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2009 "Ham of the Year" John Touzinsky K9KI

Spring is on the way!

If you were not there you missed another great banquet at the Darboy Club. We had a good turn out, great food, and the celebration of last years accomplishments.

Now it's time to start to focus on this years events so dig out the handhelds, charge those batteries, and check into a local net and see what is going on.

We start off with the WI QSO Party sponsored by the West Allis Radio Amateur Club on Sunday March 14th from 1 to 8pm local time. Keep in mind this is also the first day of daylight savings time so don't forget to reset your clocks by "spring"ing forward.

Then we have our first walk April 25th for the MS Walk. That is a morning event that usually goes pretty fast and Dave ND9DW is the coordinator.

May 8th will be the American Cancer Society Soleburner walk/run and Brian KB9LRD is the coordinator for that.

I would like to take a moment and thank those that nominated and elected me for the Ham of the Year award. Words cannot describe my surprise and I am truly honored and thankful.  
John K9KI



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 (NIKSN)*
- **Members At Large—**
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- *Mike Smith (N9IAT)*
- *Frank Livermore (N9LT)*

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Check out the FCARC **2 Meter Net** Wednesday nights at 8 pm on 146.760 Repeater

**Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
General Membership Meeting  
Agenda for February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**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

**Welcome to Our New and Renewed Members!**

**ND9DW, K9JEN, KC9GVM, WB2LBE, W9MDP, W9USX, N9AQ, AB9NN, and KD8KRS.**

**Old Business:**

A.) Repeater update final – W9RIC

**Discussion: Old Business**

**New Business:**

A.) Wisconsin QSO Party planning party is March 7<sup>th</sup> at Pizza Hut, 3633 West College Avenue, Appleton – AB9IO

B.) Wisconsin QSO Party is approaching quickly! Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM Local – Remember this is the first day of Daylight Savings! – AB9IO

C.) The FCARC Annual Awards Banquet is set for February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Darboy Club.

Cost is \$16.50 per person. This includes all taxes and tips. Reception is set for 5:00PM with dinner to follow at 6:00PM.

D.) A **Repeater Drive** is in effect in order to generate funds for maintenance and future improvements of our excellent repeater system – any and all donations are welcome! – AB9IO

E.) The Fox Cities Slow CW Net (FCSN) made its debut on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 with Andy, N1KSN as net control. This **QRP CW** net meets every Saturday afternoon at 3:00 PM Local on 3559.5 kHz.

**Discussion: New Business**

**Committee/Coordinator Reports:**

Treasurer’s Report – KC9BMH

**Hal Report:**

80m Superhet Receiver Kit – N1KSN

**Presentation:**

Stan, K9STN – ARES Emergency Coordinator for Outagamie County

**Announcements: FCARC Awards Banquet – February 27<sup>th</sup>, Wisconsin QSO Party Planning Party – March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Wisconsin QSO Party 2010 – March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010!**

**Adjourn:** (Accepting a motion to adjourn) (2nd) (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. All membership renewals will be going to a January renewal date over the next year.

1/1/2010	K9RFI
1/1/2010	N9UY
1/1/2010	ND0L
3/1/2010	N9MSH
3/1/2010	KB0KFX
3/1/2010	N9GDY
3/1/2010	KB9OAL
3/1/2010	KC9DJQ
4/1/2010	N9SVB
4/1/2010	N9RQM
4/1/2010	KC9IZF
4/1/2010	WB9ZNA
4/1/2010	K7LT
4/1/2010	KF9JA
4/1/2010	KE7TXF
4/1/2010	N9VVB
4/1/2010	KC9FSH
4/1/2010	N9OEQ

### 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
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:**

**160ft of PiRod Tower Contact KB9LRD**

**For more information, see the website**

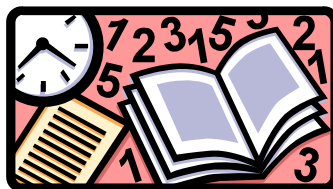
Have something Ham related to sell? If so, contact the [Newsletter Team](#) via our website to arrange for it's insertion in the next issue of this newsletter. We will run it in the newsletter and on-line at [www.fcarc.us](http://www.fcarc.us)

## •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 \$15.00.



Here are the tentative dates for 2010:

