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MEETING DATE:

(Always the 3rd Mon. of each month)

MON. May 20th

BOARD MEETING DATE:

(Always held the 4th Mon. of each month)

MON. May 27th

All FCARC meetings are held at the Appleton Columbus Club
- 2531 N. Richmond Street and start at 7:00 PM

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
ANY MEETING!**

Resigning Secretary/Newsletter Editor's last words:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the club for allowing us to serve over a span of 4 years as the club secretary/newsletter editor. It has been a very rewarding experience.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the QSO'er over the years.

We will be adding to our family around Aug. 2nd and we feel it necessary to step down from this position so we can devote our full attention to our family.

Sincerely,
Al KB9BYQ & Judy KC9ACT
Van Dynhoven

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on the 22nd of April 2002 by Jon Oldenburg AB9AH at 7:05PM. All meeting minutes were approved as listed in the newsletter. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

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Club Meeting Attendants

Steve Lamers	N9SGG
Gerry Radtke	WA9GON
Gary Keating	ND9Z
Chuck Hanson	N9OEQ
Jon Oldenburg	AB9AH
Al Van Dynhoven	KB9BYQ
Judy Van Dynhoven	KC9ACT
Ben Wright	K9DID
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William Vincent	N9TNW
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Bob Heiser	K9BOB
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Erick Jensen	KB9TLM
Dave Sprangers	N9ZHZ
Jerry Clussen	K9USN
Frank Davis	N9BPO
Walt Kalata	WA9FFT
Maury Mead	W9FBC
David Hatch	N9ZRT
Eric Johnson	ND0L
John Meyer	NZ9Z
Ryan Hatch	N9ZVR

FCARC is in need of a person or persons to help coordinate programs for after the monthly meetings.

If you would be interested in helping the club out in this position please contact
Brian Long KB9LRD

2002 MS Walk

I would like to thank the following people for helping with communications at the 2002 MS Walk in Appleton: Jon AB9AH, Karen WB9ZNA, Don W9OVK, Rick KB9LRE, Martha N9JAD, Kathy N9FZL, Steve N9SGG and Dave N9ZHZ. Once again, these Ham Radio operators helped make the MS Walk successful and a fun adventure.

Dave N9ZHZ
MS Walk Coordinator

Board Meeting Attendants

Jon Oldenburg	AB9AH
Steve Lamers	N9SGG
Judy Van Dynhoven	KC9ACT
Brian Long	KB9LRD
William Vincent	N9TNW
John Ensley	N9RJZ
Don Quinn	W9OVK
Dave Sprangers	N9ZHZ
Chuck Hanson	N9OEQ
Al Van Dynhoven	KB9BYQ
Steve Pelletier	KB9OAL

FCARC Opportunity

Do you enjoy helping out when needed?

Do you know how to type?

Would you like to be a member of the FCARC board?

Then maybe you would be interested in the position of the FCARC Secretary. The position is open immediately. For details of position or if interested please contact
Brian Long KB9LRD

The latest test session was held at the Red Cross Building at Appleton, on May 11, 2002, with the coordination of George Croy W9MDP.

Five candidates took the tests. There were two new technician class licenses earned, and two upgrades to extra-class earned. There was one failed attempt.

V.E. testers present, were:
George Croy, W9MDP
Rick Kosiorek, W9RIC
Wes Michael, W9WES
Mark Heimmerman, KF9CS
Gary Keating, ND9Z
Jerry Clusen, K9USN
Bill Vincent, N9TNW

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club
Minutes for April 15th, 2002

Board of Directors FCARC:

President: Brian, KB9LRD; Vice-President: John, AB9AH; Secretary: Al KB9BYQ; Membership Coordinator: Steve, N9SGG; Members at Large: Steve, KB9OAL; Bill, N9TNW; Chuck, N9OEQ

Call to Order: 7: 05 PM

Introduction of Members: Roll Call !!

Quorum count: Vice-President: John, AB9AH

Welcome New Members: Jerry Clusen K9USN

Old Business:

- A.) By law changes notify Brian KB9LRD if interested in helping or have any recommended changes.
- B.) Shirt and jacket orders – when the order is placed it will include any prizes won at the banquet
- C.) MS Walk 4/21/02 – 10 operators to help, start time is 10am and meeting at Appleton East, have mobile units available.

Discussion: Other Old Business None

New Business:

A.) Elections – Nominations

Vice President – Nominee Jon Oldenburg AB9AH Nominated by self and second by Bill N9TNW & Eric KB9TLM

Treasurer – Nominee Karen Long KC9BMH Nominated by Dave N9ZHZ second by Steve N9SGG

Members at Large(3) –

Nominee Steve Pelletier KB9OAL Nominated by Steve N9SGG second by Bill N9TNW

Nominee Chuck Hanson N9OEQ Nominated by Karen WB9ZNA second by Gerry WA9GON

Nominee Bill Vincent N9TNW Nominated by Dave N9ZHZ second by Bill N9TNW

B.) Call for additional business –

Committee Reports:

