



FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

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**2010 "Ham of the Year" Karen Thorne WB9ZNA**

### **FCARC Corn Roast**

The Annual FCARC corn roast will be held on August 13th at around 11am at Sunset Park in Kimberly. Everyone who is attending is asked to bring a dish to pass, the club will provide corn.

The fox is fixed from last year so we will be holding a Fox Hunt at the park as well. Even if you have never participated in a fox hunt bring your HT and there are plenty of club members that can show you what to do.

**REMINDER: There is no Board or General Membership meetings in August.**

### **FCARC Officers**

- *President— Rich Kelly (N9AQ)*
- *Vice-President— Brian Long (KB9LRD)*
- *Treasurer—Bruce Otto (W9BDO)*
- *Secretary— Tim Hale (KC9FSH)*
- *Membership Co-ord—Dan Vanevenhoven (N9LVS)*
- *Technical Director—OPEN*

### **Members At Large**

- *Mike Smith (N9IAT)*
- *Lori Smith (KC9SCO)*
- *John Touzinsky (K9KI)*

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## Planes, radio make event station special

By Bob Seaquist, KC9IWE

Put together Ham radio, thousands upon thousands of aircraft and free food and you have one of an amateur's favorite spots, a special event station at the annual Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) AirVenture in Oshkosh.

AirVenture's special event station ran from Wednesday, July 27- Sunday, July 31. It included operators beyond the sponsoring Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club so Hams from across the country were at the mics including Bob Seaquist, KC9IWE.

AirVenture, often referred to as the "EAA Fly-In," dates back to 1953 and has become The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration. More than half a million people show up at Wittman Field in Oshkosh for the week. Hundreds of volunteers are there even longer helping with the set-up and tear down.

One of the participating Hams, John Smith, KC9FMC, of Milwaukee, is an old hand at Oshkosh. He arrives a full week before the event to volunteer directing traffic. He camps in a trailer and is one of thousands of campers who live in long, long rows of tents mingled among the multi-million dollar diesel powered bus campers.

AirVenture is not a place for those who suffer sticker-shock easily. It seems like nothing is cheap ranging from a \$4 ice cream cone (Chocolate Shoppe Zanzibar Chocolate) to a multi-million dollar executive jet. For those on a budget there's the American Champion Aircraft "Champ," a small two place aircraft which is a 1930s era design. It starts at \$116,000.

Oshkosh does not discriminate between the well-clad, neatly shorn hoi poloi and real people. They stand side-by-side on the flight line watching the daily air show or simply watching the endless parade and variety of planes taking off and landing.

Oshkosh is a number of superlatives starting with being, by far, the busiest airport in the world during AirVenture week. Large teams of FAA flight controllers manage a parade of craft that includes flimsy, exposed frame home built followed by multi-engine jet warplanes.

More than 10,000 aircraft come and go during the week. That includes antique warbirds, home built, exotics such as the Concorde, business craft and more. It's not unusual to see several acres of the vee-tailed Beechcraft Bonanzas or similar planes. As a result, the physical area is huge and impossible to fully see unless visitors are willing to spend an entire week.

That's not to say a one day visit isn't valuable. Starting at 10 a.m. a person can see many of the major manufacturer's exhibits, ride a tram to see some of the many parked planes and still take in the afternoon air show.

The FCARC special event station was part of KidVenture, an entire area where kids can learn and explore aviation and technology. Children can make a composite wing, form a wing's rib, rivet materials and fly model helicopters. The special event station is set up in a small shed formerly the communications building at the Lone Rock, Wis., airport. The original radio panels and teletype machines are there too. FCARC operates two HF stations, a 6 meter station and a 2 meter repeater using the club call, W9ZL. Like many special event stations, operation is pretty casual and interested passersby are invited to make a few QSOs. Among them was 13 year old Dalton, a Michigan boy who quickly caught on. He also had many good questions about how amateur radio works.

