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On the cover: Just a fun picture of a ham shack and a beautiful sunrise. We don't have a Shack of the Month in this issue. We'll use the cover for this section of the newsletter.

Message From the Editor

Get Ready For Another Great Year

By Gene Wall (KE8KWF)
FCARC Secretary and QSO'er Editor



We're half-way through the month of February. The snow is disappearing on the grass. Admit it, you are probably already thinking about your spring chores around the house. As you are thinking about everything you need to do, take a look at our club calendar and see if you can fit a few of our activities into your busy schedule. Here are some highlights of the events that will be approaching quickly.

First, we have our club annual banquet on February 28th. Information on purchasing tickets can be found on page 6 of this edition of QSO'er. Mike (WI9MMM) needs a headcount by February 20, so don't wait to buy your tickets, or let Mike know you plan on attending.

In March, the Wisconsin QSO Party is scheduled for March 15. This month, Brian (KB9LRD), has an article with information on how to participate in this year's event and defend the club against other clubs in Wisconsin.

April welcomes warmer weather and Walk MS on April 28th, the annual fundraiser held at Neuroscience Group Field, home of the Appleton Timber Rattlers. Ham operators will monitor the walking route for safety. This is an amazing opportunity for new hams to get started in community service.

On the heels of Walk MS in April is the Sole Burner on May 9th. This is also another fundraiser where operators help monitor the walking and running route.

Then there is June with the Appleton Flag Day Parade, the first day of Summer, and Field Day. Speaking of Field Day, we could use some help with a member (or two) taking the lead on organizing our club's participation this year. Mike (WI9MMM) will be glad to talk with you about this.

As we start a new year, take a moment and see which activities fit into your busy life and join your fellow hams in some great camaraderie and support in the community.

73 to all!

Gene (KE8KWF)

FCARC 2026 CLUB DUES

The 2026 club dues are now being accepted. You can pay your club dues with a credit card at the club website, you can pay by cash or check at a general membership meeting, or mail a copy of the renewal form with a check to the club PO Box. For 2026, our dues schedule will remain the same as 2025.

Full, Associate or Retired - \$20.00

Student - \$10.00

Family - Full Member, plus \$5.00 for each additional family member residing at the same address.

Renew online at HamClubOnline.com. The instructions for renewing your membership are outlined below.

Step 1: Navigate to HamClubOnline.com. Login to the website at the top of the page.



Step 2: Select the FCARC link near the middle of the page.

You are currently on the roster of the following HamClubOnline club:

FCARC - Officer (Membership Expires: 2026-12-31)
(Click the club name to enter the club menu.)

Manage Your Club Profile
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Add Membership Time / Make a Payment
Purchase Club Items (Coming Soon!)
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Step 3: Select "Add Membership Time / Make a Payment." Your menu of options may look different than the image to the right.

Step 4: Click the large blue button in the center of the page.

[Click here to renew your existing membership!](#)

Step 5: Click "Submit." The annual fee is automatically populated for you.

\$20.00 USD (\$20.00 USD minimum)

\$0.00 USD

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Step 6. Enter your credit card number, expiration date, and CVV code from the back. Click the blue button labeled "Pay \$20.00 USD."

Card number MM/YY CVV

Pay \$20.00 USD

Follow the simple instructions on the subsequent pages. You will receive an email confirmation of your renewal via email.

FCARC Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, February 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

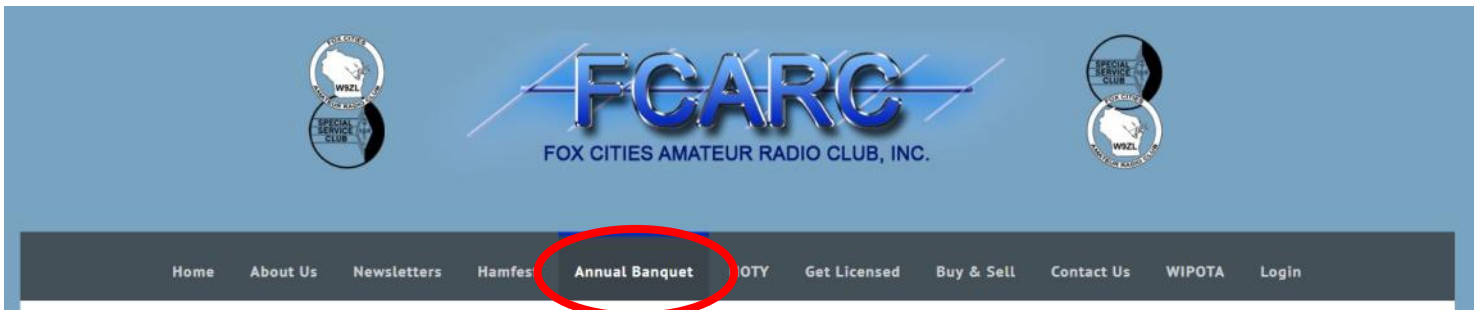


3950 N Richmond St, Appleton (upstairs)

Cost: \$30 per person, you buy your own drinks
Menu: Chicken & beef tips, mashed, corn, rolls.

PLEASE sign up and purchase your tickets BEFORE February 20th.

Buy your tickets online at fcarc.club. Select the Annual Banquet menu and follow the online prompts.



Silent Key Listing

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The family of Brad Wessels (W9ZT), a recent silent key, has compiled a list of equipment owned by Brad that they would like to sell. They have created a consolidated list of each piece of equipment, along a picture and description.

