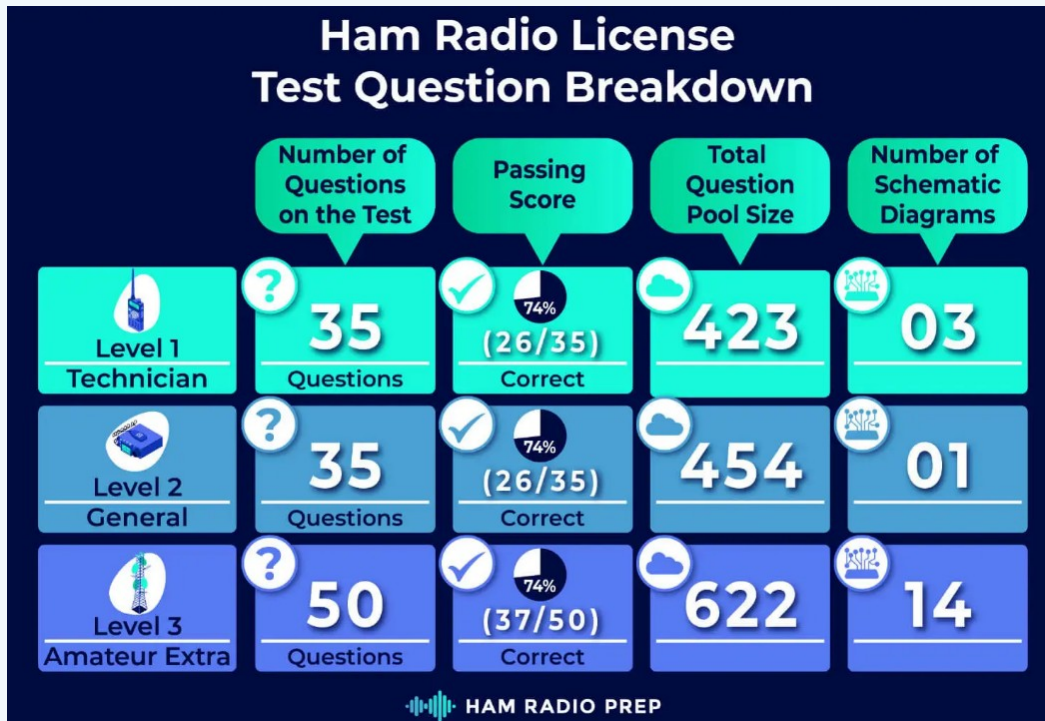


Amateur Exam Sessions *by Doug Schultz N9EZF*

The Fond du Lac Amateur Radio club VE team will be holding amateur license exams on Saturday, October 9, 2021 and December 4, 2021 at MPTC in room O-103 from 9:00AM until Noon both days. Please contact Doug Schultz N9EZF at 920-922-3088 or via email at: schultz74@charter.net for more information.

FCC Application fee

The VE's will not be collecting the \$35 FCC application fee that the FCC will be phasing in later this year. According to the ARRL VEC the VE's will only collect \$15 exam fee and once the candidate passes the license exam they will be responsible to pay the application fee on the FCC website before the FCC issues their license. The new CSCE explains this procedure for the successful candidate.





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FROM OUR
MEMBERS



As many of you know, I am temporarily out in Arizona taking care of my 94 year old Dad. I have been here since March 14th. Many mornings I get to hike in the beautiful Superstition mountains while my brother and sister-in-law take care of Dad.

That got me thinking. I have plenty of time on my hands, so why not learn something new? I love hiking and I love ham radio. Maybe I should learn about Parks On The Air (POTA) and Summits On The Air (SOTA)? But I know very little about SOTA or POTA. Where can I learn about these activities? The SOTA and POTA websites, YouTube videos and “Elmers” were the answer! My “Elmers” include my buddy Doug AC9XW (who is a POTA Hunter) and a few hams in the Phoenix area that are SOTA enthusiasts. The POTA website is <https://parksontheair.com/>. The SOTA website is <https://www.sota.org.uk/>.

