



## FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# QSO'ER



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### Club News:

John Ensley N9RJZ was voted in as the clubs new Hamfest coordinator.

Steve Lamers – N9SGG was voted in for the clubs new Membership coordinator.

CONGRADULATIONS & THANK YOU  
for stepping up and helping.

Next club meeting will be 7:00 pm  
**February 21**

At the Columbus Club in Appleton.  
Discussion will be on WI QSO Party

Next board meeting will be 7:00pm  
**February 28**

Meeting is held at Appleton, Mr. Cinders  
West.

*All are welcome*

### Meeting Minutes

The January meeting was called to order on January 17, 2000 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 7:28 and the discussion was on tips, techniques, and troubleshooting. Thank you to Gene Zimmerman for the presentation.

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### Club Website

<http://w9zl.ampr.org/>

January Attendance

Greg Schneider	W9IEI
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
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Jon Oldenburg	KB9VFD
Maury Mead	W9FBC
Tim Day	K9PWW
David Spranser	N9ZHZ
David Campion	KB9OWC
Tee Campion	
Karen Thorne	WB9ZNA
Don Quinn	W9OVK



**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY ARES**

The next ARES meeting will be on February 16, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.(AEC will meet at 5:00pm). It will be held at the Outagamie County Chapter of the Red Cross and all ARES members or interested parties are welcome to attend.

The 2000 Weather Spotter Training will be held on Monday, April 3 from 6:30p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Outagamie County Board Room. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

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

Outagamie Web Page:  
<http://www.execpc.com/~kb9byp/ares.htm>

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY ARES**

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

**AREA NETS**

- Outagamie ARES – Sundays 8pm 146.655/R
- Winnebago ARES – Sundays 8pm 147.240/R
- Waupaca Ares – Sundays 8:30pm 147.165/R
- NEWRL Green Bay – Tuesdays 8pm 147.270/R

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

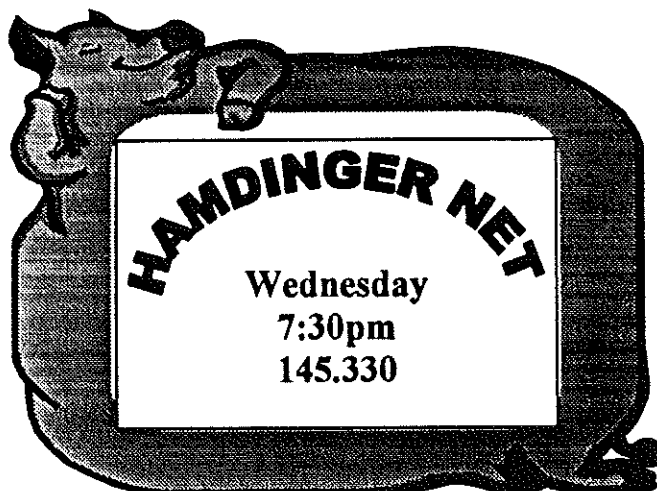
January 15, 1999

Balance General Fund **4312.09**

Balance FCARC Account **\$5797.15**

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

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**HANDINGER NET**

Wednesday  
7:30pm  
145.330

## WI QSO PARTY A TRUE CLUB EXPERIENCE

By Wayne, WD9FLJ

On Sunday, March 12, from noon to 7:00 p.m. the West Allis Radio Amateur Club(WARAC) will sponsor one of the most exciting radio contests in the USA, the WQP or Wisconsin Qso Party. This is both an individual as well as a CLUB contest which is designed for any amateur operator, regardless of class of license, station equipment, or club or non-club affiliation.

In recent years, our club has moved up from 5th place in the club standings to 2nd place. We would like to be on top, of course. This is where you come in .... all that you need to do is to make a few contacts on the air of course, have a completed log sheet of your contacts, and submit the same along with an entry sheet. ALL OF THIS WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU AT THE FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING. ALONG WITH SOME TIPS ON OPERATING, LOGGING, SCORING, ETC.. You may operate (within the limits of your license) on any amateur bands as long as you only operate on a simplex (no repeaters) frequency. You may also operate on any mode you care to...CW, SSB, or FM. But, most important.... this is all great fun too!

