



FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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CLUB NEWS:

Next club meeting will be 7:00 PM
April 17

At the Columbus Club
2531 N. Richmond St. in Appleton.
SURPRISE TOPIC

Come one come all to find out the surprise
topic!

Next board meeting will be 7:00 PM
April 24

Meeting is held at Appleton,
Mr. Cinders West.

All are welcome

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*Be sure to submit any suggested
By Law changes to*

John Ensley-N9RJZ By May 8.
Also, it's almost club election time.

Positions open will be:

Vice President, 3 Members at Large, and
Treasurer

*Start thinking about running or who
you would like to see nominated.*

Meeting Minutes

The March meeting was called to order on March 20, 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 Severe Weather Net Procedures.

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Club Website

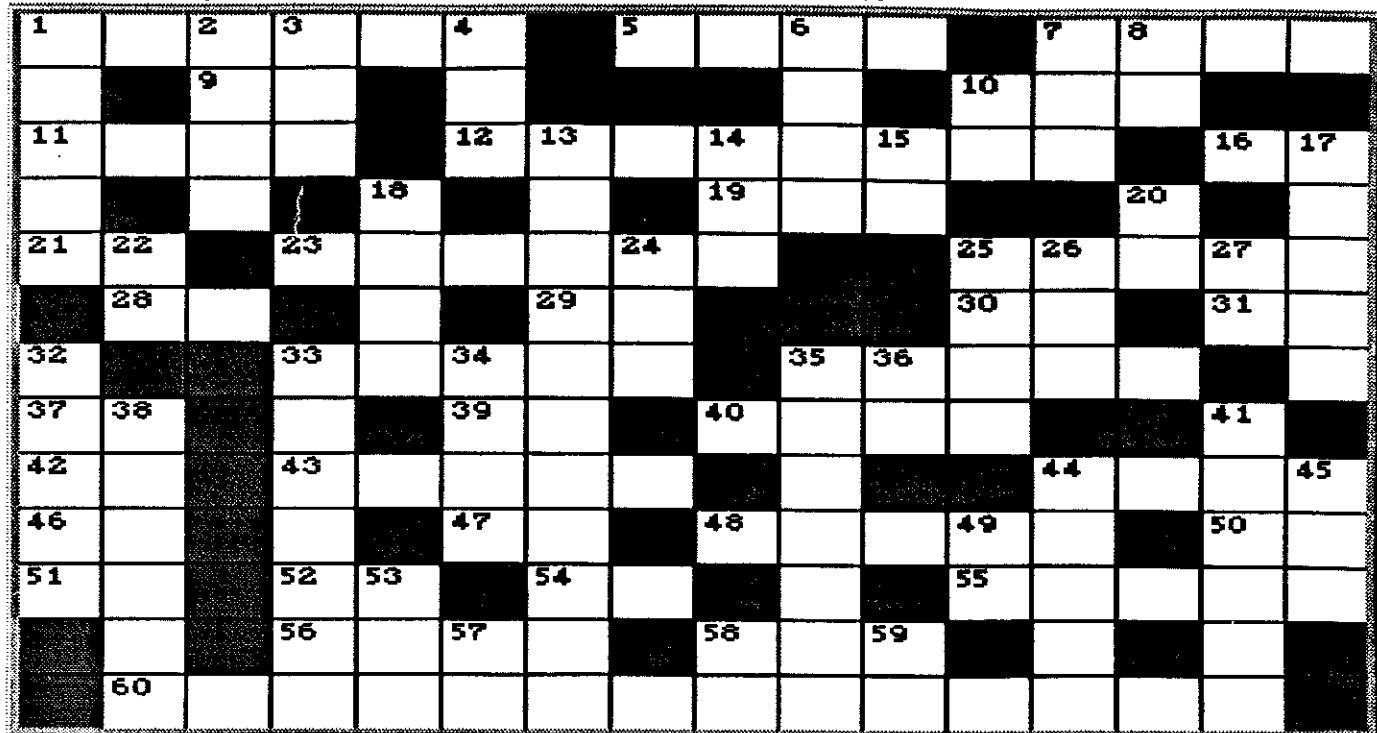
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****Please note:**

Anything **YOU** would like published in the newsletter needs to be submitted to **AL - KB9BYQ** by the 1st of each month.

