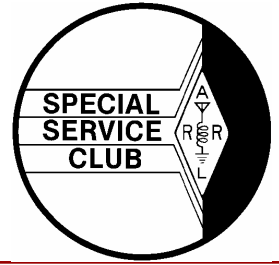




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The 2006 FCARC awards banquet went very well. It was held on February 10th at the Darboy Supper Club. The editors of the QSO'er would like to congratulate Rick Kosiorek, W9RIC, as the FCARC 2005 Ham of the Year. The throne was passed over from our 2004 Ham of the Year, John Ensley N9RJZ. Great job Rick and we all appreciate everything you do, not only for the club but also for any Ham that asks for your help.

You will find the citation, that John wrote up and presented to Rick on the night of the Awards Banquet, on the next page of the QSO'er.

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CITATION

Greetings,

Let it be known to all that Richard Kosiorek, W9RIC is named "Ham of the Year 2005" for the Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club in North Eastern Wisconsin.

Rick was hooked on Ham radio at an early age, while still in grade school, thanks to a neighbor who was a Ham. Perhaps it was that early "Elmer" showing his equipment that also set Rick on the path of being one to always help other Hams as well as family and friends. He definitely has a knack for taking electronic equipment apart and putting it back together, often making it work better than new.

Rick earned his Novice class license in the early seventies. He upgraded in the eighties to Extra when 20 wpm code was a requirement. He has seen things change since his days of being a Novice. His testing requirements were harder than many of us will face today. Its reported he also did very well with the twenty words per minute code and can still handle it pretty well when he has the time to sit down and use it.

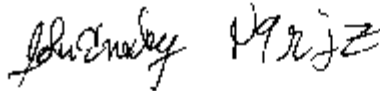
All of us in the club have benefited in some way from Rick's ever present willingness to lend a helping hand. He has been a truly dedicated Ham in that respect. He has at times single handedly kept the Fox Cities ARC repeaters running for everyone's benefit. Many times he has helped with antennas at special events like EAA and Field Day. He has helped some of you study for license exams and participated as a volunteer examiner in testing. He has helped countless people with their radio problems and spent many hours helping others with raising their towers and seeing the job through in being sure that they were both up and operational.

Rick has been involved in our Fox Cities Club for many years and has held various officer positions as well as committee chairperson and committee member duties. He has helped with the Red Cross in times of very severe weather including a tornado touchdown that affected many families.

In addition to the volunteer work on the Fox Cities Repeaters Rick has personal repeaters at his home with professional antennas that are mounted on a substantial tower. He has opened those repeaters up to general amateur use. He feels it his duty to be sure the machines work properly and can be used by all. Most recently he put Echo Link on his repeater and some of us fellow Hams have had the pleasure of talking all across the United States.

Therefore, to all we say that Rick Kosiorek, W9RIC has brought distinct credit upon himself and upon our Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club. We all take pride in recognizing your long term commitment to Amateur Radio and your fellow Hams and others. It is with great pride we recognize you as the Fox Cities 2005 "Ham of the Year."

February 19, 2006 at the Awards Banquet
Congratulations on behalf of the FCARC Members



Presented by the outgoing 2004 Ham of the Year.

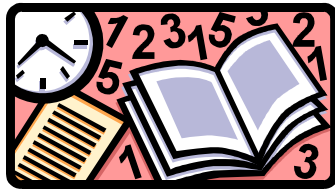
P.S. Your wife said it was a lonely summer last year with you gone working on all of those towers. But she's very proud of you and knew that you were doing something you enjoyed.

VE Testing Dates

Interested in Amateur (HAM) Radio? Need to upgrade your license? The FCARC can help you with both of these.

With the exception of the November test date, all testing is done at the Red Cross Building at 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave. in Appleton. Test check in is from 8:00 am until 8:30 am. The cost is \$14.00.

Here are the dates for 2006:



Join me in welcoming the following new member (s) to the club!

No New Members

Wednesday 2 Meter Net

Net Control Operator schedule

March 22	Eric	KG8RF
March 29	Tim	KC9FSH
April 5	Andy	NIKSN
April 12	Bernie	N9YMC
April 19	Tony	AB9IO
April 26	Eric	KG8RF
May 3	Tim	KC9FSH
May 10	Dave	ND9DW
May 17	Andy	NIKSN



Congratulations to Greg (W9IEI) and Judy (N9PBM) Schneider on their purchase of their new van!

•Upcoming Events

Mon. March 20	FCARC Monthly Club Meeting at the Goodwill Comm. Center
Mon. April 10	Exec Board Meeting at Goodwill Comm. Center
Sat. April 15	VE Testing at the Red Cross building
Mon. April 17	FCARC Monthly Club Meeting at the Goodwill Comm. Center
Sat. April 23	MS Walk at the Fox Cities Stadium. Walk starts at 10 am.
Mon. May 8	Exec Board Meeting at Goodwill Comm. Center
Sat. May 13	Sole Burner American Cancer Society Walk / Run
Mon. May 15	FCARC Monthly Club Meeting at the Goodwill Comm. Center
Sat. May 20	JDRF Walk in Neenah

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club (W9ZL) invites everyone to tune in on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM on 146.76/R 100hz PL to hear the *Newsline* broadcast.

