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2016 "Ham of the Year" WA9TT Larry Peterson



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This month's 50/50 raffle will be for CASH \$\$\$\$\$\$

FCARC Officers

- *President— Bernie Hengels (N9YMC)*
- *Vice-President— Bruce Otto (W9BDO)*
- *Treasurer— Donna Mendyke (KC9THF)*
- *Secretary— Terry Schilling (N9AOT)*
- *Membership Co-ord—Andy Skjoldager (KC9IZF)*
- *Technical Director— Larry Peterson (WA9TT)*

Members At Large

- *Joel Kasper (WI4WD)*
- *Tom Stoeger (WD9IKA)*
- *Andy Lawton (AJ9AL)*

It is with great sadness to report the passing of Jim Wierzba, WB9OJE.

James W. Wierzba, age 68, of Appleton, passed away on August 26, 2017. He was born July 30, 1949 in Milwaukee, son of the late Joe and Ceil (Borlik) Wierzba. Jim was a proud veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed Ham Radio and spending time "up north". He was a friend of Bill W.

Jim is survived by his sister, Kathy (Tom) Wallace; niece Kristy (Jason) Kolpack; nephew Tom (Kristin) Wallace; and other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held for Jim at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 2, 2017 at WICHMANN FUNERAL HOME-TRI COUNTY CHAPEL,

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	720-2217
N9LVS - Dan	FCC Personal Data Changes	205-4899
WA9TT- Larry	SSTV (analog)	915-4499
WA9TT—Larry mentor for Technician,	Larry also Elmer's Self-study plans with General & Extra	915-4499
N9AOT -Terry	Wires X	572-2937
KB9AIT—Gary	Wires X	

If your interested in helping other hams and being an

GOT QUESTIONS CALL our new Google Voice Information Phone Number 920-415-2426

FCARC welcomes your donations in support of our mission to serve amateur radio. As a 501(c)(3) organization, your donations are tax-deductible. You can go to the FCARC website and click on the

Donate



Upcoming Events / Meetings

9/18	Club Meeting
10/9	Board Meeting
10/16	Club Meeting
11/5	FCARC Hamfest

Membership Renewal Reminders 1st of the year !!!
FCARC members will be able to use PayPal for membership renew!
If you have already renewed—thank you.
If not, you can renew with Donna KC9THF at the next club meeting.

If you have an item, rig, QSL card, or anything related to Amateur Radio and want to share it with club members, bring it to the club meeting for **SHOW AND TELL**. A 2-3 minute section put into the agenda for follow hams to share items they find useful or promotes Amateur Radio.

For Sale/Wanted

Ameritron AL-811 Amp \$500.00

MFJ-962 Antenna Tuner \$200.00

Both for \$650.00 Prices are firm cash only!

Both in very good condition. Items are being sold for a 97 yr old ham.

Contact John K9JEF at 920-725-4772

WOLF RIVER COILS LLC Misfit Coil Sale

Thru the years we made a few coils that we would not sell as our prime condition so we have misfit coils that need a home. All the coils have been tested and working condition, they cosmetically are not to our standard. We will sell these coils at this club meeting. There are still a few coils left. First come first serve, cash or credit.

SB 1000 for \$20.00 SB Mini's \$15.00

There is a limited supply. See Gary KB9AIT or Terry N9AOT.

HP 6266B Test Bench DC Power Supply

0-40 volts, 0-5 amps

Asking \$150.00

Call Terry N9AOT @920-572-2937 or email terryaot@live.com

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 except in January.

If you have an article or item of interest that you would like to share in our clubs newsletter send them to Terry N9AOT at terryaot@live.com

Wednesday 2 Meter Net

**8:00 PM 146.76 - Offset PL 100
Net Control Operator schedule**

9/20	KB9AIT	10/18	KC9THF
9/27	KC9TFM	10/25	W9BDO
10/4	ND9DW	11/1	KC9QFH
10/11	N9YMC	11/8	AB9IO

If you can be a net control operator, contact Bruce W9BDO our coordinator

FCARC SSTV 2 METER NET

meets the second Sunday of the month at 6pm on the 145.33 repeater. Load up some of your pictures and start sending SSTV via VHF.

VE Testing Dates

Location: FVTC B142

Start 8AM/walk-ins until 8:30AM

Testing 9AM

Cost is \$15.00

2 forms of identification are required.

Up-grades must bring a copy of their current license for the VE's to keep and send in to the FCC.

Please view the FCARC calendar of events on this web site for current dates

2017 Testing Schedule:

Next testing date:

September 30

6 Meter Net

On most 3rd Tuesday of the month 52.550 FM

The Fox Cities Amateur Radio Clubs Wiki page is now active, www.fcarc.club/dokuwiki

If there is anything you want added let me know

Dan, N9LVS



Presidents Corner By Bernie Hengels – N9YMC

September 2017

The annual Corn Roast is an event where we can all get together over a meal; add some meaningful discussion and maybe throw some radio in as well. This year did not disappoint, as the weather was good, our GrillMaster John did a bang up job with the corn, burgers and brats and we all were able to sample some tasty treats to accompany.

