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FCC WARNS FLORIDA HAMS IN WAKE OF CUBAN COMPLAINTS

The FCC has followed up on malicious interference complaints from Cuban amateurs by sending Warning Notices to two Florida hams. The FCC letters, sent April 23 by Legal Advisor Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, refer to monitoring information indicating the US hams deliberately attempted to jam 40-meter SSB net operations in Cuba.

The Federacion de Radioaficionados de Cuba (FRC), the national amateur organization in Cuba, first complained nearly two years ago to the International Amateur Radio Union, Region 2, about ongoing intentional interference by South Florida hams to Cuban nets and emergency operations. When the complaint was forwarded to the ARRL, Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, responded with an expression of regret and a request that the FRC share any information that would help identify the perpetrators. Earlier this month, FRC General Secretary Oscar Morales, CO2OJ, was able to supply information that assisted in tentatively identifying two individuals believed to be involved in causing the interference.

Morales said that the Cuban nets have even tried moving to get away from the QRM, but the interfering stations have followed, at one point even jamming two frequencies at the same time.

Hollingsworth said he believes the interference has been on SSB by Spanish-speaking stations. The Cuban nets in question operate on frequencies that fall within the US Novice band, meaning that any US operation using more than 200 W PEP or operating SSB would be illegal. The US SSB subband begins at 7150 for Advanced and Extra class operators.

Hollingsworth has requested the two stations to respond to his letter within 20 days.

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ICOM AMERICA INC TO SPLIT INTO US AND CANADIAN ENTITIES

ICOM America Inc will split into two corporate entities—ICOM America and ICOM Canada—on July 1. ICOM America's President Bob Brunkow, K7NHE, will become sole owner of the ICOM Canada distribution business and will head north of the border to take over ICOM Canada as its new president and chairman. Brunkow, 52, has been with ICOM for nearly 28 years. He'll maintain a consulting role with ICOM America after the split, which he said was a result of internal restructuring on ICOM's part.

The Canadian company will be owned and operated independently by Brunkow and his family. Brunkow outlined the changes in an April 19 letter to the ARRL. Brunkow says he'll continue to operate ICOM Canada from its current offices in Richmond, British Columbia, with the existing staff of seven.

Hiro Nakaoka, JK3UZC, will become president of ICOM America. Nakaoka has been with ICOM Inc since 1984 and with ICOM America since 1994.

Brunkow is leaving ICOM America on a high note. He said the company completed its most successful business year ever in March. "It has been an exciting 'run' and a lot of fun seeing ICOM's progress in the North American market during this period of remarkable technological development," he said.

Brunkow said he and his wife, a Canadian, will establish a home in Canada and plan to get Amateur Radio call signs there. But he emphasized that he plans to continue to be a very active ham in the US and involved in the US Amateur Radio community. Brunkow is an ARRL life member.

FCARC PICNIC

Date: August 29, 1999
 Place: Plamann Park (Large shelter)
 Time: 11:00 a.m.
 Highlights: Swap Sale

BUSINESS MEETING REPORTS

MEETING MINUTES

The FCARC President Wayne Pennings, WD9FLJ, called the April meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club in Appleton, WI. After introductions, club business proceeded. Previous meeting minutes met with approval as written in the newsletter. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. followed by a slide presentation from John Meyer, NZ9Z, on his trip to the island of Palau.

TREASURER'S REPORT



Regular Account Balance	\$ 3843.62
Scholarship Fund	\$ 485.06
Hamfest Fund	\$ 1000.00
Total	\$ 5328.68

REPEATER ASSOCIATIONS OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

The Outagamie County ARES net starts on Sunday evening at 8 p.m. on the 146.655 EC Resources repeater. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to check in.

<http://www.execpc.com/~kb9byp/ARES.HTM>

John Morack, N9ZXR,
EC Outagamie County ARES

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Please check in to the Winnebago Co. ARES net Sunday nights, 7 p.m. on the 147.240 repeater.

CALUMET COUNTY

No report given at club meeting. Please check in to the Calumet Co. ARES net Sunday nights, 7:30 p.m. on the 147.30 repeater.

