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FCARC Awards Banquet

Members,
The annual Awards Banquet sneaking up on us very quickly. This year has been scheduled for February 28th, 2009 at the Darboy Club. We can begin gathering for drinks at 5:00PM (or earlier if you wish) and look forward to a great dinner at 6:00PM. Awards presentations and our guest speaker will follow dinner. Please make time to attend this event and enjoy the company of our fellow hams. We will be presenting awards to thank those who have volunteered throughout the year.

Awards Banquet Info

Darboy Club
N9695 County N
Appleton, WI 54915
Date: Feb. 28th, 2008
Time: 5:00PM / Dinner 6:00PM

Speaker: Nick Luther, K9NL
Cost: \$15.60/person - all-inclusive (except pre-dinner beverages)

You can sign up and pay at the next General Meeting on February 16th or mail your payment to the FCARC.

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FCARC Officers

- *President— Frank Livermore (N9LT)*
- *Vice-President— Dave Sprangers (ND9DW)*
- *Treasurer—Karen McDonald (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

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General Membership Meeting

Agenda for January 20th, 2009

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: N/A

Renewed Members: Brad Hansen W9HAN, Gene Bradfield KØTIW, Katie Bradfield KBØDKD

Old Business:

Ham of the Year nominations

B.) Awards Banquet – The Darboy Club

C.) Rewrite to Waupaca County to request a wording change to the cell phone code

New Business:

A.) “76” Wednesday night net ideas discussed at the Board Meeting

Encouraging check-ins to participate in one go around (instead of just in & out)

Ways to improve net controls making their scheduled time

Future e-mail capability for the listening public during the net

Rolling everyone’s one go with Tech questions, Swap, etc. for improved efficiency

Possible remote Echolink connection to the net occasionally or near special events

Practice the impromptu moving of the net to “33” and removing a “formal” topic

B.) Outreach program experiment – N9UY

C.)

Committee/Coordinator Reports:

Awards Committee – Frank N9LT

WQSO Party – KB9LRD

Hal Report:

LED Flashlight (DC-DC voltage booster) – N1KSN

Announcements: VE Testing February 14th, 2009 Awards Banquet to be held February 28th at 5PM at the Darboy Club, WQSO Party March 15th

Raffle Winner

Adjourn: (Accepting a motion to adjourn) [WB9ZNA](#) (2nd) [KB9AIT](#) (V: M)

Ham Of The Year Nominations Accepted

N1KSN, N9IAT, N9LT

• 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.

1/1/2009 WA0ITP
 1/1/2009 KC9BMH
 1/1/2009 K9RFI
 1/1/2009 N9UY
 1/1/2009 ND0L
 1/1/2009 KB9LRD
 2/1/2009 AB9NN
 2/1/2009 AB9IO
 2/1/2009 ND9DW
 2/1/2009 K9JEN
 3/1/2009 K9IK
 3/1/2009 KC9HTM
 3/1/2009 KC9DJQ
 3/1/2009 KC9MYL
 3/1/2009 N9ZIC
 3/1/2009 KC9IKU
 4/1/2009 N9RQM
 4/1/2009 KC9NLL
 4/1/2009 N9XCQ
 4/1/2009 N9OEQ
 4/1/2009 N9VVB
 4/1/2009 N9SVB
 4/1/2009 K9USN
 4/1/2009 KF9JA
 4/1/2009 N9AOT
 4/1/2009 WB9ZNA

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

Items for sale!!

2 meter/440 trunk mt. antenna - \$20
 Alinco DR-435T 440 mobile - \$200
Seller info: Al - N9QLP
 Email: emkays@peoplepc.com
 Phone: 920-426-1851

MFJ Pocket CW Reader - MFJ-461 \$40.00
 SignalLink SL-1 (PSK31 interface) \$35.00
Seller info: Dave ND9DW
 Email: dsprangers@gmail.com
 Phone: 920-757-5245

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.

