

# The SPARK GAP



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## NEXT MEETING

The February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009. You are welcome to join all who want to eat, ordering off the Halliie Eagles club menu, at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will 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

## HAM TRIVIA

Do ships at sea and registered vessels still use CW SOS on the high seas for emergency transmissions?

## Upcoming tests

Jan 4           Bloomington, MN  
Contact:       Daniel Royer  
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City Hall  
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Feb 7           Roseville MN  
Contact:       David Buending  
AD2B@arrl.net  
Roseville City Hall  
2660 Cty road c

## Club notes

Be sure to check the club website for the lending agreement, take a look and let Skip know what you think.

Save some time for a Valentines Party. Skip will get us the info when he gets everything finalized.

If you are interested in studying for your tech license. Contact Ron or Skip for more info.

## Club Wear

Here are the prices for clothing. (these prices do not include embroidery.)

Hoodie	\$17— \$21
Zipper sweatshirt	\$25 — \$28
Hat	\$4 —\$6
Jacket	\$65 — \$70
Fleece vest	\$28 — \$31

You can check on colors at [atozembr.com](http://atozembr.com). Use the sportswear catalog to check on colors for the sweatshirts, and Company Casuals to check out the jackets. Please take a look at what is offered and let me know what you would like. Sharon does have jackets in sm—lg and 3xl, if you want to stop by and try one on before you order. If you have any questions please drop me a line. Please get your order to me no later than February 3rd, 2009. Thanks Wendy.

Trivia answer: No

## **DX News**

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by NC1L, 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.

UGANDA, 5X. Peter, DL8SBQ is QRV as 5X4X from Arua until June. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. He is active up until 2000z each day. QSL via DF5GQ.

SENEGAL, 6W. Tom, DL2RMC is here on holiday and is QRV as 6W/home call until January 29. He is active on all bands, holiday style This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ WW 160 Meter contest. QSL via DL1RTL.

ALGERIA, 7X. Fred, ON6QR will be QRV from the Amateur Radio Algeria club station 7X2ARA on January 17 and 18. This includes an entry in the Hungarian DX contest. Activity will be on all bands using CW and SSB as propagation permits. QSL via 7X2ARA.

AZORES, CU. Operators CU8AS, HB9CRV and HB9CQL will be QRV as CU8W from Farol do Albarnaz Island, IOTA EU-089, from January 19 to 23 Activity will be on the low bands using CW and RTTY. QSL via operators' instructions.

URUGUAY, CX. A group of operators from Radio Grupo Sur will be QRV as CV5A from Flores Island, IOTA SA-030, from January 22 to 26. Activity will be on all HF bands and modes, with a dedicated RTTY/PSK31 station active as well. QSL via CX2ABC.

GERMANY, DA. Special event station DR09ANT is QRV during 2009 from the Upper Bavaria district for International Polar Year. They are active on as many bands and modes as possible. QSL via DL5MHQ.

NEW CALEDONIA, FK. Sam is QRV as FK8DD and has been active on 20 meters around 0900z. QSL via LZ1JZ.

REUNION ISLAND, FR. Daniel, F5LGQ is QRV as TO4IPA until January 31.

THAILAND, HS. Joerg, DL1MJF will be QRV as HS0ZGQ from Koh Samui Island, IOTA AS-101, from January 20 to February 12. QSL to home call.

DOMINICA, J7. Seth, SM0CCM will be QRV as J79XBI from January 17 to April 1 while on holiday. Activity will be on the HF bands using only SSB. QSL via SM0XBI.

GUAM, KH2. Yoshi, JE2EHP is QRV as K1HP/KP2 until January 19. Activity is on all HF bands, including 6 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

US VIRGIN ISLANDS, KP2. Operators JA1CJA, JA3BZO and JA3AVO will be QRV as KP2/AE6XY, KP2/AE6YQ and KP2/W3AVO, respectively, from January 17 to 22. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL to home calls.

LITHUANIA, LY. To mark the Millennium of Lithuania, a number of club members are QRV with the prefix LY1000 until March 1. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via operators' instructions.

BANGLADESH, S2. Operators S21RC, S21AM, S21DM, S21RO, S21SA and S21S are QRV as S21DX from St. Martin's Island, IOTA AS-127, until January 22. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL direct via EB7DX.

MOUNT ATHOS, SV/A. Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A, has been QRV on 160 meters around 0530 to 0630z on various days. QSL direct.

PALAU, T8. Mike, JA6EGL, Yas, JA6UBY, Yu, JE6DND and Hiro, JA6KYU are QRV as T88SM, T88CP, T88HK and T88HS, respectively, from Koror Island, IOTA OC-009, until January 18. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home calls.

TURKEY, TA. Sadao, JA1PBV is QRV as TA7/KI6TIU until February 11. He expects to be active from Cappadocia, Antalya, Izmir and possibly others locations within Turkey as well. QSL to home call.

BERMUDA, VP9. In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the settlement of Bermuda, amateur radio operators here will use the special prefix VP9400 during 2009.

CAMBODIA, XU. Hiroo, JA2EZD is QRV using calls XU7AAA and XU7ADX until January 30. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via XU7AAA.

INDONESIA, YB. Adhi, YB3MM is QRV as YB3MM/9 from Nanggu Island, IOTA OC-150, until January 18 while on holiday. Activity is mostly on 17 meters using CW and RTTY. His operating times vary. QSL via IZ8CCW.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes, North American SSB QSO Party, NCCC Sprint, LZ Open CW Contest, Hungarian DX Contest and UK RTTY DX Contest are all on tap for this weekend. The Run for the Bacon QRP CW Contest is scheduled for January 19. Please see January QST, page 82, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest web sites for details.

## Hamfests

Feb 7 HARA Swap and Shop  
Negaunee, MI  
Bob Serfas N8PKN@aol.com

Feb 14 Cabinfever Reliever  
St Cloud, MN  
Scott Hall N0vv@charter.net

March 14 20th Annual Ham Equipment Acution  
Eau Claire, WI  
Jim Staatz KA9H@arrl.net

## 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

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