APRIL ATTENDANCE

Chuck Hanson	N9OEQ
Bill Vincent	N9TNW
Maury Mead	W9FBC
Judy Schneider	N9PBM
Greg Schneider	W9IEI
Dave Campion	KB9OWC
Mark Strand	KB9QXJ
Chad Pennings	N9PRC
Don Alesch Jr.	KB9HRQ
Bob Gillette	W9EYT
Don Quinn	W9OVK
Jim Wierzba	WB9OJE
David Sprangers	N9ZHZ
Richard Sonnenberg	W9UVZ
Steve Lamers	N9SGG
Steve Pelletier	KB9OAL
Cathy Keating	N9FZL
Larry Wilfer	N9WNS
Gary Keating	ND9Z
John Meyer	NZ9Z
Mark Heimmermann	KF9CS
Fred Kaun	
Robert Wood	KB9TVS
Toby Wood	KB9TQM
Eric Jensen	KB9TLM
Gary W.	
Tony Landwehr	KB9GBB
Dan Ritchie	
Edward Isotalo	WD9DYE
Rick Mandel	KB9LRE
Dave Beck	WB0RAG
Gerry Radtke	WA9GON
Wayne Pennings	WD9FLJ

VICE PRESIDENT RESIGNS

On April 26, 1999, FCARC Vice President Pat LaTour, K9IK, resigned his post effective immediately.

After a long discussion, the Board of Directors voted (three for, two against, one abstaining and two not present) that the Vice President's position would be filled by appointment.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Article I

Section 2: Associate Membership: Spelling catagory should be category.

Article I

Section 4: Remove "after a two month grace period"

Article III

Section 5: Change "(I.E. May to June)" to May 1st through April 30th

Article IV

Section 1: Last paragraph. Remove "Dues are provided with a two-month grace period"

Article V

Section 4: Treasurer. The treasurer shall keep accurate and complete records of the receipts and disbursements of the club monies. He or she shall not pay bills or make expenditures without proper authorization by the board of directors or by a vote of the membership. He or she shall document account activity in a financial report at monthly meetings. He or she shall submit a fiscal year summary (with four prior years summaries) to a financial review committee for audit and reporting to the membership at the May meeting. Upon expiration of the term of office, the treasurer shall relinquish all checkbooks, records and the like to his or her successor.

Article V

Section 5: Membership Coordinator. Change phrase "in an effort to aid the treasurer in those duties" to "his or her" duties.

Article V

Section 6: In the spirit of the club's purpose, the Don Baker Memorial (Ham of the Year) award shall be presented at the annual dinner and awards banquet. At the December meeting, nominations of club members for this award shall be accepted. Selection of the recipient shall be made by a committee of past Ham of the Year winners and one other person (all club members) selected by the Board of Directors. This award may be received once per member.

MAY ELECTIONS

In May, the club elections are held. This year the offices of President, Secretary, Membership Coordinator and Members-at-Large will be filled.

Please consider helping the club by accepting a nomination for an office position.

News Flash:

After the May elections, snacks will be provided for all. Those who attended the December meeting will remember those delicious snacks we had then and these will be similar.

FIELD DAY 1999

On June 26 and 27, FCARC will be active in the annual ARRL Field Day event. Mark Strand, KB9QXJ, has volunteered to organize the club's program.

There will be a sign-up sheet passed around at the April and May meetings for anyone interested in operating, setting up or taking down equipment, etc.

This is a well supported event with many clubs throughout North America participating. Help the club out by signing up and enjoying this weekend.

FCARC APPAREL

Near the end of this newsletter you will find a sign-up sheet for obtaining jackets, T-shirts and caps with the club's emblem, your name and callsign. If you would like any of these items, please fill out this order form and bring it to the May meeting with a check for the amount including the sales tax.

MILESTONE ACQUIRES OAK HILLS RESEARCH

Milestone Technologies Inc has acquired kit manufacturer Oak Hills Research. Milestone President, Marshall Emm, N1FN, says his company acquired all assets including the Oak Hills Web site. Oak Hills was started by QRP guru Doug DeMaw, W1FB. For the last nine years, it's been run by Dick Witzke, KE8KL, who will continue to provide service and alignments on a contract basis. Oak Hills Research will be operated as a separate division under the Milestone corporate umbrella. The immediate plan is to continue to produce the current line of kits, but Emm said the company is looking forward to adding new products. To contact Oak Hills Research, visit <http://www.OHR.com> or call 303-752-3382.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

May - Election of President, Secretary,
Membership Coordinator and Members-at-Large.