The list of equipment can be downloaded at: https://bit.ly/w9zt_sk

In addition to the equipment listed in the linked document, the family will be removing Brad's antenna in April. A picture of his antenna is to the right.

FCARC members are invited to contact their family point of contact if interested in purchasing any of Brad's equipment. The family contact is Brad's brother Richard. He can be reached at ricwess@yahoo.com, or via phone or text at 505-389-3475.



January FCARC General Membership Minutes

By: Gene Wall, KE9KWF

FCARC General Membership Meeting Minutes January 19, 2026

Per the organization's bylaws, a quorum was achieved. There was a quorum with a total number of 42 in attendance. Mike Moore (WI9MMM) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken by all members in attendance.

The *Elmer of the Evening* was Mike Moore, WI9MMM.

Committee Reports

Secretary – Gene Wall (KE8KWF) – There were no formal minutes from December taken since we had our holiday party.

Treasurer – Donna Mendyke (KC9THF) – Donna was unable to make the meeting.

Membership Coordinator – Karen Thorne (WB9ZNA) – Karen reminded those in attendance to renew their 2026 dues.

Technical Director – Larry Peterson (WA9TT) – Larry showed the group a new end-fed, half-wave antenna. It is a 65' wire with a transformer with a 1:49 ratio on it in order to minimize the high impedance at the end of the antenna. It is a 40-meter, 20-meter, 15-meter, and 10-meter antenna, with relatively low SWR.

Members at Large – If any member has an idea for a program that you can give or would like to see, please speak to Evan Vandenlangenberg (N9DU), Rudy Reynebeau (KD9RPW), or Rod Roller (K6ROD).

Special Committees

Repeater Committee – Andy Lawton (AJ9L) – Andy reported that the 143.33 MHz repeater was not working for a short period, but is back in service.

Website Committee – Alex Fraundorf (N9LEX) – The website is up and running.

License testing – Rick Kosiorek (WJ9K) – Rick was unable to attend. The next testing will be on January 24, 2026, at Fox Valley Technical College.

Public Information – Carol Young (W9PIO) – Carol was unable to attend.

Special Business

FCARC Renewal – Renewing online through Hamclubonline is the simplest way to renew your dues.

Ham of the Year nominations – Mike Moore (WI9MMM) called for any additional Ham of the Year (HOTY) nominations.

Build Day: Build Day will be on March 21, 2026. The activity will build a Tape Measure Yagi.

2026 Hamfest: We have reserved the Sunnyview Expo Center for the 2026 Hamfest. The event will take place on Sunday, November 7, 2026.

New Business

EAA Special Events Station: Jon Oldenburg noted that he is going to start the initial planning for the special event station. Previous discussions about FCARC partnering with the ARISS representatives have resulted in the decision to let ARISS work the event on their own. ARISS will be in a tent between the FCARC and Vette Hanger, doing their own activity. More to come at future meetings.

Old Business:

Winter Field Day, January 24-25 – There were no members interested in leading a club field day. There are opportunities at High Cliff and Appleton Memorial Park to participate with other ham operators.

FCARC Banquet – The next banquet will be on February 28, 2025. Mike Moore (WI9MMM) explained that this year's event will be a little later in the month in order for members to return from Hamcation and other vacations in Florida. The cost will be \$30 per person, at the same location as previous years (Holiday's, 3950 N Richmond St, Appleton, WI 54913). The start time will be 5:30 p.m. Information on signing up on the club website will be published shortly. This event is in lieu of the monthly membership meeting.

Wisconsin QSO Party: Brian Long (KB9LRD) announced that the Wisconsin QSO Party will take place on March 15, 2026.

January FCARC General Membership Minutes (continued)

Technical Questions/Topic – None

Show and Tell –

1. Jon Oldenburg (AB9AH) – John showed off his Baofeng AR-152 radio, which is a knockoff of the Harris PRC-152. This is a 15W radio. The cost is approximately \$80.

Program – Notable Hams Through the Ages – Larry Peterson (WA9TT).

Adjourn at 8:40 pm

Minutes Prepared by-
Gene Wall (KE8KWF)

Reviewed by-
Mike Moore (WI9MMM)



