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*** **HAMFEST 99** ***

Sponsored by the **Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club**

Sunday November 7th 1999

Once again the Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club will Host a Hamfest on Sunday November 7th 1999 in Kaukauna. It will be held at the Starlite Club at the Corners of Highway 55 & County rd JJ.

Exit Hwy 55 at Hwy 41 near the Dog Track Or by the Water Tower and head north to County rd JJ. Talkin Freq will be 146.52 Simplex.

* VE TESTING at VandenBrook Town Hall

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FOOD REFRESHMENTS OVER \$1000 IN PRIZES

Vendor Set-up at 6am, Doors open to public 8am Contact N9PRC Chad Pennings for more Info at (920) 993-0485.

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Meeting Minutes

The October meeting was called to order on October 18, 1999 by Pat Latour K9IK at 7:00pm. The meeting was held at the Columbus Club in Appleton. All meeting minutes were approved as listed in the newsletter. Meeting was adjourned and there was a presentation by Steve Pelletier KB9OAL on APRS.

Club Voted In New Secretary

Al Van Dynhoven KB9BYQ and his wife Judy.

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****Next Meeting ****

At the Columbus Club in Appleton
At 7:00PM

November 15, 1999

Next presentation will be on Digital & Cellular Devices

FOX HUNT REPORT

This is Dave, N9ZHZ, I was the Fox on October 21, 1999. This was my first time as the smelly fox and I was excited to put on a good hunt!! I examined a few different hiding spots in the last couple of weeks and finally chose Sunset Park in Kimberly. I hid the fox along a rock wall in the boat launch area. I buried the fox in the leaves and was using a j-pole antenna hidden along the ground.

The first hunters that reached the park were Chuck N9OEQ and Bill N9TNW about 20 minutes in to the hunt. Next came Wayne WD9FLJ and Larry N9WNS. Then came Gary ND9Z and Kathy N9FZL and last to show were Steve KB9OAL and Rob KB9TVS. Wayne WD9FLJ was the first hunter to find the fox after almost standing on the fox for a couple of minutes. Every one had enjoyable evening and the Fox Valley Metro Police even joined us for a few minutes.

Steve KB9OAL will be November's fox.

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CLUB MATTERS:

Help Wanted – W9OUK Bill is looking for help to put up a HF Vertical antenna. He is located in Seymour his phone is (920) 833-6224(Please give him time to get to phone). He is willing to pay for any help he gets.
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Help Wanted – KB9TLM Erick is looking for some fellow HAMS to help him. He will be teaching at Chilton middle school. For more info. Please contact KB9TQM.

October Attendance

Steve Pelletier	KB9OAL
David Campion	KB9OWC
Greg Schnieder	W9IEI
Al Van Dynhoven	KB9BYQ
Judy Van Dynhoven	
John Ensley	N9RJZ
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Toby Woods	KB9TQM
Erick Jensen	KB9TLM
Judy Schnieder	N9PBM
Dave Beck	WB0RAG
Wayne Pennings	WD9FLJ
Steve Lamers	N9SGG

Next Board Meeting will be Nov. 22 at
Mr. Cinders West @ 7:00PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!!



LEADERSHIP CHANGE IN OUTAGAMIE

As of October 17th Leadership in Outagamie County has changed. N9ZXR has stepped down and Bill Niemuth KB9ENO has been appointed Emergency Coordinator for Outagamie County.

Mark KF9CS will be assisting as Co-EC along with the Assistant Emergency Coordinators: KB9BYP Jeff, N9LDA Bob, KB9BYQ Al, KB9OAL Steve.

ARES MEETING NOTICE

On Thursday November 11th at 6:30pm Outagamie County ARES / Skywarn group will be holding a re-organizational meeting at the Red Cross building on east wisconsin ave in Appleton. Talkin freq will be 146.655/R and 145.150/R All current members are asked to please attend. New membership is always welcome.

WebPage <http://www.execpc.com/~kb9byp/ares.htm>

WINNEBAGO COUNTY ARES

Winnebago County held a simulated emergency test (SET) in October. K9IK reported all went well. There where many pieces of traffic passed.

