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NEXT MEETING

For our next meeting, July 5, 2011, we are tentatively set up to go house hopping again watch your email for more information. If our station visitation is canceled we will meet at the Hallie Eagles Club as usual, and you would be welcomed to join all who want to eat, ordering off their menu, at 6:00 P.M. The meeting would then follow dinner at 7:00 P.M.

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

June Minutes

Our first house hoping event was held this month. On Tuesday June 7th we visited the stations of W9RMA, Ron Anderson and W9JRW, Ron Krueger. It was neat to see how some else has their shack set up. The weather was nearly perfect, except for the heat. But there was no rain. The was good turn out and a good time was had by all.

There was no business meeting held.

Ham trivia

How many grid squares does it take to get VUCC on 70cm?

DX News

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

CHINA, BY. A group of operators will be QRV as BY1RX/4 from Fu Rong, IOTA AS-160, from July 2 to 9. QSL via BA4TB.

ESTONIA, ES. Operator DL1FT will be QRV as ES0FTZ from Saaremaa from July 3 to 9. QSL to home call.

FRANCE, F. Special event station TM98TF is QRV until July 14 to celebrate the 98th running of the Tour de France. Activity is on all HF bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F6KUF.

FRENCH GUIANA, FY. Jean-Pascal, F5TND is QRV as FY5LH until July 29, 2012. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via F5KDH.

DOMINICA, J7. Mike, VE2XB will be QRV as J79XB beginning July 6 for several weeks. Activity will be on all HF bands, and possibly 6 meters. QSL to home call.

LITHUANIA, LY. Special event station LY53SOP is QRV during the month of July to commemorate the 53rd year of the Sea of Peace award. QSL via LY5W.

FERNANDO de NORONHA, PY0. Marcelo, PY2FN will be QRV as PY0FO from July 2 to 9. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW. Special emphasis will be on 6 meters. QSL to home call.

SWEDEN, SM. Anders, SM5EFX is QRV as SF2X/p from Ledskar until August 1. QSL to home call.

DODECANESE, SV5. Bertl, DJ5MN is QRV as SV5/DJ5MN from Rhodes, IOTA EU-001, until July 10 while on holiday. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau.

VANUATU, YJ. Andy, P29CS is QRV as YJ8A from Efate Island, IOTA OC-035, until July 17. QSL via MOURX.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The World Lighthouses On The Air Contest, RAC Canada Day Contest, Venezuelan Independence Day Contest, DL-DX RTTY Contest, Original QRP CW Contest, PODXS 070 Club 40-Meter Firecracker BPSK31 Sprint and DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest will keep contesters busy this upcoming weekend. The 10-10 International Spirit of 76 QSO Party runs from July 4 to 10. The MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint and RSGB 80-Meter Club CW Championship are scheduled for July 4. The ARS Spartan CW Sprint is scheduled for July 5. Please see July QST, page 73, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest web sites for details.
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Upcoming Exams

Searched ARRL and found none

FIELD DAY 2011

On Saturday June 25th, the CVARC held their Field Day. Those attending meet at the Hallie Way-side next to Burger King. Although rain did threaten I heard there was really only a few drops. After all the temporary antennas and radio's were set up. The faithful starting making contacts at 1:00 p.m. Judy McNamara KC9LLF made her first HF contact. Although attendance was light. Everyone had fun.

Hamfests

CVARC TAILGATE

CVARC Tailgate & Swap Fest

Saturday July 16, 2011

At: The Eagles Club Parking lot, Village of Lake Hallie, WI (between Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls)

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Cost: \$5.00 - selling or buying

Talk in: 147.375 pl 110.9

Contacts; info@w9cva.org,

Joe Peloquin: kc9jfp@yahoo.com

There will be Free Coffee. Food may be purchased on the grounds beginning at 9:00. There are no trash receptacles available to us at this location. Items brought to the swapfest must be taken with you.

Joe will need some help so if you have some free time, please give him a call.

FEMA ADMIN PRAISES HAMS

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By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

At the Earthquake Communications Preparedness Forum, held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in Washington, DC, FEMA Administrator, Craig Fugate, had some kind words to say about ham radio. He noted that ham radio really is valuable "when all else fails."

The Web page describing the conference <<http://www.fcc.gov/event/earthquake-communications-preparedness-forum>> has a video of all the talks given at the conference. Fugate's remarks begin at the 18:45 mark. His remarks about amateur radio start at about 29:20.

I think it's great that the head of FEMA thinks so highly of hams. Before you get all excited about this, though, listen to all of Fugate's comments. He has some interesting comments about all of the different ways that responders gather information and provide information to the public in an emergency. I think listening to all of the remarks will help give those of you who are involved with emergency communications more of an overall perspective, and may even help you evolve our role into something that's more useful in the future.

At one point, for example, Fugate held up a cell phone and told the audience to think of this device as both a data point and a sensor. Folks with cell phones can help emergency responders by sending video and audio of the situation, preparing the responders for what to expect when they do arrive. I

don't know how many ARES/RACES groups have incorporated video into their emcomm plans, but it sounds like it should be.

Also important, says Fugate, is a solid knowledge of communities, local geography, and place names. I'm not sure if that's normally a part of emcomm training, but it sounds like it should be.

I'll be the first to admit that I'm not an emergency communications geek, so perhaps I'm talking through my hat. It seems to me, however, that it's important to listen to what guys like Fugate are saying and work with them to make amateur radio even more relevant and useful in emergency situations.

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When he's not pondering the state of ham radio, you'll find KB6NU teaching classes; working on WA2HOM, the ham radio station at Ann Arbor's Hands-On Museum (www.wa2hom.org), or operating CW on the HF bands. You'll find his blog at www.kb6nu.com, or you can e-mail him at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

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
Baldwin (WeCom)	145.250	110.9

Trivia answer

50 squares

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