Brad Gehrt KA9JDE



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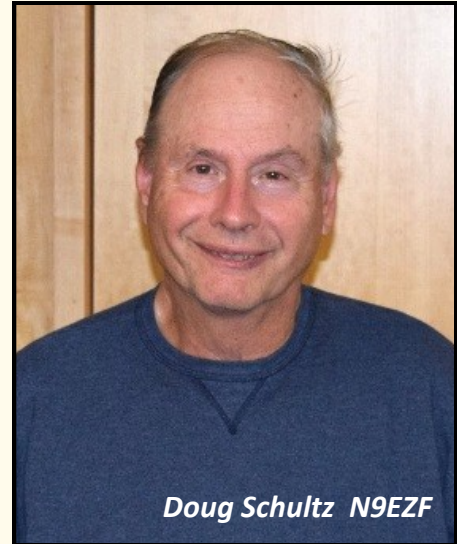
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N9EZF's Portable HF Adventure

By: Doug Schultz N9EZF



Doug Schultz N9EZF

Wally Meyer K9WKM and myself had been talking about operating portable low power HF stations in the field for a couple of months. Over the last couple of months I had been building a portable HF station to use. I purchased a Xiegu G-90, Bioeno 12AH battery and Powerwerx battery box to mount it in. I also built an end fed random wire using a 9:1 balun and purchased a TIA Wolf River Coil portable vertical antenna to use portable. I have added some radial wires to the vertical. Wally has an Icom 705 and Xiegu G90 for portable use and uses a Chamaleon MPAS vertical.

Wally gave me a call and we planned to operate portable at a town park close to where he lives outside Fond du Lac on a Sunday a couple weeks ago. The park has a very nice picnic shelter and plenty of room to setup portable antennas. We both setup our HF stations at the park. I operated on SSB with Xiegu G-90 on 20 meters and Wally operated FT8 digital mode with his Icom 705. I was able to work seven stations on SSB with 20 watts using the Wolf River Coil vertical. The stations ranged from Georgia, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and New York. We found that we can't work the same band with the antennas without getting interference. If we took turns working 20 meters it worked a lot better. I also found the TIA Wolf River coil is a bit of challenge to tune up on a particular frequency. I am going to be spending an afternoon in the backyard using my NanoVNA to come up with a cheat sheet for this antenna. Wally and I had great time operating portable and looking forward to doing more portable operations. We are looking at a Parks on the Air Activation in the Kettle Moraine State Forest in the future.





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Form **1023**
(Rev. June 2008)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Application for Recognition Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Use the instructions to complete this application and for a definitive ruling. Organizations Customer Account Services toll-free at 1-877-829-5500. Each additional sheet to this application if you need more space to apply to you.

Identify each answer by Part and line number. Complete Parts I - XI of Form 1023.

Identification of Applicant

Name of organization (exactly as it appears in your organization's articles of incorporation)

Address (Number, Street, City, State, ZIP+4)

Where Are We on the 501c3 Making Great Progress!

I am pleased to report that progress is being made on the 501c3 project. During the last meeting Cully Kowal has found someone that is taking on our cause. E-mails have been flying, information has been traded, and it looks like we have a great volunteer that is helping us with the cause. His name is Brad

Kowal, son of our member Cully Kowal. He has vast experience in these legal matters and he has uncovered some surprising things that may have been keeping us from having our application accepted. Brad will be at the next meeting to discuss the progress so far. It seems the problems we were having might be related to the mistakes made in the re-writing of our bylaws. Here are some of the direct quotes from the E-mail correspondence that will give you some insight into the massive uphill battle into this legal realm.

I read the Articles of Incorporation and I notice a few issues:

- 1) It lacks the required section on dissolution and 501(c)(3) verbiage. I will provide the necessary verbiage.
- 2) The Articles list Membership Classes which may conflict with your bylaws. As the Articles superseded the bylaws, only those with a General or Higher class license are allowed to vote. I will suggest this section be removed from the Articles in it's entirety.
- 3) The Articles set dues amounts, which are lower than what you are currently collecting. Therefore the membership may be entitled to refunds. I will suggest this section be removed from the Articles in it's entirety and I would also suggest this little snafu not be broadcast too loudly.

I will put together my recommendations within the next week. I will recommend only the bare minimum be included in the Articles and the rest left to the bylaws which are much easier to change.