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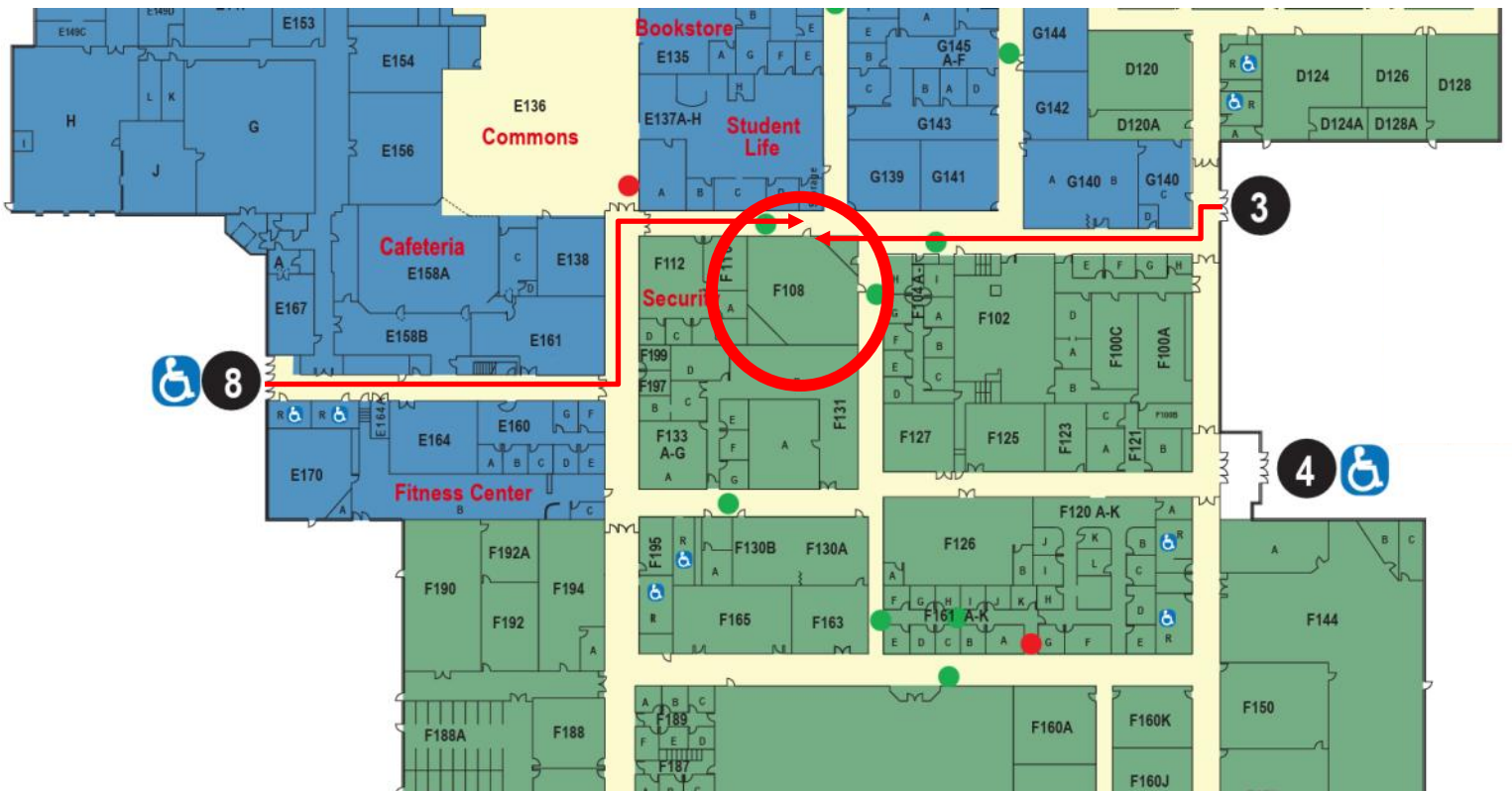


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We are having the March General Membership meetings at

Fox Valley Technical College
Room F108. Enter through Door 3
or Door 8 for easiest access.

See the next page for maps on where to park and enter the building.



Wisconsin QSO Party Saturday, March 15, 2026

Hello all,

WIQP, the Wisconsin QSO Party 2026 (WQP) will be held on March 15th, from 1:00 - 8:00 pm CST. This 7-hour contest is for Wisconsin Hams to join in on the fun of an ALL states and ALL province contest.



All bands/all modes (there is an exception for Digital Mode) can be utilized. Please refer to the rules page at WARAC.org WQP.

The WQP is also a contest for any Ham Radio Club in Wisconsin who wishes to compete against other Wisconsin based Ham Radio Clubs.

The FCARC has done fairly well in this contest in the past, including a few awards for 1st place in the club competition. However, each year the FCARC wins high marks in many categories.

In the 2024 contest, the FCARC high score and 1st place winner in HF Phone was KC KG9JP. KC also had the club highest score.

Dustin Berg, W9SKY took 1st place in the VHF category. Dustin operated as a mobile station covering many counties, 2 meters all day long.

Chuck Skoning, KE9SA was the club's high score for CW, not only last year, but for many years previously.

Overall, again the FCARC membership had the greatest number of participants with a staggering 4 x the next club membership.

The FCARC is again asking you for your participation this year in the WQP. Help us work towards another 1st place club aggregate score in 2026.

Springtime is a great time to get out mobile, or to enjoy one of the earliest ARRL sponsored radio contests in the yearly calendar.

If you have any questions, or need help with a mobile route or a winning strategy? Or if you are wondering how you can best help the FCARC achieve another WIQP title, please contact me.

Call or text 920.205.2366
Email to [\(my call\)@gmail.com](mailto:(my call)@gmail.com)
Direct Message - FCARC Facebook page

Brian Long (KB9LRD)

**For more information and rules governing the Wisconsin QSO Party, visit:
<https://warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm>**

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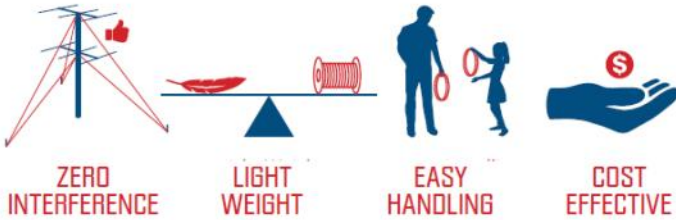