Web Page <http://www.northnet.net/~proto>

AREA NETS

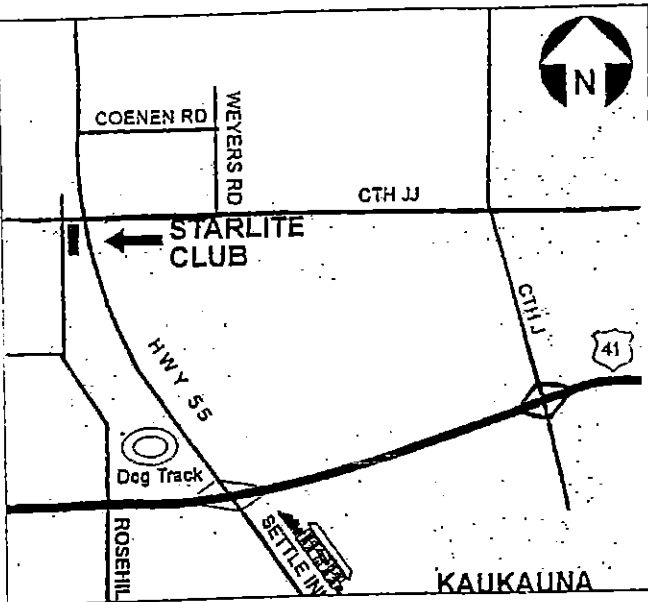
Winnebago Co ARES Sunday 7pm 147.240/R
Outagamie Co ARES Sunday 8pm 146.655/R
Waupaca ARES Sun 8:30pm 147.165/R 103.5pl
NEWRL Green Bay Tuesday eve 8pm 147.270/R
Ham Dinger Wednesday 7:30pm 145.330 100.0pl

Know of other nets you would like listed?
Send them to kb9byq@tpo.org

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ATTN: CHAD PENNINGS (N9PRC) HAMFEST CHAIRMAN, PHONE 920-993-0485

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FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 16 THRU OCTOBER 15, 1999

		Bal Forward
		\$ 3,436.90
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	Gerry Radtke WA9GON	9/2000 15.00
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Less Disbursements:		
	#873 Chad Pennings - cabinet repair	(8.77)
	#874 Pat LaTour - picnic supplies	(21.00)
	#876 Columbus Club - Sept Rent	(26.25)
	#877 Judy Schneider - Photo/awards	(20.22)
	#878 ForesterClub-EAA QSL party	(113.18)
	Less Disbursements:	(189.42)
Balance General Fund		\$ 3,290.67
	Hamfest Fund	515.00
	#875 Raffle License	(25.00)
	Balance Hamfest Fund	\$ 490.00
	Bal Education & Special Purposes Fund	\$ 485.06
	Balance FCARC Account	\$ 4,265.73

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VANITY GRANTS UNDER ULS COMING SLOWLY; APPLICATIONS OFF

From ARRL Bulletin

The FCC appears to have granted upwards of 90 vanity call signs since October 1, but vanity call sign processing under the new Universal Licensing System still is far from routine, and the number of applications seems to be down. No new vanity call signs have been granted since October 7, and the FCC's ULS Task Force says it does not plan to resume issuing vanity call signs until all the wrinkles have been worked out of the system.

"We don't want to go any further until we are comfortable with how the system is processing vanity," a spokesperson for the ULS Task Force said. The FCC had hoped to have routine vanity processing in place by October 1.

Only a tiny percentage of amateurs have even registered for the ULS. Registration now is a prerequisite to filing an FCC application on-line or on paper. The FCC says approximately 3% of the 740,000 amateurs in the FCC's database have registered for ULS--some 20,000 hams in all.

As of October 14, the FCC had processed vanity applications submitted through August 4. The ULS Task Force reports that it has identified a few programming problems that now are being worked on. "We also are investigating a few call signs that do not appear to be available and should be," the spokesperson said.

The number of vanity applications filed since just before the FCC deployed the ULS seems to have dropped sharply. In the pre-ULS era, it was not uncommon for the FCC to process more than 1000 vanity applications a month--most of them filed using the old electronic application on the Internet. Since the ULS went into effect for the Amateur Service in August however, it appears that only about half that many vanity applications have been filed.

The difficulty of filing an application for a vanity call sign or any other purpose has been a source of mounting frustration within the amateur community.

"The FCC really dropped the ball on this one," said Tony Whitmore, AB0IY, who is awaiting a vanity call sign grant. While the FCC's previous on-line applications were accessible via the Web, an application filed via the ULS requires a dial-up connection to the FCC's wide area network plus the use of a particular Web browser--Netscape ver 4.5 or higher, and preferably 4.61.

Right now the ULS does not support the Mac platform.

Other hams have complained about having spent hours on-line either downloading copies of Netscape or attempting to configure, then use, the dial-up connection to file an application. The ULS Task Force has indicated that Web access is on the horizon, but it's not likely to happen until sometime later next year.

On the hardware side, QST Digital Dimensions columnist Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, reports that Kenwood stole the show by displaying a prototype of a VHF-UHF mobile transceiver with built-in APRS. The radio is similar in functionality to the TH-D7 hand-held Kenwood introduced at last year's DCC.

As in the past, this year's DCC saw the introduction of new and improved versions of APRS. Horzepa said that Rob Wittner, KZ5RW, demonstrated a work-in-progress version of APRS/CE for handheld computers running the Windows CE operating system.

For additional details about this year's DCC, see Horzepa's "Digital Dimensions" column in the December issue of QST. Audio from all the conference presentations may be heard at <http://www.tapr.org>. The Conference Proceedings are available from the ARRL for \$15. Order Item No 7679 at <http://www.arrl.org/catalog> or call toll-free 888-277-5289.) Next year's DCC will be in Orlando, Florida. The date will be announced by year's end.

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