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**August**



FCARC Executive Board Meeting  
August 25

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

## Amateur Radio Testing Sessions

November 2, 2003 - SwapFest 2003,  
Hamfest Committee Meeting September 11<sup>th</sup> 2003

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### Membership Renewal Corner

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

August

September

David W9RAG  
Karen KB9GYM  
Walter WA9FFT  
John WA8HBE

Erik KG8RF  
Steven N9SGG  
Chad N9PRC

## Club Member Attendance

Ben Wright	K9DID
Eric Bjorkquist	KG8RF
Dominick Piekarczyk	KF6HCG
Stan Piekarczyk	KE6IFC
Lester Morse	KA9LAR
Gary Stemple	KC9DJQ
Karen Throne	WB9ZNA
Judy Schneider	N9PBM
Andy Palm	N9KSN
Greg Schneider	W9IEI
Dave Arnold	KA9NMK
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Dan Vanevenhoven	N9LVS
John Ensley	N9RJZ
Steve Pelletier	KB9OAL
Chuck Hanson	N9OEQ
Bill Vincent	N9TNW
Adam Strangers	
David Sprangers	N9ZHZ
Jon Oldenburg	AB9AH
Karen Long	KC9BMH
Brian Long	KB9LRD

I just was informed that Expo this year which is in Sept. at Grayslake, IL has been changed due to a scheduling problem with the fairgrounds.

It has been advertised and printed flyers with the dates Sept. 27th & 28th. THE NEW DATES ARE: SEPT. 20TH & 21ST.

Thanks.  
Karen WB9ZNA

### Board Member Attendance:

Brian Long KB9LRD  
Rick Kosiorek W9RIC  
Jon Oldenburg AB9AH

## **FOR SALE:**

**American AL-200 Linear Amplifier, serial number 275 w/3cx1200a7, ceramic/metal triode; Priced at \$895.00. If interested contact Ralph Ballinger N9ECS at 734-5460**

## 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.

<u>CALL/NAME</u>	<u>SPECIALITY AREA</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</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 board member*

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club General Membership meeting  
Minutes from June 16th, 2003

**Board of Directors FCARC**

President: Brian, KB9LRD; Vice-President: John, AB9AH; Treasurer: Karen, KC9BMH  
Secretary: Dominick KF6CHG; Membership Coordinator: Dan, N9LVS  
Members at Large: Steve, N9SGG; Bill, N9TNW; Rick W9RIC

**Quorum count:** Vice-President: John, AB9AH

**Call to Order: 7: 00 PM**

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

**Correction to the published minutes: None**

**Minutes:** Approval of the minutes from: June 16th, 2003 as published and/or corrected.

(Motion to accept) Greg W9IEI                      (Second) Erick KB9TLM                      (Vote: M) Pass

**Welcome New & Renewed Members:**

**Chris Keefe KC9AHW, Bernie Hengels N9YMC, Michael Hengels KB9JGX, Darlene Hengels KB9JGW, Steve Gasper KB9IKO, Steve Brown W9APL, Paula Vanevenhoven KC9DMM, Dan Vanevenhoven N9LVS, Greg Schneider W9IEI, Judy Schneider N9PBM, Mike Melland W9WIS, Len Brumaubh K6JDF**

**Old Business:**

- A.) Congratulations to Dominick Piekarczyk KF6HCG as our new Secretary / Newsletter Editor. Dominick was voted in unanimously by the Executive Board on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- B.) Congratulations to Rick Kosiorek W9RIC as a Member at Large. Rick was voted in unanimously by the Executive Board on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- C.) Congratulations to Karen KC9BMH for her first place "Single Operator-Technician" category in the Wisconsin QSO Party. Mark Michel W9OP for the Clubs High score of 89,445 points and placing 7<sup>th</sup> over all in "Single Operator-Fixed" category. Thank you to all who helped place the FCARC in 4<sup>th</sup> place. This tied our best placement in 1999 in the Wisconsin QSO Party.
- D.) 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. Next class will be August 16th @ the time is not yet determined
- E.) Field Day was a great success with over 60 people attending. 40 Hams and 15 non-Amateurs enjoyed the 24-hour activities. A special thanks to: Andy N1KSN, Stan KE6IFC and John N9RJZ for their efforts. To all the members who helped make this event another successful event for the FCARC..
- F.) The Brat Fry held on July 19<sup>th</sup> had successfully raised \$240.00. We served over 475 people with 9 FCARC volunteers. I would like to thank all of those who helped out and a special thank you to Karen KC9BMH for her organizational efforts that made this event another successful FCARC event.