Tornado Safety

From: Tornado Project web site <http://www.tornadoproject.com/cellar/safty-puz.htm>



Across

- 1 Flying _____ can be deadly when it consists of sheet metal roofing, boards, and shards of broken glass
- 5 A bow-shaped _____ on the radar screen indicates a line of thunderstorms
- 7 These kinds of rooms in a school have long, unsupported beams, and should be avoided in a severe storm situation
- 9 Internet abbreviation for a southern hemisphere island country that has tornadoes
- 10 Gulf Coast states often have tornadoes during the month of _____ (abbr)
- 11 Sky _____ is a spotter organization
- 12 If you have no basement in your home, getting into a bathtub and covering yourself with couch _____ or a mattress is a good strategy
- 16 The _____ corner of the basement has been found to be the most dangerous because of falling walls
- 19 The _____, the very young, and the unaware are most likely to be killed or injured in a tornado
- 21 Abbreviation for spectrum width, a doppler radar product
- 23 When a tornado warning is sounded, don't waste time by opening one of these--the tornado will do it for you
- 25 Particularly dangerous wintertime tornadoes in the Southern states can occur at _____
- 28 Postal abbreviation for an eastern state that has an above average number of tornadoes in the last few years
- 29 Abbreviation for energy index
- 30 Abbreviation for Pacific Northwest state that has very few tornadoes
- 31 Abbreviation for ice crystals
- 33 If you are outside and see _____ ing dust beneath a funnel cloud or debris in the air, head for cover
- 35 Aerial surveys of the tornado _____ are sometimes done to determine the continuity of the path as well as the severity of the damage
- 37 Anticipated convective outlook
- 39 No go
- 40 A tornado watch may cover an _____ as large as 30,000 square miles
- 42 Postal abbreviation for the tiny eastern state that gets small tornadoes almost every year
- 43 Keep _____ batteries and bottled water in your emergency kit in case of severe weather
- 44 Mobile homes are often left as nothing more than a _____ of debris after a tornado
- 46 The "time" of day when Florida was struck by its worst outbreak in recorded history
- 47 The 15th letter of the alphabet, twice
- 48 If you are in the open when you see a tornado moving towards you, you can take shelter in a _____
- 50 Oh, yeah(abbr)



OUTAGAMIE COUNTY ARES

Over the last few Saturdays Outagamie County ARES group has been checking all the warning sirens. Out of 37 sirens 8 have been reported as failed. These have been reported to the county and will be taken care of. **THANK YOU** to all who took the time to check the sirens!

WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING

Thank you to all ARES members that came to the weather spotter training. It was an excellent turn out. ARES/Com Center ID pictures were taken that evening, if you need a ID badge please contact Bill Niemuth - KB9ENO. Be sure to check the ARES URL below for current updates of the ARES roster, net pre-ambles, and the emergency communication plan.

The next ARES meeting will be

Tuesday
May 16 at 6:30pm
 (AEC's will meet at 5:30pm)
 at
 Appleton Red Cross building
 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave.

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

WINNEBAGO COUNTY ARES

No report given.
 Winnebago Web Page:
<http://www.vbe.com/~luthers/ares/>

Waupaca County ARES - Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 15th at Camp Twin Lakes at 11:00 am. Bring something to grill and drink. The grill will be started at 11:15. The meeting will start at 12 noon. The meeting will be a Packet Radio Training session covering basic packet commands and functions.

March Attendance

Greg Schneider	W91ET
John Ensley	N9RQJ
Chad Pennings	N9PRC
William Vincent	N9TNW
Chuck Hanson	N9OEO
Judy Schneider	N9PBM
Wayne Pennings	WD9FLJ
Gerry Radtke	WA9GON
Jon Oldenburg	KB9VFD
David Campion	KB9OWC
James Wiersba	WB9OJE
Gary Keating	ND9Z
Al Van Dynhoven	KB9BYQ
Judy Van Dynhoven	
Don Alesch Jr.	KB9HRQ
Aaron Heise	KB9OWC
Greg Ramlow	KB9SZP
Ron Greunke	KB9JJF
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Scott Cole	KB9AMM
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Rick Mandel	KB9LRE
Pat Latour	K9IK
Chad Pennings	N9PRC
Bob Cleveland	WD9HID



TREASURER'S REPORT

March 15, 1999

Balance General Fund	2721.33
Balance FCARC Account	<u>\$4206.39</u>

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

Across continued...

