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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 DEC. 17, 1990

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

The Nov. 12th 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) 1,989.22 as of Nov. 12, 1990
PLUS 1,185.50 in special hamfest account as of Nov. 12.
profit made on 1990 Hamfest \$585.50.

PROGRAM FOR DEC. 17th WILL BE THE "CHRISTMAS SOCIAL"

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INFORMAL ITEMS

VOLUNTEER EXAM: 17 people took test at last session. A lot of them didn't pass the test. The next test session will take place in January.

HAMFEST: It was a very good hamfest and everybody did a great job. A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE WHO HELPED.

EMERGENCY COMM: WAYNE WD9FLJ said the fall meeting was a good one. Everything is going smothly.

E.A.A. Wayne WD9FLJ said plans are in the making.

NON EMERGENCY: NOTHING.

INTER CLUB CONTACT TEAM: Jack KA9JOL said he will donate a keyer for the club plaque for the silent keys. Thank You Jack from all of us.

We voted for Ham of the Year and you can find out the results at the Annual Dinner which will be held on Jan. 12th 1991. The place will be the Columbus Club and the Menu will be CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES AND DRESSING AND VEGETABLES. Price will be \$7.50 a piece. Time: 6:00 social and 7:00 Dinner. We'll be having a very good program this year. PLEASE GET YOUR MONEY TO LES PARDEE KA9MPP !1005 LAWE ST. KAUKAUNA. TRY TO HAVE THE MONEY TO HIM BY THE DEC. MEETING OR MAIL IT BEFCRE JAN. 11th.

Hal and Mary will handle the club library. If you have anything to put in it get in touch with them. Hal also said anybody who has books or tapes from library missing get cards back to him.

Don Baker NB9J said a Bus is going to Waukausha on Jan. 12, 1991. Leaving from Kaukauna High School at 6:00 and from Prange Way at 6:30.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO BE ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. ANYBODY INTERESTED GET IN TOUCH WITH THE BOARD.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE NOV. 12, 1990 MEETING WERE:

HELEN BORREE	WD9CYW	MIKE JACKSON	WB9BBI
LES PARDEE	KA9MMP	MARTHA SCHMEICHEL	N9JAD
BOB GILLETTE	W9EYT	DAVE KIRSLING	KD9GM
DAN BAYER	WB9QFX	TERI LARKEE	KA9WCF
GERRY RADTKE	WA9GON	MAURY MEAD	W9FBC
DAVE BOLAND	W9NWY	JAMES WIERZBA	WB9OJE
DON BAKER	NB9J	BILL GEREND	KA9TGR
HAL SIETH	NQ9F	JEFF STRCNG	KA9YYQ
JEFF SCHMEICHEL	KB9BYD	KEITH WICKERT	W9DKY
CHARLIE MILAM	N9JLH	BOB GEDEMER	KA9JAC
RON POHLMAN	KE9MV	WAYNE PENNING	WD9FLJ
RALPH BALLINGER	N9ECS	AL WEINGARTNER	KA9RKV
TONY LANDWEHR		BOB CLEVELAND	WD9HID
EARL SHEARIER	W9RNH	ADE VAN DER BURGT	K9DHR
JIM SHEETS	K9OQO		

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
HELEN BORREE WD9CYW
SECRETARY

Merry Christmas to all of you fellow hams. Has the year been an interesting one in terms of radio happenings? Any new gear? Any equipment that failed at inopportune times? Did you win anything of significance, electronically speaking, this past year? Any antennas to put up now that the weather has finally turned somewhat more uncomfortable. I spose though as usual, the radio year for some has been good and for others maybe about average. We all go through periods of a declining interest and at other times there seems to be a resurgence of interest. I guess this is normal. Because of my greater involvement these past couple of years, I have a few points of view I would like to share that will possibly stir up some dust.

What club activities, in your opinion, were a success? Going along with this question is another; what contributions have you made that would contribute to the general success of the club?

The membership attendance at club meetings has been somewhere between 30 & 40%. Is this a good membership involvement or is it about average for clubs? I think it is a little weak in spite of our efforts that might encourage a better attendance. I'd welcome suggestions and thoughts that may be stewing out there somewhere.

How would you rate the various programs we've had during the past 18 months? I'd rate most quite highly, but then I am somewhat biased. We've made some real efforts to have programs presented that were related to our common area of interest, and I believe they have been that. But I'd be less than candid if I didn't mention a certain level of disappointment with the low attendance. Maybe we didn't advertise them enough, maybe they weren't as interesting as I thought they'd be. What do you think?

In the area of special events, it seems, the club was pretty active. You may remember the joint Green Bay/Fox Cities spring and fall picnics, Field day, EAA, the Hamfest, the mock disaster where a number of club members were involved, a natural and one manmade disaster, chemical pickup, special training sessions. Some of these activities were functions of ARES but all club members were encouraged to become involved. How involved were you?

Our club is a "service club" and in this regard we try to be of service in our community. We have a number of members who have been very faithful in providing communications for community events and various running or biking events near the Fox Cities and some in nearby cities. On at least two occasions, club members have worked with members of other clubs providing needed communications. We have a tremendous capability for providing communications that few others could provide and its all done as a service.

