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2017 "Ham of the Year Roy Hinz KC9VLP"

Congratulations



Roy
KC9VLP
2017 Ham of
the Year

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This Months 50/50
raffle will be for
CASH

**Yearly Club Due's are due! Pay online
or see Donna KC9THF**

With great sadness that I report that Bob Cleveland - K9HID has become a Silent Key. Bob was FCARC member over the years and was the FCARC Vice-President from 1993-1995.

Robert L. Cleveland, age 74, passed away on Monday, January 22, 2018 at Cherry Meadows Hospice. Bob was born on March 8, 1943 in Neenah, son of the late Donald and Genevieve (Stephan) Cleveland. He is survived by his wife Pauline, his children, Allen (Jessie) Cleveland and Robin Cleveland. Bob is also survived by his grandchildren Josie and Nate, and his best friend, his dog, Moo. He was preceded in death by his uncle Lester Stephan. A time of gathering was held from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2018 at the Kessler Funeral Home, Neenah.

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)*

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 / Digital	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

3/19	March Membership Meeting
3/20	6 Meter Net
3/24	VE Testing FVTC
4/29	MS Walk

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.

MS WALK

The FCARC will be providing communication support for the 2018 Walk MS at Appleton North High School on Sunday, April 29.

The event will start will start around 8:30 AM and will finish around 12:30 PM.

If you would like to support the MS Society by provide communications for the 2018 Walk MS, sign up here: <http://fcarc.us/node/14>

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at dsprangers@gmail.com or call me at 920-757-5245.

David Sprangers, ND9DW

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

3/21	KB9AIT	4/18	WA9TT
3/28	KC9TFM	4/25	W9BDO
4/4	ND9DW	5/2	KC9QFH
4/11	KC9THF	5/9	WI4WF

If you can be a net control operator, contact Bruce

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

March 24

June 2

July 28

September 29

The final exam for the year will be at the FCARC Swapfest.

Location: FVTC, room 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 website for more information!

6 Meter Net

On most 3rd Tuesday of the month

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.

We are closing in on the Yaesu 991A raffle, see Donna for your chance to WIN!

For Sale/Wanted

Yaesu FTdx1200 HF/6M w/ FFT-1 digital module installed.

\$900 obo.

call KC - KG9JP

602-999-7341

Wolf River Coils LLC still has a few misfit coils for sale, see Gary KB9AIT or Terry N9AOT for information.

**IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING AMATEUR RELEATED TO SELL,
CONTACT TERRY N9AOT at TerryAOT@live.com**



FCARC Banquet 2018



Presidents Corner

March 2018

Whatever your portable or mobile rig looks like, it is that time of year to take inventory of your gear and ready yourself for any of the many public service events that the FCARC supports. Whether it is The MS Walk, Soleburner, CommunityFest, Flag Day Parade, EAA Special Event station, or getting ready for Field Day 2018, the club has a plethora of events of which some should suit your fancy.



While I have not seen or copied anyone /Donkey mobile, it can happen. I've been fortunate to sign /Bike mobile, /Air Mobile, /Marine Mobile, /GolfCart Mobile and just plain /Mobile.

Did you know that in 2017, our club staffed 13 different community service events with 77 unique participating amateurs putting in over 2,000 hours of service combined? Had this been private for profit companies fielding this communications package, it would amount to nearly half a million dollars worth of service.

The message here is that amateur radio provides a valuable link to the community and from the community. I encourage each and every ham in the club or reading this newsletter to get involved with your community and come out and see what we do. Events are for ALL hams regardless of license class. EAA and Field Day are great springboards for the newly licensed, as you can operate under the club call on some new bands that you may not be able to operate on yet with your current class.

BECOME INVOLVED AND KICK SOME ASS.

73,

Bernie – N9YMC

Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Memb. Mtg.**Jan 16, 2017 - Agenda**

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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 Called to order at 7:00pm

Quorum count: Vice President, Bruce – W9BDO

Introductions / Roll Call Roll call of members present

Welcome to Our New and Renewed Members!

Time to renew your membership for 2018 – please see Donna.

Committee/Coordinator Reports:

Reports from Donna – KC9THF Financials, 501c3, Raffle – FT-991A Donna gave financial report, it was also decided that since the raffle for the Yaesu FT-991A was going slow that we would reduce the number of tickets sold.

Reports from Rick- W9RIC – repeaters, VE testing Rick is working on securing the testing site, since we only had 1 person tested in November, Bernie is looking for ways to increase testing applicants and to promote amateur radio.

Larry WA9TT does have study guides, more to follow.

Reports from Dave- ND9DW – web, email server In January we switch to a new email server, there are still some minor issues. If you are a paid member and have not received the newsletter link or other club correspondents let a board member know.

Minutes from previous membership meeting

Ongoing Business:

If you have ideas or a program to share please see our At Large Members: Joel, Tom or Andy

New Business

Ham of the Year nominations. Last nominations were made, last year's HOTY will conduct this years voting. HOTY will be announced at the awards banquet

FT-991A raffle – shall we lower our target ticket sales to 100

Changes to email program

Weekly Wednesday net – looking for operators

WI-POTA update Larry updated club members of the progress the WI-POTA team has been making. The event will be held the third Saturday in September.

Banquet Feb 17. Adults \$20, children \$8

No General Membership meeting in February

Budget items – up to \$100 was requested for 2018 Flag Day Parade signage improvements (can be used again)

Budget item 2 – An annual budget not to exceed \$250 was requested for the WI-POTA

Jon, AB9AH announced updates with the EAA special event station. Due to the positive responds the station receives the ARRL maybe opening a booth at this years EAA. With that in mind EAA and ARRL would like us to operate the station for the entire event, 2 more days that we currently do.

