



# FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# QSO'ER



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Next club meeting is the  
Club Picnic on  
July 17 at 7:00 PM

Where: Fritsch Park, Menasha  
(Take Midway Rd. between Hwy 47 and  
Onieda Street to Stead Drive South to  
Fritsch Park)

Bring your own picnic dinner. Club will  
have grill available.

**BEWARE of FOX !**

He will be out & about waiting to be  
found.

Next board meeting will be 7:00 PM  
July 24

Meeting is held at Appleton, Mr. Cinders  
West.

*All are welcome*

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## Meeting Minutes

The May meeting was called to order on June 19, 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 7:20pm and the club social took place.

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### Club Website

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

Any suggested changes/additions for the web page need to be submitted to Steve Lamers - stevel@itol.com. Suggestions will be brought before the board.

**\*\*Please note: Anything *YOU* would like published in the newsletter needs to be submitted to AL KB9BYQ by the 1<sup>st</sup> each month.**

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### June Attendance

Greg Schneider	W9IEI
John Ensley	N9RJZ
Chad Pennings	N9PRC
William Vincent	N9TNW
Judy Schneider	N9PBM
Wayne Pennings	WD9FLJ
Gerry Radtke	WA9GON
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Richard Kosiosek	W9RIC
Walt Kalata	WA9FFT
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Tee Campion	
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Karen Thorne	WB9ZNA
Steve Lamers	N9SGG
Dan Van Evenhoven	N9LVS
Dave Beck	WB0RAG
Helen Borree	WD9CYW
Chuck Hanson	N9OEQ
Dick Sonnenberg	W9UVZ
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### OUTAGAMIE COUNTY ARES

EC Resources, Ltd. is proud to announce the donation of a 25 foot travel trailer which will be converted to a mobile command center and used for regional disasters and emergencies where ARES and RACES are involved. This trailer was donated by John Morack, N9ZXR, and we greatly appreciate his willingness to give. We will begin renovating this unit soon. The entire interior will be gutted and multiple operator positions along with a small conference room will be added to the trailer.

We would be pleased to accept the following as donations. Remember, your donations are tax deductible.

Weather station, 2 two meter or dual band mobile radios, 2 two meter transceivers for packet and APRS, 2 TNCs capable of APRS Power supplies, 2 color laptop computers (486 or better), Microwave Oven, HF rig Tower sections for collapsible tower, Color CCTV system with pan, tilt, zoom capability, with monitor TV/VCR combo, GPS Unit, two meter or dual-band antennas, HF mobile antenna system, preferably a screwdriver type antenna Coaxial cable, RG8 and RG58 UHF connectors Baluns for stationary HF antenna as EC Resources will soon be purchasing a new Kenwood TM-D700A which will be used as the main radio; this radio also has a built-in TNC and can act as a remote link to any repeater system.

This is an extremely exciting project, but will probably be beyond the scope of ECR's annual gift-stream. We are seeking these donations and will probably apply for grants to professionally complete the project. If you are interested in contributing to this project, please contact Bill Niemuth, KB9ENO, Mark Heimmermann, KF9CS, or Jeff Schmeichel, KB9BYP.

*Thank you for your support...*

**Bill Niemuth, KB9ENO**  
EC, Outagamie County ARES  
President, EC Resources, Ltd.



### TREASURER'S REPORT

June 15, 2000

Balance General Fund	2442.32
Balance FCARC Account	<u>\$3927.38</u>

A detailed report can be seen at any club meeting or contact the club treasurer Dave Sprangers N9ZHZ.