Then stick around to check into the net immediately afterwards. This is an open forum net and anything can be discussed, including; technical questions, equipment review and for swap and for sale items.

Membership Renewal Reminders

As a reminder only—following is a list of the membership renewals coming up this month and the following 2 months. If you have already renewed—thank you. If not, you can renew with Karen (KC9BMH) at the next club meeting.

KB9WPH	2/1/2006
KB9IME	2/1/2006
AB9IO	2/1/2006
KB2WUN	2/1/2006
ND9DW	2/1/2006
K9JEN	2/1/2006
KB9ENO	3/1/2006
KC9DJQ	3/1/2006
WD0EEI	3/1/2006
K9USN	4/1/2006
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N9NUN	4/1/2006
WB9ZNA	4/1/2006
N9LSG	4/1/2006

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For more information contact Brian Long (KB9LRD) at 730-8485

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	Specialty Area	Phone #
N1KSN- Andy	CW	720-0617
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

Have something Ham related to sell? If so, contact Tim (KC9FSH) at KC9FSH@w9zl.org to arrange for it's insertion in the next issue of this newsletter. We will run it in the newsletter and on-line at

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•Dits & Dahs

By: Bernie, N9YMC

The Wisconsin QSO party was a blast! Participation from the FCARC was up substantially, with many new voices on the air. Congrats go out to Brian – KB9LRD for doing such a **bang up** job with recruiting this year. Was that a *jungle gym* following LRD and BMH around? Look for the wrap party pictures in this issue.

Bring your QSO Party logs to the meeting on Monday March 20. Brian will score them and send them in as a group.

A few weeks ago, a group of two FCARC members and one non-member drove down to Madison for a VE testing session. I am pleased to report that Tim – KC9FSH successfully passed his General written, John- N9RJZ successfully passed his General written *AND* his 5 wpm code (RIGHT ON JOHN), and Andy earned his Technician license – it is official KC9IZF is on the air! Well-done lads.

Thanks to Andy- N1KSN for running the CW learning net. I believe it was the springboard to John passing his 5WPM. Following is a little brainteaser with code. See if you can guess the title of the movie that the following code represents?

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Send your answers to n9ymc@arrl.net and I will post the answers in the next newsletter.

Random thoughts – for those interested in running for a club exec board position – come to an exec board meeting (2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm) to see what it is all about and plan on throwing your name into the mix for elections this May. Try it, you'll like it.

Articles, articles, articles. If there is a writer somewhere deep inside your head that is dying to come out – then write an article and submit it to Tim – KC9FSH. Tim- your QSO'er *Lou Grant* is currently accepting articles for submission to the newsletter. Look for Tim's email address elsewhere in this edition and feel free to send that masterpiece in.

Is it about time for Greg and Judy to return? Or do we have to wait until all the snow is gone? We miss you both, and trust that you are well. Godspeed. See you both soon! (Editors note: check out page 9 for a picture of Greg and Judy's new van.)

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•Dits & Dahs Contd.

Have you tried out the new FCARC website yet? If not, give it a go. For most things you just have to wander over to www.fcarc.us and surf around. If you would like a login to see deeper into the site – then send an email, snail mail or smoke signal to Bill- KC9IPU and he will assign you a login (your call) and a password. Once you log on, you can change the password to something that *you* will remember. Good surfing!

EAA is only 4 months away. Don't be shy (thanks SGG), if you like things that fly. Sign up and work a shift or two at the W9ZL special event station. I will have shift sign up sheets at the next few meetings and also put a note in future newsletters and on the website. This year looks like we will not only have 2 HF stations (with new band pass filters) but we plan for access to both IRLP and Echolink nodes.

I hear that Kevin – KC9EYA is doing a fine job is spreading the word about amateur radio and JOTA with the local scout council. Kevin will need your support this fall with the JOTA event. For those that have not done this in the past, your support can be in person at the JOTA site in Appleton or on the air in your mobile, on your HT or at your base radio. Sometimes it is as simple as carrying on a QSO or two with a couple of the scouts. Thank you in advance for your help. The youth represent the future of the hobby.

Speaking of “yutes”, it is a pleasure to hear all the new hams on the airwaves. 76 is getting a lot of use, if it is busy you can always use 145.33 or 443.65.

A while back I eagerly signed up for an AM radio kit build. Boy, I am glad I did. It was fun, fun, fun...until daddy took the T-Bird away. Seriously, thanks go out to Andy – N1KSN for doing the research, ordering the kits, writing the tips sheet and organizing the whole thing. If I recall, there were 12 that showed up for the kit build and all but one radio worked after the 3 hour build. I believe that Andy is doing research on an antenna build session to be held later this spring, of which I highly suggest you consider signing up for, especially if you are planning to work any of the summer walks / charity events. The antenna planned is to give us a bit higher gain than the duck your HT comes with.

Field Day is June 24 and 25. Set these days aside on your calendar and plan on coming out to the FD site in the Town of Neenah. There will be something for everyone.

Planned Community Service events coming up: MS Walk – Appleton on Sunday April 23, Sole Burner American Cancer Society Walk / Run – Appleton on Saturday May 13 and JDRF in Neenah on Saturday May 20.

2006 is starting to be an exciting year.

73, N9YMC

. WI QSO Party Wrap-up pictures

Pictures taken by Bernie, N9YMC



. AM Radio Kit Build Pictures

