

# FEEDLINE

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Wildlife Refuge Special Event at Sully's Hill on October 8, 2011  
(l-r) Dick WØTF, Nancy K9DIG, Rod KEØA, Bill NDØB

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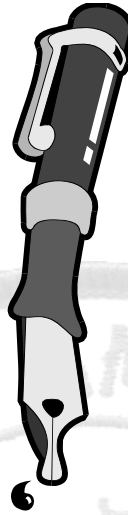
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## MEETING MINUTES

There was no business meeting in December for the Forx Amateur Radio Club. Instead a Christmas Party was held at the Bronze Boot Restaurant on December 27, 2011.

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## Have you paid your dues for 2012?

Article VI, Section 1 of the *BYLAWS* of the Forx Amateur Radio Club states:

**“The club, by two-thirds vote of those voting members present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objects as set forth in the Articles. If dues are not received within 60 days, membership shall lapse.”**

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY December 27, 2011**

Thank you Donna KC0SKD for organizing another great evening for the club. There were roughly 35 members and their families attending this year's party. The food was great with a wide selection available off the menu.

Each year the December meeting is held as a Christmas party for members and their families. No formal meeting is held. The next regular business meeting will be held on January 31, 2012.

The Forx Amateur Radio Club has essentially only two sources for operating funds. The primary source is dues. The secondary source is the annual Hamfest. However, there is no guarantee that the Hamfest will produce additional funds for the club.

Dues that you pay provide a source of funding for club activities, which include Field Day, the annual Hamfest, postage for mailing the club newsletter, club liability insurance, etc. These funds also help in the maintenance and repair of the club's repeaters.

**February's issue will be your last issue of the *FEEDLINE* if your dues remain unpaid on March 1, 2012.**

**DATES OF INTEREST**

January 2012

- 27 CQ WW 160  
Meter Contest
- 31 Club Meeting

February 2012

- 5 North American  
Sprint – CW
- 12 North American  
Sprint – Phone
- 13-17 ARRL School  
Club Roundup
- 18 ARRL DX  
Contest – CW
- 18 St Cloud, MN  
Hamfest
- 25 North American  
QSO Party –  
Digital
- 25 Bismarck, ND  
Hamfest
- 28 Club Meeting

March 2012

- 3 ARRL DX  
Contest – Phone
- 17 ND QSO Party
- 27 Club Meeting

April 2012

- 24 Club Meeting

May 2012

- 18-20 Dayton  
Hamvention
- 29 Club Meeting

**GRAND FORKS**

**HF NET**

**3.937 MHZ (±QRM)**

**7:00 PM**

**MONDAY**

**GRAND FORKS**

**MONDAY**

**NIGHT**

**VHF NET**

**9:00 PM**

**146.940 (-)**

**Virgil Jiles**  
**WA5TLP**

**SK**

## ARRL ANNOUNCES DIAMOND DXCC CHALLENGE

2012 is the 75th anniversary of the ARRL's DXCC Award, the world's preeminent DXing award. To celebrate this important milestone, the ARRL has gone back to the beginning -- the 1937 DXCC List. The Diamond DXCC Challenge will test DXers ability to contact all the 231 entities on the original DXCC List.

We tried to find corresponding entities today that would represent the places listed in 1937, and we were mostly successful. There are a couple of places that were merged, like French and British New Hebrides, and the Papua and New Guinea Territories. In those places, for 2012 if you work a YJ or a P29 (on the main island of New Guinea) you will get credit for working two entities! Many other oddities are sprinkled throughout the list, too. Returning to the air in 2012 will be the Canal Zone (any HP operating within 8 kilometers of the Panama Canal), the Cities of Gdansk, Poland, as well as Ifni, Morocco and Balochistan.

For some entities that now consist of multiple countries, you may work any of today's entities to qualify for that single 1937 country. For example, French Equatorial Africa will be considered worked if you log a station in TL, TN, TR or TT in 2012. The Diamond DXCC country

tables show the current entity names and prefixes that qualify for the 1937 countries. Read more here <<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-diamond-dxcc-challenge>>.

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**EVERY**  
**SATURDAY**  
**MORNING**

Every Saturday morning members of the local Ham community (Forx Amateur Radio Club members and anyone else that wants to join the group) meet for breakfast and good conversation. The location is the Northside Café, 3450 Gateway Drive, Grand Forks, ND. Everyone gathers in the backroom; where there is lots of room for all.

Those who like an early breakfast arrive around 6:00 AM. However, those who want breakfast at a more reasonable time, arrive between 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM.