## FIELD DAY 2000

As most of you know field day was held at Clayton School in Neenah this year. We planned on running field day as a 2A-class station (two HF transceivers w/ additional VHF and UHF transceivers above 50 MHz). Well Saturday morning finally arrived. Pat (K9IK) and I had planned on getting there at about 7:00 AM to begin set-up. We had lots to do, as anyone involved with field day knows. We set up (2) screen tents, got out the tables and chairs for the stations. And set up both the HF stations. By that time Marty (KB9OWA) was they're gathering all the activity on film. Marty was our official photographer. The Schneiders also showed up with their motor home and parked it next to the school. After getting the motor home level, Greg started setting up the 20 meter QRP radio. We were going to run this radio on solar power to get the 100 bonus points for using a natural power source. We only needed to make 5 contacts to get the bonus. By this time a lot more help showed up. (Steve KB9OAL, Steve N9SGG, and John N9RJZ) With their help we put up in the trees on the north side of the school a ladder line feed dipole antenna. On the west side of the school a mutiband dipole that worked on 10, 20 and 40 meters, was hung between (2) twenty five-foot masts. KB9OAL & N9SGG set up the VHF / UHF station that had side by side beams for antennas. Well 18:00 UTC was soon approaching and so were the clouds. So much for getting the natural power bonus today. Guess we'll try it on Sunday. We had people operating both stations all day long. We were also taking advantage of many bonuses. We got a bonus for having field day in a public place, using natural power (sun. morning and on CW) (W9IEI & N9PBM), preparing a press release (N9SGG), sending a piece of NTS traffic to the ARRL section manager (N9PRC), copying the special WIAW field day bulletin (W9IEI & W9OVK) and demonstrating a non-traditional mode of amateur communication (APRS & SSTV) (N9PRC & KB9OAL). Maury (W9FBC) came out Saturday night and piled up a bunch of 40-meter CW contacts, while Steve (N9SGG) worked on 80 meter SSB. I started operating at about midnight on 40 meter SSB. Maury and Steve headed home and I operated through the night watching the fog roll in. There were times I couldn't see the other screen tent that was only about 40 yards away. At about 5:30 AM I quit operating. 5.5 hours were enough for me. We operated through the morning and finished up at 1:00 PM. Twelve hours since it started. Thank God its over. By this time it's been 31 hours since my head found a pillow and I was getting pretty tired. We still had to pack everything up yet. Thanks to everyone who showed up to take down and pack up all the equipment. Field day 2000 was a big success and thanks to all those who help set-up, lend equipment, operate, help take down and pack up equipment. We ended up with about 550 contacts in all states except Hawaii.

Chad Pennings (N9PRC) Field Day Chairman

### *A special thanks goes to the following:*

<b>Neenah School District</b>	<b>(gave us the use of the school at no cost)</b>
<b>Larry Wilfer (N9WNS)</b>	<b>(acquired the generators at no cost)</b>
<b>Judy + Greg Schneider</b>	<b>(for use of motor home &amp; making meal for Sat. night)</b>
<b>Marty Creed (KB9OWA)</b>	<b>(provided all photography)</b>

Mark your calendars for a **FREE**, fun, relaxing summer family event.

# CLUB'S ANNUAL CORN ROAST

When:  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>

Where:  
Plamann Park (Small shelter)

Time:  
12:00 Noon to ???

Club will provide soda & corn.  
Please bring your own meal, tableware & a dish to share.

Once again this year the sly old FOX is said to be lurking about the park and needs to be found.

## Upcoming Testing Sessions:

Testing sessions open at 8 am and close for walk ins at 9am. Bring copies of license, CSCE's and correct fee (presently \$6.65).

Sept. 9, 2000 Red Cross Building – Appleton

November 5, 2000 FCARC Hamfest – Kaukauna

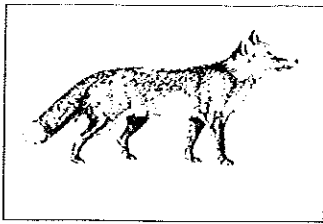
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scanner converter was \$100 new, asking \$5.  
Contact Steve Schmidt, Kaukauna, 766-1774



## The June Foxhunt

June 22, 2000- The foxhunt was held in Kimberly this month, by Chuck N9OEQ and Bill N9TNW. After a few spots were discussed and checked out, we decided to "plant" the fox-mitter in a little woods that was set aside for a nature conservancy by the Village of Kimberly. This is adjacent to the industrial park just south of the railroad tracks. We found a good spot alongside a fallen log in fairly heavy underbrush. One thing we didn't consider, was the cloud of mosquitoes that also liked the place.

At precisely 7:00PM, the switch was thrown, and the W9ZL broadcast was emanating from this fallen log. We went to park alongside the new motel, hidden from traffic, to start our request for check-ins, and to observe the hunters.

We received check-ins from several teams. The first to respond was the team of KB9UAE Nick, KB9MWR Steve, and N9ZDA Justin. Then K9IK Pat, N9PRC Chad, and N9ZHZ Dave called. WD9FLJ Wayne, and N9WNS Larry then checked in. Next was ND9Z and N9FZL Gary and Cathy Keating. They also were the first on the scene. KB9PKW and KB9VQV Ed and Lea Pausig checked in shortly after. We also had a call from Karl KC9AA, checking in from New London but not in the hunt this time.

Gary and Cathy were the first to arrive, coming and leaving, and returning. As they got out of the truck, along came Pat, Chad, and Dave. They hopped out like storm-troopers and ran toward the woods! Chad found it first, I think, with Pat and Dave right after him. Congratulations Chad.

Everyone was on site in a record time this month, by 7:35 PM. The group is definitely getting very good at locating transmitters, and it's getting to be a real challenge hiding the fox!

We had soda and cookies after the hunt, and picked numbers to see who the next fox would be. Chad, N9PRC chose the correct number. Thanks to all who participated, including the many, many mosquitoes!!!

73s from N9OEQ and N9TNW.