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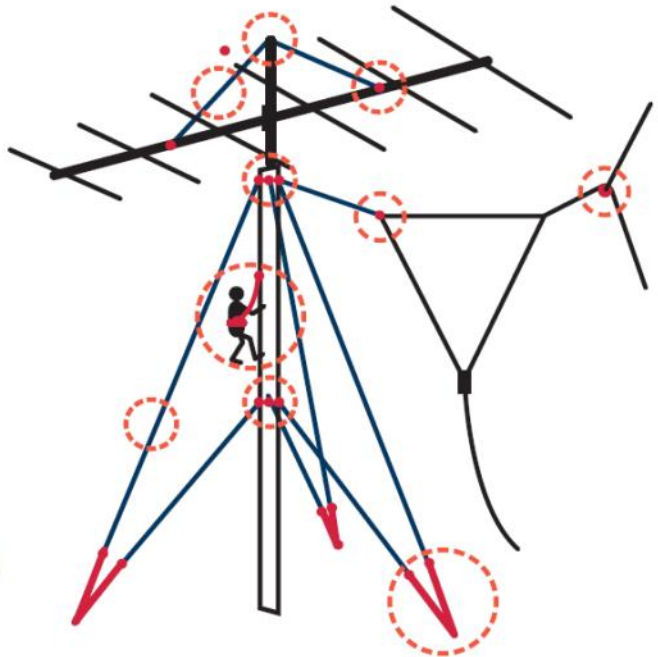
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Winlink Wednesday: The Easiest and Quickest Way to Start Your Winlink Journey

by Gene Wall (KE8KWF)

Winlink Wednesday (<https://winlinkwednesday.net/>) is a fantastic way for amateur radio operators to hone their skills and practice sending and receiving vital communications. If you're looking for a simple yet effective way to improve your readiness for emergency communication, then Winlink Wednesday is for you!

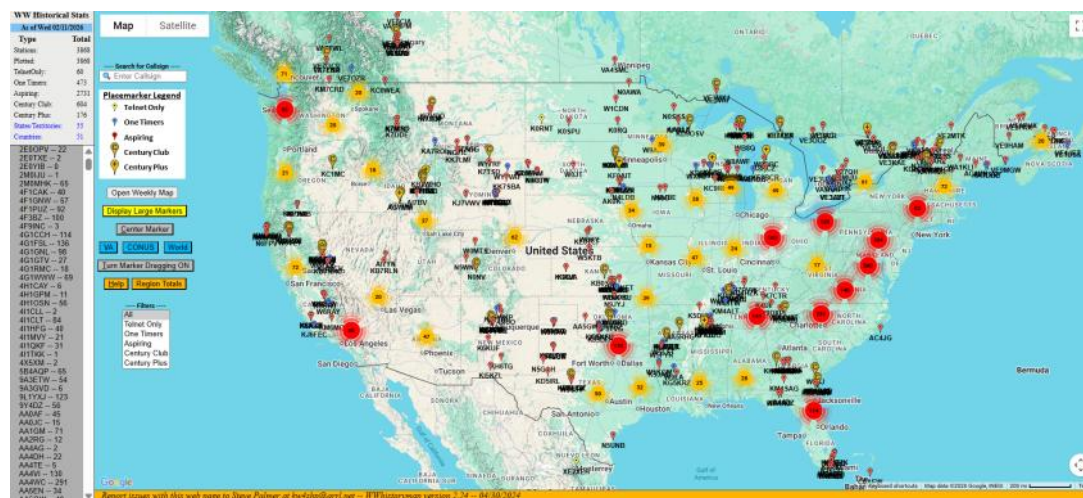
Participating is incredibly easy. First, you'll need a Winlink-capable setup. This typically involves a computer, a radio, and an interface to connect them (like a soundcard interface or a TNC such as a Signalink or Rigblaster). The computer to radio setup is identical to what you would use for Slow Scan Television (SSTV), which means you already have the equipment, or with a little work, you can set yourself up for doing both Winlink AND SSTV. Many modern transceivers have built-in capabilities that simplify this, or you can use software like Vara HF or Vara FM with a soundcard interface. All of the software is free to download from the Internet. Once your hardware is set up, you'll install the Winlink Express software on your computer; another free software available for download (visit winlink.org to set up a Winlink account and download the software).

Each Wednesday, the *Winlink Wednesday* team posts a simple prompt or message to be sent via the Winlink system. It could be anything from a simple check-in to a short report or even a request for specific information. The goal is to compose your message, connect to a Winlink station (either via HF radio, VHF/UHF packet), and send it off. The actual check-in takes less than 5-minutes of your time.

What does participating in Winlink Wednesday do for your skills? Plenty! You'll become proficient in:

- Software Operation: Navigating Winlink Express and its various features.
- Radio Configuration: Tuning your radio to the correct frequency and power levels for digital modes.
- Antenna Performance: Understanding how your antenna affects your ability to connect to distant Winlink stations.
- Message Formatting: Practicing clear and concise communication, crucial in emergency situations.
- Troubleshooting: Learning to diagnose and fix common issues that might arise during digital communication.

Participants on the Wednesday net are from all over the world. On February 11, 2026, there were a total 3,868 stations who checked in from 55 states or territories and 51 countries! The Winlink Wednesday team creates a weekly participation map and



posts it to their website. A sample map of the participants across the United States is below

FCARC members who regularly check-in on the net are:

Mike (WI9MMM)
Evan (N9DU)
Mike (KD9QHJ)
Randy (KD9CLI)
Gene (KE8KWF)

Any one of the club members listed above who are currently participating would be more than happy to help you get setup and checking in on the net. Operators who check-in to the net 100 or more times are recognized with a certificate and their name published online. The community refers to these as the Century Club (100+) and Century Plus (200+). Currently, 604 operators have reached the Century mark.