Discussion:

Program: Andy – AJ9AL – Eclipse Andy shared his pictures and video of the solar eclipse that happen this past August 21st.

Adjourn: Motion by Karen at 8:06pm

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Pleased to announce Roy- KC9VLP as our 2017 Ham of the Year

Certificates

MS Walk – April 29, Dave- ND9DW

JDRF update

Soleburner, May 12

EAA Special Event, Jon – AB9AH

Flag Day Parade, June 9, Larry – WA9TT

Joel – WI4WD has 3 online test subscriptions – for upgrade, new tech

Motion 1, 5.33 Repeater upgrade request, \$300.00

Motion 2, 76 Repeater upgrade request, \$300.00

Field Day, June 23-24, Terry – N9AOT

WIPOTA, Larry – WA9TT

Reminder – Elections for VP, Treas. and 3 x Memb. at Large taken in April and May, with Elections in May

Discussion:

Program: Andy, AJ9AL – Whatcha Workin' On?

The sign-up for this years EAA Special Event Station is now open to all FCARC members. Sign up will be opening to all ARRL members latter in March 2018. Sign up will be drawing to a close on May 07 2018. This has to be done so the EAA can finalize their planning to accommodate us during the event.

New for this year we will operate on 7 days -- Monday through Sunday, during the show (July 22 thru July 29,2018). This operating even is open to all license classes. We will operate 2 HF stations, one on 20m, one on 40m, 6-meter SSB, plus local communications on 2-meters. The club call, W9ZL, will be used throughout the event.

We are looking for both "AM" and "PM" operators covering each of the 7 days. You can sign up for one shift or more if you so desire. The event is open to all of the amateur community. If operators sign up for a 4 hour shift, they will be given a daily wristband that will allow them to go and wonder around the Fly-in.

For further information and to sign up to operate the event go to:

<http://fcarc.club> The sign up form is available at the Event Sign-ups tab on the W9ZL website home page.

Or you may contact Jon Oldenburg AB9AH at:

AB9AH@arrl.net

The Valley Aero Modelers will allow us to hold our Field Day event again this year at their Quarry Airfield. Quarry Field is located near Mackville, about 4 miles north of Appleton. Go north of Appleton on Hwy 47 to Mackville. Turn left on Hwy O and go west 1 mile to Quarry Road. Quarry Road is immediately on your left after crossing the railroad tracks. Turn left onto Quarry and go south 0.4 miles to the field entrance on your left (east side of road).

Like last year, we would like to have a couple of trailers for operation stations, the clubs tent will be used as a gathering and welcome area, and there will be a porta-poddy for our convenience. Terry N9AOT and Gary KB9AIT will host the GOTA station for newbie's and those interested in getting on the air contest style for the first time with their motor home. We will also have the WiresX node active as well as DMR so we can demonstrate digital operations.

We will also take up a collection for a nighttime pizza run for the late night munchies.

There is plenty of room if you want to set up your camper or pop up. Tents are ok but we are limited to where we can drive in spikes and the grass will be tall at that time. We can cook inside our campers, but no outside grilling allowed in the grass area. There is a pavilion by the VAM clubhouse that we can use if they are not flying.

Again, remember this is what Field Day is all about, how prepared are we operating in an emergency in case of a disaster. This year Field Day will be Saturday June 23rd thru Sunday June 24th.

Let's Get Digital

Do you have one of the Yaesu C4FM Digital Radios? Then you can operate on one of many nodes in our area and talk to hams anywhere in the world. Soon W9ZL will move its node back to the 145.33 repeater system. That node is linked to KB9AIT's node on 145.550 in Neenah and N9AOT's node on 145.630 in Fremont. This way you can access the 145.33 repeater system with an HT while in Neenah or if you're out west in the Fremont area. Both KB9AIT and N9AOT nodes have about a 15-mile radius coverage area. Any of the nodes can be switched to one of the Yaesu rooms anywhere in the world. In addition, Rick, W9RIC, has his node on his 440-repeater system, 442.175.

If you want to dabble on DMR, Gary KB9AIT has his SharkFR OpenSpot on 445.900 simplex also in Neenah and Terry N9AOT has his SharkRF OpenSpot on 443.100 simplex. These are low power units so the range is limited from a few blocks to about 1 mile from their QTH (which in Terry's case covers all of Fremont). They are on the Brandmeister Talk Groups.



Wisconsin Parks on the Air Sponsored by



Purpose:

The Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club (FCARC) is pleased to support the Wisconsin Parks on the Air (WIPOTA) operating contest. This contest is to promote public awareness of ham radio within Wisconsin's beautiful state park system.

Objective:

To have competing stations operate from as many Wisconsin parks as possible and work hams in other WI parks, as well as hams not located in a park in any state, province or country.

Contest Period:

The 3rd Saturday in September each year for seven hours from 11 am until 6 pm local/CDT. **Sept 15, 2018**

Bands: 75, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 2 meters

Suggested Frequencies: SSB: 3.860, 7.230, 14.260, 21.350, 28.400 MHz,
FM: 146.55 and 146.58 MHz

Modes: SSB and FM

Power level:

Inside park: 150 Watts maximum
Elsewhere: Legal limit

Exchange:

Call sign
Park abbreviation or State, Province or Country (S/P/C)

Scoring:

of QSOs x # of WI state parks worked

Operator categories:

Single transmitter at one time in WI park, regardless of the number of operators*
Multiple operators in WI park using multiple transmitters simultaneously*
WI operators not in a park
Non-WI operators
*Must operate physically inside the park

For more information and contest rules visit wipota.com

The Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club would like to thank the following business for supporting WIPOTA.

Neenah Engineering, Inc.



The RF Adaptor Guy

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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