



FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

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## The Nominations are in:

**Vice President: ND9DW**

**Treasurer: KC9BMH**

**Member at Large (3): KC9FSH, AB9IO, N9UY, K9KI**

**To make your vote count please show up and vote at the May 19th general membership meeting.**

**If you can't make it to the meeting you can send an absentee ballot. Please contact Frank N9LT for details.**

### **FCARC Officers**

- *President— Frank Livermore (N9LT)*
- *Vice-President— Dave Sprangers (ND9DW)*
- *Treasurer—Karen Long (KC9BMH)*
- *Secretary— Mike Smith (N9IAT)*
- *Membership Co-ord—Dan Vanevenhoven (N9LVS)*
- *Technical Director—Andy Palm (NIKSN)*
- **Members At Large—**
- *Tim Hale (KC9FSH)*
- *Tom Riederer (N9UY)*
- *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 April 21st, 2008**

**Board of Directors FCARC**

President: Frank N9LT; Vice-President: Dave ND9DW; Treasurer: Karen KC9BMH  
 Secretary: Mike N9IAT; Membership Coordinator: Dan Vanevenhoven; Technical Director: Andy N1KSN  
 Members at Large: Tony AB9IO, Tom N9UY, Tim KC9FSH

**"Dave Sprangers ND9DW is our 2007 "Ham of the Year"**

**Presiding:** President, Frank Livermore N9LT

**Quorum count:** Vice President; Dave Sprangers ND9DW

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

**Introduction of Members, Roll Call!**

**New Members:**

**Renewed Members:** Terry Schilling N9AOT, Bill O'Kane K9RFI, Tom Riederer N9UY

**Old Business:**

- A.) QSL Card design choice
- B.) VE report – N9LVS (Radio class tested – N9LT)
- C.)

**New Business:**

- A.) Communityfest NEEDS a Coordinator
- B.) Informal Skywarn interest poll
- C.) Motion 04142008-1 Passes: To reimburse Tony AB9IO up to \$70 for the construction cost of two club multi-band wire antennas
- D.) Motion 04142008-2 Passes: To continue doing Communityfest if a coordinator can be appointed
- E.) Nominations for the following positions will be taken:
  - Vice President – 2yr term, elected by majority in May - ND9DW
  - Treasurer – 2yr term, elected by majority in May - KC9BMH
  - (3) Members at Large – 1 yr term, elected by majority in May - KC9FSH - AB9IO - N9UY - K9KI
- F.) Repeater Cmte. will nominate, and the BOD will appoint, a Technical Director in June
- G.)

**Committee/Coordinator Reports:**

**Field Day Coordinator – N9UY (Field Day planning)**  
**Repeater Chair – W9RIC (145.330 controller upgrade)**  
**MS Walk Coordinator – ND9DW (May 4<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Soleburner Run/Walk – KB9LRD (May 10<sup>th</sup>)**  
**JDRF Run/Walk – WJ9K (May 17<sup>th</sup>)**

**Hal Report: Proper operating practices and procedures, shopping on Ebay for ham gear**

**Announcements: Cedarburg Swapfest May 3<sup>rd</sup>, MS Walk May 4<sup>th</sup>, Soleburner May 10<sup>th</sup>, JDRF May 17<sup>th</sup>, NWS Tour June 7<sup>th</sup>, VE Testing June 14<sup>th</sup>, Field Day June 28-29**

**Raffle Winner**

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

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## • 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.

3/1/2008 WA9YRL  
 3/1/2008 N0ZKC  
 3/1/2008 KC9JPX  
 4/1/2008 N9BC  
 4/1/2008 KC9DNL  
 4/1/2008 WB9MVQ  
 4/1/2008 KC9HYC  
 4/1/2008 KD8BTK  
 4/1/2008 N9MSH  
 5/1/2008 KC9DEF  
 5/1/2008 W9SBU  
 5/1/2008 K9OFU  
 5/1/2008 N9IAT  
 5/1/2008 KC9KZN  
 6/1/2008 W9FBC  
 6/1/2008 KC9HIP  
 6/1/2008 KB9CVR  
 6/1/2008 KC9ECV  
 7/1/2008 N9LVS  
 7/1/2008 W9APL  
 7/1/2008 N9YMC  
 7/1/2008 K9OQO  
 7/1/2008 KC9DMM  
 7/1/2008 K6JDF  
 7/1/2008 KD4GNP  
 7/1/2008 KK0I  
 7/1/2008 N9LSG

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.fcarc.us)