Brad Kowal

Fond du Lac, WI.

Gentlemen,

I have reviewed the Articles of Incorporation as well as the bylaws. I have also reviewed Wisconsin Chapter 181 and IRS Publication 557. I wanted to make sure there wasn't any significant changes since I incorporated the last organization

There is some conflicting information between the Articles and the Bylaws. There is also an important omission in the Articles as well as some unnecessary verbiage that could cause an issue. As they are currently written, I do not believe the IRS would issue a 501(c)3 status determination letter.

I am going to make the following recommendations. I will draft the documents and offer completed forms asap. They will be:

- 1) Restate the Articles of Incorporation. This will look better and be easier for the IRS reviewers to find the required information that they need to issue the determination letter. The current format is somewhat different now than it was when the organization was formed.
- 2) Add the 501(c)3 verbiage to the Restated Articles.
- 3) Remove the Membership Class Information and more importantly the dues dollar amounts [Dues amounts should not be listed in either the Articles or Bylaws. That just makes things difficult for the organization].



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- 4) Correct the legal name of the organization in the title of the Bylaws, by adding "Inc," after the name.
- 5) Remove the Article which lists the name of the organization. Not only is "Inc." missing, but the organization cannot name or change the name in any other way than through Amended or Restated Articles of incorporation.
- 6) Add membership Class information
- 7) Remove the dues dollar amount, which currently conflicts with the dollar amount in the bylaws. The dollar amount should be set at membership meetings. You shouldn't have to change the Bylaws to adjust the dues structure.

There might be some other minor things that I will suggest. When I provide the documents, I'll include detailed explanations.

Once all of this is completed, I can help you with the next step in filling out the forms for the Acknowledgement letter..

Brad Kowal

Brad has done a huge amount of work on this. He has found mistakes that were made 18 years ago and mistakes that were made when we did the re-write of our bylaws. Not only that, Brad has done a total rewrite of our bylaws that has corrected all of the mistakes. Listed below is a copy of the work he has sent us. It is vital that we look at these changes for the well being of the club. Brad will have more to say about this at the next meeting. Brad's work is precise and very well done. After reading the new proposed bylaws please send your response and recommendations to Backstagelive@gmail.com and I will forward them to Brad and have an answer for you right away.

Joe Scheibinger K9VY

To see the new version of the proposed bylaws, go to the back of the newsletter.





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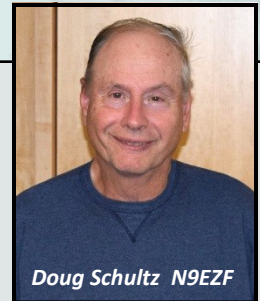
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Treasurer's Report

July 2021



	Previous Month	Income & Expenses	Current Total	Cash	Savings Account	Checking Account	CD	Other
FDL RADIO CLUB								
Truck Fund	0.00	.00	.00			.00		
Emergency Svc Fund	1,496.26	.58	1,496.84			1,032.52	464.32	
General Use Fund	4,967.59	28.48	4,996.07			3,806.80	1,189.27	
Savings Account	25.00	.00	25.00		25.00			
Petty Cash Fund	19.12	.00	19.12	19.12				
TOTALS	6,462.97		6,537.02					
FDL REPEATER ASSN.								
Repeater Fund	235.25	.19	235.44			81.97	153.47	
TOTALS				19.12	25.00	4,921.29	1,807.06	

INCOME FROM DUES & RAFFLE 27.00

CD INTEREST 2.25

EXPENSES .00

FCC Updates

If you are applying for amateur license for the first time you will be required to provide a Federal Registration Number or FRN on your application. Your Social Security Number will not be accepted by the VE team. There are You Tube videos on the Internet that go through the steps needed to get an FRN on the FCC ULS website.

On May 29, 2021 all FCC applications will require that you provide a valid email address since that will be the main method for the FCC to contact you. If you don't have an email address you can get a free one at www.gmail.com or at www.yahoo.com. Another way to solve the email requirement would be to use a relative's email account or a friend's email account with their permission.