ARES Outagamie – Al KB9BYQ – spotter training courts house on April 16th, State wide tornado drill Thur. April 18th and Sat. April 20th terrorist attack drill

**Field Day – Steve N9SGG – still looking for location, possible sites include Civil Air Patrol, Greenbay reserve training base, Town of Clayton Larson Park
May meeting there will be a vote on location.**

Motion to adjourn by Gary ND9Z second by Dave N9ZHZ

Meeting adjourned: 7:20

High altitude balloon NSTAR-02C

High altitude balloon NSTAR-02C will be launched from west central Iowa on May 18, 2002. The payload will include an FM crossband voice repeater with uplink 446.300MHz and downlink 144.340MHz. With apogee near 98,000ft NSTAR will have maximum range of almost 400 miles. Hams in the coverage area are invited to use the repeater and to break the current Earth-Balloon-Earth station-to-station distance record of 526 miles. More information and updates are available from WORPK@amsat.org or via <http://members.crosspaths.net/wallio/>.

TNX es 73 de Ralph Wallio, WORPK

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Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club
Executive Board
Minutes for April 22, 2002

Board of Directors FCARC:

President: Brian, KB9LRD

Vice-President: John, AB9AH

Treasurer: Dave, N9ZHZ

Secretary: Al KB9BYQ

Membership; Coordinator: Steve, N9SGG

Members at Large: Steve, KB9OAL; Bill, N9TNW; Chuck, N9OEQ

Call to Order: 7: 00 PM

Quorum count: Vice-President: John, AB9AH

Minutes: Approval of the Executive Board minutes from: March 25, 2002
(Motion to accept) **Bill N9TNW(second) Chuck N9OEQ**

Old Business:

- A.) Update: March 18th general meeting, Jon AB9AH – **discussed minutes of meeting.**
- B.) Club wears form to be passed around at the next general membership meeting, also put an article in the next few QSO'ers. Jon AB9AH. - **Jon be finalizing order next week.**
- C.) MS Walk April 20th, Dave N9ZHZ – Went well was very organized this year. Dave N9ZHZ will submit article for next QSO'er.
- D.) Bank account Dave, N9ZHZ – Checked 2 other banks they require a min. balance \$1000 and charge a fee for internet access of \$7.00.
Steve KB9OAL suggested branch that has more locations through out the valley.
Suggestions for next year – change to 76 machine or other, encourage mobile unites to be used.
- E.) Date that the club's trustee name will change. Don W9OVK – **Paper work has been completed and will be sent in.**
- F.) Resignation of the Secretary May 2002, Al KB9BYQ – **Al will still provide the PDF format for whom ever so that QSO'er can be posted on the web. Next meeting will ask if anyone is interested in position.**
- G.) Membership drive business letter. Steve, N9SGG – **Steve needs to get new supply of labels and then he will be able to printer them out for mailing.**
- H.) Year-end financial review must be submitted to the general membership in May. Dave, N9ZHZ – **all set for next meeting.**
- I.) W9ZL email accounts for general members, Steve N9SGG – **Steve noted this was John N9RJZ that will take care of this.**
- J.) WQSO Party member totals were mailed to Lynn Tamblyn, results will be over 95,057.3 for the club, some members mailed their own scores in. Brian KB9LRD- **numbers where close to last years.**
- K.) Does the FCARC want to provide communications for the Diabetes Walk in 2002, if so we need a Chairperson. KB9LRD - **Diabetes Walk Sub-Committee Chairman – board voted to participate in event if they need us. Don W9OVK volunteered to head up committee.**
- L.) Thanks to the group who helped at the Appleton East high school robotics, we had another successful W9ZL event. Steve KB9OAL, Rick W9RIC, Steve N9SGG, Brian KB9LRD- **presentation went well, one of them will submit article for QSO'er on the event.**

Discussion: Old Business

- A) **Field Day location – Club has been invited up to tour the Greenbay Naval/Marine reserve base.**
- B) **By law changes – wording for changing to be incorporated – Lynn Tamblyn offered to assist with the correct language for the club.**

New Business:

- A.) **Steve KB9OAL – suggested splitting up the responsibilities of secretary position or create a committee. Have a newsletter editor and a secretary position for note taking etc...**

Adjourned: Accepting a motion to adjourn. Motion – Steve N9SGG second Bill N9TNW

Adjourned 8:10 PM

A letter from the President:

I would like to thank all of you for the overwhelming favorable response to the tour of the Navy and Marine Reserve training facility in Green Bay, WI. For all of you who went, we had an excellent time and a very informative tour. We were greeted by LCDR Kirk R. Benson, USNR, NH6PK, Commanding Officer, NMCRC Green Bay who give a brief history of the reserve center and the positive impact the Navy and Marine Reservist have had on the community over the years. Then LCDR Kevin Pedersen, USNR, Training Officer, NR JMAST PAC Det 1, NMCRC Green Bay took the helm and guided us through the facilities with the ease. We all gained a greater insight as to what a training center for the military is composed of, and how much effort the administration, staff and reservist put forth to create a such a positive working environment.

