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### Committee Meeting Date:

**VHF Association**

**Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>**

(Always the 2nd Thursday of the month)  
YMCA downtown Appleton 7:00 PM

### Meeting Date:

**Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>**

(Always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month 7:00 PM)  
Columbus Club 2351 North Richmond Street

### Board Meeting Date:

**Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>**

(Always the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month)  
YMCA downtown Appleton 7:00 PM

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

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### Membership Renewal Corner

If your call sign is below, your  
Membership is up for renewal!

Month of **April** – K9USN N9OEQ N9VVB

Month of **May** – KB9TLM W9OVK N9TNW

## Elmer's Contact List

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

### CALL/NAME

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*If you would like to be included on this list, contact any board member*

### Board Member Attendance:

Brian Long	KB9LRD
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Robin Cleveland	K9MOO
David Sprangers	N9ZHZ
Noah Sprangers	Furture Ham
Bill Vincent	N9TNW
Don Quinn	W9OVK
Steve Palletier	KB9OAL
Pat LaTour	K9IK
Chuck Hanson	N9OEQ

### Club Attendance

Brian Long	KB9LRD
Jon Oldenburg	AB9AH
Robin Cleveland	K9MOO
Steve Lamers	N9SGG
Richard Sonnenberg	W9UVZ
Robert Hamilton	KC5WKO
Dan Vanevenhoven	N9LVS
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Don Quinn	W9OVK
Hal Sieth	NQ9F
Bill Vincent	N9TNW
Chad Pennings	N9PRC
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Paul Coener	Guest
Julie Kersen	Guest
Wayne Pennings	WD9FLJ
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Robin (K9MOO)  
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### New Club Members

We would like to welcome our  
newest and renewed  
members to the  
Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club

**Rob Ronk ~KB9IE**

**Gary Stemple**

**Michael Scheid~KB9NLL**

**Stephen Williams ~KB9RLF**

**Charles Luyster~K9NH**

*Please make them feel  
welcome!*

**Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club**  
Minutes for March 17, 2003

**Board of Directors FCARC:** President: Brian (KB9LRD) -- Vice-President: John (AB9AH) -- Treasurer: Karen (KC9BMH)  
Secretary: Robin (K9MOO) Membership Coordinator: Steve (N9SGG) Members at Large: Steve (KB9OAL), Bill (N9TNW),  
Chuck (N9OEQ)

**Call to Order:** 7:08 P.M.

**Introduction of Members: Roll Call !!**

**Correction to the published minutes:** Richard W9UVS motioned to move the December Social to the Fox Valley Planetarium.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon AB9AH A vote followed discussion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

**Minutes:** Approval of the minutes from: January 20<sup>th</sup> 2002 as published and or corrected.

(Motion to accept) Bob (KC5WKO) (Second) Bill (N9TW) (Vote: M) P

**Welcome New & Renewed Members:** Rob KB9IE, Gary Stemple , Michael KB9NLL, Stephen KB9RLF

**Special Announcement: I.D. Badges are back; see Robin K9MOO for a corrected or new FCARC I.D. badge.**

**Guest speaker: Paul Coenen Walk Logistics committee member & Julie Kersen Executive Director of JDRF.**

**Old Business:**

- A. Fund raising events for 2003, Brat fry's at both Copps food centers. For sign-up see Karen KC9BMH
- B. Event's committee's meet on March 13<sup>th</sup> for an advance sign-up. Forms will be available to fill out during each general membership meeting.
- C. The December social will be held at the UW Fox Valley Barlow Planetarium Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The cost of admissions for all current club members will be paid for by the FCARC. We encourage everyone to bring a hot/cold dish to pass; the FCARC will also provide soda. For coordination of food, please contact Richard W9UVZ 733-0609
- D. Certificates will be issued to non club members who "Affiliate" the FCARC as their club choice for the WQP.
- E. The JMAST group will be looking for individuals to help out as instructors for the current technician classes being taught at the Navy / Marine Corp. Reserve center. MARS program is also developing at the reserve center.
- F. WQP report. In 1999 we had 277,421 points and earned us 4<sup>th</sup> place in the State. We now have.....

**Discussion: Old Business**

**August 3, 2003 Corn roast Sunset Park.**

**New Business:**

- A. The will be looking into holding class to earn a technician or an upgrade license for the public...