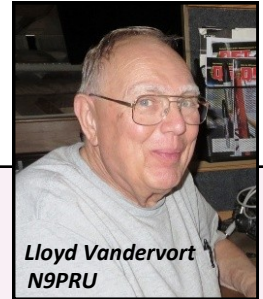
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Meeting Minutes



Lloyd Vandervort
N9PRU

Meeting Minutes for the July Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at MPTC in room O-215 by President Tom Karrmann KC9VZY who then asked for introductions of attendees. Tom offered a thank you to Joe Scheibinger K9VY for the newsletter which looks great. Doug Schultz N9EZF writes and submits articles and Joe Scheibinger K9VY puts it all together. Tom Karrmann KC9VZY then asked for approval of last month's minutes which published in the newsletter. A motion to approve them was made by Dick Finn KC9ZVW and seconded by Doug Schultz N9EZF. Tom Powell KC9VXR objected and said there was an error on page 11 about keeping the transceivers to loan out to club member. Cully Kowal KSOD had the idea and not Tom Powell KC9VXR. A motion was made the minutes with the correction was made by Cully Kowal KSOD and seconded by Doug Schultz N9EZF. All approved the motion.

President Tom Karrmann KC9VZY then asked for a Field Day report. Lloyd Vandervort N9RPU reported that we had 4 participants at Dave McCumber's shop in North Fond du Lac. There were comments that we need a step since the truck is hard to get in. The group operated in the 1A class and had 208 QSO's total with a total preliminary score of 566 points.

Then President Tom Karrmann KC9VZY the asked for the treasurer's report which Doug Schultz N9EZF gave. A motion was made by Peter Fox KB9WZD to approve the report and to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Cully Kowal KSOD. All approved the motion.

Cully Kowal KSOD wanted to know where the club is pertaining to 501C3? Tom Karrmann KC9VZY said we had decided to table it until we talked to an attorney or got more information on it. Cully Kowal said the his son had done this in the past for a model railroad club and has agreed to help with the application. Joe Scheibinger K9VY mentioned what kind of club do we want to be a social club or an educational club? Tom Karrmann had a question for club members How many want to pursue getting the 501C3? 60% raised their hands. Joe Scheibinger K9VY would like to see the club be educational otherwise we don't need the 501C3. Doug Schultz mentioned the problems with the 501C3 applications in the past. The long form online application is \$600. Tom Powell KC9VXR said we need to determine if we need we need the long or short application form for the 501C3. Tom Karrmann KC9VZY, Joe Scheibinger K9VY, Doug Schultz and Cully Kowal's KSOD son will report at the August meeting.

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Meeting Minutes



Jack Heil KG9IN made a motion to take this off the table and have Joe Scheibinger K9VY, Doug Schultz N9EZF and Cully Kowal's KS0D son investigate this and report at the August meeting. Cully Kowal KS0D seconded the motions. All approved the motion.

New business: Doug Schultz N9EZF reported that the VE team will begin exams at MPTC in October and December. Dates will be published in this newsletter. Joe Scheibinger K9VY requested we reserve a larger room at MPTC. Doug Schultz N9EZF contacted MPTC and reported we will be meeting in room O-102 for the rest of our 2021 meeting dates. Peter Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cully Kowal KS0D seconded the motion. All approved the motion and we adjourned the business meeting. Cully Kowal KS0D and Wally Meyer K9WKM then put on a presentation as well as a demonstration of DMR system operation.



Entry Update. You've successfully updated your Field Day entry, as well as uploaded all required documentation. Your confirmation number is 22p1z8ta. A summary of your updated submission is provided below for your review. If you have any questions about your log, please contact the Contest section at contests@arrl.org.

If you need to further update your entry, enter soapbox comments or upload photos of your Field Day activities, please use the appropriate link below.

