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2008 "Ham of the Year" Andy Palm N1KSN

The FCARC held a fox hunt on Saturday November 7th and the turn out was great. Overall we had 9 hams come to the fox hunt. We started at roughly noon with two test hunts, using N1KSN's fox. Andy placed the fox in middle of a field and we used this as a way to help teach the new comers how to find a transmitter. At roughly 12:25 we started the first actual fox hunt. This transmitter was hidden fairly easy and it was found within 15 minutes. The group then decided to hold another fox hunt, so KC9FSH sent everyone back up to the parking lot while he hid the transmitter again. This time proved to be much more difficult as it was hidden near the brush from a fallen tree. At first everyone went the opposite way of the transmitter by going off of a reflection and everyone was thrown off by various reflections of the signal. It took roughly 45 minutes for most people to make it within a couple hundred feet of the transmitter and about 50 minutes for the first person to find it. Everyone found it within a few minutes of the first person.

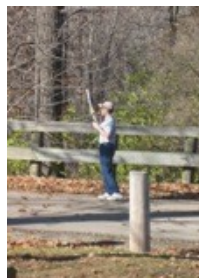
Overall I was very impressed with the turnout, we even had two hams come down from Green Bay. Due to the apparent interest in fox hunting the club will plan another fox hunt sometime in January, but this time it will be a city wide fox hunt.

Here are the top 4 people who found the fox.

Round 1	Round 2
KS9WI	KC9IZF
N1KSN	KS9WI
KC9MLD	K9KI
KC9IZF	KC9MLD



Tim Hale
KC9FSH



FCARC Officers

- *President— Tony Mach (AB9IO)*
- *Vice-President— Dave Sprangers (ND9DW)*
- *Treasurer—Karen McDonald (KC9BMH)*
- *Secretary— John Touzinsky (K9KI)*
- *Membership Co-ord—Dan Vanevenhoven (N9LVS)*
- *Technical Director—Andy Palm (N1KSN)*
- **Members At Large—**
- *Rick Kosiorek (W9RIC)*
- *Mike Smith (N9IAT)*
- *Frank Livermore (N9LT)*

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Check out the FCARC **2 Meter Net** Wednesday nights at 8 pm on 145.330 Repeater

**Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Agenda for October 19th, 2009**

Board of Directors FCARC

President: Tony AB9IO; Vice-President: Dave ND9DW; Treasurer: Karen KC9BMH
Secretary: John K9KI; Membership Coordinator: Dan N9LVS; Technical Director: Andy N1KSN
Members at Large: Mike N9IAT, Frank N9LT, Rick W9RIC

“Andy Palm N1KSN is our 2008 “Ham of the Year””

Presiding Official: President, Anthony L. Mach, AB9IO

Call to Order and Opening Remarks: President, Anthony L. Mach, AB9IO

Quorum count: Vice President, Dave Sprangers ND9DW

Call to Order: 7: 00 PM

Introduction of Members

Welcome to Our New Members: KC9QKP, KC9QKO

Thank You to Our Renewed Members: KB1DBR, K6JDF, W9SJZ, N9LT, W9RIC, WJ9K, KC9MLD, K9KI

Old Business:

- A.) Relocation of the 146.760 repeater update – W9RIC
- B.) EAA Special Event Station update – AB9AH

New Business:

- A.) FCARC Hamfest Raffle Prizes Are In! – AB9IO
- B.) Club batteries available – N9LT
- C.) Field Day Plaques – AB9IO
- D.) eQSL.cc Account for W9ZL – AB9IO
- E.) FCARC Hamfest advanced purchase tables, admissions, and raffle tickets on sale now!

Committee/Coordinator Reports:

Crop Walk – KG8RF

JOTA – KC9IZF

St. Joe’s Walk – KG8RF

Hamfest report – AB9IO

Treasurer’s report – KC9BMH

Hal Report:

Hal Report: Homebrew 75m transceiver & Rockmite 80m transceiver projects – N1KSN

Show and Tell:

None

Announcements: St. Joe’s Walk October 31st, FCARC Swapfest November 1st

• 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.

11/1/2009	K9GAD
11/1/2009	KB9WAF
11/1/2009	KB9AIT
11/1/2009	N9LDA
11/1/2009	KF9S
11/1/2009	KB9BYP
11/1/2009	W9MDP
11/1/2009	N9QLP
11/1/2009	W9OP
11/1/2009	WB9QFX
11/1/2009	N9SGG
12/1/2009	W9HM
12/1/2009	N9BPO

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

Do you have something to sell?
Contact the Newsletter Team to get it listed here!