For this we can be proud. There is room for more individual involvement, my same old song. Some members can nearly always be counted on and of course they continue to be the front runners in carrying the image of ham radio operators.

How about the club sponsored novice classes??? For me this has been a disappointment, at least as far as a club function. As a function in itself, it has had some success, but membership involvement and willingness to participate is sparse. I am thankful for the two individuals I can count on when I need help in testing. Over the past year and a half 16 new hams have joined the rank of hams as a result of the classes. That's not too bad we might say, but there have been 53 others who started the classes but either didn't complete the course or failed the test. Why? Poor instruction, possibly. I think a team approach as a truly club function would yield a better percentage. But then I am really beginning to wonder, do we really want more hams. I wonder about our collective philosophy as it relates to our sometimes expressed desire to generate more hams.

This sounds like a lot of complaining and I guess it is, but we have such a potential for being something very good and we are so close. A football coach once said (maybe they all say it) that the difference between being good and being great is just a little bit of extra effort. I'd like to say come on fellow hams, invest a little more in the club. Its easy to be a passive participant but its a lot more fun to be an active participant and the rewards are many times greater. We all know that any clubs biggest complainers are the less involved who find fault with the efforts of the few who try to make things interesting. I know many members are busy with lots of other things and quite often its a matter of choices. I also realize, from a leadership position, that the club activities are not everyone's priority at a given moment so I'll try to complain less and be more understanding. Also I want to encourage all members to feel free to have input that will make this a better club.

In this season of giving and the seasons to follow, think about your gift and what you have to offer. We all have a common interest in ham radio and if we work together we can make it a richer experience for us, and for those with whom we associate..

Have a Merry Christmas. I hope Santa is good to you.

Mike WB9BBI

DECEMBER 1990

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Note 4						
16	FCARC Club meeting Xmas Social 17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	Christmas 25	26	27	28	29
30	31			Note 4		

4. W1AW Qualifying Run.

JANUARY 1991

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		New Year's Day 1	2	3	4	5
6	Note 2 7	Novice class begins 8	9	10	11	Club Dinner 12 Columbus Club 6-7 Dinner
13	14	Novice class 15	16	17	18	19
20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day FCARC club Meeting 21	Novice class 22	23	24	25	Note 5 26
27	28	Novice class 29	30	31		Note 4

2. Straight Key Night, January 1. See "Contest Corral," December 1990 QST.

4. Encourage participation in Novice Roundup contest, January 26 - February 3. See January 1991 QST.

5. Club Gavel competition, January VHF Sweepstakes, January 18-20. See December 1990 QST.

DID YOU KNOW ? ? ? ? ?

That Amateurs were the only radio stations operating on the frequencies that are now allocated to broadcast stations?

That knowledgeable electrical engineers ("electronics" was an unknown word then) of the late teens early 20's determined that radio waves below 200 meters (1500 on your AM dial) were useless so they were given to the Amateur Radio operators?

That Amateurs found the frequencies above 1500 KHz useful for long distance and even around the world communications with low power? Commercial and government interests immediately moved in to take over those frequencies!

That in 1921 Amateurs were successful in putting the first "short wave" radio signal ever heard across the Atlantic Ocean from the United States? Commercial interests immediately flocked to Greenwich, Connecticut to find out how that was done with so little power and cost!

That practically every important early day discovery in radio engineering was made by Amateurs and later utilized for commercial purposes?

That the world's first non-commercial satellite was launched in 1961 by Amateurs? More than a dozen more have been launched since then!

That the Amateur satellites called "OSCAR" for "Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio" have become powerful educational tools in the sciences, languages, social studies and geography in high schools around the world?

That the Armed Services rely heavily on Amateurs and the Amateur frequencies in emergencies?

That over 50,000 Amateurs, over 3/4 of those licensed, served our country during World War II in the armed forces and in industry as operators, technicians and instructors?

That expeditions to the Arctic, Antarctic, Africa and others depend on Amateurs for personal communications? The present station at the South Pole is a continuing example!

That in Phillips, Wisconsin where high winds levelled antennas, trees, and buildings on July 4, 1977 Amateur Radio operators, within minutes of their arrival, had the Sheriff and Police communications operational and also provided the only communications link with the outside world until commercial lines were restored?

That in the 1985 Mexico City earthquake Amateur Radio was the only communications in and out of that Capitol City for over a month?

That the firefighters in western United States rely heavily on Amateur Radio for communications?

That Amateur Radio has been, is, and probably will be the last bulwark of communications in cases of floods, fire, earthquakes, or any other large disaster?

That we, the Amateur Radio operators of the United States, stand ready and able to serve our country as operators, technicians, and instructors in any emergency?



WITH
EVERY GOOD WISH
FOR
YOUR HAPPINESS
THIS HOLIDAY
SEASON

"CHRISTMAS SOCIAL"

DON'T FORGET THE SOCIAL ON CLUB MEETING NIGHT DEC. 17th. BRING SOMETHING TO PASS AND ALSO YOUR XYL'S OR OM. WE WILL BE HAVING A FISH POND FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. IF YOU WANT TO BRING JUST SOME GAG GIFT BRING IT. IF YOU DON'T THEN YOU WON'T GET ONE.

THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