Winlink Wednesday is a low-stress, high-reward activity that builds confidence and competence, preparing you for when these skills truly matter. Give it a try this Wednesday!

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BACKGROUND

The ARRL has successfully obtained Congressional support — both in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate — to introduce legislation that, if passed, will eliminate HOA/private land use restrictions that prohibit Amateur Radio operators from installing antennas at their residence.

WHAT ARE THE BILLS?

- U.S. House: H.R. 1094 Introduced by August Pfluger (R-TX) and Joe Courtney (D-CT)
- U.S. Senate: S. 459 Introduced by Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)

Use the automated letter writing system setup online at

<https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/>

or use the QR code to the right.



“This legislation is about restoring equal rights to licensed Amateur Radio operators. These restrictions hinder not only the enjoyment of Amateur Radio, but also its vital role in emergency communication during disasters.”

-- ARRL President Rick Roderick

Reprinted from *On the Air Magazine* Hints & Hacks



HACK

Cable Marker

We all know what it's like to have to crawl under a desk to plug in a USB cable. It seems that you can never get the cable in the right position the first time. To aid your endeavor, mark the cable with white paint or even a bottle of white typewriter correction fluid. Dab a spot on the top side of the USB cable, and you're all set (see Figure 1). Next time you grab the cable, you'll immediately know which side is "up."

Tom Forrest, N4GVK

Figure 1: Place a drop of white paint on the top side of USB cables to assist in orientation.

HINT

Quick Cleaner for Corroded Connectors

When the connectors on your cables get tarnished, dirty, or corroded, it's almost impossible to find a brush small enough to get into the sockets of most female connectors, and some connectors are quite costly, making it more economical to clean them, rather than replacement. I bought a package of regular tobacco pipe cleaners. I sprayed a pipe cleaner with electronic contact cleaner fluid until it was soaked, and then twisted the pipe cleaner into each female socket to clean it. That solved the problem, and cost a lot less than replacing the dirty connectors.

Susan Meckley, W7KFI



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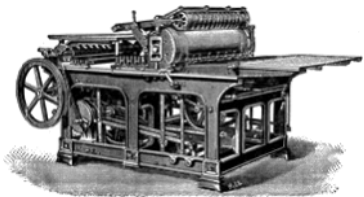
PRICE PER POLO: \$56.00

QSO'er Contributors Needed

Would you like to share something with club members but can't make it to a meeting? Publishing your item to share in the club newsletter will reach all members in an efficient manner. You don't need to worry about formatting or content. Submit your ideas in rough draft and they will be transformed into a neatly fitting piece for the whole club to read.

Other items to consider submitting to QSO'er are:

- Items for sale or swap
- Pictures of your ham shack
- Something new that you learned



To publish anything in a future newsletter, simply contact Gene (KE8KWF) and he will give you some basic guidance on how and what to submit. Your content will be published in the next edition of the QSO'er.

FCARC Build Day

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Immediately following the Ham License Testing



Unleash your inner radio wizard and turn a trip to the hardware store into a high-performance signal-hunting machine! Building a Tape Measure Yagi is the ultimate "ah-ha!" project for any radio enthusiast, blending DIY ingenuity with serious scientific payoff. There is a genuine thrill in watching a handful of PVC pipe and some hardware-store measuring tape transform into a professional-grade directional antenna that can track satellites or pinpoint hidden transmitters during a fox hunt.

Beyond the pure fun of the build, these antennas offer incredible value: they are virtually indestructible, highly portable for field use, and provide a hands-on master-class in antenna gain and directivity. Whether you're a seasoned ham or a curious maker, nothing beats the satisfaction of hearing a crystal-clear signal pull out of the noise using a beam you built yourself for less than the price of lunch!

The FCARC will be hosing the first "build day" of 2026, at

Fox Valley Technical College.
1825 N Bluemound Dr, Appleton, WI 54914
Room A160. Enter Door 15 from the north parking lot.

There is a nominal fee for the supplies. Watch the FCARC website and the club Facebook page for additional details.

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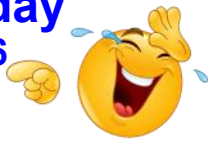
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Social Saturday

March 7, 2026

9:00 am



Come for the bacon, stay for the technical debates, and let's see if we can get our cholesterol levels as high as our SWR. We promise the only "noise floor" will be the sound of forks hitting plates.

We're inviting all ham radio enthusiasts to join us for a breakfast spread that has more layers than a well-tuned Yagi and better coverage than a hilltop repeater.

Whether your signal is 59 or you're feeling a bit QRM before your first cup of coffee, our buffet is strictly "all-you-can-eat"—no QRP (low power) appetites allowed here!

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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 fellow hams to share items they find useful or promotes Amateur Radio.

Meeting Information

Fox Valley Tech College

1825 N Bluemound Dr
Appleton, WI

Classroom F108

Enter at door 3 (east side) or door 8 (west side)

Meetings start at 7:00 PM

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. Check the FCARC calendar for details.

The FCARC Board of Directors meets on the second Monday of each month at Fox Valley Tech in room B128. Park and enter entrance 12 on the west side of the building. Club members are welcome to attend.



From the guys who brought you misfit coils, Wolf River Coils LLC now has misfit collapsible whips.

102 inch collapsible SS whips \$15.00 or 3 for \$40

213 inch collapsible SS whips \$25.00

Now that Wolf River Coils LLC has incorporated a CNC Milling machine for coil production their supply of misfit coils is dwindling as we no longer create a misfit. So if you ever wanted to purchase a misfit SB1000 or SB Mini now is the time because when they're gone, they're gone.

