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Next Meeting:

General Membership Meeting

Monday January 19th 7:00PM
Columbus Club

Executive Board

Monday January 26th 7:00PM
Little Chute Civic Center

Please feel welcome to join us!

Next testing date: February 07, 2004
Other Amateur Radio Testing Sessions dates can
be found at the FCARC web site:
<http://www.fcarc.us>

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Membership Renewal Corner

(Also available on the web site)

If your call sign is below, your Membership is up for renewal!
Check out our web site for your renewal month.

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Philip KC9AFC	Dave N9ZHZ
Dave WA0TLN	Jenny K9JEN
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Brian KB9LRD	
Karen KC9BMH	
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Club Member Attendance

Brian Long	KB9LRD
Karen Long	KC9BMH
Dan Vanevenhoven	N9LVS
Jon Oldenberg	AB9AH
Jon Ensley	N9RJZ
Lester Morse	KA9LAR
Bernie Hengels	N9YMC
Andy Palm	N1KSN
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Michael Hengels	KB9JGX
John Marker	WA8HBE
Bill Vincent	N9TNW
Chuck Hanson	N9OEQ
Paula Vanevenhoven	KC9DMM
Hal Sieth	NO8F
Mary Sieth	Guest
Jim Sheetz	K9OQO
Jan Sheetz	Guest
Dave Beck	K9RAG
Richard Kosiorek	W9RIC
Judy Kosiorek	N9JLQ
Steven Lamers	N9SGG
Karen Johnson	Guest
Becky Johnson	Guest

Is your I.D. missing in action, torn up, or just plain old unrecognizable? Request a new one and it will be made available as soon as possible. See Dominick KF6HCG

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

Board Member Attendance:

Brian Long	KB9LRD
Dan Vanevenhoven	N9LVS

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	205-1126
W9OVK~ Don	CW	725-2524
W9ZC~ Bob	Tech. Code	725-7974
N9OEQ~ Chuck	HF & VHF Digital Modes	788-5497
N9TNW~ Bill	HF & Satellite	739-6827
N9LVS~Dan	FCC Personal Data Changes	205-4899

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

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc. General Membership meeting
Minutes for December 15th, 2003

Board of Directors FCARC

President: Brian, KB9LRD; Vice-President: John, AB9AH; Treasurer: Karen, KC9BMH
Secretary: Dominic 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

In Memory of Myron Jackson W9BBI Observed 2 minutes of silence.

Introduction of Members: Roll Call !!

Correction to the published minutes: None

Minutes: Approval of the minutes from: October 22nd, 2003 as published and/or corrected in the QSO'er.
(Motion to accept) **Rick W9RIC** (Second) **Bill N9TNW** (Vote: M) **Pass**

Welcome New & Renewed Members: Jack W9WTY, David KB9OWC, Joe W9ER, Harry Hall (No Call)

Old Business:

- A.) The Executive Board has finalized the Nonprofit Nonstock Incorporated status with the State of Wisconsin for the FCARC. The new name for the FCARC is: Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
- B.) John N9RJZ our Hamfest Chairman says "We had a Hamfest Sunday Nov. 02, 2003".
1. Waverly Beach 2004
 2. Advertising will help pay for 2004 flyers, marketing shows flyers are cost effective.
 3. Tables sold in advance for 2004, Tower Electronics....
 4. Working in conjunction with Waukesha's 2004 Hamfest chairman to bring in vendors.
 5. Volunteers needed to attend other are Hamfest to man an FCARC booth.
- C.) Shall the FCARC, Inc have a Hamfest in 2004.
(Motion to accept) **ANDY NIKSN** (Second) **JON AB9AH** (Vote: M) **PASS**
- D.) Now accepting nominations for 2004 Hamfest Chairperson.
(December's meeting the nomination process will close and an election will be held for the 2004 Hamfest chairperson).
- E.) 2003 Hamfest financial report.
- F.) Nominations for "Ham of the Year".
(Motion to close nomination) **Brian KB9LRD** (Second) **Dan N9LVS** (Vote: M) **PASS**
(Motion to close discussion) **Brian KB9LRD** (Second) **Bill N9TNW** (Vote: M) **PASS**
(Motion to vote Unanimously to pass N9RJZ) **Chuck N9OEQ** (Second) **Bill N9TNW** (Vote: M) **PASS**
1. One volunteer needed from the floor to assist the nominations committee. (Required by the by-laws)
- G.) The FCARC web site has a new home and a new look. Check it out at: www.fcarc.us.
- H.) Domain w9zl.org will be the domain for the mail server.

Discussion Old Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

The "Hal Report": Hal, past QST issues to be given to the club. John N9RJZ volunteered space to house them for all to view.

