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PRESIDENTS CORNER

by Gale, WD9HFT

At the September 22 meeting a topic of discussion was the schedule for future club meetings. In the past several members have mentioned that Thursday night was not a good evening for them to attend but a general canvassing of the members indicated that most were available. It appears that several things have changed; the attendance at club meetings has dropped off and the facilities at the airport are being booked heavily on Thursday evenings. The original agreement with the airport restaurant was that a room would be made available if at least twelve people ordered off the menu; for the last several meetings we have not had an attendance level high enough to meet the requirement.

The meeting attendees determined that CVARC should reschedule the meeting date to the first Tuesday of each month. Several other options were looked at and it was decided to go with the first Tuesday, as it appears to present the least conflicts with other activities and it is a stable date. In the past we were trying to hold the CVARC meeting on the Thursday of the week following the week of the ECARC meeting, which is scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month.

Nov. 1	Dec. 6	Jan. 3
Feb. 7	Mar. 7	Apr. 4

CVARC MEETING MINUTES

by Ron, W9JRW

The September meeting of the CVARC had eight members in attendance, as there were several scheduling conflicts. The development of a photo and text directory of Club members was discussed by Joe KB9R and Skip W9JRW. All members will be receiving a letter explaining the process. The Directory will then be

distributed to all members. The pictures will be in color and this should be a really sharp publication. Future club projects were discussed and include such things as 1. Switch based attenuators (Fox Hunt use etc.) 2. Field strength meter construction, 3. Antenna tuning bridges, and 4. digital connection box. Different methods of dealing with projects were discussed during the meeting. The membership will be contacted for their interests. New business included the potential of changing the day of the week of our meetings are helped along with which week of the month. This consideration is being generated out of problems in scheduling the airport location as a meeting place in addition to schedule conflicts preventing several members from attending the meetings on an ongoing basis. Ron W9RMA is in charge of liquidating John Ingersoll's W9SWL (SK) radio equipment. Several other club members are helping and the club will receive 10% of the proceeds. A draft policy will be written for the members to consider. This should help in the appropriate use of valuable equipment and help assure that the family receive's appropriate compensation for the items

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting will be Nov. 1st at 6 PM for dinner and 7 PM for the meeting. Will be held at Connell's II at the Eau Claire Airport. Note no Oct. meeting.

AREA HAMFEST ACTIVITIES

Oct.

- 3 - Southeast Iowa Hamfest
<http://www.qsl.net/kc0aqs/hamfest.html>
- 8 - Watertown & Rock River Radio Clubs
Watertown, WI
- 29 - Amateur Radio Fest 2005 - Waukesha, WI
<http://www.mrc91.org>

CONTEST BUZZ

ARRL Contest Calendar can be found here:
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/oct.htm> a more complete list follows. Oct 2005

- 1-3 PSK Rumble
- Oceania DX Contest
- EU Autumn Sprint
- California QSO Party
- RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest
- YLRL Anniversary Party
- 10-10 Day Sprint

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EU Autumn Sprint
Pennsylvania QSO Party
FISTS Fall Sprint
North American RTTY Sprint
10 -12 ARRL September VHF QSO Party
YLRL Anniversary Party
Worked All Germany
JARTS WW RTTY Contest
Asia-Pacific Sprint
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest
Illinois QSO Party
Bill Windle QSO Party
17- 18 ARRL 10 GHZ and UP Contest
21-23 **ARRL International EME Contest**
USI W/VE Islands QSO Party
QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party
23 –25 ARRL EME 2304 Mhz and Above
29 – 30 CQ Worldwide DX Contest
4th Annual Fists Coast to Coast Contest
10-10 International CW/Digital Contest

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