We have had people who have never even thought of contesting enter this one and come away from the contest with awards and so much excitement we almost had to gag them at the next club meeting! (yours truly, included!) Oh you already guessed that! Many of our club members have won first place in their category.

The program after the February meeting will be dedicated to the WI QSO PARTY. We will have all of the stuff that you will be needing in order to participate in the fun, and will share all kinds of info in order for you to:

#1 - Have fun with the contest.

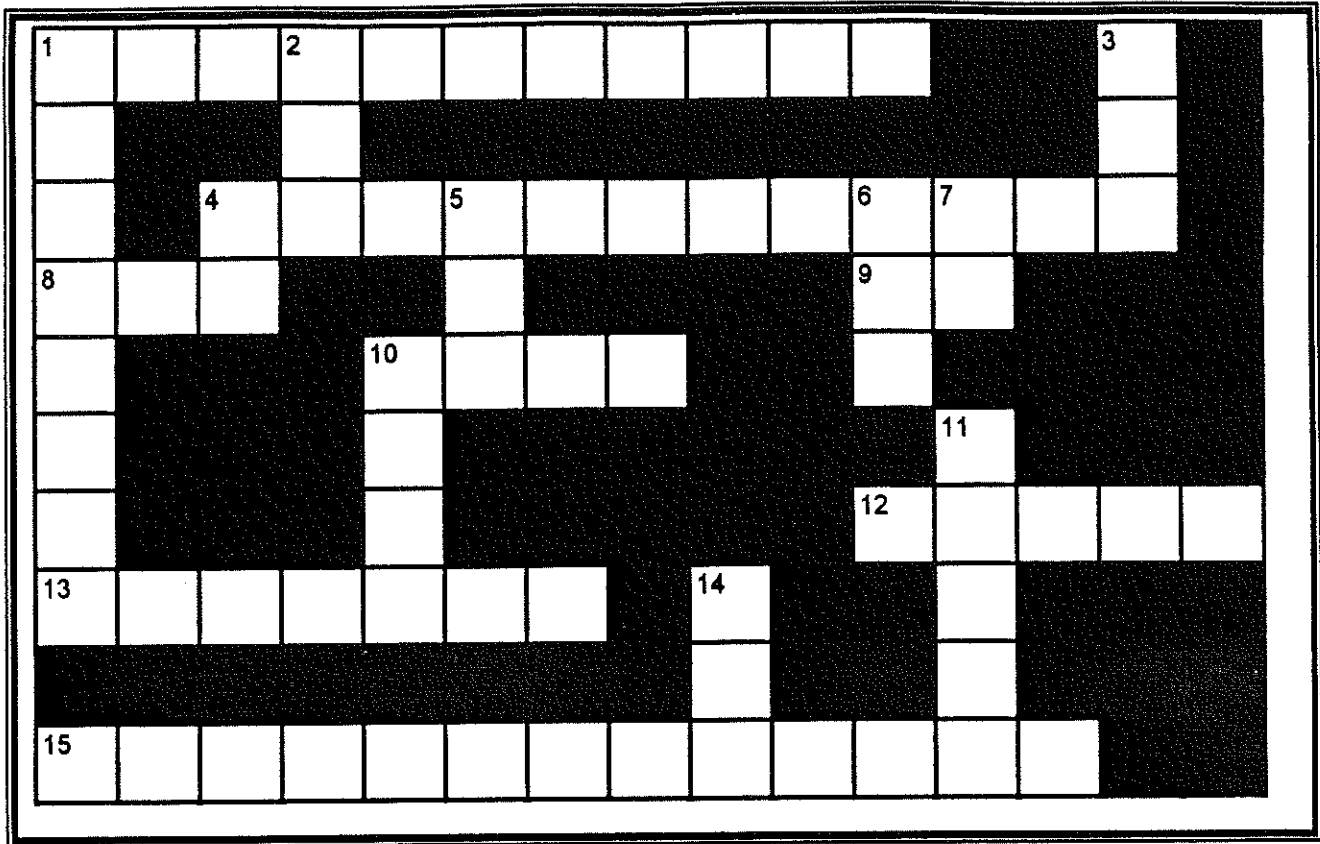
#2 - Offer you a challenge to operate the WQP and give the FCARC (or some other less deserving club) your points.