Our September program will feature some home and mobile shacks. I am looking forward to seeing the wide range of equipment and unique set-ups.

It is with heavy heart that I share that one of our long time members recently passed and became a SK. Jim – WB9OJE will be missed as he participated in many club events including Community Service Walks/ Runs, the S/E station at EAA AirVenture and in the trailer at Field Day. I have fond memories of both working radio with Jim and just plain talking with him. There were a couple years that I offered to have Jim ride with me down to AES Superfest, as he was not fond of the long drive. One year, the FCARC reserved a club table and Jim and I manned the table both Friday and Saturday of Superfest. Jim, you will be missed.

With my current work schedule I will not be able to attend the next two general club meetings so I will be unable to take the meeting minutes. Also in my absence Gary KB9AIT has agreed to hold the 50/50 raffle. See Gary for your lucky ticket.

Show us your shack

To kick off the show us you shack we thought we would give you a quick tour of the Wolf River Coils LLC coil mobile.



View from the drivers seat, besides the rear-view camera and GPS we have a Windows 10 tablet running the Wires X unit, a FTM 400 for both VHF/UHF communications and APRS, and an Icom 7100 for low band operation 80 meters thru 70 centimeters.

Then for the Wires X portable node we have a TP Link wireless to wire bridge connected to a Linksys router to link to the internet. That is connected to the Windows tablet that is hooked up to the HRI 200 Wires X controller which links up to a Yaesu FTM 100. With this system, our hot spot can run a wireless router with unlimited devices as well as the Wires X unit.



Once parked, we can bring out the Kenwood TS 570D and enjoy an evening on the air working the OMISS net or rag chewing.

Outside we have 3 VHF/UHF antennas, one for the FTM 400, one for the 7100 and one for the FTM 100 node. A Wolf River Coil SB 1000 dual antenna on 20 and 80 meters, a SB 1000 on 40 meters and a SB Mini on 6 meters.





CORN ROAST 2017



EAA 2017 Summary

I have compiled a summary of our operations for the W9ZL 2017 EAA Special Event

Station operations at EAA Airventure 2017. In spite of poor radio band conditions the Event had a successful operation for 2017, logging 937 total contacts. The majority of these contacts(693) where made on the 20-meter radio band(14.260 MHz) due to band conditions causing poor propagation for the 40-meter band(7.250 MHz). A bonus this year was we had openings on the 6-meter band occurring daily starting on Thursday afternoon.

Here is a summary of the stations daily numbers:

Wednesday July 26, 2017 - 95 Contacts

Thursday July 27, 2017 - 136 Contacts

Friday July 28, 2017 - 242 Contacts

Saturday July 29, 2017 - 255 Contacts

Sunday July 30, 2017 - 208 Contacts

Overall Event total - 937 Contacts

This is a pretty good return for a operation during rather poor band conditions and is quite successful in being comparable to past operations that operated in under better (band)conditions. I give much credit to my station operators diligence and determination in keeping the station operating continually during the event looking for contacts.

Thanks for all your help in making the 2017 Special Event Station a success.

Jon AB9AH

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Membership Mtg**Sept 18, 2017 - Agenda**

President: Bernie -N9YMC
 Vice-President: Bruce – W9BDO
 Secretary: Terry – N9AOT
 Treasurer: Donna – KC9THF

Membership Coord: Andy – KC9IZF
 Technical Director: Larry – WA9TT
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Larry Peterson- WA9TT : 2016 Ham of the Year

Presiding Officials: Bernie Hengels – N9YMC, Bruce Otto- W9BDO

Call to Order and Opening Remarks: Bernie – N9YMC – Moment of silence WB9OJE - SK

Quorum count: Vice President, Bruce – W9BDO

Introductions / Roll Call**Welcome to Our New and Renewed Members!**

If you have not renewed for 2017, please see Donna.

Committee/Coordinator Reports:

Financials and 501c3 – Donna, FT-991A raffle
 Reports: Rick- W9RIC - repeaters and VE testing/ Dave- ND9DW – web
 Minutes from previous membership meeting (July)

Ongoing Business:

If you have ideas or a program to share please see Joel, Tom or Andy

New Business

- A) Corn Roast wrap up
- B) Repeater Committee project list (remain 2017 – 2018)
- C) Update – WI POTA – Larry – WA9TT
- D) FdL Radio Club – Donna KC9THF
- E) St. Joes Walk – Eric – KG8RF
- F) MS Walk – Oshkosh – Dave ND9DW
- G) Hamfest – Tony AB9IO
- H) Club roster pictures – Al – KD9CLG
- I) Club meeting place discussions
- J) Carpool/ caravan to HRO Superfest Sept 29 & 30

Discussion:

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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