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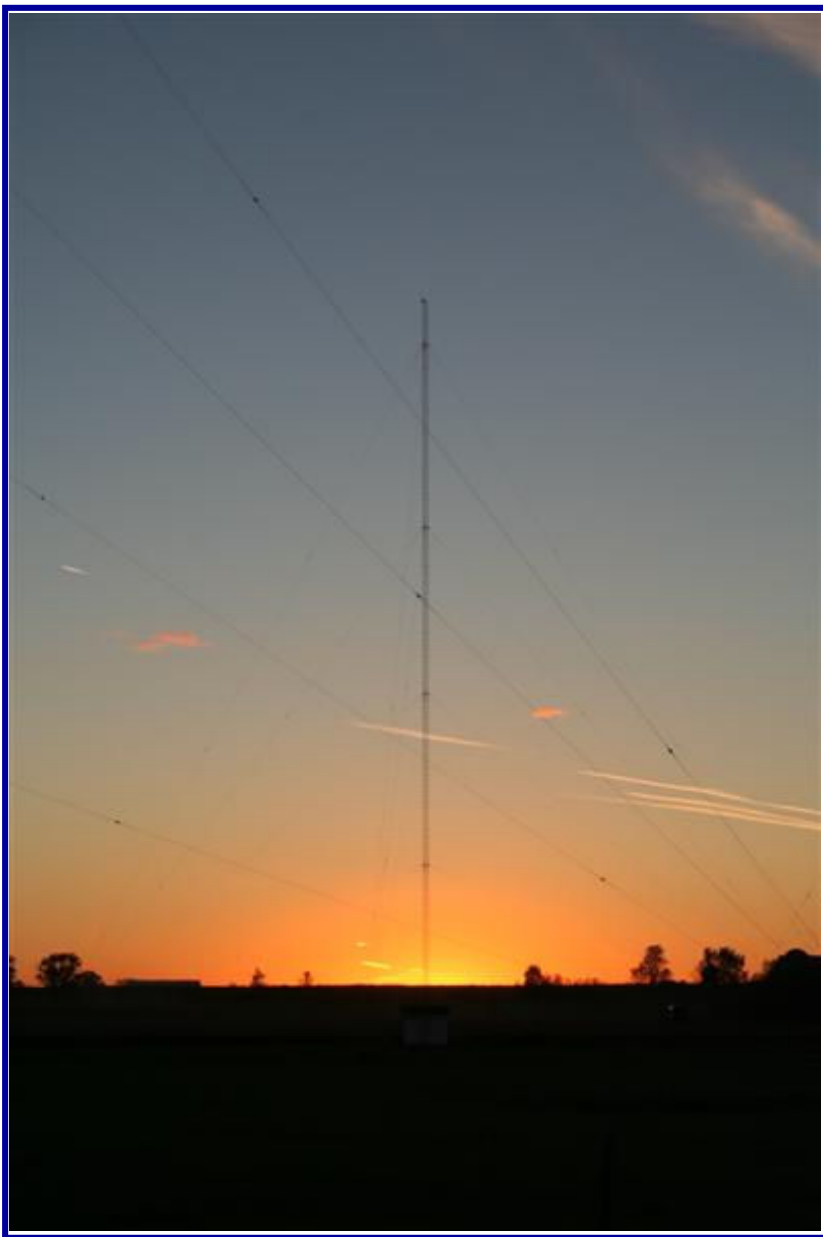
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- *Tony Mach (AB9IO)*

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Check out the FCARC **6 Meter Net** Thursday nights at 8 pm on 52.570 FM

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
General Membership meeting
Agenda for February 19th, 2007

Board of Directors FCARC

President: Brian, KB9LRD; Vice-President: Dave, ND9DW; Treasurer: Karen, KC9BMH
Secretary: Mike N9IAT; Membership Coordinator: Jim WB9OJE
Members at Large: Andy N1KSN, Tony AB9IO, Rick W9RIC

“Tony Mach AB9IO is our 2006 “Ham of the Year”

Presiding: Vice President; Dave Sprangers ND9DW

Quorum count: Treasurer; Karen Long KC9BMH

Call to Order: 7: 00 PM

Introduction of Members, Roll Call!