From the website:

Yaesu SP5 speaker \$145 see website
Ameritron AL-811 600 W amplifier \$595 see website

Have something Ham related to sell? If so, contact the [Newsletter Team](#) via our website 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 \$15.00.

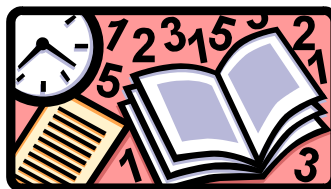
Here are the tentative dates for 2010:

February 13th

April 10th

June 19th

August 14th



November 18th is Open Mic Nite on the 2 meter net. If you ever wanted to give net control a try, here is your chance. Contact KG8RF and have some fun!

Wednesday 2 Meter Net Net Control Operator schedule

Nov 11 KC9MLD
Nov 18 Open Mic Nite
Nov 25 KC9IZF
Dec 2 N1KSN
Dec 9 N9UY

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club invites everyone to tune in on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM on 145.33/R PL 100 This is temporary while the 146.76 is refitted and moved to the new tower.

This is an open forum net and anything can be discussed, including; technical questions, equipment review and swap

•Upcoming Events

Dec 21 Christmas Party

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 Mike N9IAT

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Hamfest.

We had many individuals that bought tables and brought a lot of cool stuff for sale and an additional vender this year.

There were a lot of people behind the scenes working hard to bring you this event and of course the wonderful facilities at the Wave Ballroom.

Thank you to Tony AB9IO for being the chairperson and heading up this event.

We hope you had a great time and look forward to seeing you next year.

Congratulations To the Following Hamfest Raffle Winners!

1st Prize FT-7900R

Brad Hansen W9HAN

2nd Prize FT-60R

Mike Smith N9IAT

3rd Prize AT-100 Pro

Eric Bjorkquist KG8RF

Join me in welcoming the following new members and thank the renewing members

KC9QKP, KC9QKO, KB1DBR, K6JDF, W9SJZ, N9LT, W9RIC, WJ9K, KC9MLD, K9KI

Articles You May Have Missed on the Website

From 10/23/09

Wisconsin Assembly Bill AB 429 Author : ND9DW

A recent bill is being proposed to handle the problem of inattentive driving and this might affect amateur radio mobile communications in Wisconsin. I asked Jim Lackore, AD9X, State Government Liaison, to look into it and report his findings:

AB 429 FACT SHEET

Jim Lackore, ARS AD9X, WI Section State Government Liaison Officer

1. AB 429 relates to the use of "wireless telecommunications devices" while driving.
2. AB 429 defines a "wireless telecommunication device" as "...any cellular telephone, two-way radio or citizens band radio, personal digital assistant, or other device being used by the device's operator to transmit verbal communications, electronic mail, text messages, or any other electronic communication to one or more persons not physically present with the device's operator, but does not include any global positioning system device installed in or on a vehicle."
3. AB 429 exempts certain persons and uses -- BUT DOES NOT EXEMPT THE MOBILE USE OF AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT BY LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS.
4. AB 429 is sponsored by Representatives Smith, Black, Hubler and Van Roy and Senators Taylor and Risser.
5. AB 429 was introduced, read for the first time, and referred to the Assembly Transportation Committee on 9/22/09.
6. On 09/24/09, I met with Representative Smith and his Legislative Aide and urged them to modify AB 429 to exclude Amateur Radio operators from the intent of the Bill by adding the following wording"
 - a. "4. The person is an Amateur Radio Operator who is: (a) holding a valid Federal Communications Commission Amateur Radio Operator's license, (b) using dedicated Amateur Radio two-way radio communication equipment, and (c) observing proper Amateur Radio operating procedures.
7. As of 10/06/09 no further progress on the bill has been reported. (I am on the legislation "watch list" and am notified whenever any action is pending or taken regarding legislation of interest to Wisconsin Amateur Radio Operators.) I will pass on any information I receive regarding the progress of AB 429 through the legislative process to Don Michalski for dissemination to the Wisconsin Amateur Radio operators as he deems appropriate.
8. AB 429 may be read by going to <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/AB-429.pdf>
9. The contact information for all of the State of Wisconsin Legislature Representatives and Senators may be obtained from www.legis.state.wi.us.
10. In your written or verbal communication with your Legislator:
 - a. Be calm and polite. Do not project a belligerent or demanding attitude. Express your willingness to work with him or her in making the changes you are requesting.
 - b. Note that Amateur Radio communications conducted by licensed Amateur Radio operators comes under the authority and regulation of the FCC.
 - c. Emphasize the important role in public service communications played by Amateur Radio mobile operators.

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