

# The SPARKGAP



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## NEXT MEETING

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010. You are welcome to join all who want to eat, ordering off the

Hallie 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

## February Minutes

The February meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with 22 members in attendance. Wendy Cohoon read

the minutes from January's meeting and they were accepted as read. Diane Case then read the Treasurers report which was accepted as read.

Introductions were made and the question of the evening was "most memorable contact"

Elections will be held in March. Nat Perry and Ron Anderson, will be running for V.P.. Wendy and Diane will be running for their positions also.

There was no report for the tailgate in June.

Field day is in the planning stages, Kevin is looking at possible sites.

There was conversation about new Tech's coming from our Tech class. How should we proceed in involving them in the club. Several ideas are being pursued.

Floyd Sexton is liquidating his station. Items posted on the web sit with pricing.

Skywarn class, April 20th, 7 to 9 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire.

A group of our fearless travelers will be heading to Dayton, on May 12th for the annual homage to the Ham's Mecca.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 and Gale Sourm talked to us about station power.

Members in attendance:

Ron Anderson	W9RMA
Ron Krueger	W9JRW
Lynne Krueger	KC9LLM
Bob St. Louis	KC9JVB
Fred Harlson	KC9NN
Nolene Harlson	N9MNA
Joe Eide	KB9R
Sue Eide	KB9EUP

Gale Sorum	WD9HFT	of Agadir 50 years ago. QSL via EA7FTR.
Tom Meisner	pending	IRAN, EP. Mohammad, EP4MRG has been QRV on 20 meters using SSB between 1100 and 1300z. QSL to home call.
Ron Larson	W9RLL	
Richard Kelly	W0ZUP	GRENADA, J3. Bill, K4LTA is QRV as J37BO until March 3. In addition, he and NK4N will be QRV as J38A as a Multi/Single entry in the upcoming ARRL DX CW contest. QSL both calls via K4LTA
Bert Spangler	W9ZZI	
Jim Linstedt	W9ZUC	
Diane Case	KB9VYD	NICARAGUA, YN. Look for operators K8DD, AC8W, KB8TXZ and N8LJ to be QRV as YN2DD, YN2WW, YN2TX and YN2LJ, respectively, from February 16 to 25. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. This includes an entry in the upcoming ARRL DX CW contest as a Multi/Single entry. QSL YN2DD and YN2WW via K8DD, YN2LJ via K8ESQ and YN2TX via KB8TXZ.
Kevin Cohoon	KC9HXL	
Wendy Cohoon	KC9KGE	
Jim Fering	K9BDN	
Nat Perry	W0OCZ	THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest, North American SSB Sprint, Asia-Pacific Spring CW Sprint, NCCC Sprint CW Ladder, YLRL YL-OM Contest, PODXS 070 Club Valentine PSK31 Sprint, New Hampshire QSO Party, NCCC Sprint, SARL Field Day Contest, Dutch PACC Contest, KCJ Topband CW Contest, Louisiana QSO Party, OMISS SSB QSO Party, FISTS Winter CW Sprint, RSGB 1st 1.8 MHz CW Contest, SKCC Weekend CW Sprint and the Classic Phone Exchange will certainly keep contesters busy this upcoming weekend. The AGCW Semi-Automatic Key CW Evening is scheduled for February 17. Please see February QST, page 90 and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest web sites for details.
Gene Radtke	AB9GK	
Steve Paulson	WAOOAT	
Tom Kendzierski	AB9VA	

## Ham trivia

What club's call was used in the movie "Frequency?"

## DX News

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by K8DD, NC1L, QRZ DX, the OPDX Bulletin, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

KENYA, 5Z. Enrico, 5Z4ES, Frank, IK8TEO, Tony, IK8UHA and Antonio, IK8VRH are QRV as 5ZoH until February 25. This includes activity from islands Wasini, IOTA AF-067, and Lamu, IOTA AF-040. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY with two stations active simultaneously. QSL via IK8VRH.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, 9Y. Mike, DF8AN is QRV as 9Y4/homecall from Tobago, IOTA SA-009, until February 22. Activity is on the HF bands using mostly CW. QSL to home call.

MOROCCO, CN. Special event station 5E50SA is QRV until February 28 during the 50th anniversary of the devastating earthquake which destroyed the Moroccan city

## Upcoming Exams

March 27, 2010  
 Dunn County Area Amateurs  
 9:00 am walk-ins  
 James L Guenther, contact  
 715-232-2625  
 guentherj@uwstout.edu  
 University of Wisconsin-NW entrance  
 121 10th Avenue at S. Broadway  
 UW Stout Millennium Hall  
 Menomonie, WI 54751

April 17, 2010  
 Eau Claire ARC  
 9:00 am walk-ins  
 Jonathan E. Case, contact  
 715-834-1540  
 jecase@charter.net  
 Grace Lutheran Church

202 West Grand Ave.  
 Eau Claire, WI 54703  
 Use 2nd Avenue entrance

**Hamfests**

Jefferson Hamfest  
 March 14th  
 Contact: tcarc@w9mqb.org  
 For more info

Dayton  
 Our group will be leaving on May 12th, contact Gale Sorum if interested

CVARC Annual tailgate  
 June 24th 2010  
 9:00 am to 12 noon  
 Hallie Eagles Club

**Valentines Party at 29 Pine**

On February 11th the Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio Club, held it's annual Valentines Party. With low lights, good food and chocolates sprinkled at the tables, great conversation was abundant.

The ice breaker question was asked of all the gentleman, how did you propose to your XYL. The answers were amazing, and the ladies had a chance to confirm the response.

After dinner, the Chi-Hi Harmonics performed for us. The crew was scaled down, because of other commitments. But



the show went on, with a wonderful melody of songs and solo's. A great big THANK YOU to Mr. Buckles and his team.

**Trivia answer**

Niagara Radio Club. Look up the call, it was on a QSL in the movie

**Extra Class class**

An Extra Class class will be held at ST. Joes' Hospital starting April 3rd and lasting for 5 Saturdays. If you are interest contact :

Ron "Skip" Krueger 715-723-9777  
 W9JRW@charter.net

Ron Anderson 715-723-1729 W9RMA@charter.net

Cost for class is \$20-\$25 which covers study guide

**AREA REPEATERS**

Albertville (link)	442.800	110.9
Albertville	444.350	110.9
Chippewa Falls	147.375	110.9
Eau Claire	146.910	110.9
Eau Claire	147.240	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	146.610	110.9
Osseo	145.330	110.9
Osseo	444.200	110.9

## **CVARC OFFICERS**

President -- Jim Fering K9BDN

President Elect -- **Skip Kruger W9JRW**

Secretary -- Wendy Cohoon KC9KGE

Treasurer -- Diane Case KB9VYD

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