SB1000 sells for \$20.00 and the SB Mini sells for \$15.00.



ARRL needs every radio amateur in the US to send letters to Washington as we continue our nationwide grassroots campaign to pass the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act. The process is simple; click the “Send Your Letters Now” button at arrl.org/HOA, put in your call sign, and press the red “Send My Letters” button. It takes seconds!

Wisconsin Hamfest Schedule

04/25/2026 - ORC 46th Annual Spring Indoor Swapfest

Location: Cedarburg, WI

Sponsor: Ozaukee Radio Club, Inc.

Website: <https://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org>



Next FCARC Ham Exam March 21, 2026 (at FVTC)

Registration starts at 0800. Testing starts at 0830. Room A160. Enter Door 15 from the north parking lot. The exam fee is \$15; this goes to the ARRL. You will receive an email from the FCC after testing on how to pay them for your license. You will need two forms of ID at least one of which must be a picture ID. All candidates must use their Federal Registration Number (FRN). No SSN's accepted per the FCC. Email addresses are **REQUIRED**. If you are upgrading, please bring a printed copy of your license for the VE's to verify your current license level.

Location: Fox Valley Technical College, 1825 N Bluemound Dr, Appleton, WI 54914, USA

Details on each testing date will be posted on the FCARC website.

Cell phones must be silenced and put away during exams. Non cell phone calculators are permitted. Programmable calculator memories must be cleared and are subject to examination by a VE.

If you fail an exam you may take a different version, time permitting, but you will be charged another \$15. If you are successful you may take the next element during that session with no charge.

WI9SM 2026 SWAPFEST

The South Milwaukee Amateur Radio Club

www.wi9sm.org

Saturday July 11th, 2026

9327 S Shepard Ave

Oak Creek Wi

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March 4th and Oct 7th 2026

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Questions contact Karen KC9WQJ 414-578-0492



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1ST SATURDAY OF MARCH, 3/7/2026

**LOCATION: HOLMEN AMERICAN LEGION
419 1ST AVE., HOLMEN, WI 54636**

TIME: 8:00 - 12:00

SET-UP: 7:00 - 8:00

ENTRY: \$5.00

TABLE: ADDITIONAL \$10.00

VE TESTING: 10:00 A.M. FOR \$15.00



TALK-IN: N9ETD REPEATER 147.090 (PL 131.8)
OR 146.460 SIMPLEX.



EVENT INFO / TABLE REQUESTS TO :
SBECKER54656@YAHOO.COM OR
CALL / TEXT: 608-487-5810



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HAM RADIO, RC MODELS, COMPUTER & ALL HOBBIES

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SUNDAY, JUNE 7th 2026
FLEA MARKET 6AM-1PM
INDOOR 8AM to 1PM

MENDOTA TRI-COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

503 1st Ave, Mendota, IL 61342

ARRL VE TESTING 9:30am to 11:00am

GRAND PRIZE CASH DRAWINGS \$50-\$75-\$100 at 12:00noon

TICKETS \$8.00 ADVANCED (2 Stubs) or \$10.00 AT GATE (2 Stubs)
ALL ADVANCED ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 29th 2026
GRAND PRIZE WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

- ✓ LARGE INDOOR EXHIBIT BUILDINGS - Indoor Setup: Sat 12noon to 6pm & Sun 6am to 8am
- ✓ TABLES \$10.00 ADVANCED OR AT THE GATE WITH FREE ELECTRICITY
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FOR ADVANCED TICKET AND TABLE SALES OR GENERAL INQUIRIES: SEND A SASE TO
SRRCT™ C/O Hamfest Chairman, PO Box 198, Leonore, IL 61332-0198

E-mail: starvedrockhamfest@gmail.com or see our internet site for latest info www.w9mks.org

139 to Exit 72 US Rte 34, West to 1st Ave, South(Left) to Fairgrounds on Left.

GPS: N41.545580deg W089.108484deg (N41deg 32.735min (44.08sec) W089deg 6.509min (30.54sec))

TALK-IN by SRRCT™ Repeater - W9MKS 147.120 +103.5PL or 146.520 Simplex

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Leonore, IL 61332-0198

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Address: _____	_____	Advance Tickets	\$ 8.00	\$ _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	_____	Indoor Tables	\$10.00	\$ _____
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SWAPFEST



featuring **TOWER ELECTRONICS!**

Saturday, April 25, 2026

8 AM to 12 PM (setup begins at 6 AM)

Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Center (Milwaukee Curling Club)
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Talk-in: 146.97 MHz – PL 127.3 Hz

Free WIFI Door Prizes! Grand Prize drawing at Noon (must be present to win)

Food and refreshments

Admission: \$7.00 at the gate

Children 12 and under FREE, with a paid adult admission

6 ft. Tables: \$12.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door, if available

Use the Order Form below, email, or call Tom Trethewey, KC9ONY at 262-421-6351

Email: swapfest@ozaukeeradioclub.org

More information: <http://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org/> or <http://www.facebook.com/orcwi>

Save the date for **2027**: April 24, 2027 !!