Program Committee Chairman Austin Kyser, K9GEM, is stepping down from this committee effective May 1999. If anyone is interested in this committee, please contact Wayne Pennings, WD9FLJ.

ANOTHER NASTY ONE

Pat, K9IK

Once again it was Chad's (N9PRC) and my turn to be the foxes. So we planned another nasty one to keep our reputation up! We decided to put it on the rocky shore behind Foremost Farms in Appleton.

It was a cold and windy night, what a place to put it in these conditions, we thought. As 7:00 P.M. came, we turned it on and hoped it wouldn't die on us, as it normally does for Chad. It worked just fine and then we asked for check-ins and got:

Chuck, N9OEQ + Bill, N9TNW
Wayne, WD9FLJ + Larry, N9WNS
Gary, ND9Z + Cathy, N9FZL
Dave, N9ZHZ

Wayne's first comment was, "I can't hear the fox." He must of forgot the "helper dial" I gave him at the banquet. Chuck and Bill sounded quite close. We waited about 45 minutes. Then out of nowhere Gary and Cathy came down the road. Chuck and Bill followed 10 minutes later and then came Wayne and Larry 15 minutes after that. Wayne tried once again (like he does at all the foxhunts) to find something illegal with where we put it, but the sign said "open to fishermen" so that was good enough for us.

It took about 10 minutes for Chuck and Bill to find it first. Gary was there faster but took the wrong path to finding it.

We went to find Dave to bring him down by us. Then we had pop and cookies and drew the name of the next month's fox: Gary, ND9Z.



FCARC AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS Volunteer Exam Testing Schedule for 1999

Month	Date	Time	Location
May	08	8:00 a.m.	Manitowoc Silver Lake Coll.
Sep	18	8:00 a.m.	Appleton Undetermined
Nov	07	8:00 a.m.	Kaukauna Swapfest
Jan/2000	22	8:00 a.m.	Appleton Undetermined

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Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and no candidates are accepted after 9:00 a.m. The cost for 1999 is \$6.45. The FCARC sends all funds collected to our VEC, which is the ARRL. Forms are available at the test session. Candidates must bring their original license plus copies of their license or CSCE's, two forms of identification and the fee. Any questions may be directed to George Croy, W9MDP.

THE PERFECT H-T FOR FIELD DAY?

Just when you thought modern H-Ts had included just about every feature conceivable, along comes Alinco with its new DJ-195T that includes—get this—an experimental "mosquito repel" feature. Alinco USA Branch Manager Katsumi Nakata, KE6RD, says the unit emits an electronic tone to keep the annoying insects away from the vicinity of the radio. "It's a feature we added just for fun," Nakata said. "The mosquito repel feature could make the DJ-195T the first radio capable of de-bugging a Field Day operating position," he added with a smile. (Hmmm. Was that announcement dated April 1?)



HAMDINGER NET

WEDNESDAY

7:30 P.M.

145.330- PL 100.0

REPEATER

WHERE DID I HIDE THAT FOX.

Due to some scheduling conflicts for March's fox hunt, N9PRC was unable to hide the fox so he asked me to do the honors. I didn't have a lot of time to find a place to hide the fox due to the Wisconsin QSO party, so I finally got around to scouting out a site two days before the hunt. As it worked out I was in the south west part of Appleton that night so I started to scout around for places to hide the smelly old fox. Both KB9QXJ, Mark, and KB9TLM, Erick, had mentioned a park on Bluemound, south of College Ave. to me in conversations about good places to hide a fox, so I decided to check it out. My partner, KB9TVS Rob, and I pulled into Carter Woods park and started to look for a good place to hide the fox. The nice thing about Carter Woods park is that there is a nice small playground and baseball diamond in the front part of the park, separated by some woods and a nature trail from a soccer field in the back part of the park. The woods looked like a great place to hide the fox.



The night of the hunt KB9TVS and I made it to the park at about 6:15. We hiked everything back into the woods, fox, battery, crossband HT, and about a dozen coax patch cables of various lengths. We set out to hide the fox up in a tree with a rubber duck attached directly to the transmitter. We couldn't quite get the fox where we wanted it to be in a tree, so we found a few downed logs and hid the fox under them. Did I mention we had the fox wrapped in a good fall colored camouflage which blended into the leaves very nicely. As I wrapped the HT in camouflage and hid it up in a tree to cross band to the third harmonic, Rob strung out several decoy pieces of coax, and partially hid an ammo can which we had used for the fox before. I left the woods at about 6:50 to get ready for check-ins while Rob finished setting decoys.

