

The SPARK GAP

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New Club Announcement

The Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio Club - **CVARC**, is trying to notify each and every ham in the Chippewa Valley that a new radio club has been formed. We hoped to do this by personal mail, but we soon found there are over 800 licensed hams in the area.

Our club is open to all licensed Amateurs Radio operators and those interested in becoming Amateur Radio operators. Please share this announcement with any interested parties you may know.



(John-KB9VCO, Ron-W9RMA, Gale-WD9HFT, John-W9SWL, Ron-W9JRW)

“There’s a new Sheriff in town”. The CVARC is a new club in the area with its aim to promote Amateur Radio and have fun doing it. We will try to explore all the different areas that Amateur Radio has to offer and provide a niche for every club member. If you want to have fun, be an active part in a group that fosters those things Amateur Radio was founded on, and learn something along the way, try the CVARC. We want to promote a “hands on” approach to the hobby of Amateur Radio. This means answering members questions, members helping members with their ham radio issues, and members taking an active part in all club projects. We want members to learn by doing, not watching. **Everyone** has something to offer, regardless of his/her license class or number of years in amateur radio. Come join the fun.

First Meeting – Mark this Date on your Calendar

The first meeting of the CVARC is scheduled for **Jan 22, 2004**. It is being held at the Chippewa Valley Airport at 6:00 PM. The meeting will start as a dinner meeting (order off the menu-if you want-you pay) followed by a business meeting. The business meeting is designed to introduce us, discuss the goals and aims for the new club, find out what **YOU** would like to do, and make new acquaintances while renewing some old ones. We plan to complete all business by 7:30 PM or sooner. We hope to see as many hams as possible at this first meeting.

Red Cedar Repeater AUCTION

February 17, 2004

Tuesday

Setup 6:00 PM

Auction 7:00 PM

Admission \$ 3.00

American Legion Post 53
634 Water St
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Steve Hart KA9OMC
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Club Happenings (so far)

The CVARC has filed Wisconsin non-profit Corporation application papers, the ARRL affiliation papers have been sent, tax exempt application is in progress, the club call sign is under development, the constitution and by-laws have been written and accepted, and a club ARRL insurance quotation has been requested. Now we would like to have you join us.

ARRL News

New General Class Question Pool Released

The Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators has released a revised and expanded Amateur Radio General class (Element 3) question pool into the public domain. The new question pool becomes effective July 1, 2004, and must be used to generate all General written examinations administered on or after that date.

"The pool has been expanded to 432 questions," said ARRL VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, a member of the Question Pool Committee, who notes that all sub elements grew slightly. "The largest increase in questions this time around was in our Operating Procedures and Amateur Radio Practices sub elements," he said. The General class question pool does not contain any diagrams or symbols.

The new Element 3 question pool is available on the ARRL Amateur Exam Question Pools Web page at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/pools.html> in Adobe PDF and ASCII text format. It includes all questions and answers relating to Element 3.

Future Issues

Future issues of the **CVARC Spark Gap**, will try to cover the following areas of interest and many more, as dictated by the club members: VHF/UHF and Beyond, The Digital World, HF Events, CW Events (it is not dead), ARRL News, Hamfest Events, and Chippewa Valley ham related items from all the clubs.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY REPEATERS

Frequency	Tone	Location
145.33	110.9	Osseo
145.47	110.9	Holcombe
146.61	110.9	Menomonie
146.91	110.9	Eau Claire
147.24	110.9	Eau Claire
147.345	136.5	Holcombe (Link)
147.375	110.9	Chippewa Falls
444.200	110.9	Osseo
442.800	110.9	Albertville (Link)
443.300	110.9	Eau Claire
444.350	110.9	Albertville
444.525	110.9	Holcombe

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