**Discussion: New Business**

**Committee Reports:**

**Announcements from the floor: Hal (NQ9F)**

**Program:** Log review and score sheets, WI QSO Party, Brian (KB9LRD)

**Adjourn: Accepting a motion to adjourn: Bill (N9TNW) 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pat (KB9OAL) Vote: Passed**

**Program to follow:**

FYI ~ A club financial report, agenda and printed copies of the QSO'er are available at the Directors table for all members before each meeting along with other information of interest. For the consideration of others, during the business meeting please refrain from side conversations. Please...we ask all of you, *NO SMOKING*.  
Thank you. **FCARC**

**Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club**  
**Executive Board**  
Minutes for March 24, 2003

**Board of Directors FCARC:** President: Brian (KB9LRD), Vice-President: John (AB9AH), Treasurer: Karen (KC9BMH), Secretary: Robin (K9MOO), Membership Coordinator: Steve (N9SGG), Members at Large: Steve (KB9OAL); Bill (N9TNW); Chuck (N9OEQ).

**Call to Order: 7: 01 P.M.**

**Minutes:** Approval of the Executive Board minutes from: February  
**(Motion to accept) Bill (N9TNW) (Second) Don () (Vote: M) Pass**

**Old Business:**

- A) Reservations have been made for the Annual Social @ UW Fox Valley Barlow Planetarium by Richard (W9UVZ) the cost will be \$4.00/ per person with a minimum charge \$120.00. The room charge will be \$30.00 per hour. Reservations are made for the room 6-7pm. Reservations for the show will be at 7:30pm. Liquor to be served will have to be granted by the Dean. All food and beverage served go through Food Services, Inc., of Milwaukee.
- B) By-laws committee will have a revision ready for April newsletter.
- C) FCAR.US Mail server, List server etc... Web Master Steve (N9SGG).
- D) Fund Raising events for 2003, Karen (KC9BMH)
- E) Election chairman needed for May's elections- see By-laws for specifics
- F) FCARC banner from JDRF. A thank you letter will be sent.
- G) The WQP many non club members have contributed to the FCARC score.
- H) Executive board positions up for (re) election. Suggestions??

**Discussion: Old Business**

**New Business:**

- A) Hamfest Date? Are we ready for the 2003 Hamfest?
- B) Pat (K9IK) resigning from all FCARC commodities and WIN ARES.

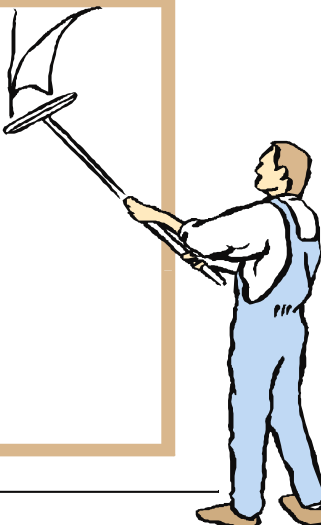
**Discussion: New Business:**

**Announcements: None to report.**

**Adjourn:**

**Motion to adjourn. Steve (KB9OAL) (2nd) Robin (K9MOO) (V/M) Passed**

The FCARC is looking for someone to help coordinate programs for the monthly meeting. You would be responsible for 6-8 simple 10 min presentation. If you are interested in helping out the club in this position, please contact *Brian Long (KB9LRD)*



Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors  
Positions for (re) Elections:

**President**

**Secretary**

**Membership Coordinator**

**Members at Large**

Any club members are welcome to run for these positions.

The job descriptions can be found in the By-laws or you may contact a board member to inquire about the positions. Many of the job duties are being changed and will be reflected in the updated by-laws (once completed).

**Local Nets**

**Sunday**

**7:00 p.m. - 147.24 Mhz Repeater - Winnebago County ARES/RACES Information Net This net is also used by the Winnebago County ARES/RACES/Skywarn Operators.**

**8:00 p.m. - 146.655 Mhz Repeater - Outagamie County ARES Information Net This net is also used by the Outagamie County ARES/Skywarn Operators. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to check in. The 145.15 Mhz Repeater is a backup repeater in the event of an outage of the 146.655 Mhz Repeater.**

**Wednesday**

**7:30 p.m. - 146.760 mhz Repeater - FCARC Weekly Two Meter Net This net is sponsored by the Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club. This Net is an informal net with a variety of amateur radio topics. Members and Non-members alike are encouraged to check in and join the discussions. Also we are now featuring NewsLine, an amateur radio news program.**



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## Omro Testing Session

Test sessions are presently being given at the Community Center in Omro, WI. The sessions start at 8:00 am and end at noon. Tests are always given the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. There is a \$12.00 fee

February 8, 2003  
~~March 8, 2003~~

April 12, 2003  
May 10, 2003

## FCARC Testing Session

Test sessions are presently being given at the American Red Cross Building in Appleton, WI. The sessions start at 8:00 am and no walk-in candidates are accepted after 9:00 am. Sessions are held on Saturdays. There is a \$12.00 fee.

