



# FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# QSO'ER



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Next Meeting:

**General Membership Meeting**  
Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM  
Goodwill Community Center

**Executive Board**  
Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM  
Goodwill Community Center

Please feel welcome to join us!

Next testing date: Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 2006  
FCARC Amateur Radio Testing Sessions dates  
can be found at: <http://www.fcarc.us> .

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## Membership Renewal Corner

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

June  
KC9HTM

July  
N9YMC  
W9WIS  
WA9FFT  
N9LVS  
KC9GYM  
W9RAG  
KC9DMM  
KB9JGX  
KB9JGW

August  
W9PIP  
W9OP  
W9SJZ  
N9MY  
KB3DRD

Board Member Attendance:

Brian Long	KB9LRD
Karen Long	KC9BMH
Andy Palm	N1KSN
Rick Kosiorek	W9RIC
Dave Sprangers	ND9DW
Jim Wierzba	WB9OJE
Tony Mach	AB9IO

Guests

John Ensley	N9RJZ
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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 Newsline 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.*

## **“Ham of the Year” Rick Kosiorek W9RIC”**

Check out the FCARC web site for current and useful information on  
what’s happening, what’s for sale. What’s new to download?

### **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><b>CALL/NAME</b></u>	<u><b>SPECIALITY AREA</b></u>	<u><b>PHONE NUMBER</b></u>
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*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello All,

What an excellent year the FCARC is having again this year! The Wisconsin QSO results are out and what a showing we at the FCARC had again. The FCARC is getting many compliments from the organizers of the QSO party for Wisconsin and from the district level at ARRL. As the Chairman of our group for the QSO party, this couldn't be more rewarding!

We set out a goal and accomplished it with ease. With this outstanding and impressive performance in 2006, I can't wait for the 2007 QSO party for Wisconsin to happen. We did well with organizing out mobile units and a tremendous effort from the fixed stations that seemed to follow the rovers with laser tracking system.

We did show the Wisconsin clubs that we're here and ready to go to town. We also showed another important aspect of our club, we are prepared and capable to provide essential simplex communication when called upon. After all, this was just another practice environment to hone our Emergency Preparedness Skills as amateur radio operators.

Keep up the excellent work FCARC!

**KB9LRD**

**Brian J. Long**

**President, Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**

J.O.T.A. 2006

Posted by [KB9LRD](#) on 2006/7/24 15:30:15

Jamboree On The Air 2006

October 21, 2006

A Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club event for Bay Lakes Council.

FCARC-W9ZL / JOTA will operate from 8:00AM to 6:00PM on Saturday October 21, 2006 at the Fox Valley Technical College.

The cost will be \$5.00 per scout, JOTA patch may be \$4.50 or \$5.00 depending on actual cost this year.

For more information on how your group can participate, please feel free to contact:

Kevin M. Hinz KC9EYA, FACARC JOTA Committee Chairman

Work: 920-734-9332 Home: 920-738-7466

Or [it1usnr@new.rr.com](mailto:it1usnr@new.rr.com) or [ucbsa@new.rr.com](mailto:ucbsa@new.rr.com).

On Sunday the FCARC-W9ZL / JOTA committee will accommodate the special needs division of Bay Lakes Council.

Registration must be completed by: June 1st, 2006



**Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**

Executive Board - Agenda

June 12, 2006

Minutes

**Board of Directors FCARC**

**Call to Order: 7: 00 PM. Meeting to close no later than 8:30PM**

**Old Business:**

- A.) Appointment to the Membership Coordinator position Jim WB9OJE. **Unanimous**
- B.) Storage Space for club assets needed **\$20.00 per month will be issued to KB9LRD to offset his storage coast.**
- C.) Newsletter minimum requirements. **Discussion: Publish Minutes form both meetings.**
- D.) FCARC web site is in full swing and ready for FCARC club membership contribution. We now have a “4 Sale” site, Articles, Private Messaging, Guest Book, Stats, Calendar, Photo Album and navigation buttons. Many links and PDF’s will be added over the next few months in the form of “Buttons”. These buttons will have drop down menus that will conceal or reveal numerous other options. The primary restriction that viewers will have is the Club Address book; this will require “User” or “Admin” status along with a login and password protected file. This login and password file is posted as a block on the web site and can be changed on demand.

**Discussion: Old Business**

**New Business:**

- A.) Create the General Membership agenda for June 2006.

**Discussion: New Business**

**Announcements: EAA, Corn Roast, J.O.T.A.**

**Adjourn:** Accepting a motion to adjourn. **Brian KB9LRD** (2nd) **Dave ND9DW** (Vote :) **PASS**

**Repeater Committee / 146.760 repair**

Posted by [KB9LRD](#) on 2006/7/23 12:19:06



The repeater committee will be meeting to evaluate the necessary steps to help ensure limited down time of the 146.760 repeater in the future. The committee chaired by Rick W9RIC will convene during the next few months to work out some long term solutions to the repeater hardware reliability.

The committee members: Andy N1KSN, Tony AB9IO, Jim K9OQO and Brian KB9LRD will be working many different solutions to this hardware problem including policy and protocol.

The 146.760 repeater will be active again when the PA component is installed and a successful system check has been preformed. We do expect this to occur late in the last week of July in time for use during the EAA Special Event held in Oshkosh.