**Don't forget to check into the  
HAMDINGER NET  
Wed.'s 7:30 PM  
145.330**

**You'll be amazed at what you will hear!**

### AREA NETS

#### **Outagamie ARES**

Sundays 8pm 146.655/R

#### **Winnebago ARES**

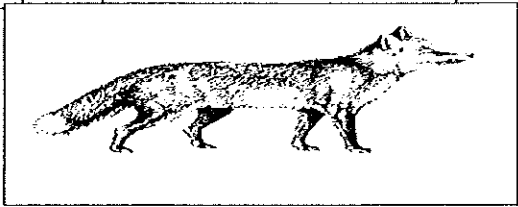
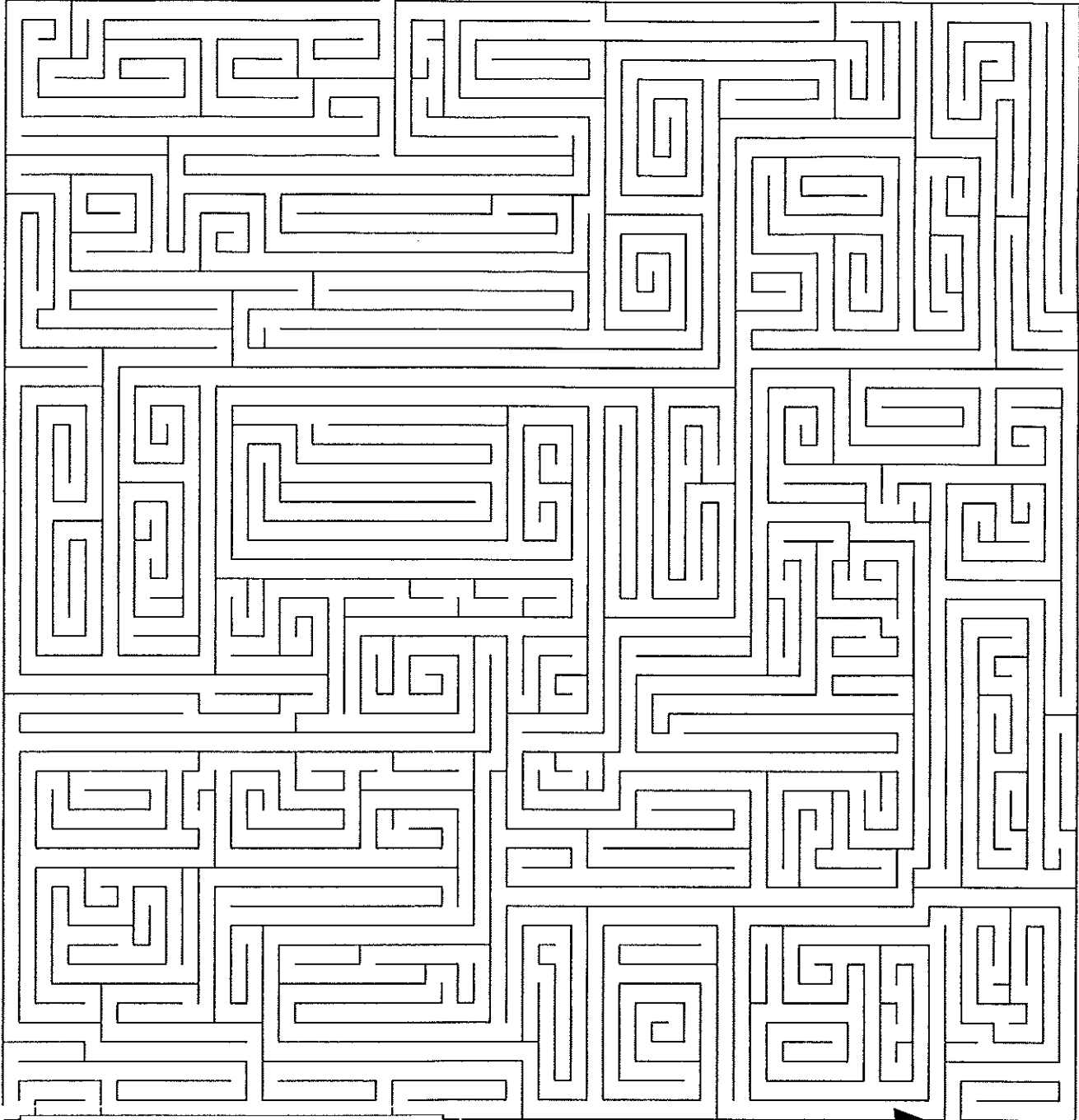
Sundays 7pm 147.240/R

#### **\*\*Waupaca Ares\*\***

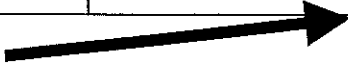
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103.5p1**

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Change of day.\*\***

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Fox Hunt  
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