Thank you: Steve KB9OAL, Gary KC9DJQ, Steve N9SGG, Paula KC9DMM, Dan N9LVS, John N9RJZ, Phillip KC9AFC, Brian KB9LRD and Jamie Vanevenhoven.

**Discussion: Old Business**

**New Business:**

- A.) Jim : Save HF from Power line Digital, visit [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) for more information.
- B.) Richard W9UVZ: 145.300 repeater died

**Discussion: New Business**

**Committee Reports:**

**Events Committee Chairman: Vice President; John Oldenburg, AB9AH (Elected)**

- EAA Sub-Committee Chairman: Wayne Pennings, WD9FLJ (Appointed)
- JDF Walk Sub-Committee Chairman: **OPEN** (Appointed)
- Fox Cites Marathon Sub-Committee Chairman: Dave N9ZHZ (Appointed)
- Diabetes Walk Sub-Committee Chairman: **OPEN** (Appointed)
- J.O.T.A. Sub-Committee Chairman: Jon AB9AH (Appointed)
- WQP Sub-Committee Chairman: Brian Long, KB9LRD (Appointed)
- MS Walk Sub-Committee Chairman: Dave Sprangers, N9ZHZ (Appointed)
- Field day Sub-committee Chairman: **OPEN** (Appointed)
- A-T Walk for a Miracle Sub-Chairman: Brian KB9LRD (Appointed)
- American Cancer Sole Burner Sub-Committee Chairman **OPEN** (Appointed)

**Hamfest 2003 Committee Chairman: John Ensley, N9RJZ (Elected)**

- Interference Committee Chairman: **OPEN** (Appointed)
  - Volunteer Testing Committee Chairman: George Croy, W9MDP (Appointed)
  - Packet Radio Committee Chairman: Andy Nemec, KB9ALN (Appointed)
  - Web page Committee Chairman: Steve Lamers, N9SGG (Appointed)
  - Emergency Communications Committee's:
    - Outagamie Co.; Mark Hiemmermann, KF9CS (Appointed)
    - Waupaca Co.; **OPEN** (Appointed)
    - Brown Co.; Andy Nemec, KB9ALN (Appointed)
    - Winnebago Co.; Greg Ramlow, KB9SZP (Appointed)
    - Calumet Co.; Mike Ortlieb, KN9P (Appointed)
  - Newsletter Committee Chairman: Dominic Piekarczyk KF6HCG(Appointed)
  - Tower committee Chairman: Aaron Heise, KB9QWC (Appointed)
  - By-laws Committee Chairman: Brian Long, KB9LRD (Appointed)
  - Election Committee Chairman: **OPEN** (Appointed)
  - Public Relations Committee Chairman: Dan Vanevenhoven, N9LVS (Appointed)
  - Photography : Dan Vanevenhoven, N9LVS (Appointed)
  - Programs Committee Chairman: **OPEN** (Appointed)
  - Budget Review Committee Chairman: Karen, KC9BMH (Appointed)
  - Memorial Day Parade Chairman: Robert Cleveland K9HID (Appointed)
  - Special Purpose Committee Chairman: Erick Jensen KB9TLM (Appointed)
- W9ZL Trustee 2002 - 2012: Don Quinn W9OVK (Elected / Executive Board)**

**2002 Ham of the Year: Brian KB9LRD**

**Discussion: Open format.**

**Announcements:**

- FCARC corn roast will be August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we'll start at noon at Sunset Park in Kimberly at the large pavilion.
- Talk-in frequency for both events will be the 146.760R PL 100hz. We'll supply the brats, burger, corn and refreshments.
- Please feel free to bring your favorite dish to pass.
- Aug. 15 the Outagamie County ARES will be providing communications for the Xtreme Race. Please help!

