



## Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio Club

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### NEXT MEETING

The June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2008. Note that the meeting will take place at the **Hallie Golf Course**. Dinner at 6 P.M. from the menu and Meeting at 7 P.M. Hope to see you all there as this will be our new home for sometime to come.

### WANTED WRITER/EDITOR

We still are looking for someone to write and edit the newsletter. Please contact the president if you are willing to undertake this position.

### NEW TOWER GOING UP!

For those who don't know Ron "Skip" Krueger is the proud owner of a new 150 Ft. SSV tower. Hopefully it will be up shortly.



It is my understanding that he is going to have field day at his house and we have to put of some tower for the field day Hmmm.

### STEPPIR

The new SteppIR Dream Beam DB36 antenna <<http://steppir.com/files/DB%2036%20brochure.pdf>> was on display at the Visalia DX Convention this past weekend. It uses three of the trombone-style elements described in the May QST Product Reviews column. An 80-meter dipole option is also available, making it possible for a single antenna to have useful rotatable directivity on all bands from 80 through 6 meters.

### FORCE-12 SOLD

Force-12 Antennas, long rumored to be changing ownership, is now in the hands of Mark Hooper N5WEB. The Force 12 product line will be manufactured in Bridgeport, Texas (NW of Dallas-Fort Worth). Mark is a long-time ham with a career in electronics manufacturing. He plans on emphasizing customer service and support. You can check out the new Force-12 Web site at <<http://force12inc.com>>. (Thanks, John K1AR)

### REAL TIME SUNSPOT TELESCOPE

If you are really, really, really anxious for the sunspots to return, you can watch for them on a real-time sunspot telescope <<http://tinyurl.com/4d5cka>> that tracks the Sun. If you are patient, you'll see clouds go by. It's not even necessary to wear sunglasses when viewing the solar disk this way! The telescope is covered if inclement weather occurs. (Thanks, Dave K4SAV and QRZ DX)

### DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by NC1L, QRZ DX, the OPDX Bulletin, DXNL, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

KENYA, 5Z. Enrico, 5Z4ES is usually active on 20 meters using SSB between 1900 and 2100z. QSL via K3IRV.

ZAMBIA, 9J. Ryuji, 9J2QQV has been active using RTTY on 20 meters around 1830z. QSL direct.

OMAN, A4. Alex, A45WD is usually QRV on 30 meters between 2000 and 2300z. QSL via YO9HP.



BHUTAN, A5. Torben, OZ1TL will be QRV as A52TL in addition to attending some of the inauguration ceremonies of the new King of Bhutan. Activity will be on most bands using mainly CW. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.

CHINA, BY. Members of the Jiangsu DX Club are QRV as BY4RSA/4 from Kaishan Island until May 2. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via BA4TB.

GERMANY, DA. Special event station DM152ZYA is QRV until the end of 2008 in celebration of the 50 years of the German four engine plane 152.

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Activity is on 80 to 2 meters, including 70 cm, using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via DJ7AL.

SPAIN, EA. Members of the Demons DX Group are QRV as EE1TR from the Tazones Lighthouse until May 4. They have three stations active simultaneously using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via EA1YG.

SCOTLAND, GM. A group of operators from Glasgow will be QRV from a few islands in the Firth of Clyde as MS0EPC and MS0DGR using PSK, and all other modes, respectively, from May 3 to 4. QSL both calls via MM0DFV.

JAPAN, JA. Special event station 8J50JARL is QRV until May 25 in celebration of the 50th JARL annual meeting in Kochi. Activity is on all bands using CW, SSB, FM and AM. QSL via bureau.

OGASAWARA, JD1. Koji, JI1LET is QRV as JI1LET/JD1 from Chichijima Island, IOTA AS-031, until May 5. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW and RTTY. QSL to home call.

BULGARIA, LZ. Special event station LZ08KM is QRV until the end of May in remembrance of Saints Cyril and Methodius, the two brothers who created the Cyrillic alphabet. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via LZ1PJ.

PERU, OA. Daniel, DL5YWM, Rene, DL2JRM and Jens, DL3ALF are QRV as OA4/homecalls until May 12. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW and SSB in their spare time. QSL to home calls.

BANGLADESH, S2. Tutul, S21RC has been active on 20 meters using SSB between 1300 and 1430z.

SWEDEN, SM. Jan, PA0IJM will be QRV from the King Chulalongkorn Memorial Amateur Radio Society using special event call sign S19AM from May 5 to 15. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via SM3CVM.

MOUNT ATHOS, SV/A. Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A has been QRV on 160 meters around 1800z and on 80 meters around 1930z. QSL direct.

CORSICA, TK. A group of operators will be QRV as TK7C from May 3 to 10. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes with three stations active simultaneously. QSL via F9IE.

BRUNEI, V8. Ambran, V85SS has been active on 20 meters between 1330 and 1400z.

PRINCE EDWARD AND MARION ISLAND, ZS8. Petrus, ZS6GCM will be QRV as ZS8T from Marion Island, IOTA AS-021, until the end of March 2009. QSL via LZ3HI.

OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Afghanistan, YA/LY1Y, operations in 2006 and 2007.

### CONGRADULAIONS TO:

Ron Larson W9RLL on his upgrade to Extra Class  
Bryan Moris KC9NMI on his upgrade to General Class

### UP COMING HAMFEST

- **Jun 7, 2008** 3M Tailgate, St. Paul, MN
- **Jun 7, 2008** Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club
- **July 12, 2008** Magic Repeater Group Yard sale
- **July 28, 2008** Dakota Div Conv (Midwest Summer HamCon)
- **May 29, 2008**, 7 p.m. - [Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club](#) Annual Auction at Redemption Lutheran Church, Mayfair and Capitol, Milwaukee. [Howard Parks, AB9FH](#).
- **July 6, 2008**, 6 a.m. - South Milwaukee ARC Swapfest, American Legion Post 434, Shephard Av., Oak Creek. [Verne Teske, W9RYA](#), 414-762-3235.
- **August 9, 2008**, 8 a.m. - [YTARC Circus City Swapfest](#), Sauk County Fairgrounds, Baraboo. Bill Klinkner, N9KXX, 608-643-6908.
- **August 8-10, 2008** Rush City Radio Rendezvous
- **September 6, 2008**, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. - [Ozaukee Radio Club HAM & Hobby Outdoor Swapfest](#) at Fireman's Park, W65 N796 Washington Av., Cedarburg. [Gabe Chido, W19GC](#), 262-377-2784.
- **November, 2008** - [Milwaukee Radio Club](#) Amateur Radio Fest, Elks Lodge (across from AES, 5555 W. Good Hope Rd., Milwaukee). [Info](#), 414-526-7011.

### I WANT A SELF SUPPORTING TOWER!

**Ok WHY?** Well it's a good idea on the self supporting tower. So how do I get one? After I get it how do I get it up? How do I get it home. These are questions in which one must ask one's self before getting carried away in the process.



One must compare self supporting against a guyed tower. For instance where do you plan to put the tower. In among the trees? Out in the clear? How far from the house? How much wind load? How high do I want the tower? Are there ordinances against having a tower? Do I need permits? Where do I get the permit? Does it cost anything?

I am going to write a series of articles in which we follow one of our fellow hams along the way of getting and putting up a self supported tower.

What I want is everyone think about the process a little and ask questions by submitting them to me and I will include the answers in the articles as we proceed. Send them to: w9rma@charter.net

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### NETS/FREQS/TIME

- 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

### 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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