There were glitches. The EAA volunteer assigned to unlock the buildings and hangers in the KidVenture area was not reliable so the station was late getting on. And then a Brooklyn, NY youth music group was assigned to perform just a few feet from the station, also making it impossible to operate.

**Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Agenda for July 18th , 2011**

**Board of Directors FCARC**

President: Rich N9AQ ; Vice-President: Brian KB9LRD; Treasurer: Bruce W9BDO  
 Secretary: Tim KC9FSH ; Membership Coordinator: Dan N9LVS; Technical Director: Andy N1KSN  
 Members at Large: Lori KC9SCO, Mike N9IAT, John K9KI

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**Presiding Official:** Rich Kelly, N9AQ

**Call to Order and Opening Remarks:** President, Rich Kelly, N9AQ

**Quorum count:** Vice President, Brian Long, KB9LRD

**Introductions / Roll Call**

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

Scott Wong – KC9UKH, WB9OJE

**Old Business:**

A ) Field Day wrap-up N9AQ

B.) Communityfest KC9FSH

C.)

**Discussion: Old Business**

**New Business:**

A.) EAA –setup July 23, operate July 27 to 31 and tear down. Contact Jon AB9AH [ab9ah@arrl.net](mailto:ab9ah@arrl.net) – 832-9727

B.) Corn roast Aug. 13 Sunset park Kimberly N9AQ No meeting in Aug. 11 am, Dish to Pass

C.) HamFest – Nov. 6 Tony - AB9IO - Still looking for place to have it

D.) Isolator for 146.760 repeater (Board approved up to \$1400.00) W9RIC

E.) Handouts for VE testing promoting the club N9AQ

F.) Bandpass filter for 10 meters and 15 meters for fieldday and other events N9AQ

Technical Director - N1KSN resigned

**Discussion: New Business**

443.650 - New Voice - discussion on adding Repeater to linked

**Committee/Coordinator Reports:**

Financials – Bruce W9BDO

**Hal Report:**

A). SCAF switch cap. Audio Filter

B). UV3R Mods.

**Announcements:** EAA setup July 23 operate July 27 to 31, 2011, VE Testing Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> (am), Corn Roast Aug 13<sup>th</sup>

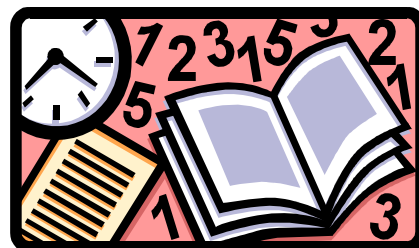
Hamfest – Nov. 6

**Adjourn:** (Accepting a motion to adjourn) AGIO (2nd) KGRF (V: M)

## 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



## • Membership Renewal Reminders

As a reminder, all memberships expire in January.

You must be a member in good standing (current paid dues) to participate in the May elections.

If you have not done so already, you can renew your membership prior to the elections at the May meeting.

See page 7 for the current membership renewal and application form.

## For Sale/Wanted

None listed.

Have something Ham related to sell?

If so, contact the [Newsletter Team](#) via our website to arrange for its 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)

## •Club Information

### 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.

## 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 (subject to change) for 2011:

February 12th                      April 9th  
June 18th                              August 13th  
Nov 6th at the Ham Fest

## •Upcoming Events

August 13th	VE Testing
August 13th	Corn Roast– Sunset Park in Kimberly 11am
September 12th	Board Meeting at Goodwill in Menasha 7:00 pm
September 19th	General Membership meeting 7:00 pm

If you are interested in net control, contact Eric KG8RF for the 2 meter net and Tom N9UY for the 6 meter net to sign up!

### Wednesday 2 Meter Net Net Control Operator schedule

August 10	Eric KG8RF
August 17	Rich N9AQ
August 24	Brad W9HAN
August 31	Tom N9UY
Sept. 7	Tony AB9IO
Sept 14	Eric KG8RF
Sept 21	Rich N9AQ
Sept 28	Brad W9HAN

### Thursday 6 Meter Net

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

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

None

# 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:**

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