



FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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CLUB BANQUET

WHEN: February 5, 2000

WHERE: Starlite Club, Kaukauna

TIME: Cocktails 5:30 to 6:30 and
Dinner at 6:30

PRICE: \$10.75 per person/plate
(Menu includes Chicken, Ham, Beef Tips,
& all the fixins)

Early bird reservations must be received by
January 15, 2000.

All reservations need to be received by
January 31, 2000.

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Meeting Minutes

The December meeting was called to order on
December 20, 1999 by Pat Latour K9IK at 7:05pm.

The meeting was held at the Columbus Club in
Appleton. All meeting minutes were approved as listed
in the newsletter. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 and
the club social followed.

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Next club meeting will be 7:00 pm
January 17

At the Columbus Club in Appleton.

Discussion will be on tips and techniques for 2-way radio.

Next board meeting will be 7:00pm

January 24

Meeting is held at Mr. Cinders South.

All are welcome

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FOX REPORT

This is Dave (N9ZHZ), the fox. The night was a cold one for the fox hunt. I picked Jones Park under the Oneida Street bridge. I hoped that being in the Flats would help hide the signal of the fox to make the hunt a little more interesting. I brought my dad along to show him what a fox hunt was. We got to the park around 6:15PM to scout out a decent hiding place. I decided to hide along the warming house, where there was a lot of bushes to hide the fox and the antenna.

About 7:00PM I turned on the fox and returned to the warmth of my truck. While waiting for the hunters to show up, my dad and I had some entertainment - two lovers in the parking lot. About 7:15PM Wayne (WD9FLJ) and Larry (N9WNS) showed up at the park parking lot. When Wayne and Larry got out of the there truck, they scared away the young lovers. I thought to my self maybe this wasn't a great hiding place after all. A few minutes later Pat (K9IK) and Chad (N9PRC) came barreling in the parking lot. Around the same time Bill (N9TNW) showed up through the back way into the park. Dave (WB0RAG) also showed up for the hunt.

Chad and Pat were the first two to find the fox around 7:40PM and then Wayne and Larry. Bill also found it a short time later. Chad gave Dave (WB0RAG) some help to find the fox. Dave is a first time hunter who did a good job on the hunt.

After the hunt we drank pop and ate cookies and BSed a little, well OK a lot. After enduring Wayne jokes, we picked the fox for next month and retreated to our cars to defrost our frozen toes.

Next month's Fox will be Pat K9IK.

January 27, 2000

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club

**Volunteer Exam Session November 7, 1999
FCARC Kaukauna Hamfest**

Examiners present and assisting:

**Mark Heimmermann – KF9CS
Gary Keating – ND9Z
Bill Vincent – N9TNW
George Croy – W9MDP
Chuck Hanson – N9OEQ
Judy Schneider – N9PBM
Dave Beck – WB0RAG
Richard Kosiorek – W9RIC
John Meyer – NZ9Z**

**Eight Candidates took exams and
5 earned an upgrade or new
initial license
(3 of the 5 were from the Valley Area)**

**3 – Technician
1 – Technician Plus
1 - General**

Upcoming Testing Sessions:

- ◆ **January 22, 2000 (Red Cross Building-Appleton)**
- ◆ **March 25, 2000 (Red Cross Building-Appleton)**
- ◆ **May 13, 2000 (Manitowoc Hamfest – silver lake college)**
- ◆ **Sept. 9, 2000 (Red Cross Building – Appleton)**
- ◆ **November 5, 2000 (FCARC Hamfest – Kaukauna)**
- ◆ **January 27, 2001 (Red Cross Building-Appleton)**

From: "ARRL Letter

Amateur Restructuring is Here: Three License Classes, One Code Speed

NEWINGTON, CT, Dec 30, 1999--Amateur Radio will get a new look in the new millennium. The FCC today issued its long-awaited Report and Order in the 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review of Part 97--more commonly known as "license restructuring." The bottom line is that starting April 15, 2000, there will be three license classes--Technician, General, and Amateur Extra--and a single Morse code requirement--5 WPM. "We believe that an individual's ability to demonstrate increased Morse code proficiency is not necessarily indicative of that individual's ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art," the FCC said.

Besides drastically streamlining the Amateur Radio licensing process, the FCC said its actions would "eliminate unnecessary requirements that may discourage or limit individuals from becoming trained operators, technicians, and electronic experts." Although no new Novice and Advanced licenses will be issued after the effective date of the Report and Order, the FCC does not plan to automatically upgrade any existing license privileges. The ARRL had proposed a one-time across-the-board upgrading of current Novice and Tech Plus licensees to General class, but the FCC declined to adopt the idea. This means that current licensees will retain their current operating privileges, including access to various modes and subbands, and will be able to renew their licenses indefinitely.

Starting April 15, 2000, individuals who qualified for the Technician class license prior to March 21, 1987, will be able to upgrade to General class by providing documentary proof to a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator, paying an application fee, and completing FCC Form 605. The FCC's decision not to automatically upgrade Novice and Tech Plus licensees means the current Novice/Tech Plus HF subbands will remain and not be "refarmed" to higher class licensees as the ARRL had proposed. The FCC said it did not refarm these subbands because there was "no consensus" within the amateur community as to what to do with them.