If you haven't been there yet come join the group. If you don't know quite where the restaurant is located you can find directions on 146.940(-).

## POSTAGE RATES TO RISE THIS MONTH

Beginning Sunday, January 22, it will cost more to mail first class letters, postcards and packages within the US. The cost to mail a first class letter will be 45 cents, an increase of 1 cent. According to the USPS, this is the first increase since May 2009. The cost of mailing a postcard will be 32 cents, an increase of 3 cents. This is the second increase for postcard postage in less than a year; in April 2011, the USPS boosted the postcard stamp price from 28 cents to 29 cents. You will also pay more to send letters to Canada, Mexico and other international destinations. Click [here](http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2011/pr11_factsht_pricechg_1018.pdf) <[http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2011/pr11\\_factsht\\_pricechg\\_1018.pdf](http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2011/pr11_factsht_pricechg_1018.pdf)> for more information on all the postal increases.

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By the way.....

Speaking of breakfast.....

Well, not necessarily breakfast but actually supper on Sunday nights; members of the Forx Amateur Radio Club gather for more food and conversation at Wendy's around 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome at Wendy's located at 1503 South Washington Street, Grand Forks, ND.

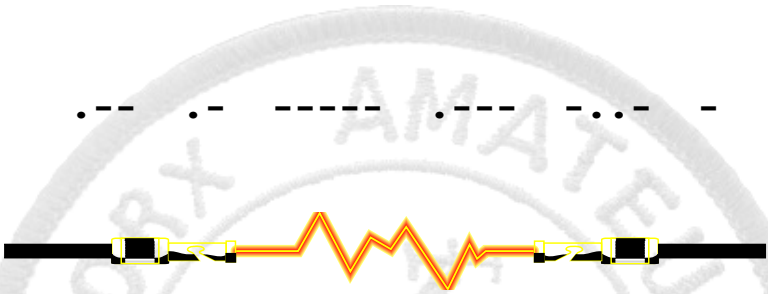
The group is usually smaller than the Saturday morning crew, but still just as fun. If you are looking for somewhere to be on Sunday nights check out Wendy's.

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2012  
DUES  
RENEWAL  
FORM

If the form is present within this issue then your dues are not paid for 2012. If you are not sure whether you have paid or not, just contact John KA0SVY club Secretary, Truman KD0MTD club Treasurer, or Jim KC0XW *FEEDLINE* Editor and they will be happy to let you know your dues status.

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## TRIVIA

The following trivia question is taken from *The ARRL Handbook 2006*. The answer will be published in the next issue of the *FEEDLINE*.

WHAT IS THE FORMULA FOR LC RESONANCE FREQUENCY?

December's trivia question was:

ALMOST ALL OSCILLATORS CONSIST OF WHAT TWO PARTS?

And the answer is:

Filter and Amplifier

This may be found on page 10.1 of *THE ARRL HANDBOOK 2006*

# ANNUAL DUES FORM

January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
CHK# _____
DATE _____

As stated in the bylaws of the Forx Amateur Radio Club dues expire on the last day of December (December 31, 2011 in this case). Dues are payable as follows:

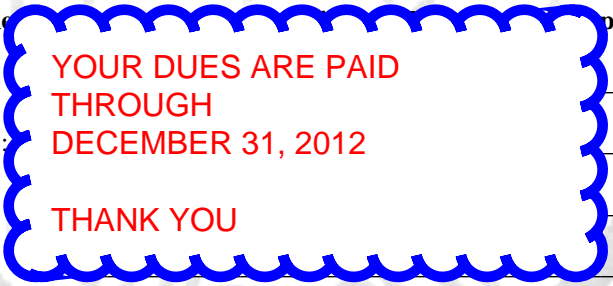
Regular Membership	\$20.00
Family Membership	\$27.00
Student/Youth Membership	\$10.00
Senior Membership (62+)	\$10.00

**If you have paid your dues for the year 2012, thank you.** You will continue to receive the *FEEDLINE* published monthly. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2012, please use the form below.

Please make your check payable to: FORX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
P.O. BOX 14773  
GRAND FORKS, ND 58208-4773

Please do not mail cash. Cash is acceptable if your dues are paid to the Treasurer directly.

Please complete the following information for payment:



Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

License Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip+4: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type (circle one): Regular / Family / Student / Senior

**To receive the club newsletter *FEEDLINE* via E-mail, please provide your address below:**

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you an ARRL Member?** Yes / No    **ARES Member?** Yes / No