51 Regarding

52 If you don't have a NOAA weather radio, keep the _____ on a local station during severe weather, and stay alert for warnings

54 The country that has the most tornadoes every year

55 A dwelling that is safer than a trailer

56 Some states require classes and formal study to _____ the title of "official spotter"

58 The _____ Cross helps in disaster relief

60 The company that created this puzzle and this internet site

Down

1 The ups and _____ of tornado activity from year to year are very unpredictable

2 Farm building commonly destroyed by tornadoes

3 When a tornado siren is sounded, _____, don't walk to the safest shelter available

4 The part of the weather service that issues tornado watches

6 Chunks of frozen water that fall from the sky in a severe storm situation. Small ones can ruin crops, and large ones can kill or injure animals

7 Broken _____ lines leading into a home can be a fire hazard after a tornado

8 The US gets about one reported F5 tornado per _____ (abbrev)

10 Northern tier state where the Tornado Video Classics quote "Get away from the windows, get away from the windows" was heard

13 The safest place to be during a tornado is in an _____ shelter

14 There are still many questions about _____ and why tornadoes form

15 Some people have been known to _____ on tornado videos

17 If you are planning an outdoor activity it is always a good idea to _____ TWC or a local television station's weather forecast for that day to avoid being outside in severe weather

18 During a potential tornadic situation, a storm spotter goes where he or she has a good _____ of the sky, but still has a good escape route

20 _____ agricultural losses are often the only kind of losses a tornado causes, but they can run into the millions of dollars

22 Postal abbreviation for a state where tornadoes areas rare, but where more than 100 people died in a 1944 tornado

24 Mineral product pumped out of the largest tornado-prone state.

25 Government agency, of which the National Weather Service, Storm Prediction Center, and the National Severe Storms Laboratory

26 Internet Relay Chat acronym

27 Postal abbreviation for island state whose tornadoes usually begin life as waterspouts and then move ashore

32 Doppler _____ detects rotation and a possible mesocyclone in a thunderstorm

33 Mobile home parks should have a steel reinforced, concrete _____, such as a laundry room

34 If available, get _____ the basement and under the steps at the first warning of a tornado. 35 The most dangerous kind of dwelling to be in when a tornado strikes

36 A tornado may dissipate and then _____ form

38 Many homes in the South are constructed out of unreinforced _____ blocks.

41 If you don't have a cellar or a room without windows, an interior _____ may be the next best choice for a place to shelter during a tornado.

44 There should be a list of _____ numbers kept safe in the family's "emergency kit" so that family members in other towns may be quickly contacted.

45 Advancements in radar technology are great, but nothing can substitute for the human _____ and a spotter network

49 Abbreviation for Cumulonimbus Humungus, a really big cloud (we made that up)

53 A vehicle that presents a large surface to the wind, so is quite vulnerable to being blown off a highway in a severe windstorm

57 Abbreviation of Real Audio

58 Only the most intense tornadoes rotate as fast as 2 _____ S

59 _____ plan a place for family members to meet afterward in case they are in separate locations when a tornado strikes

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club

Volunteer Exam Session March 25, 2000
American Red Cross Building - Appleton

Examiners present and assisting:

Mark Heimmermann – KF9CS
George Croy – W9MDP
Jerry Clusen – K9USN
Ric Kosiorek – W9RIC

Gary Keating – ND9Z
John Meyer – NZ9Z (Manitowoc)
Tom Prust – N9WI (Green Bay)
Chuck Hanson – N9OEQ

Twenty-Two Candidates took exams. The team gave 29 test elements.
7 advanced class candidates passed the extra written exam for upgrade on April 15, 2000
4 Tech plus candidates passed element 3B for upgrade to General on April 15
1 candidate earned a Technician
2 candidates earned a Technician HF
1 candidate upgraded (with code and written) to EXTRA