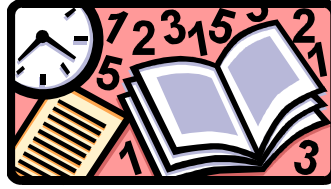
With the exception of the November test date, all testing is done at the Red Cross Building at 1302 E. Wisconsin Ave. in Appleton. Test check in is from 8:00 am until 8:30 am. The cost is \$15.00.

Here are the dates for 2009:

February 14, 2009

April 11, 2009

June 20, 2009



•Upcoming Events

Feb 16	General Membership Meeting
Feb 14	VE Testing
Feb 21-22	International DX Contest - CW
Feb 28	FCARC Awards Banquet

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

Feb 11 ND9DW

Feb 18 N1KSN

Feb 25 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.

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

Brad Hansen W9HAN, Gene Bradfield KØTIW, Katie Bradfield KBØDKD

KKØI Key Collection



Hey there,

Thought I'd share a photo with you. Here is my little telegraph key, bug, paddle collection so far.

Left to right...bottom - Russian military straight key on a Honduran Rosewood base, a J-38 (picked up at Dayton Hamvention '07) on a Kauri wood (ancient wood) base, a (NOS) Bunnell Navy Flameproof on a Brazilian Cherry base, my Begali Camelback, an my Vibroplex 100th Anniversary Original bug.

All the wood bases are done by George Osier, N2JNZ, SKCC# 2836. He does one heck of a job!

Above the Camelback is my Begali Signature paddle and next to it is my favorite, the Lionel J-36 bug from N1PQ, Pete, FISTS club member #13351. It gets used the most and is working great...Thanks Pete...a very worthwhile investment!

They all generally get a good workout, none of them collecting dust. They give me a lot of satisfaction when it comes to a cw fix.

Hmmm....now to look at a sideswiper...think I have to try that next sending art to master. I may need some help here.

Have a great weekend!