New Members: Ed Graved KC9JCR, Troy Millman KC9BEP, Douglas Cohen KC9GKC,

Rolland Tonnell W9IYZ

Renewed Members: Ralph N9ECS, Bob KD7OOT, Tony AB9IO, Dave ND9DW, Jen K9JEN, Chuck WB2LBE, Eric ND0L, Erick KB9TLM

Old Business:

2007 Hamfest update at the Wave! Tony AB9IO

B.) Dayton bus trip report, Jim WB9OJE - \$350 for the room and \$125 for the bus and extras

C.) 501(c)3 work to be completed by Bob Duimstra Attorney at Law from Menn Law firm, meeting Friday 2/06/07 went well! Additional statements will be presented during the By-Laws committee meeting. Document is 95% complete; filing should be ready by March 2007.

D.) The By-Laws committee will be incorporating some of these changes in the 2007 By-Laws draft that will be presented in May of 2007. The By-Laws committee did meet on 2/16 and will meet 2 additional time prior to May's By-Laws presentation.

New Business:

Hal Report: Andy N1KSN

Committee Reports:

Announcements: MS Walk, Wisconsin QSO Party March 11th, By-Laws meeting in March??

Congratulation to Tony Mach AB9IO as our 2006 “Ham of the Year” award recipient!

Adjourn: (Accepting a motion to adjourn) AB9IO (2nd) WB9OJE (V: M)

• Membership Renewal Reminders

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

- 1/1/2007 K9RFI
- 1/1/2007 WA6UWY
- 1/1/2007 KB9LRD
- 1/1/2007 KC9BMH
- 1/1/2007 KC9HWF
- 1/1/2007 KC9IKS
- 1/1/2007 W9ZC
- 3/1/2007 KB9ENO
- 3/1/2007 KC9JPX
- 4/1/2007 N9VVE
- 4/1/2007 N9OEQ
- 4/1/2007 N9MSH
- 4/1/2007 WB9ZNA
- 4/1/2007 N9SVB
- 4/1/2007 N9RQM
- 4/1/2007 KC9GJX
- 5/1/2007 KC9DEF
- 5/1/2007 KC9IZF
- 5/1/2007 WD9HAE
- 5/1/2007 N9IAT
- 5/1/2007 KB9YUB
- 5/1/2007 N9TNW
- 5/1/2007 W9OVK
- 5/1/2007 KC9HLI

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 Mike (N9IAT) at mike@n9iat.com to arrange for it's insertion in the next issue of this newsletter. We will run it in the newsletter and on-line at www.fcarc.us

•Upcoming Events

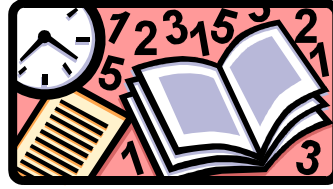
VE Testing Dates

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 2007:

To be announced



Thursday 6 Meter Net

Day: **Thursday**

Time: **8:00 pm**

Frequency: **52.570 FM**

If you would like to be a net control
please contact Frank N9LT

•Upcoming Events

March, 19, 2007	General Membership Meeting
May 17, 2007	Bus leaves for Dayton Ohio

Net Control Operator schedule

March 14 KC9IKS

March 21 N9YMC

March 28 AB9IO

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 im-
mediately afterwards. This is an open forum
net and anything can be discussed, includ-
ing; technical questions, equipment review
and for swap and for sale items.

Join me in welcoming the following new members to the club!

Ed Graved KC9JCR, Troy Millman KC9BEP, Douglas Cohen KC9GKC, Rolland Tonnell W9IYZ, Tim Day AB9NB

Renewed Members:

Ralph N9ECS, Bob KD7OOT, Tony AB9IO, Dave ND9DW, Jen K9JEN, Chuck WB2LBE, Eric ND0L, Erick KB9TLM
Gary N9HM, Gary KC9DJQ, Tim KC9FSH

DIVE RIGHT IN- thoughts from a Stroke Alpha Golf

By: Bernie Hengels – N9YMC

With my new /AG privileges secured just 7 days ago, I thought I'd tune around on the radio this morning. My first HF contact (with my own call) was the day after earning new operating privileges and it was from a station in Serbia. I put him in the log and filled out a QSL card right away. When I get YU1XA QSL in the mail – it will go up on a bulletin board in my shack, much like a retailer pins up his first dollar bill.

After that call on Sunday, not much else happened throughout the week, as each time I turned the radio on in the evening, the band conditions did not seem all that good. I heard many a broadcast station with its wide signal and loud whistle noise, but very little in the way of amateur use.