Links:

Update entry/upload documents <http://field-day.arrl.org/fdentry.php?call=w9ebv&id=22p1z8ta>

Soapbox comments/photos <http://contests.arrl.org/contestssoapbox.php?call=w9ebv&id=22p1z8ta>

Summary:

Entry received at: 2021-07-11 02:04:55
Call Used: W9EBV GOTA Station Call: (NONE) ARRL/RAC Section: WI Class: 1A
Participants: 4 Club/Group Name: Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club
Power Source(s): Generator
Power Multiplier: 2X
Preliminary Total Score: 566
Bonus Points:
100% emergency power 100
Entry submitted via web 50
Total bonus points 150

Score Summary: (Cabrillo log/dupe sheet file: W9EBV.dup)

CW Digital Phone Total
Total QSOs 0 0 208
Total Points 0 0 208 208 Claimed Score = (QSO points x power mult) = 416
Submitted by: Lloyd Vandervort, N9RPU lloydv654@gmail.com

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

CW Digital Phone
QSOs Pwr(W) QSOs Pwr(W) QSOs Pwr(W)
160m 80m 66 100 40m 74 100 20m 52 100 15m 14 100 10m 2 100 6m 2m
222 432 Other Satellite GOTA TOTAL 0 0 208



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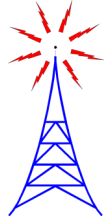
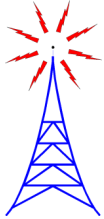


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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

08/07/2021 - [Riverland Amateur Radio Club Swapfest](#)

Location: Onalaska, WI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: ARRL

Website: <http://rarc.qth.com>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

08/21/2021 - [Northwoods Hamfest](#)

Location: Tomahawk, WI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tomahawk Repeater Assoc. & Rhinelander Repeater Assoc.

RACE THE LAKE BIKE RACE

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

08/28/2021 - [Circus City Swapfest](#)

Location: Baraboo, WI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://yellowthunder.org>

08/28/2021 - [MRAC & MAARS Interclub Swapfest](#)

Location: Milwaukee, WI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club & Milwaukee Area Amateur Radio Society

Website: <https://www.w9rh.org/club-events/swapfest/>

09/11/2021 - [Ozaukee Radio Club Regional Fall Swapfest](#)

Location: Cedarburg, WI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Ozaukee Radio Club (ORC)

Website: <http://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org>

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10/16/2021 - [Wisconsin ARES/RACES Conference, ARRL Wisconsin State Convention](#)

Location: Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: WeComm Ltd

Website: <http://www.wi-aresraces.org>

[Learn More](#)

11/06/2021 - [MRC91 Friendly Fest](#)

Location: Milwaukee, WI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Milwaukee Repeater Club

Website: <http://www.mrc91.org>

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Todd	Beay	A C9EX
Ed	Beltz	N9PJQ
Donna	Blend	KC9TFN
Paul	Bleuel	KC9NAA
Blend	Bowen	KC9VXV
Timothy	Braun	W9AAV
Marjean	Buck	KC9LFI
Neal	Buck	KC9LFN
Justin	Buell	KB9YET
Robert	Burrier	N2TSQ
Don	Chapman	KC9KZQ
Dean	Choate	KC9TGM
Lee	Clausen	KC9ZVZ
Jim	Cole	N9WAP
Frank	D'Imperio	KD9OXO
Walter	Drees	KD9JAD
Debra	Drees	
Kirk	Everson	KC9FZE
Dick	Finn	KC9ZVW
Mark	Forss	WD9CYM
Peter	Fox	KB9WZD
Brad	Freund	KC9QYP
Brad	Gehrt	KA9JDE
Derek	Giese	KD9IAN
Ray	Grenier	K9KHW
Erling	Gruel	WB9OJD
Ted	Gustavus	KD9IAH
Ben	Haack	KD9LVQ
Marjorie	Heil	KC9BEN
Jack	Heil	KG9IN
Doug	Iverson	AC9XW
Richard	Jarzynka	KD9EMX
Tom	Karrmann	KC9VZY
Ron	Keller	KC9YVL
Cully	Kowal	KS0D
Dawn	Krause	KD9CAW
Scott	Kreis	
Larry	Lamont	KB9POP
Buddy	Larson	KC9UVJ



Amateur Radio operators come from all walks of life -- doctors, students, kids, politicians, truck drivers, movie stars, missionaries and even your average neighbor next door. They are of all ages, sexes, income levels and nationalities. Whether through Morse Code on an old brass telegraph key, voice communication on a hand-held radio or computerized messages transmitted via satellite, all hams use radio to reach out to the world.