For Advance Tickets and Tables, send check with a **SASE** (Business-Size #10 envelope) to:
Tom Trethewey, KC9ONY- W69N905 Evergreen Ct N, #202, Cedarburg, WI 53012-1170

Name: _____ Call sign: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

No. of Tickets: _____ X \$7 = _____ (Advance tickets are double stub)

No. of Tables: _____ X \$12 = _____ Electricity: Yes (Add \$5) _____ No _____

Total Amount: _____ (Please make checks payable to ORC)

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FCARC Lending Library

Chris Reitz, N9CVR
Head Librarian



The FCARC lending library is a repository of references, equipment, and supplies that club members are willing to loan out to other club members. If you would like to borrow an item from the lending library contact the owner and arrange to borrow the item. If you have something you would like to list in the lending library, contact Chris Reitz (N9CVR) to have your item listed.

Library Catalog

Current As Of 2/13/26

Item	Make	Model	Owner	Notes
Coax / Powerpole crimper			N9CVR	contains all required tools for crimping coax and powerpole ends, except wire stripper for
Power Meter	Diamond	SX-200	KD9UH	
RF Preamp	Ameco	PT-3	KD9UH	
Manual Antenna Tuner	MFJ	MFJ-	KD9UH	
TDR pulse generator	-	-	N9CVR	For Time Domain Reflectometry
TDR potentiometer	-	-	N9CVR	For finding characteristic impedance of TX line. Broken as of 2023.01.29, working on fix-
75m/40m NVIS dipole	-	-	N9CVR	Requires a tree or pole and some open space to deploy
2m/70cm tape measure			N9CVR	Portable, directional antenna. SO-239 connec-
offset attenuator	KC9ON		N9CVR	for fox hunting
20ft fishing pole			N9CVR	Good for portable installations where trees
misfit 213in whip	Wolf River Coil		N9CVR	Misfit whip - skinniest section doesn't go up (~6in). 3/8"-24 threaded base
Microbit v2 (x2)	BBC	Microbit	N9CVR	USB/Bluetooth Microcontroller with 2.4GHz radio capability and access to library of pro-
Antenna Analyzer	MFJ	208	WI9MM	2m Only Antenna Analyzer
2m mobile radio	Yaesu	FT-1500M	N9CVR	2m / Analog FM / 50W + WX.
Code Practice Oscillator	Pacific Antenna	CPO	N9CVR	From club build day. There are 3 in my household, so feel free to borrow one!

February 2026 Community Service Word Search

Circle the ham radio community service related words. The answers are on page 33.

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Demonstration	Transceiver	Propagation	Grid
Emergency	Operators	Callsign	NVIS
Portable	Antenna	Genator	VHF
Logging	Contest	Battery	HF
Cabling	Solar	Bands	QRP

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. **Contact a board member to be an Elmer.**

Call / Name	Specialty Area
N9LVS - Dan	FCC Personal Data Changes
WA9TT- Larry	SSTV (analog)
N9AOT -Terry	Wires X / Digital
KB9AIT - Gary	Wires X
KC9YL- Anne	CW
W1GCS - Greg	Net Control Operators
WJ9K - Rick	Getting on the Air
KG9JP - KC	Contesting

FCARC Repeaters

Frequency (MHz)	Offset	Tone	Remarks
145.330	- 0.600 MHz	100.0	Yeasu System Fusion
145.690	Simplex		Yeasu System Fusion Analog Node
146.760	- .600 MHz	100.0	
146.760	- .600 MHz	107.2	This is a receiver station at Oneida Heights.
443.650	+5.000 MHz	100.0	

FCARC Member Repeaters

Frequency (MHz)	Offset	Tone	Remarks
224.500	-1.6	100.0	1.25 m repeater owned by WJ9K
1282.200	-12.0	146.2	23 cm repeater
442.475	+5.0	146.2	70 cm repeater owned by AJ9L
442.175	+5.0	100.0	70 cm repeater owned by WJ9K

FCARC Nets

Net Name	Frequency	Schedule and Extra Information
2-Meter	146.760	Wednesdays at 8:00 pm. Coordinator: John (KC9TFM)
2-Meter Digital	145.330	First Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm. You can also use the FCARC's Fusion Room 40216, the W9ZL room. Coordinator: Mike (KD9QHQ).
2-Meter SSTV	146.760	Second Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm. Coordinator: Larry (WA9TT)
70 cm	443.650	Last Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm. Coordinator: Rod (K6ROD)
222 Net	224.500	2nd Tuesday of the month. Coordinator: Dave (KB9RPH)
6-Meter	52.550	Third Tuesday of the month. Coordinator: Larry (WA9TT)

FCARC Club Calendar

February 2026

- 3 - 2 meter digital net 8 pm
- 4 - 2 meter net 8 pm (K6ROD)
- 7 - Social Saturday 9 am
- 8 - Super Bowl Sunday
- 9 - Board of Directors meeting 7 pm
- 10 - 220 Mhz Monthly Net 8 pm
- 11 - 2 meter net 8 pm (KC9TFM)
- 17 - 6 meter net 8 pm
- 18 - 2 meter net 8 pm (WI9MMM)
- 24 - 70 cm net 8 pm (K6ROD)
- 25 - 2 meter net 8 pm (N9TNW)
- 28 - **FCARC Annual Banquet**

March 2026

- 3 - 2 meter digital net 8 pm
- 4 - 2 meter net 8 pm (WA9TT)
- 7 - Social Saturday 9 am
- 8 - 2 meter SSTV net 6 pm (WI9MMM)
- 9 - Board of Directors meeting 7 pm
- 10 - 220 Mhz Monthly Net 8 pm
- 11 - 2 meter net 8 pm (AJ9L)
- 15 - **Wisconsin QSO Party 1 pm**
- 16 - General Membership Meeting 7 pm
- 17 - 6 meter net 8 pm
- 18 - 2 meter net 8 pm (KC9TFM)
- 24 - 70 cm net (N9DU)
- 25 - 2 meter net 8 pm (KE8KWF)