#3 - Help bring the FCARC to the TOP CLUB standings for participation in the WQP.

#4 - Have fun in the contest! Oh, I already said that!

One thing just in case you don't make the FCARC meeting, It is important that you know the rules! We will try to publish these in the next FCARC QSO'er. As of this writing, they are not available. So, please consider coming to the February meeting to get the info you may need. And then, we hope to hear you on the air on Sunday, March 12th. REMEMBER....This contest is only 7 hours long! That helps make it FUN!

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



**Across**

- 1 What circuit should be controlled by a safety interlock switch in an amateur transceiver? (8)
- 4 This is done when you key up.(12)
- 8 Number in a pair.(3)
- 9 Opposite of off.(2)
- 10 Teletype.(4)
- 12 Amateur \_\_\_\_\_.(5)
- 13 You must have one of these to operate an amateur radio.(13)
- 15 This is a component that has a value that can be varied.(6)

**Down**

- 1 A formal set of rules and procedures.(11)
- 2 We have two of these.(3)
- 3 Some foods come in this.(3)
- 4 Also.(2)
- 5 Handinger \_\_\_\_\_.(3)
- 6 A male child.(3)
- 7 Opposite of out.(2)
- 10 A tornado often does does this to anything in its path.(4)
- 11 Coaxial \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ TV.(5)
- 14 A basic unit of resistance.(3)

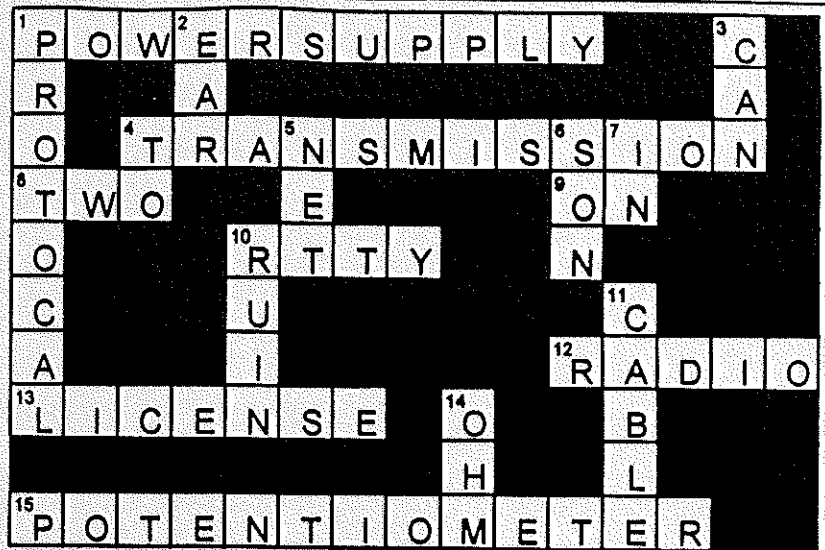
## FOX REPORT

No report. The fox hunt was cancelled  
due to

# COLD

Weather.

Next month's Fox will be Pat K9IK.  
February 24, 2000



### Upcoming Testing Sessions:

March 25, 2000 Red Cross Building-Appleton

April 15, 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

Here is some clarification regarding the license restructuring.