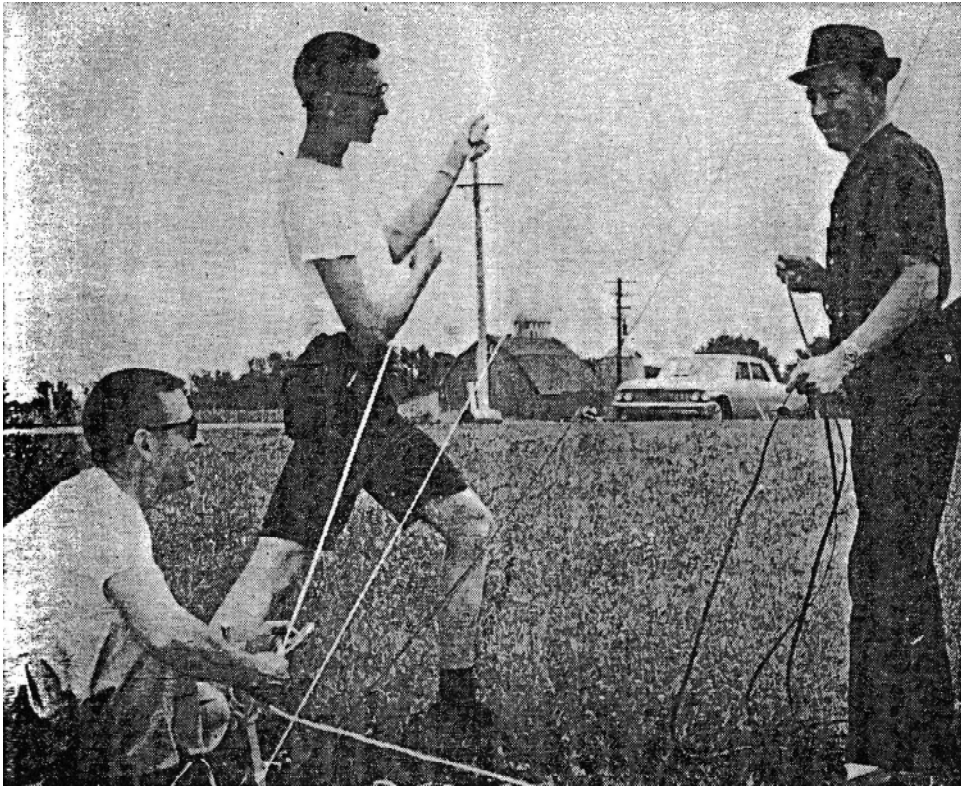
73s

Jack - KKØI

Golden Anniversary for Amateur Radio Operators

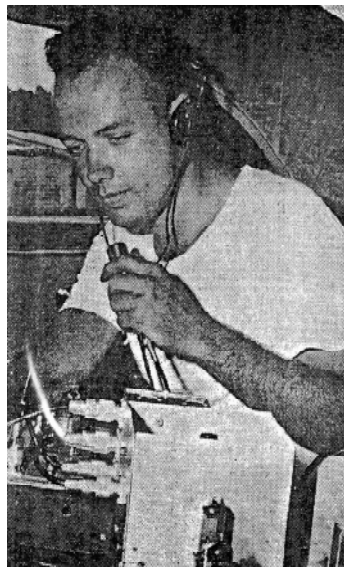
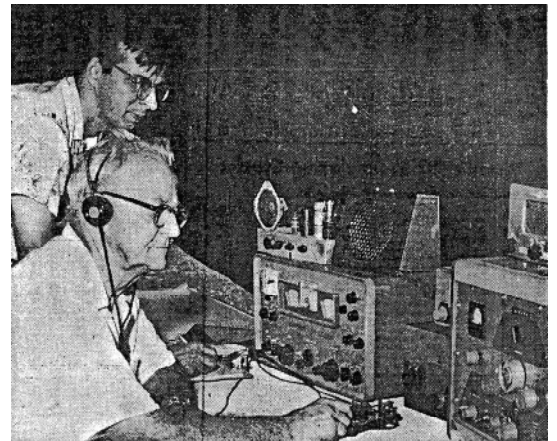
Sunday, June 28, 1964 – Verbatim from the Appleton Post Crescent

Frank Livermore, N9LT



Appleton Ham Radio Day, proclaimed by Mayor Clarence Mitchell for today, will be marked with demonstrations of the "ham's" skills during field day exercise at the north end of Plamann Park by members of the Outagamie County Amateur Radio Club. The "day" and demonstration are observances of the 50th anniversary of the first licensing of an amateur radio operator in 1914. Above, from the left, Maurice Meade, Gary Gariott and Vern Hoffman tug guy lines to raise a transmitting tower.

At the right Anton J. Rink (W9EAU) uses his fist to send a message while Greg Schneider stands by at the log book. Charles Forster of Kimberly (WA9ACI) uses his car for a studio while an unidentified ham sits in a tent on a lonely vigil.



'Hams' to Mark 50th Year of Amateur Radio

Amateur radio operations at Valley Fair Shopping Center and, on a larger scale, at Plamann Park, will mark the 50th anniversary of ham radio this weekend.

Sunday was proclaimed Appleton Ham Radio Day by Mayor Clarence Mitchell. The ham demonstration program is a project of the Outagamie County Amateur Radio Club. The Valley Fair program will be open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.

On the north side of Plamann Park, members are erecting tents and antennas and installing radio gear to participate in the annual American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day, a three-day international test of amateur operators' ability to establish emergency communications.

Bill Day, club chairman, said about 40 "hams" from the Fox Valley would be taking part. About 100,000 world-wide operators will participate, according to Day. Activities at Plamann Park will run continuously from Friday through Sunday night, Day said.

CD Communications

In addition to using amateur radio as a hobby, Day said, "hams" now form the backbone of the Civil Defense communications network and Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) a civilian network handling messages for the armed forces.

Day said activities will celebrate the growth of amateur radio from its first licensing in 1914 to the present, and some of the Outagamie amateurs will demonstrate equipment used in modern projects.

Amateurs today are building and launching the "Oscar" series of U.S. satellites and experimenting with super high frequency (SHF) signals bounced off the moon for long-range communications, Day said.