April 10th

June 19th

August 14th

### •Upcoming Events

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|--------------|--|
| Mar 7        | Pre WI QSO Pizza Party See Calendar on club website                      |
| Mar 14       | Wisconsin QSO Party 1pm to 8pm. See website for more info                |
| April 10     | VE Testing Session Red Cross Building Appleton                           |
| April 9 & 10 | AES Superfest Milwaukee. Fri 2-6 Sat 8:30 -3pm                           |
| April 25     | MS Walk Sunday Morning Contact Dave ND9DW for more info                  |
| May 8        | American Cancer Society Soleburner walk/Run Contact KB9LRD for more info |

#### Meeting information & location

We meet at [UW-Fox Valley](#)  
1478 Midway Road  
Menasha, WI 54952.  
Room 1346  
Meetings start at 7:00 PM every third Monday of the month.

#### Wednesday 2 Meter Net Net Control Operator schedule

Mar 17	KG8RF
Mar 24	KC9MLD
Mar 31	K9KI
Apr 7	N9UY
Apr 14	W9HAN

#### Fox Cities Slow CW Net

Saturdays at 3 PM  
Frequency 3559.5 KHz  
QRP Power Levels Preferred  
Come Join the Fun,  
or Just Listen

#### 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

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

**ND9DW, K9JEN, KC9GVM, WB2LBE, W9MDP, W9USX, N9AQ AB9NN,  
KD8KRS, KC9HIP, KC9JRH.**

## Articles You May Have Missed on the Website

From 2/15/10

[Pizza Party Sunday March 7th - WQP networking session](#) Author : KB9LRD

Sunday March 7th is only 3 weeks away!

Need to get ready?  
Need a plan?  
Want to help another operator?



Join the group by logging in and signing up on the sign-up form in the Calendar section.

Good Luck in the contest!

Brian KB9LRD

From 2/14/2010

[K8DAR will be a Wisconsin entry in the WI QSO party from Peshtigo, WI.](#) Author : KB9LRD

Greetings to all,

This message is being sent to all local young hams and those experienced older hams supporting them in their pursuit of ham radio excellence.



Make plans to participate in the first K8DAR Menominee D.A.R. Radio Club contest entry for 2010.

The Wisconsin QSO Party is one of the most anticipated of all state contests. It runs from 1 to 8pm on Sunday, March 14. The more youngsters (both hams and non-hams) that participate, the better our chances to win recognition or possibly a plaque or certificate based on number of contacts throughout Wisconsin counties and the country. This is another opportunity to bring recognition to the already famous and popular Menominee & Marinette D.A.R. Boys & Girls Club ham radio program, where thirteen youngsters have gotten their FCC ham radio licenses since 2006. The latest is Brett Borski, KD8NAZ, a 7th grader at Menominee Jr. High.

So mark that date on your calendars and seriously consider coming to Peshtigo for any part of or all 7 hours of the contest.

Several HF radios, logging computers, and antennas will be available, as well as seasoned hams with experience in contesting. A VE testing session may be held in the morning hours, if there is anyone interested and ready to test.

If possible, let us know if you are interested and able to take part in this special ham radio activity.

\*Special note, You will notice a /9 after the K8DAR callsign, that is because we are using the call in Wisconsin which uses a #9 in the callsign.

73, Ed Engleman KG8CX and Jim Pearson KS8O

From 2/13/10

[Slow speed CW - update](#) Author : W9ZL

Remember, the Fox Cities Slow CW Net meets on Saturdays at 3 PM on 3559.5 KHz. Please use QRP power levels if you can.



# FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB W9ZL, INC

## Membership Application Form

Check one:

**New Membership**                       **Renewal** (for existing members)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member     Yes     No

**Membership dues for one year:**

\*Full - \$15.00 \*Associate (non ham) \$15.00 \*Student - \$10.00 \*Retired - \$10.00

\*\*Family – Member dues plus \$5.00 each additional family member residing at the same address

\* A prerequisite to the family membership \*\*see by-law's Article IV section1

Please make checks payable to **FCARC**  
Mail to: **FCARC P.O. Box 2346 Appleton, WI 54912**

**Admissions Use:**

ID# \_\_\_\_\_

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 Website member     Agenda     Newsletter editor