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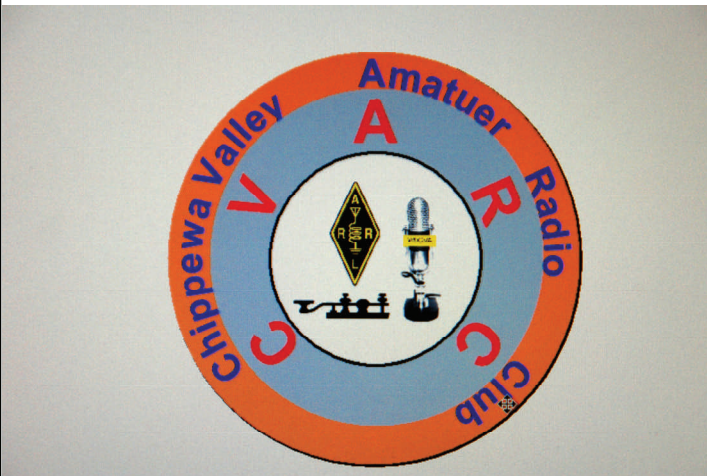
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NEXT MEETING

The May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. 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 7:00 P.M.

Club Logo

Hi everyone I am trying to develop a logo for



the club and I have come up with the one above.

I need input from everyone on this in order to find a good color coordination and maybe a different design.

So everyone needs to have an input and if you can come up with a different design please do so and we can put it out to the group and everyone can pick one.

Wanted Writer/Editor

I decided to try my hand at it for the moment since it hasn't been done for many months but I am not a writer so we need to find someone who really wants to do the newsletter.

CVARC Incoming/Out going Officers

The new officers were put in place on April 1, 2008 at the annual meeting held at the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport Connell's II.



Ron, Joe, Gene, Robert, Jim and Dave (absent)

Outgoing President Ron Anderson-W9RMA is moving to the Past President position, while Gene Radtke—AG9GK, now takes over as President.

Treasurer – Joe Eide – KB9R continues as treasurer and newly elected—Dave Urness—KC9CRG, will be taking over Secretary Robert St.Louis—KC9JVB position, Jim Fering – K9BDN is the newly elected President Elect.

I am sure that everyone will help out in anyway they can with the new leadership to make things run smoothly.

I would like to thank Robert St.Louis for the excellent job he did as Secretary.

Interdependency, The Need For Others In Order To Succeed By Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, from ARRL

All relationships require effort from all who are involved. Member recruiting and retention has long been a challenge for local clubs and cultivating interpersonal relationships with your club members is important to achieving the goals of the club and its members.

As people we are independent, capable of our own thoughts, actions and opinions but as members of society we are interdependent and rely on others to fill certain needs. As radio amateurs our interdependence is as basic as the need to have another radio operator to establish a contact. The local club fills a need beyond this basic illustration and provides where we can go to meet with friends and share knowledge and experiences.

If the needs of the individual are the Ying then the Yang must be needs of the club as an organization. Clubs need members to manage club business and perform the jobs required to operate a successful club. One does not have to look too far to see that successful clubs rely on synergistic roles that benefit both the individual and the organization. If a club provides a way for non hams to get licensed then the club will recruit new members. The club that offers classes for licensed hams to upgrade will retain members. Active hams that are willing to share their experience will teach the newcomers who then become club members and so-on and so-on.

Clubs that seek perfection and a world all the members get along and agree on everything are striving for an unrealistic goal and often end up in discontent. Healthy and active clubs tend to work together as a group toward a common goal. Setting the goal can be a democratic process, which in itself is a healthy activity, however once the objective is set it takes the effort of everyone to achieve the result. For club leadership, it is your job to keep the members focused on the mission. Club members also have a responsibility to the club by supporting the mission and not undermining the project just so they can say "I told you so."

People joined your club to get involved. One of the best ways to keep club members is to include them in club business and activities and most importantly, recognize your people for their contributions to the club. Your club newsletter is a terrific vehicle for recognizing members who participate in club activities and programs.

Sometimes a special presentation or award may be in line with a member's exemplary involvement. The actual deed is not as important as is the recognition of the people who make it all possible. When others see that the club appreciates the work of the members then more people will be willing to take on jobs and run for office. Mutual effort must be ongoing if a club is to recruit and retain members.

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

Up coming Hamfest

April 19, 2008 Stoughton Hamfest, WI
April 26, 2008 Colby Hamfest, WI
May 3, 2008 Arrowhead, Duluth, MN
Jun 7, 2008 3M Tailgate, St. Paul, MN

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

CVARC OFFICERS

President -- Gene Radtke - AG9GK
President Elect -- Jim Fering - K9BDN
Secretary -- Dave Urness--KC9CRG
Treasurer -- Joe Eide-- KB9R
Past President -- Ron Anderson-W9RMA

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