As it had proposed earlier, the FCC decided to lump Technician and Tech Plus licensees into a single licensee database, all designated as "Technician" licensees. Those who can document having passed the 5 WPM Morse code examination will continue to have the current Tech Plus HF privileges. "If documentation is needed to verify whether a licensee has passed a telegraphy examination, we may request the documentation from that licensee or the VECs," the FCC said. In addition to reducing the number of license classes from six to three and eliminating the 20 and 13 WPM code tests, the FCC also will reduce the number of written examination elements from five to three, authorize Advanced Class hams to prepare and administer General class examinations, and eliminate Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) station licenses. RACES will remain, however. "After review of the record, we conclude that we should eliminate RACES station licenses because RACES station licenses are unnecessary for amateur stations and amateur service licenses to provide emergency communications," the FCC said.

Under the new licensing scheme, there will be four examination elements.

Element 1 will be the 5 WPM Morse code exam. Element 2 will be a 35-question written test to obtain a Technician license; Element 3 will be a 35-question written test to obtain a General license, and Element 4 will be a 50-question written test for the Amateur Extra license. The FCC has left it in the hands of the National Conference of VECs Question Pool Committee to determine the specific mix and makeup of written examination questions.

Current Amateur Radio study materials remain valid at least until the new rules become effective in April. The FCC's new licensing plan means someone will be able to become a ham by passing a single 35-question written examination. The plan also simplifies and shortens the upgrade path from the ground floor through Amateur Extra--especially since amateurs will only have to pass one Morse code test. Elimination of the 13 and 20 WPM Morse requirements also means an end to physician certification waivers for applicants claiming an inability to pass the Morse code examination due to physical handicap. The effective date provides a window of upgrade opportunity for current Advanced licensees. Between now and April 15, current Advanced holders may take the existing Element 4B, a 40-question test, giving them credit for having passed the current Extra written examination. Likewise, holders of a Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for Elements 3B or 4B dated on or after April 17, 1999, will be able to qualify for General or Amateur Extra respectively when the new rules go into effect on April 15, 2000.

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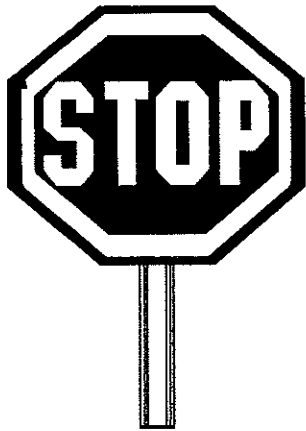
The FCC disagreed with the League's suggestion that it undertake a restructuring of operating privileges along with licensing restructuring. "We believe that in light of ongoing discussions concerning implementation of new and more modern communications technologies within the amateur service community, we should accord the amateur service community an opportunity to complete such discussions and possibly reach a consensus regarding implementation of new technologies before we undertake a comprehensive restructuring of the amateur service operating privileges and frequencies," the FCC said in its Report and Order.

In its amendments to Part 97, the FCC's Report and Order refers to a "Club Station Call Sign Administrator," something that does not exist under the current rules and which was not explained in the R&O itself. An FCC spokesperson said the Commission plans to issue a Public Notice soon to explain the program and to solicit qualified entities to serve as call sign administrators for club station applications.

A copy of the entire Report and Order (FCC 99-412) is available at:

<http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt98-143ro.pdf> or at

http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/1999/db991230/fcc99412.txt



YES YOU!!

Are you an organizer? Can you help organize others? Would you like to help the club?
There is an opening for

HAMFEST COORDINATOR

This is a once a year project.

**Please note that if the club is unable to fill this position that they will be forced to cancel this years hamfest. So, please step up and help out the club.

If you are interested in either Hamfest Coordinator or Membership Coordinator you may contact Pat Latour – K9IK for more details.

December Attendance

Steve Pelletier	KB9OAL
Greg Schneider	W9IEI
Al Van Dynhoven	KB9BYQ
Judy Van Dynhoven	
John Ensley	N9RJZ
Chad Pennings	N9PRC
Mark Heimmermann	KF9CS
William Vincent	N9TNW
Chuck Hanson	N9OEQ
Judy Schneider	N9PBM
Wayne Pennings	WD9FLJ
Steve Lamers	N9SGG
Gerry Radtke	WA9GON
Pat Latour	K9IK
Larry Wilfer	N9WNS
Brian Long	KB9LRD
Dave Beck	WB0RAG
Lester Morse	KA9LAR
Ed Pausig	KB9PKW
Leah Pausig	
Gary Keating	ND9Z
Jon Oldenburg	KB9VFD
Maury Mead	W9FBC



OUTAGAMIE COUNTY ARES

Thank you to all listed here for manning stations for our un-eventful Y2K evening:

