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2008 "Ham of the Year" Andy Palm N1KSN

Mach Wins By a Landslide!

Tony Mach, AB9IO was elected President in the FCARC May elections.

Tony is a long standing club member and a previous board member.

He is our current Hamfest chairman, previous Field Day coordinator, and has been involved in many of the clubs previous events.

Some of you may even remember him from the now famous awards banquet cd.

We look forward to Tony's leadership and congratulate him on his new position.

Also elected in the May elections were:

Executive Board Member 2 year terms
Membership Coordinator Dan Vanevenhoven N9LVS
Secretary John Touzinsky K9KI

Board Member 1 year terms
Member at Large Rick Kosiorek W9RIC
Member at Large Mike Smith N9IAT
Member at Large Frank Livermore N9LT

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 **6 Meter Net** Thursday nights at 8 pm on 52.570 FM

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

General Membership Meeting

Agenda for May 18th, 2009

Board of Directors FCARC

President: Frank N9LT; Vice-President: Dave ND9DW; Treasurer: Karen KC9BMH
 Secretary: Mike N9IAT; Membership Coordinator: Dan N9LVS; Technical Director: Andy N1KSN
 Members at Large: Tony AB9IO, Tom N9UY, John K9KI

“Andy Palm N1KSN is our 2008 “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: N/A

Old Business:

- A.) 2M 145.330 Tim KC9FSH has a new Fun Net running Saturday nights.
- B.) ARES MOU Update
- C.) New kit idea—N1KSN

ELECTIONS

New Business:

- A.) JOTA needs a Coordinator to fill the new vacancy
- B.) Echolink node is now operating at KC9FSH QTH
- C.) MS Challenge is in September (18th-20th), APRS is planned
- D.)

Committee/Coordinator Reports:

Field Day – N9LT (Next meetings are 5-26, 6-16) CW Station Captain still needed

Soleburner – KB9LRD

JDRF– W9RIC

EAA Airventure - AB9AH

Hal Report:

N1KSN – ESR Meter

Announcements: VE Testing Jun. 20th, Field Day Jun. 27th, Communityfest Jul. 4th

Raffle Winner

Adjourn: (Accepting a motion to adjourn)

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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.

5/1/2009	KC9DEF
6/1/2009	KC9NLP
6/1/2009	AA9A
6/1/2009	K9OFU
6/1/2009	W9FBC
6/1/2009	KC9HIP
7/1/2009	KB9JGW
7/1/2009	N9YMC
7/1/2009	N9LVS
7/1/2009	KB9CVR
7/1/2009	K9OQO
7/1/2009	N9BMS
7/1/2009	KC9DMM
7/1/2009	KK0I
7/1/2009	K6JDF
7/1/2009	KC9HYC
7/1/2009	N9LSG
8/1/2009	KC9KZN

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 and get it listed here!

From the website:

MFJ-1270 TNC \$45 Contact ND9DW
Ham IV Rotator \$350 Contact ND9DW
Garmin GPS 12 \$60 Contact ND9DW

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

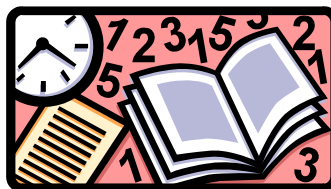
Interested in Amateur (HAM) Radio? Need to upgrade your license? The FCARC can help you with both of these.

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 dates for 2009:

June 20, 2009

August 15, 2009



Wednesday 2 Meter Net Net Control Operator schedule

June 10 ND9DW
June 17 N1KSN
June 24 N9UY
July 1 W9HAN
July 8 AB9IO

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club invites everyone to tune in on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM on 146.76/R PL 100 or the new downtown receive PL 107.2

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

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

Saturday Fun Net

Day: **Saturday**
Time: **7:00 pm**
Frequency: **145.330 FM PL 100**

Join Tim KC9FSH and Andy KC9IZF Saturday nights for their new Fun Net. New topics every week and relaxed fun discussions. Join in and support them in their new net on a new frequency and new day and time.

•Upcoming Events

June 13	N9IAT's Wedding— do I need a talk in freq??	
June 14	ARRL VHF QSO Party	
June 20	VE Testing	
June 27	Field Day 2009 starts!	Coordinator is Frank N9LT
July 4	CommunityFest Neenah	Coordinator is Tim KC9FSH
July 29 - Aug 2	EAA AirVenture 2009	Coordinator is Jon AB9AH

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

Articles You May Have Missed on the Website

From 5/10/09

The club's W9ZL Echolink node is back on the air on the 145.33 repeater.

Using Echolink

The basics of using Echolink are easy. Every repeater, link, or user has a number assigned to them. Simply look up the place you want to connect to and "dial" this number using a DTMF microphone. Wait for a moment while it connects. When you're finished dial the # key to end the connection. Be sure to indicate what you are doing prior to this procedure ex: "N9LT accessing Echolink".

If you are traveling and are in range of an Echolink node you can connect to the 145.330 by dialing 408545 and talk to us back home!

Commonly used DTMF control codes include the following:

4, 5, or 6 digit number - connects to a specific node

- Disconnect

00 - Random connection

08 - Checks the status of W9ZL-R

09 - Reconnect to the last connected call sign

Regional Nodes of Interest

Waupaca - 444.675Mhz - 286167

Door Cty. - 444.000 - 44407

Wausau - 443.325 - 198118

Baraboo - 145.310 - 29914

If you have any questions contact N9LT or KC9FSH

From 6/4/09

My weekly 2 meter SSB and FM simplex nets continue to grow. All VHF enthusiasts are welcome to check in when they have time. I now have a website at <http://www.kc9bqa.com> so here's some links to what's going on.

144.240/144.250 SSB net info is at <http://kc9bqa.com/?p=310>

These are the Wed. night nets, 7:15 and 8:30pm, respectively. Horizontal polarization is the norm, but we certainly will check in verticals who can hear us. This is a wide-coverage net, so tune in on your SSB 2 meter rig and see what you can hear.

146.43 FM Simplex net info is at <http://kc9bqa.com/?p=292> This is Thur. night at 8:30pm, vertical polarization. My omni vertical is up 90' from a good QTH, and I enjoy hearing light copy stations from far away.

Things are really heating up with summer contest season and better band conditions. It's a great time to get on board and enjoy an under-appreciated segment of hamming.

ARRL June VHF QSO Party is June 13-14. Link to rules: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2009/june-vhf.html>

There will be *significant* rover and fixed station activity in and near the Fox Cities in this contest. It would be a shame for your members to not even know about the option. You would have to have antennas underground to not make some contacts, if you care to try.

The summer VHF/UHF contest calendar is at: <http://kc9bqa.com/?p=158>

A fun way for totally new V/UHF contesters to try getting their feet wet is outlined in a detailed post I wrote at: <http://kc9bqa.com/?paged=3> I try to take the mystery out of V/UHF weak-signal ops. Even Joe Q. Ham is ready to do some contesting right away, with a 2 meter rig and antenna, and some helpful hints. My website has a wealth of info, when you spend some time.

Any questions or comments, I'm happy to help. Email me at sprinkies (at) excel.net or use the "contact me" button on my website.

73,

Todd KC9BQA EN63ao 40 N of Milwaukee