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MAY MEETING

The June meeting will be held at the Chippewa Valley Airport on Tuesday evening, June 6, 2006. You are welcome to join all who want to eat, ordering off the Connell's II menu at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will follow dinner at about 7:00 P.M.

MAY MINUTES (Summary)

The May 2, 2006 meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM CST by President Bert Spangler, W9ZZI. Twenty one members (73%) & one guest were in attendance. The Secretary & Treasurers (\$655) reports were read and approved. Old business included: 1.) a list of tentatively scheduled programs (signal attenuators, erecting towers, Mobile Radio Shootout, and GPS/APRS); 2.) Fox Hunts June 17 on 440 & September 2 meter invitational (to other clubs) - check in at Hardies North by 8:30AM with start at 9:00AM; 3.) Field Day (same as last year with 9:00AM internet notice of location) operation to begin by 12:00 and end at 5:00 with picnic to follow (bring a dish to pass / Hambergers and Hot Dogs provided); 4.) Tailgate at Eagles Club - setup at 7:00AM, open at 8:00 AM - Coffee provided; and 5.) Biography updates - new members

joining by October 1, 2006 will be added to each members book during the January meeting 2007.

New Business included Jim Fering consenting to take over the website and discussion on methods of how to find out when members are ill (we need suggestions here). A great program on Field Strength Meters was presented by Joe Eide KB9R and included many examples and a super handout. Secretaries Note: We did miss Vana's involvement.

DAYTON

by Jim Fering

The fourteen Chippewa Valley amateurs who showed up in Dayton for the Hamfest this year all had a good time. The trip down provided a lot of opportunity to chat and swap smart remarks. Joe Eide's signal took second place to Jim Fering's as usual. Joe is a real competitor but has not quite figured out the right combination of rig and antenna yet. It is certain he will get it right in time. The loss of his whip and capacitance hat on the way home did not help his signal much either.

The first day in Dayton was spent at the Air Force Museum. What a great and immense exhibit! Dale Reid took a good number of pictures that I am sure he will share with anyone who is interested. The exhibit seems to change each year making it well worth the annual visit. The picture below shows Duane (Duke) Books, W9GDW, posing in front of a P-80 Shooting Star, the first jet fighter put into service in 1945 (WW II). Duke became familiar with many of these aircraft during his tour of duty.

Another photo below, shows Duke and Joe & Sue Eide (KB9R and KB9EUP) in front of the



"Strawberry Bitch," a B-24D used during WW-II.

The hamfest itself was another great time. The attendance seemed somewhat lower this year, but that made it that much easier to get around without stepping on someone's toes or getting walked on yourself. There was, as usual, lots of new equipment to look at and a ton of "stuff" in the flea market. If you have never made the trip to Dayton for the hamfest

and, if possible, the museum, DO put it on your agenda. It will be one of the most worthwhile trips you will ever make.

TAILGATE SWAPFEST—2006

Mark your calendar for the CVARC Tailgate Swapfest scheduled for July 8, 2006, at the Eagles Club Parking Lot in the Village of Lake Hallie, between Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls — same place as last year. The event will start at 8:00 A.M. and run until noon. Entry charge is \$5.00 for looking or selling.

NETS/FREQS/TIMES

- Badger Weather Net 3.985 - 0600
- Badger Emergency Net 3.985 - Noon
- Wisconsin Side Band Net 3.985 - 1715/1730
- ARES/RACES 3.977.5 - Sun - 1800
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AREA REPEATERS

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

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