We all had met at the Columbus Club, from there about 7 or so vehicles convoyed to the reserve training center with our 2 meter gear working overtime. The group hadn't experienced any problems of any kind, we all we're on time, we had great weather and it seemed nothing could go wrong. It wasn't until a few miles from Green Bay that I had noticed my amperage gauge dropping, I said to my mother (Joyce) I think there is an electrical problem with the truck. I was experiencing intermittent problems with my transmit and receive on the dual band Icon 2800. Until finally the radio light went out my cruise control quit and my truck was starting to surge. I looked at my mother and said "I think the problem is serious" she had one of those looks of a veteran traveler who has crossed her fingers and prayed many times. I reached into my brief case and pulled out a 15 year old handheld that was never reprogrammed with any repeaters and dialed the 146.760R output and continued my version of a net control operator on 146.760 simplex. I informed the group of my situation and asked Erick KB9TLM and Steve N9SGG to pick up the net control status if I had to ditch on the side of the road. I looked in my mirror as I approached the exit off the highway and saw all the vehicles in the convoy getting a little bunched up. I was only able to travel at 10 mph under the posted ramp speed and slowing. As I rounded the bend at the bottom of the ramp I was able to see all the vehicles we're getting even closer for I was only going 15 mph with traffic on the street going 45 - 55 mph, fortunately we didn't have to merge, we we're all ready in the exit lane. I saw Bob W9CZ directly behind with Fred N9FT, Judy KC9ACT, Erick KB9TLM and Steve N9SGG all making the exit ramp with ease at this speed. We all did manage to go the remaining 2 blocks at 15mph to meet Don W9OVK and Jim K9OQO at the reserve center grounds without the problem getting worse. All and all it was a great experience, my mother saw first hand how we as a group communicate and the value of being able to communicate to entire group at one time. The group that was at the training center parking lot, the group in the reserve center and the group that was in the convoy all knew what was going on at the same time. Thanks to the problem with my charging system, we we're able to show some of the non hams the value of our hobby. Maybe the next time I show my mother the value of our hobby, I might take her on a weather spotting exercise during a weather net this year.

Sincerely,

Brian, KB9LRD

Brian J. Long

President, Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club

The FCARC has been asked by the Neenah Veterans Administration to perform communications after the Neenah / Menasha Memorial day parade to facilitate parking, direct people and provide information services at the Memorial cemetery after the parade. We we're asked to provide six (6) members of the FCARC to complete this service. The Neenah Veterans Administration is willing to appoint the FCARC as their primary communication source.. If we have a strong showing and solid performance, there may be other communication needs in the future that we can fulfill for them.

Please check with Jon, AB9AH for sign-up information.

Brian, KB9LRD

Short Wave Listening
By David P. Kalmoe WA0TLN

Late at night from my bed I used to be transfixed in the darkness when the music came forth from every part of the country on my am radio. There was a certain captivating force that kept me awake enjoying the music.

Grandpa gave me my first short-wave radio when I was eight. That old Sonora he said kept him in touch with news from Norway during the German occupation in WWII.

There was the world beckoning the touch of my hand tuning ever so carefully, as a safecracker turns the tumblers hoping to secure some incredible prize.

Music, languages, news of things I'd never even dreamed of before excited me. This adventure was something every boy dreams of... and not an adult in sight to break the magic spell of a world that was mine alone, captured in the privacy of the headphones ordered direct from Chicago.

When were you captured by those signals in the night? As a young boy, these memories felt deeply became a love for the feelings inside myself released by the warm glow of a radio dial in the darkness of my bedroom.

Here is some feedback from others:

Some reflective Amateurs remember their own early days when listening to the radio late at night became something of an exhilarating experience of feelings. Listening from out of the darkness as the world came into mind as colorful as the imaginations farthest reaches.

It was like capturing something beautiful and exciting simply by closing your eyes and tuning in across the band ever so slowly. I still get that feeling sometimes late at night when my emotions and intellect merge with the world of reality and imagination.

There are other ways to experience the same band, and to each listener there is a different treasure to be found. Most importantly is what wells up from within the emotions of the listener. Therein lies the magic of it all.

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club W9ZL
Invites everyone to check into the Net held on
146.760/R 100hz PL

**Wednesday evenings tune in at 7:30pm to hear the
Newsline broadcast. Then stick around to check into the net.**

All are welcome!

This is an open forum net and anything can be discussed.

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This is a listing of HAMS that are willing to help other HAMS out in special areas.
Feel free to contact these fellow HAMS with any questions.

<u>CALL /NAME</u>	<u>SPECIALTY AREA</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
KB9OAL/Steve	APRS	734-9547
W9OVK/Don	CW	725-2524
W9ZC/Bob	Tech.Code	725-7974
N9OEQ/Chuck	HF&VHF Digital Modes	788-5497
W9RIC/Rick	Repeaters, Antennas, HF&VHF	735-9565
N9TNW/Bill	HF & Satellite	739-6827

If you would like to be included on this list, contact any one of the board members.

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FCARC-W9ZL
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Appleton, WI 54912-5233

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Associate(non ham) \$15.00

Student - \$10.00

Retired - \$10.00

Family - \$20.00

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