## •Upcoming Events

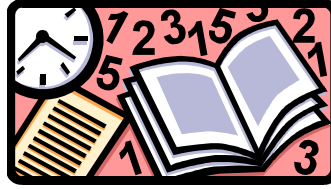
# VE Testing Dates

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 2008:

**June 14, 2008**



### 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

### Wednesday 2 Meter Net

#### Net Control Operator schedule

May 14 ND9DW

May 21 N1KSN

May 28 N9UY

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club (W9ZL) invites everyone to tune in on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM on 146.76/R 100hz PL  
Check into the Wednesday night net. This is an open forum net and anything can be discussed, including; technical questions, equipment review and for swap and for sale items.

## •Upcoming Events

May 19, 2008	General Membership Meeting
June 7th	NWS Tour
June 28-29, 2008	Field Day!!

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

Steven Schuh KC9IKU, Mark Anderson KC9HTM, Jim Landa, Carlene Landa

#### **Renewed Members:**

Terry Schilling N9AOT, Bill O'Kane K9RFI, Tom Riederer N9UY, Lavern Root N9RQM, Gloria Root N9SVB, Karen Thorne WB9ZNA, Chuck Hanson N9OEQ, Deb Hanson N9V VB, Bill Vincent N9TNW

## **Basic Communication Skills**

*For anyone that didn't have a chance to hear Andy's (NIKSN) presentation of basic communication skills*

### **- Listen**

- o Listening is at least 50% of communications
- o Avoid unnecessary transmissions – you may be blocking important traffic
- o Consider headphones

### **- Use Good Microphone Techniques**

- o Hold mic close to cheek, off side of mouth
- o Use a normal, clear, calm voice
- o Speak at a normal pace
- o Pronounce carefully, enunciating clearly
- o Adjust radio so full modulation achieved with full voice at 2 inches
- o Consider a noise canceling microphone
- o Do not use VOX

### **- When on the Repeater**

- o Leave extra time between pressing PTT and speaking
- o Pause between transmissions to allow breaks for higher priority traffic

### **- Be Brief and Clear**

- o Send only the information necessary to get message across clearly and accurately
- o No extraneous information
- o Avoid contractions (don't, isn't, couldn't, etc.)
- o Use a crisp, professional voice
- o Do not editorialize or engage in chitchat
- o Say exactly what you mean
- o Communicate only one complete subject at a time--do not mix different subjects into the same message

### **- Use Plain Language**

- o Do not use jargon, 10-codes, or Q-signals
- o Pro-words are the only exception
- o Do not use words or phrases that carry strong emotions

### **- Phonetics and Numbers**

- o Use only standard ITU phonetics (or those of the served agency, if different and required)
- o Use phonetics anytime a word has an unusual or difficult spelling
- o Do not spell common words unless asked to
- o Prior to spelling, say "I spell"
- o Numbers are always pronounced as individual numerals

### **- Pro(cedural) Words**

- o Clear – End of contact (same as SK in CW)
  - o Over – Used to let a specific station know to respond (same as KN in CW)
  - o Go Ahead – Used to indicate that any station may respond (same as K in CW)
  - o Out – (Leaving the air, will not be listening, same as CL in CW)
  - o Stand By – A temporary interruption in contact (same as AS in CW)
  - o Roger – Indicates that a transmission has been received correctly and in full
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## **Basic Communication Skills — continued**

### **- Using Tactical Call Signs**

- o Should be used for all emergency nets and public service events if there are more than just a few participants
- o Should be descriptive of location or function that matches served agency
- o Basic call is like “Net, Aid 3” or just “Aid 3.” With emergency or priority traffic, “Aid 3, emergency traffic,” etc.
- o If traffic for a specific location, “Aid 3, priority traffic for Firebase 5.”

### **- How to ID with your FCC callsign**

- o To fulfill FCC identification requirements, ID with your callsign at the end of each exchange with “Aid 3, <callsign>”
- o If you forget to ID, net should ask “Aid 3, do you have further traffic?” At that point, say “Clear, Aid 3, <callsign>”

### **- Habits to Avoid**

- o Thinking aloud on the air: “Ahhh, let me see. Hmmm. Well, you know, if ...”
- o On-air arguments or criticism
- o Rambling commentaries
- o Shouting into the mic
- o “Cute” phonetics
- o IDing every time you key or un-key the mic
- o Using 10-codes, Q-signals on phone, or anything other than plain language
- o Speaking without planning your message in advance
- o Talking just to pass the time or to inflate your ego