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FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
(SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB)

CLUB STATION "W9ZL"

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318 EAST BREWSTER STREET
APPLETON, WISCONSIN 54911
ARRL CLUB NO. 2132

NEXT MEETING WILL BE FEB. 19th 1990

*****1990-1991*****

PRESIDENT:	MIKE JACKSON	WB9BBI	739-9680
VICE PRESIDENT:	DON BAKER	NB9J	766-3886
SECRETARY:	HELEN BORREE	WD9CYW	725-1331
TREASURER:	LES PARDEE	KA9MPP	766-1750
MEMBERSHIP CORD:	JIM SHEETS	K9OQO	739-7695

The Jan. 15th meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Myron Jackson WB9BBI. The meeting was held at Roosevelt Jr. High School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (BALANCE) 1,420.12 as of Jan. 13th 1990 plus \$546.75 in special Hamfest Account.

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INFORMAL ITEMS

VOLUNTEER EXAM: George W9MDP will take over Larry's job. I know he'll do just as well. The next testing will be at the Hamfest at Sabre Lanes on Feb. 24, 1990.

EMERGENCY COMM: Wayne WD9FLJ was at a Races Meeting and did not report any news. We should have some at Feb. meeting.

NON EVERGENCYY: DON NB9J said the Bus trip to the hamfest was lots of fun. The Madison Hamfest will be April 8th 1990.

HAMFEST: DON NB9J Game me the list of committes. Please sign up for one or two if you can. Here they are;

HAMFEST 1990

COMMITTEE

DON BAKER	NB9J	CHAIRMAN
LARRY	KD9IA	
MIKE	WB9BBI	HOUSE CHAIRMAN
HARRY	N9GQK	PUBLICITY
GEORGE	W9MDP	TESTING

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

TESTING	GEORGE	W9MDP
HOUSE CHAIR	MIKE	WB9BBI
PUBLICITY	HARRY	N9GQK
CLUB TABLE	DON	NB9J
RAFFLE	JERRY	N9AYN
ADMISSION	RON	KE9MV
CRAFTS	JANE WOOD	
P.A.	WES	W9PKT

Sabre Lanes will take care of food and beverages. This is part of deal for hall.

TALK IN STATION: RICK N9ALF
 DAVE KA9NNI

ANNUAL DINNER: LARRY received a plaque for president of 1989. Wayne received the Ham of the Year plaque. Mike Jackson also made some Links trophies for all his helpers.
 THANKS MIKE FOR ALWAYS THINKING OF OTHERS.

HOME BREW: NONE

NOVICE CLASS: MIKE'S CLASS MEETS AT 7:00 ON TUES. AT MADISON JR. HIGH IN ROOM 210. IF ANYONE CAN HELP HIM OUT PLEASE DO SO. THE UPGRADING CLASS MEETS ON THURS. NIGHT AT THE SAME TIME AND SAME ROOM.

"HEY MIKE," THAT WAS A VERY NICE ARTICLE ABOUT YOU IN SAT. FEB. 27, 1990.

If anybody wants Raffle tickets for the Hamfest you can pick them up from Don Baker, Mike Jackson, They have them at their houses.

GET YOUR MINDS GOING ON IDEAS OF POINTS OF INTEREST THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO TO MAKE THE CLUB MEETINGS MORE INTERESTING.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE JAN. 13th. MEETING WERE:

HELEN BORREE	WD9CYW	BILL GEREND	KA9TGE
MIKE JACKSON	WB9BBI	RICK KCSIOREK	N9ALF
DON BAKER	NB9J	RYAN DOSIOREK	
LES PARDEE	KA9MPP	DAVID BOLAND	W9NWX
BOB GILLETTE	W9EYT	DAN BAYER	WB9QFX
TERRY SCHILLING	N9AOT	TERRY GROSS	KA7TYS
JULIE SCHILLING		DAN EGGERT	AC9E
GERRY RADIKE	WA9GON	JACK BIGELOW	KA9JOL
JEFF SCHMEICHEL	KB9BYP	BILL RIEMER	KA9SPI
BAMBI POHLMAN	GUEST	VIRGINIA HEWITT	N9CSG
RON POHLMAN	KE9MV	FRANK EGGERT	KB9GI
LARRY SIEBERS	KD9IA	JIM SHEETS	K90QO
MARTHA SCHMEICHEL	N9TAD	BOB GEDEMER	KA9JAC
MIKE JONELY	KA9YYR	BOB KECLGER	N9BKJ
RALPH BALLINGER	N9ECS	ADE	K9DHR
HAL SIETH	NQ9F	DEITH WICKERT	W9DKY
JIM WIERZBA	WB9OJE	BOB CLEVELAND	WD9HID
HUB GEREND	W9OUT	EARL SHEARIER	W9RNH
AL VAN DYNHOVEN	KB9BYQ	WAYNE PENNINGS	WC9FLJ
		DUWAYNE	W9UDX

