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Was anyone thinking "I could load that up for 160 meters"

Picture courtesy of Bernie - N9YMC

**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—**
- *John Touzinsky (K9KI)*
- *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 June 16th, 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, John K9KI

#### “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: Jim Landa N9XCQ, Carlene Landa KC9NLL**

**Renewed Members: Laverne Root N9RQM, Gloria Root N9SVB, Karen Thorne WB9ZNA, Chuck Hansen N9OEQ, Deb Hansen N9VVB, Bill Vincent N9TNW**

#### **Old Business:**

- A.) NWS Tour Report – N9LT
- B.) VE Testing Report – N9LVS
- C.) Website Domain Name transfer nearly complete – ND9DW
- D.) Investigating the cost of doing ID Badges – ND9DW, K9KI
- E.) QSL Card update – N9LT

#### **New Business:**

- A.) Motion 06092008-1 Passes: To approve Andy N1KSN as the club’s Technical Director
- B.) Motion 06092008-2 Passes: To approve the expenditure of an additional \$11.20 above the previously approved \$70 for the club dipoles
- C.) Motion 06092008-3 Passes: To reimburse Andy N1KSN the amount of \$9.19 for Hal Report materials
- D.) Motion 06092008-4 Passes: To reimburse Andy N1KSN the amount of \$69.40 for the new RF Power Module to be installed into the 145.330 repeater

#### **Committee/Coordinator Reports:**

**Field Day Coordinator – N9UY**

**Communityfest Coordinator – KC9FSH**

**EAA Airventure Coordinator – AB9AH**

**Repeater Chair – W9RIC**

**Hamfest Chair – AB9IO**

**Hal Report: Radiation, N1KSN**

**Announcements: Field Day June 28-29<sup>th</sup>, Communityfest July 4<sup>th</sup>, EAA Airventure July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 3<sup>rd</sup>, FCARC Corn Roast August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Raffle Winner**

**Adjourn:** (Accepting a motion to adjourn) [WB9ZNA](#) (2nd) [KG8RF](#) (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.

5/1/2008 K9OFU  
 5/1/2008 W9SBU  
 5/1/2008 KC9KZN  
 6/1/2008 KB9CVR  
 6/1/2008 KC9HIP  
 6/1/2008 KC9ECV  
 7/1/2008 KC9DMM  
 7/1/2008 N9LVS  
 7/1/2008 KK0I  
 7/1/2008 K9OQO  
 7/1/2008 N9LSG  
 7/1/2008 W9APL  
 7/1/2008 KD4GNP  
 7/1/2008 K6JDF  
 9/1/2008 WB9OJE  
 9/1/2008 KC9GVM  
 9/1/2008 N1KSN  
 9/1/2008 KB8MCZ  
 9/1/2008 KB1DBR  
 9/1/2008 K9OSH  
 9/1/2008 KG8RF

### 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

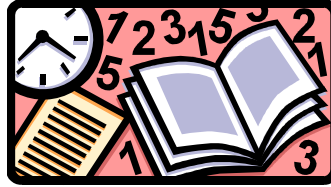
# VE Testing Dates

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:

**August 9, 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

July 16 KC9MLD

July 23 N1KSN

July 30 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

July 21, 2008	General Membership Meeting
July 31, 2008	EAA "W9ZL" event starts in Oshkosh
Aug 3, 2008	FCARC Corn Roast
Aug 9, 2008	VE Testing

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

Dave Baldrige N9BMS

#### Renewed Members:

George Dearborn W9GLD, Greg Schneider W9IEI, Judy Schneider N9PBM, Karl Forsgren W9SJZ, Bernie Hengels N9YMC, Darlene Hengels KB9JGW, Dan Geddes KC9DEF, Maury Mead W9FBC, Gary Van Ryzin W9HM, Don Mendyke KC9HIP, Steve Lamers N9SGG, Mike Smith N9IAT

# Neue Liebe zum Vaterland

Mai 2008

Had it really been 7 years since I last visited Germany? It seems like only yesterday that I would visit once or twice per year. Could I remember the words...*"Deutschland, Deutschland über Alles."* A lot has changed since my last visit. My father (my namesake and the one with German roots) had passed during this time; my mother had also passed a few years later. Dad would use the Henkle knives to carve the turkey at Thanksgiving and Mom used to ask to look at the pictures from my trips and I was sure to send her a postcard from my visits abroad. The Deutschmark is no longer in use, now it's the Euro. What else has changed? Does the autobahn still have unlimited speed? Do they still drink bier?

Since my last visit - our children have grown, with the two oldest having studied German in High School and both having been to Europe. They still *sprache Deutsch* on occasion. We had hosted a German exchange student at our home in Neenah. Konstantin taught me some German; however he wanted to practice his English most the time. Konstantin was also fascinated with being able to check out books from the Neenah library. He's since been back to visit and recently completed his junior year of college while attending UW-Eau Claire.