February 1, 2003  
~~March 29, 2003~~  
May 10, 2003  
November 2, 2003 (Hamfest)

August 16, 2003  
February 7, 2004

## March 29, 2003 test session

Volunteer Examiners present and assisting:

CLUSEN, GERALD - K9USN  
VINCENT, WILLIAM - N9TNW  
KEATING, GARY - ND9Z  
MICHAEL, WES - W9WES  
MEYER, JOHN - NZ9Z  
HEIMMERMANN, MARK - KF9CS  
ARNOLD, DAVID - KA9NMK  
PRUST, TOM - N9WI  
KOSIOREK, RIC - W9RIC  
HANSON, CHARLES - N9OEQ  
CROY, GEORGE - W9MDP

ONE CANDIDATE TESTED FOR EXAM ELEMENT 2 (TECHNICAN) AND PASSED.  
NEXT SESSION MAY 10, 2003 AT THE RED CROSS BUILDING IN APPLETON. START TIME: 8:00A.M.

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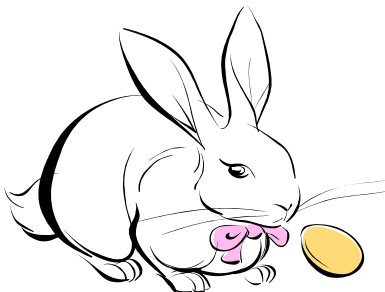
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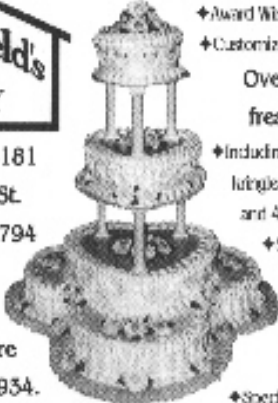
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## FCARC Calendar of Events

### April

- 05 JMAST Technician no-code class at the Navy / Marine Reserve Center in Green Bay - FCARC
- 10 VHF Association meeting - K9OQO
- 21 **FCARC General Membership meeting**
- 27 MS Walk - N9ZHZ
- 28 **FCARC Executive Board meeting**

### May

- 03 JMAST Technician no-code VE Testing at the Navy / Marine Reserve Center in Green Bay
- 08 Field Day committee meeting - Appointment Pending
- 10 VE Testing - N9TNW
- 10 American Cancer "Sole Burner" - Appointment pending
- 17 JDRF Walk - N9SGG
- 19 **FCARC General Membership meeting**
- 26 Memorial Day Parade - K9HID
- 26 **FCARC Executive Board meeting**

### June

- 12 EAA Committee meeting - WD9FLJ
- 16 **FCARC General Membership meeting**
- 28 Field Day - Appointment pending
- 23 **FCARC Executive Board meeting**

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Anyone who is interested in donating any Equipment you may donate it to the Boys' and Girls' Brigade. Anyone who donates will receive a tax deductible donation receipt. All those who are interested may contact Brent Thiel KC9BQK or the Boys' and Girl's Brigade.

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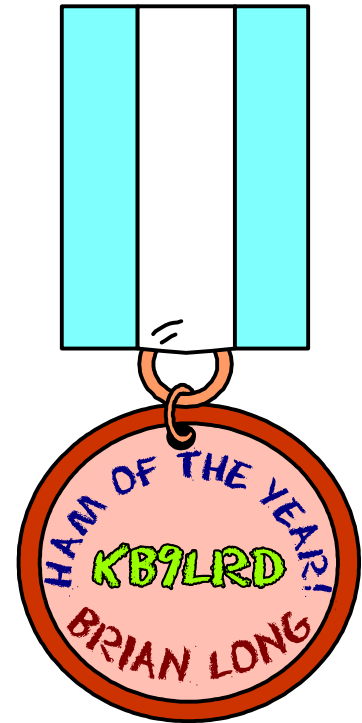
# Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club Directory

The club directory is finally done.

- + You may obtain a printed copy at any club meeting  
or
- + Contact Brian (KB9LRD) for special arrangements  
*This directory can not be emailed.*

Like everyone, I make mistakes so if you see errors please **contact Robin (K9MOO)** either by phone or email. Include where the error is located and what the corrected information should be.

This complete directory will only be printed once a year. I will make corrections and reprint the errors on a single sheet.  
73's Robin



The following was heard around the world on broadcast radio stations carrying Paul Harvey...

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"America's "Quiet Warriors" [pause] are the legion of ham radio operators, seven hundred thousand of them [pause] who are always ready for backup duties in emergencies. [pause] Amateur, unpaid, uncelebrated, civilian radio operators during and after floods and fires and tornados. After the 9-11 attacks hams were indispensable in reuniting families. Most recently it was they who expedited the search for debris after the disaster to the space shuttle, "Columbia". And right now [pause] at this moment [pause] they are involved in homeland security to a greater degree than you.... [pause] ...would want me [pause] to make public."