MEMBERS AT THE JAN. 13th. MEETING WERE

PAUL HOLICHECK
LARRY GUTHN

N9PKD
WB9ICH

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Respectfully submitted,
Helen Borree, WD9CYW
Secretary.

ADDITICNAL: Our Program for Feb. 19th will be Randy Dile
KZ90 who will talk on Amateur T.V.

MKES MIC:

In an effort to Pursue areas of special interests in ham radio and in an effort to have the FCARC show a greater leadership role in organizing interest groups, we are planning small group sessions following the February club meeting. We have, on at least three occasions during the past 7 months, polled those in attendance as to projects or special interests in ham radio, but we have yet to develop a series of projects in which members might become involved.

We've had many good programs, we've had a number of good homebrew demonstrations, traders night, and an auction. In addition to this though, there seems to be interest in designing, building, becoming part of special event activities, or other special interests.

At the January meeting when the topic was again briefly discussed, there seemed to be interest and it appeared to me that the group is awaiting leadership. Since leadership is my main responsibility, I would like to suggest an idea I've been thinking about.

At the last meeting, you may remember, I had placed a sheet on the table with the heading "GREAT IDEAS". Many of you were bold enough to sign the sheet and list a topic area that was of special interest to you. Others who might have forgotten to sign the list, I am quite sure, have topic areas in mind that can well be included on the list that follows.

To get the ball rolling and have the FCARC at least provide organizational leadership, I have listed below the topic areas where interest was expressed. I have asked a number of people to be discussion leaders to the extent of establishing group direction. If you have a topic in mind that is not listed below, it would be great if you were to take the initiative and round up a few individuals of similar interest. Probably there is not enough time at a club meeting to work on the various projects a group may wish to pursue, but the group of course, can set their own work time and place. It would be interesting for all members to know what others are doing, thereby generating more interest. The newsletter and the general meeting could well serve as a reporting forum if the group desires.

I am not trying to suggest that this kind of activity needs the approval of the FCARC. We all understand that we are free to do as we like within the limits of the law. I am only suggesting that since we are a group with a similar general interest in amateur radio and since we meet as a common group each month, the club meeting may provide an opportunity for people of similar special interest a chance to get together.

Areas that have been suggested are listed below. Give these topics some consideration and if you have an inclination to get involved please do. Feel free to add

to add to the list and we'll try to find a corner where yourself and others of common interest might get together to develop a strategy.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

1. Wis. QSO Party. Club activity for total Points.
2. Homebrew antenna construction.
3. Layout and etching techniques of circuit boards.
4. QRP Radio construction.
5. Use of Technical test equipment.
6. Amateur T. V.
7. Field day
8. E. A. A. or other SPECIAL EVENTS
9. OTHER
10. OTHER

If this is a format that you would like to follow, great! If you'd like to suggest a different method that might work better thats even 'greater'.

Lets work together to make this organization fun and worthwhile. Suggestions are always welcome when they're of a constructive nature. Its easy to find fault and criticize the way things are done, but we will only improve as an organization if we work together to identify goals and objectives and then take the responsibility to help impliment those things we identify as important.

I think we are doing a number of things that enrich our hobby, but I think we'd agree, that we could do more through club activities. There are things in life we HAVE to do and there are things in life we LIKE to do. People with ambition and imagination find the time to do what they like doing, so its a matter of Priorities.

We have a good club. Lets strive for a great club. We have many talented People and a wide variety of interests but we need your ideas and Participation, won't you help.