These are the devoted members of one of the best Amateur Radio Clubs in the Midwest, dedicated to community service, and dedicated to preserve and protect one of the greatest hobbies in the world.

We are the members of the Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club



Joe	Lauber	KC9MDY
Michelle	Lawrence	N9RQL
Mike	Lawrence	N9UA
Isaac	Lundberg	KD9FPG
Chuck	Mahnke	K9HXI
David	McCumber	N9WQ
Walter	Meyer	K9WKM
Larry	Mielke	KC9RUE
Doug	Murray	KC9ZVT
Tom	Murray	N0HOR
Nancy	Myers	K9ANA
Randy	Nelson	KC9MYG
Ted	Neuburg	W9LUQ
Dot	Olig	K9FDL
Gene	Olig	KD9ZP
Tony	Pass	KC9QYR
Dennis	Paulin	KB9OFM
Gene	Peterson	KD9IAG
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Fernando	Salazar	KC9ZVX
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Louis	Simon	KB9VQM
Barbara	Simon	W9MER
Ed	Sipple	W9VYO
Steve	Smith	W9GPI
Ed	Steinfeld	KB1ZJK
Raymond	Teschke	KD9QLE
Brian	Turkiewicz	KC9LFR
Paul	Tvrdy	N9KLK
Danny	Vandekolk	KC9IGD
Lloyd	Vandervort	N9RPU
Ted	Willett	W9NHE
Laurie	Winchell-Beltz	KC9YQS
Dave	Witt	WD9W
Mathew	Yates	KD9CSD
Laura	Yates	
Matthew	Zimmerman	KD9KTY
David	Zittlow	K9DUI



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BYLAWS OF THE FOND DU LAC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

(Updated: **Date of Membership Meeting**)

PREAMBLE

We, the members of The Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club Inc., desire to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of associating with others interested in Amateur Radio and to further the interests of Amateur Radio in the surrounding communities. All people are welcome to join us as we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, religion, gender or age. We hereby constitute ourselves as an organization to fulfill these objectives.

ARTICLE I:

1.1--The bylaws of the organization will remain consistent with the RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION filed with the State of Wisconsin. Should a provision in these bylaws conflict with any part of the Articles of Incorporation, the provision(s) provided in the Articles of Incorporation shall apply. Consistent with Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, any provision not provided herein will be executed per CH 181.

1.2 – The Club call is W9EBV in honor of Bob Smith’s contributions to amateur radio in the Fond du Lac area. This call has been assigned as a lifetime honorary call to the Club by the Federal Communications Commission.

ARTICLE II:

These bylaws may be amended by a majority of members present or represented by proxy at any special meeting or annual meeting of members. Prior to the meeting to amend bylaws, notification of members will be made in person or by mail, telephone or email (with confirmation reply) at least 14 days in advance. If notification is provided by mail, the date in which the notification is post marked will constitute compliance with this article.



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ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1 – All persons interested in amateur radio and of good character are invited to join the Club. A person will be welcomed into the Club as a member, contingent upon payment of appropriate dues by the applicant and initial approval by a simple majority of the members present at a regular meeting.

Section 3.2 - New members should be introduced to the Club members and voted upon at the first meeting that he/she completes his/her membership application.

Section 3.3 – Once a member has been accepted, he/she is entitled to all the benefits of membership. However, such membership is not intended to imply in any way that the individual may operate outside the regulations governing amateur radio.

Section 3.4 --Termination, expulsion and suspension (181.0620):

1. Termination of Membership:

- a) Consistent with Chapter 181.0620 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, membership shall be terminated by death, voluntary withdrawal or expulsion and thereafter all of the rights of the member in the corporation shall cease. Upon termination or expulsion, building keys and all corporation assets held by the affected party shall be returned immediately to the Secretary or other designated board member or officer.
- b) Memberships shall be automatically terminated, without notice if a member becomes more than 2 years behind in payment of dues or assessments.
- c) The Treasurer shall make an effort, in good faith, to collect members' dues prior to automatic termination.
- d) The board shall have the authority to reinstate a person's membership terminated under this section, if deemed in the best interest of the corporation and if all back dues and assessments are paid. This authority will cease when the member's dues would exceed 12 months in arrears absent the automatic termination provision.
- e) Any other reinstatements shall be authorized by the membership at any annual or special meeting of members. Any reinstatement authorized by the membership, shall not take effect until all back dues and assessments are paid.