**Announcements from the floor:**

**Program: None**

**Adjourn:** (Accepting a motion to adjourn) Bernie N9YMC (2nd) Jim K9OQO (V:M) Pass

F.Y.I.

A club financial report, agenda and printed copies of the QSO'er are available for all members at the directors table before each meeting, also other information of interest.

For the consideration of others, during all business meetings please refrain from side conversations.

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Thank You !



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Invites everyone to tune in on Wednesday evenings at

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to hear the Newline broadcast.

Then stick around to check into the net immediately afterwards.

*This is an open forum net and anything can be discussed, to include conversations on net, technical questions, equipment review and for sale items.*

Everyone is welcome to submit articles, ideas, or information into the newsletter. To do so just email me at [kf6hcg@hotmail.com](mailto:kf6hcg@hotmail.com) with your article and name, thank you very much ☺

Bob Pratt W9ZC

The next time Mars may come this close will be in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the last 5,000 years but it may be as long as 60,000 years.

The encounter will culminate on Aug. 27 when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of minus 2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. At a modest 75-power magnification, Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye.

Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August, Mars will rise in the east at 10 PM and reach its azimuth at about 3 AM. But by the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30 AM. That's pretty convenient when it comes to seeing something that no human has seen in recorded history.

So mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month. Share with your children, and grandchildren. No one alive today will ever see this again.



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# *FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (W9ZL)*

## *2003 SWAPFEST Sunday, November 2, 2003*



### *Waverly Beach (inside) at the North tip of Lake Winnebago*

The Fox Cities, Appleton Area Swapmeet – Now at a New Exciting Location

*Information:* Waverly Beach, N8770 Fire Lane 1, Menasha

- Talk in on wide area repeater -- 146.76 mhz -pl 100
- Setup starts 6 a.m. General Admission 8 a.m.
- Web Page: [www.w9zl.org](http://www.w9zl.org)
- Everyone welcome including computer clubs, students and anyone with electronics related items to swap and sell. We encourage vendors of computer, test or scientific equipment. The W9ZL Swapmeet is an inclusive event for ham radio, computer, technical and scientific enthusiasts.
- On site V.E. testing for those wanting to take amateur license exams.
- You must register on site for tests by 9 a.m.
- Raffle with many \$\$\$\$ of prizes. You need not be present to win grand prizes.
- Food and Refreshments of all kinds. Waverly Beach is a full service facility for events.
- **ADVANCE PURCHASE SWAP TABLES FOR SELLERS: \$10.00 or \$12.00 at the door if available.**
- **INDIVIDUAL ADMISSION AND ONE RAFFLE TICKET: \$5.00.**
- **Extra Raffle Tickets: \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.**

Email: [N9RJZ@tponet.com](mailto:N9RJZ@tponet.com) (John) / Swapmeet Phone: 920-729-0797 / Swapmeet Fax: 920-967-0277

Orders by mail for advance tickets should contain a SASE for faster return and must be received by October 25th or your tickets will be held and available at the Main Entrance.

Admission ticket purchase required with Table Order.	QTY:	ITEM:	EACH:	TOTAL:
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Amateur Call: _____ MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCARC				

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# September 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 <b>Committee meets, YMCA 7:00 PM</b>	12	13
14	15 <b>FCARC General membership meeting</b>	16	17	18	19	20
21 <b>AT Walk Freedom, WI.</b>	22 <b>Executive Board Meeting</b>	23	24	25	26	27
28 <b>Fox Cities Marathon</b>	29	30				

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