WA9GON – Gary Radtke, KB9BYP – Jeff Schmeichel, KB9NLL – Mike Scheid, KB9MBC-Steve Bresse, N9FZL-Kathy Keating, KB9JJF-Ron Greuske, N9ZXR-John Morack, N9RWM-Jim Eggert, N9PRC-Chad Pennings, KB9BYQ-Al VanDynhoven, KB9TVS-Robert Wood, KB9OAL-Steve Pelletier, KB9ENO-Bill Niemuth, KF9CS-Mark Heimmermann, N9LDD-Steve Schmeichel, N9XCQ-Jim Landa

Don't forget to check in!
Outagamie ARES net starts each Sunday evening at 8pm on 146.655

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 15, 1999

Balance Forward	2462.40
Balance Hamfest Fund	\$1000.00
Bal. Educ. & Special Purpose Fund	\$485.06
Balance FCARC Account	<u>\$6023.94</u>

A detailed report can be seen at any club meeting or contact the club treasurer N9PBM – Judy Schneider.

 Any Info. you would like put into the newsletter it must be submitted by the 1st of each month and please send them to kb9byq@tpo.org

WINNEBAGO COUNTY ARES

Appointments Winnebago County ARES.
 It is my honor to appoint the following ARES members as AEC's for Winnebago County ARES.

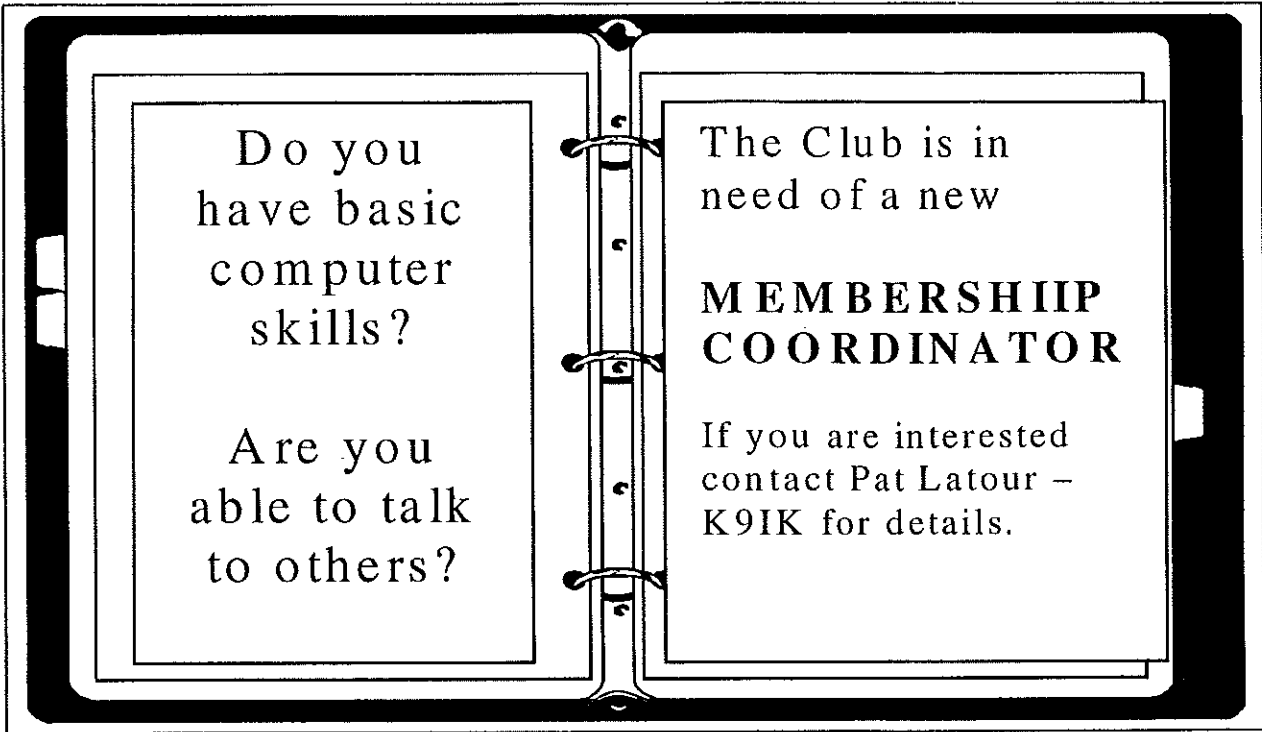
John Smith KB9TJJ AEC for Operations Southern Winnebago County.

Dave Sprangers N9ZHZ AEC for Operations Northern Winnebago County. Earnest Swanson KG9OZ AEC for Technical and Special Projects for Winnebago County.

These amateur operators are amateur radio at it's best, Volunteering is the foundation of our service.

Congrats Guys!
 Dan Lenz KB9IME
 EC Southern Winnebago County

Winnebago County
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WORD SCRAMBLE – See what you get if you unscramble these words.

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OULTODMIA

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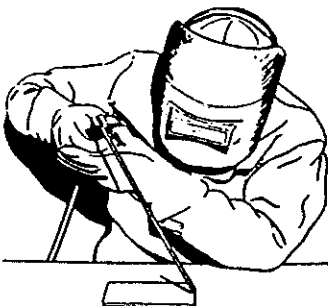


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