



FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

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## Club Camping - Sep. 12th

Tom, N9UY has reserved the campsite at Hartman Creek again this year for a club camping trip. Last year there was good turnout with a few stations operating on the site. Below is the information about the weekend and Tom's contact info!

### Hartman Creek State Park

September 12th, 13th

Group Site #2

State Park Fee: \$25/year or \$7/day (Seniors 65+ \$10/year or \$3/day)

Reservation Fee: \$90 (cost divided among all campers)

Capacity: 20+ (7 confirmed attendees now)

Contact: Tom Reiderer, N9UY

E-mail: [hubris47@yahoo.com](mailto:hubris47@yahoo.com).

Phone: 920-734-0248

The park has plenty of places to walk/hike, boat/canoe/kayak etc. Pets are allowed but must be leashed.

Happy trails to you,

### 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 July 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, John K9KI

**“Dave Sprangers ND9DW is our 2007 “Ham of the Year”**

**Presiding:** President, Frank Livermore N9LT

**Quorum count:** Treasurer; Karen McDonald KC9BMH

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

**Introduction of Members, Roll Call!**

**New Members:** N/A

**Renewed Members:** N/A

**Old Business:**

- A.) Website domain transfer complete – renewed for 5 years
- B.) QSL Cards – Received (Tom has some for EAA)
- C.) ID Badges – K9KI (show of hands for who is interested in one)
- D.)

**New Business:**

- A.) Motion 07142008-1 Passes: Board members to approve user-submitted e-mails to the list server
- B.) Motion 07142008-2 Passes: Approving \$35/each to Vern N9RQM and Erick KB9TLM
- C.) Motion 07142008-3 Passes: To reimburse Andy N1KSN the amount of \$10 for Hal Report materials
- D.) Ideas for club activities (non-event) – N9LT
- E.)

**Committee/Coordinator Reports:**

**WQSO Party Results – (FCARC, 5<sup>th</sup>, 228,354.5pts, KKØI top scorer, KB9LRD - Tech, N1KSN – QRP, KC9DJQ – Single-Op Mobile, N9TNW – Multi-Op Fixed, Multi-Op Mobile – N9AOT)**

**Field Day Coordinator – N9UY**

**Communityfest Coordinator – KC9FSH**

**EAA Airventure Coordinator – AB9AH**

**Repeater Chair – W9RIC**

**Hamfest Chair – AB9IO**

**Corn Roast – N9LT**

**Hal Report: Elemental Antennas and Field Patterns - N1KSN**

**Announcements:** EAA Airventure July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 3<sup>rd</sup>, FCARC Corn Roast August 3<sup>rd</sup>, VE Testing August 9<sup>th</sup>, Ham Cram September 20<sup>th</sup> (Mike and Key)

**Raffle Winner**

**Adjourn:** (Accepting a motion to adjourn) **KC9MLD** (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.

6/1/2008 KC9ECV  
 6/1/2008 KB9CVR  
 7/1/2008 K6JDF  
 7/1/2008 W9APL  
 7/1/2008 N9LVS  
 7/1/2008 KC9DMM  
 7/1/2008 N9LSG  
 7/1/2008 KK0I  
 7/1/2008 K9OQO  
 7/1/2008 KD4GNP  
 9/1/2008 K9OSH  
 9/1/2008 N1KSN  
 9/1/2008 KC9GVM  
 9/1/2008 KG8RF  
 9/1/2008 KB1DBR  
 9/1/2008 WB9OJE  
 9/1/2008 KB8MCZ  
 10/1/2008 N9LT  
 10/1/2008 KC9MLD  
 10/1/2008 WB9OJD  
 10/1/2008 WA8HBE  
 10/1/2008 KB9ENO  
 10/1/2008 KC9DEE  
 10/1/2008 W9OVK  
 10/1/2008 AB8PM  
 10/1/2008 KC9MDZ  
 10/1/2008 KB9QXJ  
 10/1/2008 KC9FSH

### 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)

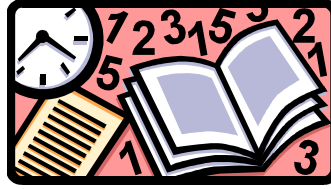
## •Upcoming Events

# 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:



### 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

Aug 13 AB9IO

Aug 20 KG8RF

Aug 27 Open Mic Night

## •Upcoming Events

Aug 18, 2008      General Membership Meeting

Sept 20, 2008      Ham Cram - See website for more info

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.

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

**Renewed Members:**

## The Tour of the NWS in Green Bay

*By Frank Livermore, N9LT*

June 7th started off quiet enough with a light warm breeze and no rain (something that had been unusual as of late). It was the perfect morning for a visit to the NWS in Green Bay. What started as a peaceful morning would turn into a more active afternoon and evening. By this time however, we would be long gone and done with the tour!



The NWS office in Green Bay is located across from Austin Strabel Airport in Green Bay just off of Hwy 172. The office is manned 24 hours/day and provides not only weather forecast to you and I but also forecasts river levels, fire danger, and forecasts for airports. All of the technology is available at this office for the purpose of forecasting and warning people of impending danger.

In addition to providing the usual forecasts and warning, the NWS also collects atmospheric information by launching balloons twice daily for about 70 locations across the country – including Green Bay. This data is collected and shared allowing for better forecasting through the understanding of what is happening in the upper levels of the atmosphere. NWS radars are among the most powerful in the world and every NWS office has one. These radars are capable of a wide variety of capabilities including the ability to provide 3D data for complicated analysis.

Although this technology is great, there are still times when real-time observations need to be made on the ground. This is handled by the program called Skywarn. Skywarn reports can be made by anyone with the training using either telephone or in our case – ham radio. The ham station at the NWS is no less impressive than the gear used to forecast the weather (from a ham's perspective anyway)!



At the controls of a pair of Kenwood dual-band, dual-receive radios connected to studio-grade microphones, is Andy Nemeč KB9ALN. Andy is widely considered the “voice” of WX9GRB – and why wouldn't he be! When severe weather comes he is usually the one at the helm of the station, filling out reports and managing traffic across a large part of Wisconsin. To aid the weather spotting process, Andy has direct access to images of radar and satellite at the station. The forecasting and severe weather forecast stations (and meteorologists) are located directly behind him.

It was a very nice tour and exceeded expectations – which the NWS seems to do regularly. Thanks to Jeff Last KC9ESR and Andy Nemeč KB9ALN for the tour!