Mike (W9SBI)

A brief recap of the annual awards banquet, I believe, is in order since it was a summarizing of many of the events of the past year. Our year has two year ends it appears, one being the election in May and the other the annual awards banquet. At any rate, a brief summary of important events and activities was presented at the banquet and is included this month for those interested who may not have been able to attend.

The list of items below represents many of the club activities, functions, and in some cases, observations that have been made. If I have missed any that you believe should be noted, please advise me and I'll make mention of them next month.

1. 1989 hamfest.. lots of snow.. fair turn out.
2. Field day .. Clayton school .. Good turn out.
3. E.A.A. 5 days operation.. 30 Participants.
4. Communications Provided for (a) Memorial day Parade, (b) Venetian Boat Parade, (c) Bike a thon around lake Winnebago, (d) Bike a thon from Appleton to Plaman Park and back, (e) Appleton Papers, Locks Mill Anniversary.
5. Two bus trips to hamfest, Madison, Milwaukee area
6. Participation in relief and cleanup of tornado No. Appleton, ARES activities following Earthquake, hurricane, snow storms and other severe weather.
7. Red cross training sessions and work with Outagamie County Emergency Govt.
8. Volunteer testing program with 4 test sessions and additional test sessions for neighboring clubs.
9. Participation with other clubs in area. Many members of FCARC are members in other clubs as well being members of the FCARC.
11. Conducted novice classes and upgrade classes for amateurs already licensed.
12. A number of hams made contributions of equipment and time to the local school ham station.
13. Improved working relations with the Red Cross and County Govt.
14. Good membership involvement in club events such as hamfest, club meetings, field day, E.A.A., ARES.
15. Good membership growth. Well over 100 members. Club meetings generally in the 40-50 range.

Planning continues in an effort to increase activities in which members might become involved. A number of suggestions have been made from the membership as to how we can improve things and the welcome mat is always there for additional constructive suggestions.

Out going board members were also recognized at the banquet. They were Larry Seibers, President, and Dave Boland, Secretary. Many thanks to these two fine fellows for the leadership contributions they've made during their tenure.

Larry Seibers was also recognized for the work and

leadership in the VE Program. Much of that work goes unnoticed and doesn't end when the test day ends. The 423 tests given over the past 4 years represents many hours and a lot of planning and organizing. Larry has been the main thrust in the testing program, and Larry our hats are off to you.. Thank you.

Jeff Strong, our very able printer was also recognized for his contribution of printing the newsletter and the ham fest flyers. Great Job Jeff. We're all better informed because of your fine efforts. Thank You.

Other recognitions were also presented to club hams for their contributions over the past year. The 'LINK' awards went to members who have been instrumental in organizing club functions, or have been morale boosters, and are people who when called upon have given of themselves for the improvement of the club and its activities. They were Hal Seith, Don Baker, Less Pardee, Helen Borree, Wayne Pennings, Larry Seibers, Rick Kisorek. Its the people in any organization that makes it a success or failure, these are some of the people who have worked hard to make our club successful.

The Ham of the Year, as many may know by now, was Wayne Pennings. Wayne has been a real organizer and contributor to club functions. Some of Wayne's credits are listed below.

1. Field day event organizer
2. E.A.A. event organizer
3. ARES Coordinator.. many hours during earthquake and tornado.
4. Author and designer of Red Cross ham station
5. Leadership role at hamfest
6. Developing a working relationship with the County Emergency Govt.
7. Active ham on 2 mtrs and various other club activities.

All in all we have had a good year at the FCARC. We have areas to improve and many are working to make the club better. Your suggestions are welcome, and your participation is needed. If you would like to see things done differently or better, there's always room for more participants in planning direction and club functions.