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2. Expulsion and Suspension: Members may be suspended or expelled by the membership for cause, by a vote of a majority of the members present at any special meeting of the members. Prior to any vote of the members, a petition signed by at least three regular members in good standing must be presented to the board of directors. The board will schedule a hearing within 30 days of receipt of said petition to discuss the situation with the petitioners and the person or persons who may face expulsion or suspension.

The hearing will be held at a date, time agreed upon by all parties. Should the parties be unable to agree on said date and / or time, the hearing will be held on the second Monday of the month at 8:00 PM CST at location in the County of Fond du Lac selected by the board of directors, following a minimum of 14 days written notice via certified mail or presented in writing among a minimum of three regular members (other than board members or petitioners) as witnesses to the notification of hearing.

Should the person or persons listed in the petition refuse to attend said hearing, no hearing shall be required and the matter will be referred to the membership.

The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss the problem(s) presented in the petition with all parties involved and attempt to find a solution, if any; short of expulsion or suspension that satisfies the concern(s) of the petitioners. The hearing shall include a majority of the board, the person or persons named in the petition and at least one of the petitioners. The petitioners and the person or persons named in the petition, shall be allowed to call on witnesses to attend and testify on their behalf at the hearing. The board shall be responsible for conducting the hearing and will in no case allow the hearing to continue after a period of 2 hours unless all parties agree to continue. The board shall have the right to cut the hearing short for any reason deemed necessary.

If, at the end of the hearing, an agreement between the parties has not been reached, the board shall call a special meeting of the members, to be held within 45 days of the hearing, on the second Monday of the month at 8:00 pm CST allowing a minimum of 14 days notice via personal notification, telephone, email (with confirmation reply) or via certified mail. The notice of special meeting shall include the name of the member facing suspension or expulsion and the nature as to why.



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Note: The intent of this provision is to make it clear that sometime during the special meeting, at least one of the items to be discussed and voted upon will be the suspension or expulsion of a member. It does not need to list every cause and detail.

At the special meeting, a member of the board will address the membership with a summary of the details found at the hearing, if held, and make recommendations. The petitioners will then have a chance to address the membership, if they so choose, followed by the person or persons named in the petition. The membership will then have a chance to ask questions. Motions can be made and voted upon at any time during the meeting.

3. Liability: A member who has been expelled or suspended may be liable to the corporation for dues, assessment or fees because of obligations incurred or commitments made before expulsion or suspension.

Section 3.5-- Membership Classes, dues, assessments and initiation fees:

1. The Membership shall set the classification of memberships at any regular or special meeting.
2. Membership dues and assessments shall be set by the membership at any Regular or Special meeting.
3. INITIATION FEES: The membership shall set the initiation fees due upon acceptance of the application of a new member.

Section 3.6-- Purchase of memberships (181.0622):

The Corporation may purchase the membership of a member who resigns or whose membership is terminated for a pro-rated amount unless it violates 181-1302 (1) of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 4.1 – The Officers of the Club will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sargent-At-Arms. The Officers are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Club. Each Officer serves for one calendar year and may succeed his/herself.



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The Officers serve at the pleasure of the membership and may be removed by a vote of a simple majority of members in good standing. Such vote to remove may be at a regular meeting only if all members have received written notice of the proposed removal and the place and date of the balloting at least seven days prior to the vote. Such written notice may be provided using electronic mail.

Section 4.2 – The duties of the President shall include but are not limited to presiding over all Club and Board meetings; enforcing observance of this Constitution and the associated By-Laws of the Club; establishing ad hoc committees and appointing chairs of such committees; deciding questions of order at meetings; signing official documents on behalf of the Club; representing the Club to the public; and performing other duties customary to the office of the President or that may be requested by the Club.

Section 4.3 – The duties of the Vice-President shall include but are not limited to assuming all duties of the Office of President in the President's absence and performing other duties customary to the office of Vice-President or that may be requested by the Club or the President.