**Newsletter feature next month.**

Posted by [KB9LRD](#) on 2006



The Special Event Station at the Pioneer Hanger – Vette hanger, Oshkosh, WI.

General Membership meeting  
Agenda for June 19th, 2006



Board of Directors FCARC

President: Brian, KB9LRD; Vice-President: Dave, ND9DW; Treasurer: Karen, KC9BMH  
Secretary: Bernie N9YMC; Membership Coordinator: Eric KG8RF  
Members at Large: Andy NIKSN, Tony AB9IO, Rick W9RIC

"Rick Kosiorek is our 2005 "Ham of the Year"

Presiding: President: Brian KB9LRD  
Quorum count: Vice President: Darlene KB9JGW <sup>28</sup>  
Dave ND9DW  
Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Introduction of Members: Roll Call!

New Members: Mike Smith N9IAT, Andy Skjoldager KC9IZF, Mike Pagel KB9YUB  
Renewed Members: Dan Geddes KC9DEF, Fred KC9HLI, Charles WD9HAE

Old Business:

A.) Welcome to the Executive Board of Directors: Dave Sprangers ND9DW Vice-President and Andy Palm NIKSN  
Member at Large. The returning Directors are Karen long KC9BMH Treasurer, Rick Kosiorek W9RIC Member  
at Large, and Tony Mach AB9IO Member at Large.

Thank you:  
Darlene Henegels KB9JGW 2004-2006 Vice President  
Eric Bjorkquist KG8RF 2005-2006 Membership Coordinator  
Rick Jensen 2005-2006 Member at Large

B.) Field Day 2006 update: Sign up sheets are here tonight.

C.) Appointment to the Membership Coordinator position Jim W9SONE

D.) Storage: Space for club assets needed, the space must be secure and with reasonable access.  
Starting in November of 2006 after the Hamfest will be the start date for this storage.

By law changes were tabled until this meeting - no one present  
New Business: That along to Brian - Table until next meeting

A.) Field Day surprise!

B.) FCARC big surprise of the year! Need 501C3 right away

C.) FCARC web site is in full swing and ready for FCARC club membership contribution. We now have a "4 Site"  
site, Articles, Private Messaging, Guest Book, Site, Calendar, Photo Album and navigation buttons. Many links  
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Committee Reports: none

Hal Reports: None

Adjourn: (Accepting a motion to adjourn)

(2:00)

(VIM) \* Open mic night  
with the nets  
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month the talk to Eric on  
TSM

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## Field Day 2006 Wrap-Up, by Anthony L. Mach, AB9IO

Well, Field Day 2006 is finally over. The antennas are down and the stations are silent. Everyone got a good workout this year from setup to operation to take-down. Brian, KB9LRD, and I did a lot of planning to make this year's Field Day come about. We hope that everyone had fun!

The CW station headed by Jim, WB9OJE, did great this year with a total of 556 contacts. Forty Meters was their band of choice, with 341 contacts. Eric, KG8RF, lead the voice station to a whopping 181 contacts. Twenty Meters was doing well for them, with 112 contacts. Our digital station headed by Rick, W9RIC, was plagued by interference issues from the other stations, but still managed to get 35 contacts. Bernie, N9YMC, and Tim, KC9FSH, rocked the UHF - VHF station with 24 contacts and tons more with the talk-in. Our final claimed score with bonus points is 3,824. Well done everyone!

A special thank you goes out to our generous donors. LongVans provided the communications trailers which kept us virtually rain and bug free. Storage Battery Systems, Inc. did us proud by providing a completely pollution and noise free power source for our stations. We had plenty of power! Last, but definitely not least, Fox River Equipment Depot lent us their biggest lift (120 ft.) to get our antennas up in the air. Thank you again!

Brian and I would like to personally thank Darlene, KB9JGW, and Bernie, N9YMC, for doing an excellent job feeding all of the starving volunteers. Vern, N9RQM, and Gloria, N9SVB, were instrumental for moving and placing the trailers. Andy, N1KSN, had the solar powered contacts in the bag for extra bonus points and did the demo for APRS. Steve, N9SGG, kept his camera humming with pictures of everything. John, N9RJZ, did a fantastic job again this year with the computer logging and networked stations. Kevin, KC9EYA, kept us all dry thanks to his new mess tent. The incredibly hard working ground crew consisted of Karen, KC9BMH, Gary, W9HM, Tom, KC9IKS, Tim, KC9FSH, Mike, N9IAT, Andy, N1KSN, Rick, W9RIC, Judy, WJ9K, Jim, WB9OJE, Ed, KC9JRH, Karen, WB9ZNA, Eric, KG8RF, Kevin, KC9EYA, Dan, N9LVS, Bernie, N9YMC, Darlene, KB9JGW, Steve, N9SGG, Vern, N9RQM, Gloria, N9SVB, Bob, K9OSH, John, N9RJZ, and Dave, W9RAG. I hope that I have named you all! There were many volunteers and guests this year. Without you, we would have been dead in the water. Again, thank you to all of the station captains and operators that worked hard to keep the stations on the air and brought us down safely during the thunderstorm.

What do we have to look forward to? Field Day 2007! Hope to see you all there.

73,

AB9IO SK