I signaled Rob to turn the transmitter on at 7:00, the hunt was on. Two groups checked into the hunt, N9TNW and N9WNS, and N9ZHZ were out looking for the fox. We immediately ran into some problems with the fox. The rubber duck connected to it evidently let too much RF back into it. The fox was on continuous transmit. As Rob came out of the woods, I handed him a piece of coax and some adapters to move the antenna away from the fox. He grumbled because he had gotten lost twice on his way back out from hiding the fox, but he went back in and moved the antenna. This cleared up our problems. When he got back to the truck, we moved to a different entrance to the park and walked back toward the small pavilion near the head of the wooded trail the fox was down.

At about 7:20 Bill, N9TNW, and Ledge, N9WNS, showed up in the area. Bill saw that I was the fox and figured I'd be cross-banding, so he left his 70cm antenna in the car and they headed into the woods. I was using an HT to crossband in and talk on the fox frequency, but I was not using the third harmonic, the HT in the woods was taking care of transmitting on the third harmonic for me. I was cross-banding to KB9TVS's home QTH and coming out with 50w on the fox frequency from there. This seemed to add a little confusion to the hunt because a very strong signal would come from the north end of town every time I keyed up. Did I mention that I keyed up every so often to throw people off.

As Bill and Ledge roamed around in the woods, N9ZHZ was driving around on Prospect trying to find us. We noticed that Bill and Ledge were spending quite a bit of time at the south end of the park looking for the fox. After a while they started to move more towards the center of the woods, where the fox was hiding. From our vantage point we could hear every time they found a decoy. We had to laugh when we heard the thunk of the ammo can. At about this time we talked N9ZHZ into the park. At about 8:00, N9TNW and N9WNS found the fox. They had found all of our decoys except the HT transmitting on the third harmonic. As Bill and Ledge came out of the woods Dave, N9ZHZ pulled in. We decided it was time to retrieve the fox so all of us went back into the woods. We managed to find all of our decoys as well as the fox. It took me a while to find the tree I had put the HT in though. I almost hid it too well.

We all went back and enjoyed some cookies, muffins, and soda after a successful hunt. This month the fox will be N9PRC. Everyone is welcome to come and hunt on Thursday 22nd, 7:00PM on 147.555.

Steve Pelletier
KB9OAL

FOX CITIES AMATEUR

RADIO CLUB

The Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League. FCARC is designated as a Special Service Club (2032) for the ARRL. 'QSOer' is the official monthly publication of the FCARC. The editor reserves the right to edit all submitted articles. All FCARC members in good standing are encouraged to submit articles for their newsletter. The FCARC usually meets on the third Monday of the month at the Columbus Club in Appleton at 7:00 P.M.

If you have any correspondence, please send it to the club's secretary **NO LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH**. This is your club, so please submit articles for everyone to enjoy. Articles may be submitted via: PO Box 5233 Appleton WI 54913-5233 or e-mail: geradtke@execpc.com.

The FCARC homepage on the Internet is
<http://w9zl.ampr.org>



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Anyone interested in attending a Board Meeting is welcome. The 7:00 p.m. meeting is on the fourth Monday of every month at Mr. Cinders- West in Appleton.

CONTEST CORRAL

1999

April

Michigan QSO Party
1800Z, Apr 17-0300Z, Apr 18
and 1100Z, Apr 18-0200Z, Apr 19

Nebraska QSO Party
1700Z, Apr 24-1700Z, Apr 25

Ontario QSO Party
1800Z, Apr 24-1800Z, Apr 25

Florida QSO Party
1800Z, Apr 24-0359Z, Apr 25
and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 25

May

MARAC County Hunters, CW
0000Z, May 1-2400Z, May 2

Massachusetts QSO Party
1800Z, May 1-0400Z, May 2
and 1100Z-2100Z, May 2

902/1296/2304 MHz Spring Sprint
0600-1300 local, May 8

VOLTA WW RTTY Contest
1200Z, May 8-1200Z, May 9

Oregon State QSO Party
1400Z, May 8-0400Z, May 9

CQ-M International DX Contest
2100Z, May 8-2100Z, May 9

50 MHz Spring Sprint
2300Z, May 15-0300Z, May 16

Major Six Club Contest (6m)
2300Z, May 21-0300Z, May 24

Texas QSO Party
1400Z, May 22-0500Z, May 23
and 1400Z-2000Z, May 23

CQWW WPX Contest, CW
0000Z, May 29-2400Z, May 30

DX Packetclusters

N9BMS - 145.750 Mhz.
KB9AIT - 223.440 Mhz.