#### The New Amateur Radio License Structure—What It Means to You

You are now	The New Structure		
	Technician	General	Amateur Extra
Non-ham	Element 1	Elements 1, 2, 3	Elements 1, 2, 3, 4
Novice	Element 2	Elements 2, 3	Elements 2, 3, 4
Technician	—	Element 1, 2	Elements 1, 3, 4
Tech Plus <sup>3</sup>	—	Element 3	Element 3, 4
General	—	—	Element 4
Advanced	—	—	Element 4 <sup>4</sup>

#### Notes:

- <sup>1</sup>Element 1 is the 5 WPM Morse code examination. Elements 2, 3, and 4 are the written examinations for Technician, General, and Amateur Extra respectively. Elements 2 and 3 are 35 questions each; Element 4 is 50 questions—all multiple choice.
- <sup>2</sup>Starting April 15, 2000, individuals who qualified for the Technician class license prior to March 21, 1987, may upgrade to General class by providing documentary proof to a Volunteer Examiner team, paying an application fee, and completing FCC Form 605. This is *not* an automatic upgrade!
- <sup>3</sup>The FCC has lumped Technician and Technician Plus licensees into a single category, all designated as "Technician" licensees. Those who can document having passed the 5 WPM Morse code examination will continue to have current Tech Plus HF privileges.
- <sup>4</sup>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.

## NEWRL CHANGING TO SKYWARN CLUB

Hi everyone,

We had a special meeting of the North Eastern Wisconsin Radio League for the purpose of approving major changes in the organization. For the few of you who may not be familiar with all of the details of the organization in question, I will fill you in on a few things.

The North East Wisconsin Radio League is the entity that owns and maintains the linked repeater system that we use to conduct our main Skywarn net. I and a few others had proposed to restructure this club as there has been a sharp drop-off in the club's activity level. At the same time, there was a clear emerging need to have an entity, as opposed to a few individuals, manage the amateur radio aspect of the Skywarn operations that center around the NWS office in Green Bay. Being as the two goals were coincident in time, and it seemed like a natural change to implement, we advanced the idea of restructuring the NEWRL, making it a Skywarn organization.

Well, last night we had our vote on the club future. We presented 6 questions to the members in attendance, and all passed. Here are a few details:

First was to extend the membership year for current dues-paid members until April 30th. Currently, our membership year expires at the end of this January. This allows the membership to go on about the business of restructuring the club without having to pay another years' dues just to do it.

Next was to agree in principle with the new organizational structure. This calls for an 8-member board of directors that elects itself into office and transacts all of the club's business, associate memberships at \$10 annually, focusing on the mission of Skywarn management and emergency/public service support and a name change to the "Packerland Amateur Skywarn Society".

Question 3 asked to agree to have Mike Willis and myself to rewrite the club's articles of incorporation to reflect the reorganization.

Then an authorization to spend the funds necessary to file the changes in the articles of incorporation, this is about \$150.

Up next was an authorization to have Mike and myself rewrite the club's bylaws to put all of these changes into effect.

And finally, a question that asks members if they would prefer the board make all changes to the aforementioned and ratify all of these changes. This would effectively ask the members if they would like to give up voting rights on this matter entirely. This was explained in detail to the members attending, and all of the ramifications explained.

While all of the questions passed, the last question had two NO votes. I did tell the members attending that while the number of votes was technically enough to carry the question, I was concerned that we had two members that objected. In the spirit of full disclosure and active member participation in this important transition, I would like to have one more meeting to deal with this.

We would fully explain all changes when the rewrites of the Articles of Incorporation and by-laws were done. They would be presented to the membership for their review at a "wind-up" party meeting we plan to have sometime in early April. Hopefully, this would coincide with our regularly scheduled April quarterly meeting.

I'd like to thank everyone who has assisted in bringing this up to the membership and getting all of this off the ground. Thanks as well to the people who have volunteered to take part in the new organization, those who have worked with and in the North Eastern Wisconsin Radio League in the past and the present. And I look forward to the reformed organization's new mission. It is going to be some more work for some of us, but it seems to be the most sensible way to turn a floundering organization with key amateur radio assets into a workable entity that provides meaningful public service in the region.

For those of you who have volunteered to participate in the new organization, I will be in touch with you to coordinate our activities in the new organization. I still have to devote a certain amount of time to rewriting the by-laws and other such stuff, but hope to have that done soon so that we can get our new activities off the ground. And again, thanks for volunteering to take part in this. Thanks for your time...

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