

# The SPARKGAP



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## NEXT MEETING

For our next meeting, August 2nd, 2011, we are tentatively set up to go house hopping for the third time. 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

## July Minutes

Our second house hopping event was held this month. On Tuesday July we visited the stations of , WØOAT Steve Paulson and , W9HFT Gale Sourum. Although rain threatened and did happen, all of the outside stuff (examining antennas) had been done. Again seeing someone else's shack is neat. It also gives me hope for ours (when it is finally done). And I really have to mention the flowers and the quilts, being and extra bonus for us ladies. Both homes had beautiful landscapes.

The turn out good and a good time was had by all.  
There was no business meeting.

## Ham trivia

In what Doris Day movie from the "60" showed W6 QSL cards on the wall as she talked to her father?

## DX News

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

CROATIA, 9A. Leonid, UT2II is QRV as 9A/UT2II from Crveni Otok, IOTA EU-110, until August 5. This includes an entry in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL to home call.

EASTER ISLANDS, CE0. Frank, I2DMI will be QRV as CE0Y/I2DMI from July 30 to August 8. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters, including 17 and 12 meters, using mostly RTTY. QSL to home call.

NORTHERN IRELAND, GI. A group of operators will be QRV as GI8P from Rathlin Island, IOTA EU-122, during the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via operators' instructions.

JERSEY, GJ. Members of the Jersey Contest Group will be QRV as GJ2A during the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL direct via GJ3DVC.

DJIBOUTI, J2. Jacob, KB0ZIA is QRV as J28FJ. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

MINAMI TORISHIMA, JD1. Take, JG8NQJ is QRV as JG8NQJ/JD1 from Marcus Island, IOTA OC-073, until mid-October. Activity is currently on 30 and 17 meters. QSL to home call.

OGASAWARA ISLAND, JD1. Makoto, JI5RPT will be QRV as JD1BLY from Chichijima Island, IOTA AS-031, from August 1 to 7. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters, including various satellites, using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL to home call.

AMERICAN SAMOA, KH8. Ron, WA8LOW will be QRV as WA8LOW/KH8 from Tutuila, IOTA OC-045, from July 30 to August 14. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL direct to home call.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY. Look for Carsten, OY1CT to be QRV in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL direct to home call.

BRAZIL, PY. Members of Casa do Radioamador de Pernambuco will be QRV as PY7CRA/p from Itamaraca Island, IOTA SA-046, in the RSGB IOTA contest. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via PY7CRA.

DODECANESE, SV5. A group of operators are QRV as J45K from Kasos Island, IOTA EU-001. Activity is on all HF bands, including 6, 4

and 2 meters and 23 cm. This includes an entry in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via SV9DJO.

INDONESIA, YB. Pri, YB0ECT will be QRV from Jakarta, IOTA OC-021, during the RSGB IOTA contest as a Single Op/Single Band/CW Mode/Low Power/12 Hour entry on 20 meters. QSL via W2FB.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The RSGB IOTA Contest, QRP CW Fox Hunt, NCCC Sprint CW Ladder, US Counties QSO Party and the ARS CW Flight of the Bumblebees are all on tap for this weekend. The ARS Spartan CW Sprint is scheduled for August 2. Please see July QST, page 73 and the ARRL and WA7BNM Contest Web Sites for details.

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## UPCOMING EXAMS

10/15/2011

**Sponsor:** Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club

**Date:** Oct 15 2011

**Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**Contact:** Jonathan E. Case  
(715) 834-1540

**Email:** [jecase@charter.net](mailto:jecase@charter.net)

**VEC:** [ARRLVEC](http://ARRLVEC)

**Location:** Grace Lutheran Church  
202 W Grand Ave  
Enter Off 2nd Avenue Entrance  
Eau Claire WI 54703-5327

11/05/2011

**Sponsor:** Dunn County Area Amateurs

**Date:** Nov 05 2011

**Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**Contact:** James L. Guenther  
(715) 232-2625

**Email:** [ka9zaj@gmail.com](mailto:ka9zaj@gmail.com)

**VEC:** [ARRLVEC](http://ARRLVEC)

**Location:** University of Wisconsin-Stout  
121 10th Avenue at S Broadway  
UW Stout Millennium Hall  
Menomonie WI 54751

## HANFESTS

**RV Radio Network 2011 Fall Rally**

9/07/11

**Start Date:** 09/07/2011

**End Date:** 09/10/2011

**Location:** Happy Ours RV Park  
14627 South East Mail Road  
Gordon, WI 54838

**Website:** <http://www.rvradionetwork.com>

**Sponsor:** RV Radio Network

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Talk-In:** 145.490- (PL 110.9)

**Public Contact:** Marshall Kiel , KF9SU  
7843 Dixie Road Tomah, WI 54660

Phone: 608-374-5435

**Email:** [kf9su@arrl.net](mailto:kf9su@arrl.net)

### **ECMARC Radio Rendezvous**

9/10/11

**Start Date:** 09/10/2011

**End Date:** 09/10/2011

**Location:** Rush City High School  
51001 Fairfield Avenue  
Rush City, MN 55069

**Website:** <http://ecmarc.org>

**Sponsor:** East Central Minnesota ARC

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 145.330 -600 (PL 146.2)

**Public Contact:** John O'Brien , K0DEH  
Second & Field Avenue Rush City, MN 55069

Phone: 320-358-4676

**Email:** [lj@ecenet.com](mailto:lj@ecenet.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

The Glass Bottom Boat.

