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2009 "Ham of the Year" John Touzinsky K9KI

*Now Accepting Nominations!*

We will be accepting nominations for Vice President, Treasurer, and 3 member at large positions at the April general membership meeting on Monday April 19th .

Any member with a current amateur radio license and in good standing with the club (current paid membership ) is eligible to run for office with the club. Voting will take place at the May meeting. We look forward to a good turnout as not all incumbents have committed to running again. Your incumbents are listed to the right of this column.

In other club news, the new UHF repeater voted on at last months meeting has not only been purchased, but installed and operating already. Many thanks to Rick W9RIC, the repeater committee, and countless others who contributed to this project. The new 443.650 repeater is a Kenwood at the same location and height as the previous repeater.

We are just a couple weeks away from our first communications event of the year, the MS Walk at Appleton North HS on Sunday April 10th. If you can help out with this event, contact Dave Sprangers ND9DW.

Shortly after that is the American Cancer Society Sole Burner Walk/Run on Saturday May 8th. Sign up on the website or contact Brian Long KB9LRD if you can help with this event.

May 15th will be the JDRF Walk at Riverside Park in Neenah. Contact Judy WJ9K or Rick W9RIC to help out.

That's all for this month.  
Hope to see many of you at the meeting and events.  
73, 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 (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 146.760 Repeater

**Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Agenda for March 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

“John Touzinsky K9KI is our 2009 “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

**Introductions / Roll Call**

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

**N9SGG, KB9LRD, N9UY, N9LSG**

**Old Business:**

- A.) Congratulations to John, K9KI for winning the FCARC Ham of the Year Award! – AB9IO
- B.) Wisconsin QSO Party final comments! – AB9IO
- C.) 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. – N1KSN

**Discussion: Old Business**

**New Business:**

- A.) 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
- B.) The MS Walk is coming up on April 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 AM. The Walk starts at Appleton North School – ND9DW
- C.) Discussion of replacing the failing 443.650 repeater – W9RIIC

**Discussion: New Business**

**Committee/Coordinator Reports:**

Repeater Committee – W9RIC

Treasurer’s Report – KC9BMH

**Hal Report:**

3FSK Modulation and Data Radio Demo – N1KSN

**Show and Tell:**

**Announcements: VE Testing – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 MS Walk – April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Soleburner – May 8<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.

3/1/2010	N9MSH
3/1/2010	KB9OAL
3/1/2010	N9GDY
3/1/2010	KC9DJQ
3/1/2010	KB0KFX
4/1/2010	KC9FSH
4/1/2010	KF9JA
4/1/2010	KC9IZF
4/1/2010	WB9ZNA
4/1/2010	N9RQM
4/1/2010	KE7TXF
4/1/2010	N9VVB
4/1/2010	N9OEQ
4/1/2010	N9SVB
4/1/2010	K7LT
5/1/2010	N9TNW
5/1/2010	KC9DEF
5/1/2010	N9IAT
5/1/2010	WS0C

### 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**

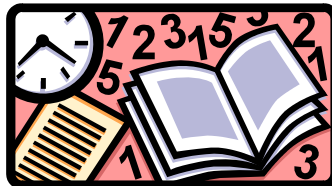
Have something Ham related to sell? If so, contact the [Newsletter Team](#) via our website to arrange for it's insertion in the next issue of this newsletter. We will run it in the newsletter and on-line at [www.fcarc.us](http://www.fcarc.us)

## •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:

June 19th

August 14th

November at the Ham Fest

## •Upcoming Events

- April 19      General Membership Meeting and nominations for Vice President, Treasurer, and 3 Members At Large.
- April 25      MS Walk Sunday Morning Contact Dave ND9DW for more info
- May 8          American Cancer Society Sole Burner Walk/Run Contact Brian KB9LRD for more info or sign up on the website.
- May 15        JDRF Walk Riverside Park Neenah. Contact Judy WJ9K or Rick W9RIC to sign up.
- May 17        General Membership Meeting and Club Elections

### 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

April 21	AB9IO
April 28	N9AQ
May 5	KC9MLD
May 12	Open Mike Contact KG8RF
May 19	W9HAN

### Thursday 6 Meter Net

Day: **Thursday**  
Time: **8:00 pm**  
Frequency: **52.570 FM**

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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**

**N9SGG, KB9LRD, N9UY, N9LSG**

## Articles You May Have Missed on the Website

From 4/5/10

[443.650 Is On The Air](#) Author : K9KI

The new 443.650 repeater has been purchased, installed, and is back on the air!

Many thanks to Rick W9RIC, the repeater committee, and several others that helped in moving of the cabinets and making things go smoothly.

The 146.76 downtown receive shares this cabinet and is also back on the air and operational.

The downtown receive uses a PL of 107.2 and gives us handheld coverage in the downtown area and some extended receive to the north and east of Appleton.

With the move of the 145.330 to its current location, the mandatory relocating of the 146.76 to the new tower, and the replacement of the 443.650, we now have 3 excellent repeaters in the Fox Valley area owned and maintained by the club.

With that we are continuing the repeater fund drive to be sure we are able to maintain and update the equipment as needed. We will gladly accept donations at any of the club meetings or directly via mail to:

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Another note that the severe weather season is fast approaching and during severe weather the 146.76 will be used by WX9GRB the National Weather Service out for Green Bay.

During its use, WX9GRB will change the courtesy tone to WX during severe weather nets.

During a severe weather net only WX9GRB and the designated liaisons from the county nets are allowed to use the 146.76 repeater.

The 145.330 and the 443.650 repeaters are still available during a severe weather net for normal amateur use and we ask that you use those repeaters and stay off of the 146.76 during a severe weather net.

From 4/2/10

[MS Walk - 2010](#) Author : ND9DW

With spring right around the corner, the FCARC will be providing communications for many public service events. Our first event is the 2010 MS Walk at Appleton North School; we anticipate 600 people participating in this walk. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. with setup occurring at 8:30 a.m. If you would like to help out with radio communications for the 2010 MS Walk, please contact me at dsprangers@gmail.com or 757-5245.

For more information about the MS Walk, please visit their website at: [National MS Society · Wisconsin Chapter](#)

Regards,  
David Sprangers, ND9DW

Other Links you should have in your favorites:

ARRL <http://www.arrl.org/> and of course the WI section <http://www.arrl.org/sections/WI.html>

QRZ <http://www.qrz.com/>

FCARC club website <http://www.fcarc.us>

# 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