WANTED

One 10-foot section of Racine Universal steel tower.
Contact:

Don Quinn, W9OVK
130 Lennox St.
Neenah, WI

Phone (920) 725-2524

April

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 <i>EA RTTY Contest</i>
4 <i>EA RTTY Contest</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>MARAC County Hunters- SSB</i>
11 <i>MARAC County Hunters- SSB</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17 <i>Michigan QSO Party</i>
18 <i>Michigan QSO Party</i>	19 FCARC Meeting	20	21	22 7:00 P.M. 	23	24 <i>Nebraska, Florida and Ontario QSO Parties</i>
25 <i>Nebraska, Florida and Ontario QSO Parties</i>	26 Board Meeting	27	28	29	30	

May

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 <i>MARAC County Hunters- CW</i>
2 <i>MARAC County Hunters- CW</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>902/1296/2304 Mhz Spring Sprint</i>
9	10	11	12	13 <i>Dayton</i>	14 <i>Hamvention</i>	15 <i>50 Mhz Spring Sprint</i>
16 <i>50 Mhz Spring Sprint</i>	17 FCARC Meeting	18	19	20 7:00 P.M. 	21	22 <i>Texas QSO Party</i>
23 <i>Texas QSO Party</i>	24 Board Meeting	25	26	27	28	29 <i>CQ WW WPX - CW</i>
30 <i>CQ WW WPX - CW</i>	31					

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club

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License _____

Membership Dues for one year:

Full - \$15.00

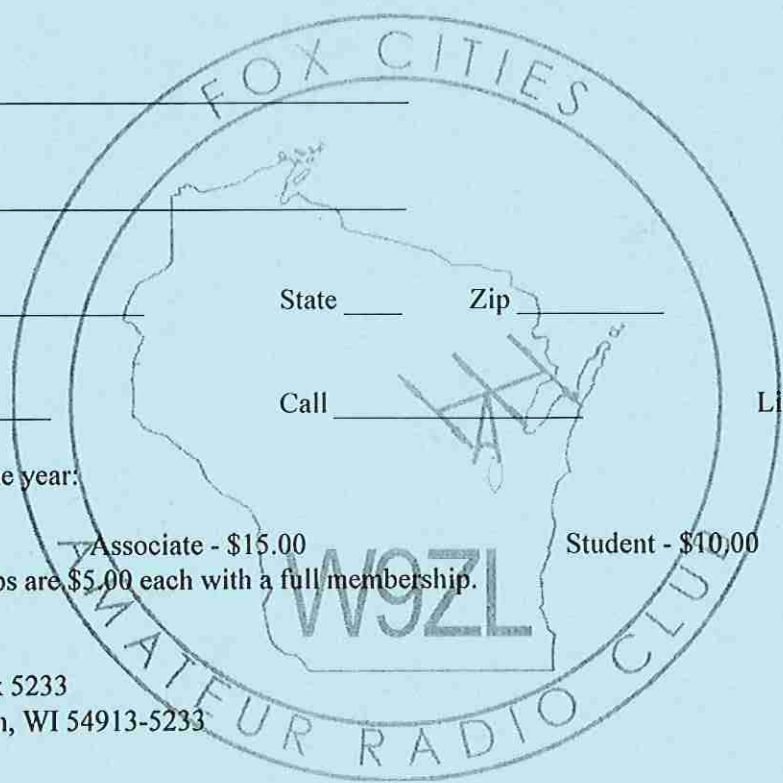
Associate - \$15.00

Student - \$10.00

Retired - \$10.00

Extra family memberships are \$5.00 each with a full membership.

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MEETING NOTICE

***Monday April 19, 1999
7:00 P.M.
Columbus Club***