## **2011 SARA FOX HUNT CHALLENGE**

The members of SARA (Stillwater Amateur Radio Association) would like to invite your club to accept our 2011 Fox Hunt Challenge! A good time is virtually guaranteed and if you take a minute to register we will have a map of the hunt area available for you to use. Visit our web page [www.radioham.org](http://www.radioham.org). You can register by sending an email to [register@radioham.org](mailto:register@radioham.org). Include the name and call of the team leader a name for the team (optional and the number of team members you expect. 73 and I hope to see you at the hunt Ron H. K3PID

### **Official Rules**

1. The hunt will take place on August 20, 2011.
  2. Registration is required for the use of SARA supplied maps.
  3. The hunt will start from Benson Park 1620 Orleans Street West, Stillwater, MN
- Refreshments and maps will be available at 09:00 CDT.
4. The hunt will commence at 09:30 CDT and run until three teams have located the FOX or 15:00 CDT unconditionally. Monitor the SARA repeater for updates on 147.060 MHz, Positive Offset, 114.8 Hz Tone.
  5. The FOX will be a 2m handheld transceiver transmitting on 147.550 MHz, simplex
  6. The FOX will transmit "CQ CQ CQ DE WØJH/FOX" via MCW (Modulated CW) mode starting at 09:30 (sharp!) for 1 minute. The transmission will be repeated approximately every 5 minutes.

7. The output power level of the FOX will vary randomly with each transmission and be one of the following levels: 5 watts, 0.5 watts, or 0.050 watts.

8. The FOX will be hidden somewhere on the USGS quadrangle maps titled "White Bear

Lake East" & "Stillwater – WI".

9. The FOX will be on public property but may not be accessible by motor vehicle.

10. Teams can be any group of two or more persons acting as part of a club or

independently.

11. Most commercial and homebrew forms of radio direction finding equipment are allowed

however the judges reserve the right to disqualify equipment deemed unsuitable for an

amateur radio event.

12. Aircraft use of any type is forbidden.

13. Cooperation and information exchange between and among teams is encouraged.

14. Wrap up, awards, pictures, and general camaraderie at Benson Park at the conclusion of

the hunt.

Info: [www.radioham.org](http://www.radioham.org)

Register: [register@radioham.org](mailto:register@radioham.org)

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Radio Association is not responsible for lost or stolen property or personal injury resulting from

participation in this sponsored event. Please hunt responsibly!

## **CHIPPEWA COUNTY ARES**

The Chippewa County ARES held a meeting on July 19, 2011

This is a meeting summary.

Damage Assessment criteria and Chippewa County recording forms were discussed and handed out by Dennis Brown Chippewa county emergency Management director and Skip Krueger W9JRW, EC for Chippewa county. If an event occurs Dennis Brown will have maps created for the affected area. Important info necessary on the form includes: basic ID information, whether or not the property is insured and the damage category (destroyed– major– minor). Pictures can be helpful.

As part of our working with Emergency management, Dennis has been given a copy of our membership list along with numbers, he will create an auto –dialer for us on the county auto dialer system.

St. Josephs' Hospital (Mollie Stiehl-emergency Management Coordinator) has also been provided a list. She will notify People Services as to who we are. They expect us to show up to be photographed and to be issued an Emergency Communications Hospital Badge. There are some details to be worked out yet.

We will be testing the hospital antenna system each month as part of monthly siren test. Judy McNamara has volunteered to hook her HT up to the antenna for the tests.

There will be a SET exercise in October and Ron, W9RMA, will be providing us with a list of all repeater frequencies and the designated emergency simplex frequencies for all surrounding counties.

Ron will no longer be out observing weather events from his truck. He will be acting as our radar eyes and feeding us information.

We also have two new Chippewa County ARES members, Tom and Sandy Meisner. They actually live a short distance into Rusk County.

A few months ago Ron and Skip attended the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission "Disaster Ready Chippewa Valley Cyber-Security Seminar. The senior planner for the group Chris Straight sent an email suggesting if we had any topic we would like to see in the Chippewa County Hazard Mitigation Plan to let him know. We expressed concern about having more consistent presence in the Chippewa County Incident Command Structure and the EOC.

The use of ARRL Radiogram form and /or the ICS 213 General Message form was discussed by Ron Anderson. You can find these forms on The State ARES website or the CVARC website. Please take some time and become familiar with these forms.

If you have trouble accessing information please let Skip know.

The next meeting will be held the third Tuesday again at 6:00 p.m. at St Joe's. That is August 16 at 6:00 p.m.

## **CVARC OFFICERS**

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WAØ0AT

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W9JRW

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