Mike (WB9BBI)

PITCAIRN ISLAND "BICENTENNIAL"

Please check the appropriate box;

amateur radio shortwave listener enthusiast

PLEASE PRINT:

CALL _____ NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

POSTAGE/HANDLING
For initial applications, send
 \$5 US cash/check enclosed
 Non-US may send 14 IRCs

For endorsements, send
 \$1 US cash/check and SASE
 Non-US may send 3 IRCs
and SASE



RULES:

- * The anniversary period to qualify for the "BICENTENNIAL" is from 0001 UTC, 1 JAN. 1990 to 2359 UTC, 31 DEC. 1990. All contacts must be made during this period.
- * You need to work only one Pitcairn Island station for the basic "BICENTENNIAL" award.
- * You may work a "BICENTENNIAL" station using the call VR200PI/ and the last two letters of their regular call for the award with a gold engraved endorsement sticker.
- * You may work a VR6, then work a BICENTENNIAL station at a later date for the endorsement sticker.
- * No membership required in any club or organization to participate in the "BICENTENNIAL" celebration.
- * Amateur radio and shortwave listener's must complete the lower portion of this application to qualify.
- * No QSL cards required. However, stations seeking confirmation should request QSL route from station worked.
- * Send completed application within 3 months of the close of the "BICENTENNIAL" to:

"BICENTENNIAL" AWARD MANAGER
Dr. G. O'TOOLE - KB6ISL
9605 SAN GABRIEL AVE.
SO. GATE, CA. 90280 U.S.A.

Complete lower section:
amateur radio/shortwave listener

I hereby affirm that I did work/hear VR6____ or VR200PI/____ on this date _____
1990, on Freq. _____ at _____ UTC and sent a report of R__S__T__, and received a
report of R__S__T__, in the _____ mode. I further certify that the information contained
in this application is true and correct in every respect as copied from my station log and
that I did establish a two-way communication as stated above.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____ 19 _____

* * CONGRATULATION * *

GUIDELINE
FOR
"BICENTENNIAL"

1 PERIOD OF OPERATION:

- * The period of operation to qualify for the Bicentennial award will be from 0001 UTC 1 January 1990, to 2359 UTC 31 December 1990.
- * The VR200PI/ call will be used by all VR6 operators during the month of January because of the historical significance.
- * For each month after January, VR6 operators will rotate using the VR200PI/ call so as not to be a burden on any one operator.
- * All QSL cards for the VR200PI/ confirmation, applications for the Bicentennial award, or the endorsement sticker should be received by the award manager no later than three months after the close of the event.

2 QSLing & CONFIRMATION:

- * All contacts made with a VR200PI/ station should be sent to the award manager for confirmation.
- * Many stations may also request a personal QSL card from the VR200PI/ that they worked, and those should be sent by that station's regular QSL route.
- * The last two letters after VR200PI/ will identify the VR6 operator using the Bicentennial call.
- * Operators not using the VR200PI/ call during their rest period of rotation, QSL cards for those contacts should be sent by that station's regular QSL route for confirmation.
- * All VR200PI/ QSL cards will be direct only. No bureau cards due to the long delay of the bureaus.
- * All VR200PI/ cards sent to the award manager must have a No. 10 or (10.5cm X 24cm) self-addressed envelope, with sufficient postage or IRCs for its return.
- * All cards outside of the U.S.A. will be returned by air mail direct.
- * No QSL cards will be returned via the bureau.

3 THE "BICENTENNIAL" AWARD:

- * The Bicentennial award will be made available to amateur radio operators, shortwave listeners, and Pitcairn enthusiasts in general.
- * The award will be 11" X 14" or (28cm X 35.5cm) in size, and will feature a picture by the world famous painter, Bryan Moon.
- * The gold endorsement sticker, will be available to radio amateurs and shortwave listeners only.
- * No award will be issued without first submitting application.
- * Additional applications are available upon request with sufficient postage for return.

4 AWARD QUALIFICATION:

- * Pitcairn Island enthusiasts in general, need only to make application for the basic Bicentennial award.
- * No club or organization affiliation is required to participate in the "BICENTENNIAL" Celebration.
- * Radio amateurs or shortwave listeners that work/hear any of the VR6 stations, will qualify for the basic award with application.
- * Radio amateurs or shortwave listeners that work/hear any of the VR200PI/ stations will qualify for the basic award with the gold endorsement sticker.
- * Radio amateurs or shortwave listeners that work/hear a VR6 station on one date, and a VR200PI/ station at a later may apply for the endorsement.

5 CLOSING:

- * At the closing of the event, all documents pertaining to the Bicentennial Celebration will become the sole property of the people of Pitcairn Island, and their ongoing, colorful history.

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