Candidates appeared from Green Bay (6), Appleton (5), Oshkosh (1),
Manitowoc (2), Seymour (1), Winneconne (1), other areas 6

Upcoming Testing Sessions:

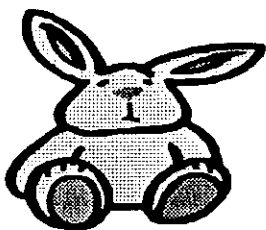
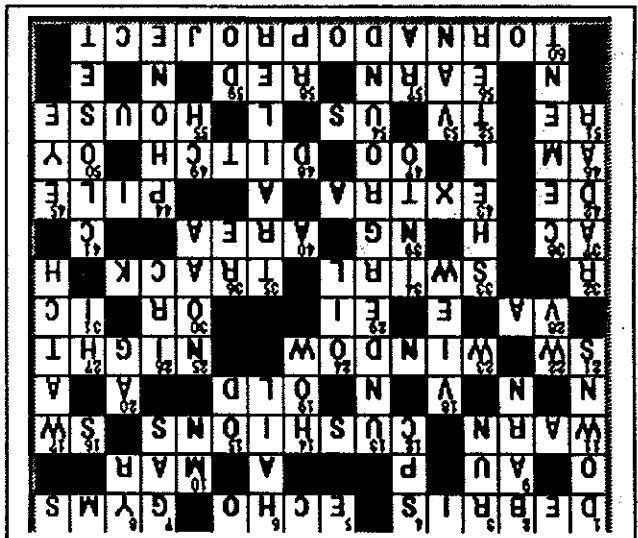
April 15, 2000 Red Cross Building - Appleton
May 13, 2000 Manitowoc Hamfest – Silver Lake College
Sept. 9, 2000 Red Cross Building – Appleton
November 5, 2000 FCARC Hamfest – Kaukauna
January 27, 2001 Red Cross Building-Appleton

\$\$ For Sale \$\$

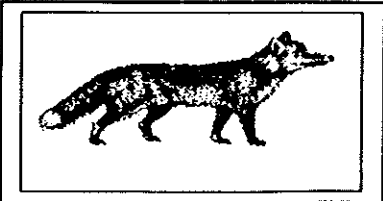
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HAVE A HAPPY EASTER!!



The Monthly Fox-Hunt

Dateline-March 23,2000-

The Foxhunt this month was hosted by Chuck Hanson, N9OEQ, and Bill Vincent, N9TNW. After checking out some good prospective hiding spots, we settled on a location in Kaukauna, next to the Elementary School on CE, near HWY 55. There is a walking tunnel that goes under the highway there, and the CE trail is right there next to the school parking lot. We decided to hide the transmitter in a black garbage bag, and place it in a corrugated metal drain that goes under the waling path. For an added touch, we pushed a large weed down over the top of the 2 meter mag-mount antenna. It was stuck on the top of the drainpipe, and looked pretty good. At 7PM, the hunt was set into motion. Chuck called for checkins as soon as the first "fox-Transmission" was done. First checking in was N9PRC-Chad. Then we heard from Wayne WD9FLJ and Larry, N9WNS. Then came N9ZHZ and K9IK, Dave and Pat. Next was ND9Z, Gary. After another cycle of our beloved automated fox, We received a signal report and a checkin from K9KL in Green Bay. He wasn't in the hunt but let us know that the signal was reaching Green Bay. Not bad for a Quarter-Weed antenna. First on site was ND9Z Gary and Cathy N9FZL. They drove around a bit, then pretty much zeroed in on the fox at 7:18PM. Nice job. Next arrivals were our Green Bay friends, N9ZDA-Justin, and KB9UAE, Nick. Then Chad showed up. All three found the fox within a few minutes of 7:35PM or so. Next arrivals were Wayne and Larry. After they found the fox, Larry mentioned some colorful things we could do with the weed antenna. After cookies and soda, everyone did the number picking to settle the next foxes. Next month, Nick and Justin are going to be the April foxes.

Have a good Spring, everyone! Best of 73s from N9OEQ and N9TNW.

Next FOX HUNT will be

April 20, 2000

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