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Source:

<http://www.paulharvey.com/>

Wednesday Noon, March 19th, 2003

Thanks to Doug Younker-N0LKK for spotting this clip  
Clip transcribed via RealOne Player by David Hatch-N9ZRT



# April 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Net Control Brent KC9BQK @ 7:30 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> JMAST @ 8:30 am
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Net Control Steve N9SGG @ 7:30 pm	<b>10</b> VHF Association mtg YMCA @ 7 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Omro VE Testing @ 8:00 am
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Net Control Jon AB9AH @ 7:30 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> General member mtg @ 7 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Net Control Brent KC9BQK @ 7:30 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> MS Walk	<b>28</b> Board of Directors mtg YMCA @ 7 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Net Control Steve N9SGG @ 7:30 pm			

# Hams help with Columbia recovery

FBI, local police turn to amateur radio operators

By Gary Krakow, MSNBC , *Gary Krakow is licensed ham radio operator W2GSK.*

Feb. 9 — The Columbia space shuttle breaks up upon re-entry. Debris lands over hundreds of square miles — often rugged and rural territory where cell phones are out of the question and even police radios are often out-of-range and useless. In this case, as during weather disasters and other calamities year in and year out — officials turned to ham radio operators for help.

ACCORDING TO THE national membership association for amateur radio, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), ham radio volunteers are currently assisting federal, state and local officials and relief organizations in Texas in their search for shuttle Columbia debris and the remains of the crew members. Amateur radio operators must pass rigorous tests to receive a license and a call sign from the Federal Communications Commission — clearing them to broadcast radio, TV or data signals on frequencies set aside for their use.

ARRL officials say local efforts following the Columbia disaster have been a great success.

“Ham radio has proven to be the only reliable communications options during the recovery effort,” according to Tim Lewallen (call sign KD5ING) of the Nacogdoches, Texas, Amateur Radio Club.

“The communications systems used by other federal and state organizations cannot penetrate ‘The Pine Curtain’ as we know it in East Texas,” he said. “The dense forests and hilly terrain just swallow up most radio traffic, and even county sheriff and county fire department radio systems have serious blind spots.” According to Lewallen, federal authorities have requested that every survey team have at least one amateur radio operator along to help keep the recovery efforts coordinated and organized.

In South Texas, there are requests for hams that are still needed to assist in the search effort — with an urgent need for operators in the San Augustine County, where substantial debris remains to be recovered. Local coordinators say two-to-four dozen operators are needed each day and they expect the need to continue for the next three weeks.

Hams are using local amateur radio clubs’ repeaters — which are receiver-transmitter combinations, usually installed on top of tall buildings that take low power radio signals and re-broadcast them at elevated power to a large area. Dallas County volunteers are being told they should use high-powered radios in the recovery effort because handheld “walkie-talkies” don’t have the necessary range. It’s also recommended they bring four-wheel drive vehicles, portable GPS (global positioning systems) and even laptop computers with mapping programs if they’re not familiar with the area.

Area residents with VHF scanners can listen in on the recovery effort. In the Dallas area, activities can be monitored on 146.96 MHz; in Nagadoches on 147.32 MHz, in St. Augustine on 146.74 MHz, and on a portable repeater in East Texas on 146.66 MHz. Yesterday, a Dallas resident who’s been listening told MSNBC.com there were several reports of “hazardous materials” being found and that “demolition experts” were called in to assist in the recovery.

Public service communication has been a traditional responsibility of the Amateur Radio Service since 1913. Today, disaster work is highly organized and implemented principally through a number of different ARRL groups including the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, or R.A.C.E.S. — an organization of ham radio operators who volunteer their time and equipment to provide supplemental communication to local, county or state agencies during times of crisis or disaster.

Three of the Columbia astronauts were licensed amateur radio operators: Mission Specialists Kalpana Chawla, KD5ESI; David Brown, KC5ZTC; Laurel Clark, KC5ZSU. They aren’t alone — many people associated with the space program have been active in amateur radio, including businessmen Dennis Tito, KG6FZX, and the three astronauts still circling the earth in the International Space Station — Commander Ken Bowersox, KD5JBP, Don Pettit, KD5MDT and Nikolai Budarin, RV3FB. Even astronaut hopeful Lance Bass of ‘N Sync is a ham — KG4UYY.

The three current space station astronauts are manning NA1SS, the first permanent amateur radio station in space. Use of NA1SS has been temporarily curtailed. Last week, the astronauts were scheduled to make radio contact with high school students in Germany. The session was postponed. But, according to the ISS governing group, space station contacts are expected to resume later this month.