April 2026

- 1 - 2 meter net 8 pm (WI4WD)
- 4 - Social Saturday 9 am & Fox Hunt 7:30 am
- 7 - 2 meter digital net 8 pm (K6ROD)
- 8 - 2 meter net 8 pm (K6ROD)
- 12 - 2 meter SSTV net 6 pm (KB9YUC)
- 13 - Board of Directors meeting 7 pm
- 14 - 220 Mhz Monthly Net 8 pm
- 15 - 2 meter net 8 pm (N9TNW)
- 19 - General Membership Meeting 7 pm
- 20 - 6 meter net 8 pm
- 21 - Ham Testing / **Tape Measure Yagi Build Day**
- 22 - 2 meter net 8 pm (WI9MMM)
- 25 - **Walk MS Appleton**
- 28 - 70 cm net 8 pm (WI9MMM)
- 29 - 2 meter net 8 pm (WA9TT)

Calendar items in red require membership participation or volunteer support to make the event happen.

May 2026

- 2 - Social Saturday 9 am & Fox Hunt 7:30 am
- 5 - 2 meter digital net 8 pm (KC9THF)
- 6 - 2 meter net 8 pm (AJ9L)
- 9 - Appleton Sole Burner 5K Walk-Run
- 10 - 2 meter SSTV net 6 pm (KB9YUC)
- 11 - Board of Directors meeting 7 pm
- 12 - 220 Mhz Monthly Net 8 pm
- 13 - 2 meter net 8 pm (KC9TFM)
- 18 - General Membership Meeting 7 pm
- 19 - 6 meter net 8 pm
- 20 - 2 meter net 8 pm (KE8KWF)
- 26 - 70 cm net 8 pm (K6ROD)
- 27 - 2 meter net 8 pm (WI4WD)

June 2026

- 2 - 2 meter digital net 8 pm (KC9TFM)
- 3 - 2 meter net 8 pm (K6ROD)
- 6 - Social Saturday 9 am & Fox Hunt 7:30 am
- 8 - Board of Directors meeting 7 pm
- 9 - 220 Mhz Monthly Net 8 pm
- 10 - 2 meter net 8 pm (N9TNW)
- 13 - **Appleton Flag Day Parade**
- 14 - 2 meter SSTV net 6 pm (WI9MMM)
- 15 - General Membership Meeting 7 pm
- 16 - 6 meter net 8 pm
- 17 - 2 meter net 8 pm (WI9MMM)
- 20 - **Sunshine Swapfest**
- 23 - 70 cm net 8 pm (N9DU)
- 24 - 2 meter net 8 pm (WA9TT)
- 27-28 - **ARRL Field Day**

July 2026

- 1 - 2 meter net 8 pm (AJ9L)
- 4 - **CommunityFest**
- 4 - Social Saturday 9 am & Fox Hunt 7:30 am
- 7 - 2 meter digital net 8 pm (WA9TT)
- 8 - 2 meter net 8 pm (KC9TFM)
- 12 - 2 meter SSTV net 6 pm (WA9TT)
- 13 - Board of Directors meeting 7 pm
- 14 - 220 Mhz Monthly Net 8 pm
- 15 - 2 meter net 8 pm (KE8KWF)
- 18 - Amateur Radio License Exam
- 20 - General Membership Meeting 7 pm
- 21 - 6 meter net 8 pm
- 22 - 2 meter net 8 pm (WI4WD)
- 28 - 70 cm net 8 pm (KC9THF)
- 29 - 2 meter net 8 pm (K6ROD)



FCARC

FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

General Membership Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Date: 1/19/2026



	Name	Callsign	Name	Callsign
1.	Mike Moore	WI9MMM	Jim Cleveland	—
2.	KC Ross	KG9JA	Daniel Sandahl	KB9QOU
3.	KAREN THORNE	WB9ZNA	ERIC JOHNSON	NDØL
4.	ANDY LAWTON	AJ9L	Scott Reynolds	WG9I
5.	ROD ROWER	KL6ROD	CHRISTINE	N9CVR
6.	Jed Kasper	WI4WID	ELIZABETH REITZ	KE9DZD
7.	MICHAEL KRAS	KE9AEØ	MATT (CHRISTIAN) ANDERSON	KE9DVA
8.	GARY HORN	AB9HIT	JOE MULGATHEY	K1E1
9.	Brian Hong	KB9LRD	Hene Wall	KE8KWF
10.	LARRY PERGAMON	WA9TT		
11.	MIKE HOFFMANN	KØ9ZTP		
12.	ROY HINZ	KØ9VLP		
13.	JACK RUSSELL			
14.	Joshua Sandahl	KØ9ZGØ		
15.	Steve Sandahl	KE9BGZ		
16.	Kendon Sandahl	KE9BY		
17.	Andrew Sandahl	KØ9ZAH		
18.	Anna Sandahl	KE9BGX		
19.	JOHN BIZANSKY	KØ9KJ		
20.	Jim Wise	KØ9WVW		
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Cabling	Solar	Bands	QRP

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Total _____

My Family Member is Joining or Renewing:

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 Call Sign _____ License Class _____ ARRL Member? Yes No
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 Email _____

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