I was going to München for business, but I wanted to find a way to mix some *amateurfunk* into my trip. Prior to the trip, I had contacted a local Munich radio club. During our exchange of emails, it was suggested that I bring a 2m HT, as they use 2m for local talk around. They do not have many repeaters; however there are many known simplex frequencies that they use. We agreed on a frequency and a time to make contact, as their tradefair buildings (*Messe München*) were not too far from Georg's (DL5NO) home. I was advised to throw a "DL /" in front of my call, as that would satisfy the reciprocal agreement rules. Now with all the airport rules, could I take an HT with me? I contacted the airline and the TSA to enquire if I could bring a transceiver on board. Both indicated that this is not a good idea; however I could pack one in my checked luggage. I ended up packing an HT in my luggage, however without the battery pack. I remembered that the airlines do not like lithium batteries in the cargo area, so I carried this in my carry on bag. I also placed several copies of my FCC license in my suitcase, just in case. I am happy to report that the HT made it there and back without problems.



Later in the week, I was able to attend a monthly meeting of the *München-Nord* radio club. It was held at the restaurant *Dietrich von Bern*. This gave me a chance to try out a new U-Bahn line (underground subway). I had been walking and using the super public transportation system of Munich all week. I could get used to this, you can go anywhere without a car! As the meeting was at a restaurant, everyone had ordered a meal and a bier (or two), so I jumped right in. The club's Director, Hans (DK3YD) welcomed me to the meeting. The meeting format was both formal and informal; in that they conducted club business, discussed upcoming events and had a technical presentation on digital (broadcast) radio from one of the members who is an engineer for BMW.



It was also at this meeting where Hans presented the DARC (Deutscher Amateur-Radio-Club) cup to the club for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a German wide CW contest. The members of the club made me feel right at home, as I had a chance to talk with all of them. Though the meeting was conducted *auf Deutsch*, Hans paused at each topic and translated to English for my benefit. We discussed the topics found in the latest *QST*, as well as the US Field Day coming up in June and the two German Field Day events for 2008. In Germany, they have a CW Field Day and a SSB Field Day. However, the members present this evening were all looking forward to the US Field Day, as the majority planned to participate.

I did bring a couple of *Green Bay Packers* hats as gifts and presented them to Hans, for himself or for a club raffle. We all had a good laugh over the difference between American football and real fuball! All in the room rooted for *Bayern Mnchen*, and for the German national team. In exchange for the Packer wear, the members all signed a *Mnchen 850 Jahre* Special Event (celebrating Munich's 850 year anniversary since becoming a city) QSL card and presented it to me. I enjoyed my visit to the radio club meeting and very much look forward to finding a way back to the fatherland.

Ich liebe Mnchen.

73,

Bernie – N9YMC

## 2008 FIELD DAY WRAP-UP

From the Desk of N9UY

Field Day 2008 is in the books!

Quantitatively, it was a success. We scored 792 QSO's (498 CW, 248 Phone, 46 digital) which is better than the 704 we had last year. Our total score with bonus points should be pretty close to last year's. So a tip of the capacity hat to all the operators and to everyone who showed up for the event. To try to name all the names would be to probably forget someone, but special thanks go out to:

- Karen WB9ZNA and the food crew, for keeping our bodies going over the 24 hour operating period
- Erick KB9TLM for providing transportation for the batteries and the trailer accessories
- Vern N9RQM and his crew who brought out and took back the Long Van trailer

Other miscellaneous notes, in no particular order:

- A brief hailstorm Saturday afternoon sent everyone but the CW crew scurrying for cover and caused a brief halt in the phone operations.
- Operators reported that they were really working for their Q's because of the crowded band conditions.
- We had 48 entries in our guest log, including State Sen. Robert Cowles and Neenah Alderman Nick Piergrossi. Nick even helped with set-up!
- After hanging out on 6 meters without success all day, the “magic band” opened up to the east coast Sunday morning just before contest's end and we were working them as fast as we could log them. This was on a homebrew dipole conjured up on the spot by Gregg W9IEI, Frank N9LT, and Andy KC9IZF.
- The night phone crew managed to log Hawaii on 80 meters early Sunday morning. Overall, the newly constructed (by Tony AB9IO) twin-lead-fed dipole seemed to work pretty well.
- One of our guests was Patty KN2F from the Green Bay Mike & Key Club, who dropped in on her bicycle (!) and stuck around for several hours working CW.
- We managed to keep both HF stations manned for the entire contest this year.

All told, it was a great experience, with lots of hands-on radio and good times had by all. Keep the last weekend in June open for next year – it's going to be GREAT. Check out the photo gallery on this site under Field Day 2008 for some photos of the action.

N9UY