Committee Reports: None

Roy Hoyer WB9QKW designed the current W9ZL Logo in 1986

W9ZL Trustee 2002 - 2012: Don Quinn W9OVK (Elected / Executive Board)

2002 Ham of the Year: Brian KB9LRD

Announcements:

FCARC Jackets, T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats sign-up sheet is here, if interested see Dan N9LVS.
We would like to send in the order by January 15, 2004.

Announcements from the floor: Social to follow tonight's meeting

Program: The FCARC Christmas Party / Year end social.

Adjourn: (Accepting a motion to adjourn) **Rick W9RIC** (2nd) **Bernie N9YMC** (V: M) **PASS**

Join the FCARC during the Wisconsin QSO Party March 14th.

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club (W9ZL)
Invites everyone to tune in on Wednesday evenings at
7:30 PM on 146.760/R 100hz PL
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.*



**Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club
Executive Board
Agenda for December 21st, 2003**

Board of Directors FCARC:

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Secretary: Dominic KF6HCG Membership Coordinator: Dan N9LVS
Members at Large: Rick W9RIC, Bill N9TNW, Steve N9SGG

Call to Order: 7: 00 PM NO Quorum NO MEETING

**TPO Internet Service
John Ensley (N9RJZ)
920-991-2599**

October's Trivia Question:

WB9QKW

Who is this contributor to the FCARC, and what did this person do?

Answer: Roy Hoyer WB9QKW designed the current W9ZL Logo in 1986

The FCARC will be holding Technician Class study groups. The first of 2004 will be in February, for more information please contact Stephen Williams KB9RLF 920-205-0736 or kb9rlf@arrl.net Classes will be open to any person interested in Amateur Radio. For late check-ins please call. Cost, location and class requirements will be made available to all who call. Information and volunteer VE's can contact the club president, KB9LRD Brian at 920-730-8485 or kb9lrd@new.rr.com

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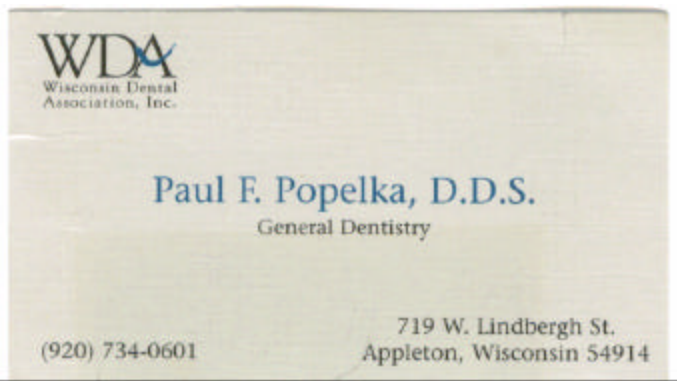


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Note: If you signed up for Jackets, Hats, and T-Shirts they will be ordered in late January after the General Membership meeting on the 19th. Please see Dan N9LVS for your order confirmation, payment is due when your item is picked up. dvaeven@athenet.net 920-205-4899



FOR SALE:

Ameriton AL-200 Linear Amplifier, serial number 275 w/3cx1200a7, ceramic/metal triode; Priced to sell at \$700.00. If interested contact Ralph Ballinger N9ECS at 920-225-1048

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CAPE TOWN AMATEUR RADIO CENTRE (CTARC) "RAGCHEW". THE AUTHOR, BUD VOORTMAN ZS1B IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE AND ALSO AN ADVISOR TO THEIR CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS.

BUD ZS1B HAD VISITED OUR AREA DURING THE 2003 EAA. BUD AND I HAD SENT A FEW EMAILS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA WITH THE ANTICIPATION OF BEING ABLE TO MEET DURING THE WEEK LONG EAA EVENT.

IF MY WIFE KAREN KC9BMH AND I EVER GET TO CAPE TOWN, I HOPE TO MEET UP WITH BUD ZS1B AND TAKE LOTS OF PICTURES TO SEND BACK. I HOPE TO CONTINUE MY EMAILS TO BUD ZS1B IN THE NEAR FUTURE, A COPY OF THIS MONTHS "QSO'ER" WILL BE SENT TO HIM AS WELL. WE CAN ONLY HOPE BUD ZS1B WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE USA AND SPEND MORE TIME WITH US. IF YOU TALKED TO HIM OR ONE OF HIS GROUP, YOU'D LOVE HIS ACCENT!

IF YOU HEAR FROM BUD ZS1B ON THE HF BANDS, TELL HIM WE ALL SAID "HOWDY" FROM THE W9ZL GROUP IN APPLETON.