Section 4.4 – The duties of the Secretary shall include but are not limited to recording minutes of all general and special meetings; compiling, maintaining and publishing a roster of all members in good standing; keeping a record of members participating in Club functions and committees; handling all correspondence; providing copies of minutes and other Club-published information to the members and notifying members of special meetings or functions.

Section 4.5 – The duties of the Treasurer shall include but are not limited to assuming responsibility for all financial operations for the Club including authorized disbursements, collection of funds and accounting for same, reporting all account activity at monthly meetings and maintaining the financial records so that they may be inspected by any Club member within five days of member's request. The Treasurer may maintain a Petty Cash Fund of not more than \$25.00 and may make small disbursements from this Fund without prior Club approval. Disbursements over \$25.00 must be approved by a simple majority of members in good standing present at the meeting during which the disbursement is requested.

Section 4.6 – The duties of the Sargent-At-Arms shall include but are not limited to assisting with all functions by helping to keep order and assisting other Officers as requested.

Section 4.7 – The Board of Directors shall consist of three members elected at large and the President. Each elected Director shall serve a term of 3 years. Elected Directors may not run for a second consecutive term; however, he/she may be elected again after one year.



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Section 4.8 – The Board of Directors is responsible for the general direction of the Club, for its well-being, including the maintenance of good relations with local, state and federal offices, and for conducting business on behalf of the membership when a meeting of the whole cannot be called.

Section 4.9 – The requirements for becoming an Officer or Director are that he/she be a legal adult and a member in good standing.

Section 4.10 - All important Club records in the care and keeping of the Officers and Directors are Club property and may not be removed from the State of Wisconsin without Club approval.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

Section 5.1 – Elections of Officers and Directors will normally be conducted during the regular November meeting by secret ballot. A slate of candidates should be presented at that time by a Nominations Committee.

Section 5.2 – While Officers shall be elected every year, elections for Directors shall be staggered such that one Director is elected each year.

Section 5.3 - Vacancies on the Board of Directors or any Offices may be filled by special election or temporarily filled by appointment by the President with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.4 – No member shall hold more than one office/directorship at a time except that the Secretary/Treasurer duties may be temporarily combined if deemed necessary by the members.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 6.1-- Annual Meetings (181.0701):

1. ANNUAL MEETING: The corporation will hold its annual meeting of members on the second Monday of **INSERT HERE**, beginning at **INSERT HERE** P.M. CST.
2. LOCATION OF ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting will take place in the County of Fond du Lac .



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3. MATTERS CONSIDERED AT ANNUAL MEETING:

At the annual meeting, an officer shall report on the activities and financial condition of the corporation and the members shall consider and act upon such other matters that may be raised.

Section 6.2-- Special Meetings (181.0702):

The Corporation will hold a special meeting of members if any of the following occurs.

A special meeting is called by the board of directors or by the President.

b) 20% of the voting power of the membership, signs, dates and delivers to the Secretary one or more written demands for the meeting describing one or more purposes for which it is to be held.

Section 6.3-- Regular Meetings:

The Corporation will hold regular meetings monthly January through November. Notice of regular meetings will be sent to all members in a timely fashion.

Section 6.4 – A quorum, which is necessary to conduct business of the Club at regular meetings, shall consist of one quarter (1/4) of all members in good standing at the time of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII – VOTING

Section 7.1 – A voting member is any member in good standing.

Section 7.2 – Members may not assign their voting privilege to another member or person; however, voting by absentee ballot is allowed on a specific issue. Information about the issue being voted on and the ballot will be provided to all members via electronic mail or by USPS no later than 14 days prior to the vote. The absentee ballot must be returned by electronic mail to the President or his/her designee no later than 3 days prior to the vote OR printed, signed and mailed to the President or his/her designee with a postmark no later than 3 days prior to the vote.

Section 7.3 – Affirmative support by a simple majority of the members voting at a meeting in which there is a quorum is required for the passage of business and the election of members to office. Any business conducted at a meeting in which a quorum is not present may be contested later by any member attending a regularly scheduled meeting.



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ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Preference shall be given to THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE if qualified. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 9.1 – The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.