Fast forward to March 3, and low and behold there is an ARRL International DX contest going on. Well here we go; it is time to DIVE RIGHT IN. I went straight to 20 meters, as this is what I was told was the daylight frequency by many a ham. I heard some calls, and then I thought I'd test the MUF theory and ended up on 15 meters. I then tuned up to 12 meters and then 10 meters. Nothing heard on 17, 12 or 10 – oh well, I stick with 15 and try the others later. Then I remembered another conversation from one of our club meetings, picnic, or other social event, where it was stated that 17 and 12 are not used for contests. OK, got that down – let's listen to the calls from 15 meters. What am I hearing – KP4, HI3, VP3, XE7 and my first numeric alpha station, 6Y1V. I worked them all! Many of these stations were running 500, KW or 1.5 KW in power. All were 59 for report, and I was only using 100 watts into my multi-band vertical. (It was a later conversation on 2m with Tom – KC9IKS where he informed me that all contesters give you a 59 report – they just want the call in the log- I guess). Regardless, I am having fun.

After taking a short break to catch up the logging, I answered a call from a HR station, and thought – another country, this is getting exciting! My call was confirmed then I heard KK0I and his call was confirmed as well. What – we were both on 15 meters? Jack heard YMC and knew it had to be me so he called out “Bernie go up 3”. I went up 3 and with all of the activity there we could hear each other, but not much of a meaningful contact. Jack then called me on 2m and we had a nice chat and the agreed to meet on 10m to make a QSO there.

We could barely hear each other on 10m, but agreed to try later in the day. Who knows -another contact and another band?

In all of this, the pièce de résistance came when one of the VP2 stations (Antigua) confirmed my call *with* the /AG and then calmly said “congratulations” before calling QRZ and moving on through the pileup.

To all my Elmers – you know who you are. I say Thank You. To all the others waiting to upgrade – I encourage you to do so, and I will see you on the bands. 73 – N9YMC /AG



March 11th, 2007 was an excellent day for the mobiles in Wisconsin that participated in the Wisconsin QSO Party sponsored by West Allis Radio Amateur Club WARAC.

Again this year the Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc was out in force with mobiles crossing the state with the base stations continually supporting their efforts. It was another excellently orchestrated event by the FCARC with a great showing of membership support.

We first started out with a pre QSO pizza party that was well attended and gave the members an opportunity to ask questions about strategies, routes and procedures.

We finished up with a post QSO pizza party as well! This was a great time to debrief and brag about the days events. Tell of good routes and complain about not so good routes! We all talked about whom we got on the log sheet, passed on the highway and who we ran into for lunch.

Like some of the mobiles, Karen KC9BMH and I had made some route changes on the fly! We decided NOT to go for the Sheboygan County and it proved to be a good call in the end. Tom KC9IKS and John KC9JZH operated as multi-ops also had the same idea and canceled their plans to get Sheboygan County. Karen WB9ZNA did an excellent job as a solo mobile covering multiple counties.

Dave ND9DW and Pat K9IK ran their vehicles in a dozen counties as well! Gary KB9AIT and Terry N9AOT another multi-opp team, ran some of Wisconsin northern counties and had good luck; they already have a plan for 2008!

One of the defending First Place winners for Technician class in 2005 was Gary KC9DJQ! Gary and his wife Linda stayed the course and worked HF along with UHF/VHF for a great combination of points.

Jack KK0I worked his keyer all day and added some voice contacts to round out his score. Jack was able to make 3 contacts on VHF with his Handheld and body pressed against the kitchen window! Now, with flea power and all the congestion that was on the bands, that was an amazing challenge!

Dave KB9WAF and Jim WB9OJE worked well from Seymour as Bill N9TNW and Chuck N9OEQ worked well from Appleton

One thing we can reflect on as a group, we all knew the calls and voices of most people we made contact with on the VHF/UHF bands. This commitment the FCARC members have made to this contest over the last few years is simple awesome! I'm very proud to have been the Chairman of this event for our group over the last 6 years. We all felt at home in this Wisconsin State Contest, congratulations FCARC!

We did well in the contest no matter where we place on the score sheet; we'll always rank number 1 in commitment and enthusiasm!

Sincerely,

Brian KB9LRD

Coordinator, FCARC Wisconsin QSO Party