CAPE TOWN AMATEUR RADIO CENTRE (CTARC) CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT: [HTTP://WWW.QSL.NET/ZS1CT/INDEX.HTM](http://www.qsl.net/zs1ct/index.htm)

BRIAN KB9LRD



OSKOSH AIRVENTURE 2003

By Bud – ZS1B

At the last club meeting many members saw the slides, video and digital photos taken by ZS1B and heard the audio recording of the air traffic control, but little was said about the ham radio activity at Oshkosh. Prior to my departure, off the Internet I downloaded lists of 2 metre repeater frequencies, as used in Wisconsin and at the Experimental Aircraft

Association's Airventure 2003 at Oshkosh, which I programmed into the little Kenwood handie-talkie that our Chairman had so kindly lent me. I also pre-planned a small step-up transformer to give me 220 volts from off the American 110volts to charge radio and camera batteries. I also left a "calling card" on the Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club's Website and had a reply from Brian Long KB9LRD, their Chairman, making me welcome to use their repeaters during my visit. At Oshkosh I camped in Camp Scholler, a part of the Wittman Airport and found I could access a repeater on 146.760 mhz but several calls early in the morning after my arrival brought no response. I had taken a portable slim jim made out of 300 ohm tape but never found it necessary. Wisconsin is flat green farming country with no hills or mountains so VHF is a pleasure to use there. In the frequency list I had been puzzled about an entry PL 100 next to the given frequency and had guessed it might mean a CTCSS tone of 100 hz and had entered it into the rig. This was later confirmed to be correct. The American hams refer to the Motorola Private Line number which is in fact the CTCSS tone code given in Hz.

Later that day I made my first QSO as W9/ZS1B and spoke to Karen WB9ZNA the XYL of K9DAF up in Appleton about 20 miles North of Oshkosh. She is a new ham and seemed to be very mike shy. Despite many calls on the repeater and 146.520 simplex, I never made contact with W9ZL, the exhibition station of the Fox Cities ARC. I would have thought that they would monitor their announced simplex channel but calls made once or twice a day for a whole week were never answered!



I think we would have done far better than that from any special event station we would ever put up especially when you expect 750000 visitors. At the end of the week on the Sunday before I left for Washington DC, I made my way to Pioneer Airport and visited W9ZL. W9ZL is located in a specially constructed ham shack at Pioneer Airport, which is part of the EAA Aviation Museum about 2 miles from where I was camping. There I was made most welcome by Wayne Pennings WD9FLJ, the station organiser and Curtis K9BHG and Don W9OVK. They had an Icom HF rig running into a 20 metre dipole and let me operate for a while. The 20 metre band sounded entirely

different to what we are used to. It was great fun chatting to those fellows. Hams are good types, no matter where you find yourself in this world.

From our camp site, on 2 metres I contacted Brian Long KB9LRD, who invited me to their club's annual "Corn Bake" which we was busy setting up at Appleton. He wanted to know why I was using the 146.760 repeater as it was very far from Oshkosh, being located 70 miles NW at the top end of Lake Winnebago. I was very impressed that ZS1AN's handie running 1 watt into a rubber duck antenna had been able to get all that way. Regretfully I couldn't get there, not having any wheels and also having to pack up in anticipation of travelling to Chicago the next morning at 05h00 to catch my next flight at 10h00.

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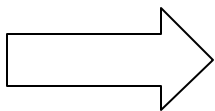
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Nominations for "Ham of the Year"



Andy Palm N1KSN

John Ensley N9RJZ

Steve Lamers N9SGG

Brian Long KB9LRD

Karen Long KC9BMH

We wish all of you the best of luck in your quest of "Ham of the Year" for 2003.

A note from the editor:

The QSO'er has undergone some changes for 2004. We'll be adding more advertisement throughout the year as more community sponsors come on board. We are also placing these advertisements on our web site when we get an image file or a digital file emailed to us.

We will have the meeting minutes straightened out by the next issue. It was just a slight problem working with a newsletter addition that is from the previous month. Now that this newsletter addition for January is out, it'll be much easier to get the production and distribution completed prior to each meeting.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The awards banquet will be February 21st 2004. The doors open at 5:00PM with dinner being served at 6:00PM. The cost of \$12.00 per person will be charged. Please RSVP your reservation to Karen KC9BMH kc9bmh@new.rr.com or phone to 920-730-8485. We will have 65 to 70 certificates of appreciation and up to 10 awards to be issued. The awards portion will start after a 15 minute intermission from dinner; we expect to start this part of the banquet approximately 6:45PM to 7:00PM.

I encourage you to attend and bring your spouse, significant other or friend to join in on all the fun.

I hope to see you all there.

73..de

Brian J. Long KB9LRD

President, Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

