

# The SPARK GAP



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## NEXT MEETING

The april meeting will be held on Tuesday, april 7, 2009. 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

## **Ham trivia**

FISTS is .....?

## Valentines Party

The Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio Club hosted a Valentines party at 29 Pines restaurant. A buffet style dinner was served with chocolates for desert. The entertainment was provided by the Chi-Hi in attendance had a wonderful time.





2009 CVARC Valentines Party

Trivia answer: An Organization of CW enthusiasts

## **DX News**

SB DX ARL ARLD010  
ARLD010 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. Nick, G3RWF is QRV as 5X1NH for two months. He is active generally on 80 and 40 meters during his early mornings and evenings using mostly CW. If propagation permits, he may be active using SSB, RTTY and PSK31 as well. QSL to home call.

ZAMBIA, 9J. Gabriel, YO4HEK is QRV as 9J2YO and is here for one year. He is active on all bands using CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL via YO4ATW.

CAPE VERDE, D4. Operators DL3KBQ, DL1COP, DJ2VO, DG3KAF, DL2RSI, DH2KI and DL3PS are QRV as D44TXQ, D44TXP, D44TXO, D44TXF, D44TXR, D44TXI and D44TXS, respectively, from Sal Island, IOTA AF-086, until March 25. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, SSTV, PSK31, Feld Hell and AMTOR with seven stations active. QSL to home calls.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Jon, LA3JJ is QRV as EA8/homecall from Fuerteventura Island, IOTA AF-004, until March 26. Activity is on 30 and 17 meters, and possibly 12 meters, using CW. QSL to home call.

REUNION ISLAND, FR. Stephane, F5UOW is QRV as FR/homecall from Boucan Canot until March 28. Activity is on 20 meters using mostly CW, holiday style. QSL to home call.

GRENADA, J3. Colin, G3VCQ and Sharon, M3VCQ are QRV as J38CW and J38/M3VCQ, respectively, until March 26. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY and PSK. Look for J38CW to be an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth contest. QSL both calls via G3VCQ.

GUINEA-BISSAU, J5. Peter, HA3AUJ is QRV as J5UAP and is here until March 31. He is active on 160 to 6 meters using mostly digital modes with some CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY. Lars, OZ1FJB will be QRV as OY/homecall from March 16 to April 1. Activity will be on the HF bands using mostly CW with some SSB. He will also be active on 60 Meters on 5403.5 kHz between 2100 and 2359z and then from 0600 to 0700z. QSL to home call.

COCOS (KEELING) ISLAND, VK9C. Bernd, VK2IA will be QRV as VK9AA from March 14 to 27. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via DL8YR.

OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Desecheo Island, K5D, 2009 operation.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The North American RTTY Sprint, CLARA HF Contest, NCCC Sprint, HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest, RSGB Commonwealth CW Contest, AGCW QRP CW Contest, ARCI HF Grid Square CW Sprint, EA PSK31 Contest, SOC Marathon CW Sprint, Elecraft QSO Party, Idaho QSO Party, UBA Spring 6-Meter Contest and Wisconsin QSO Party will certainly keep contesters busy this upcoming weekend. The Run for the Bacon QRP CW Contest and Bucharest Contest are both scheduled for March 16. Please see March QST, page 78 and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest web sites for details.

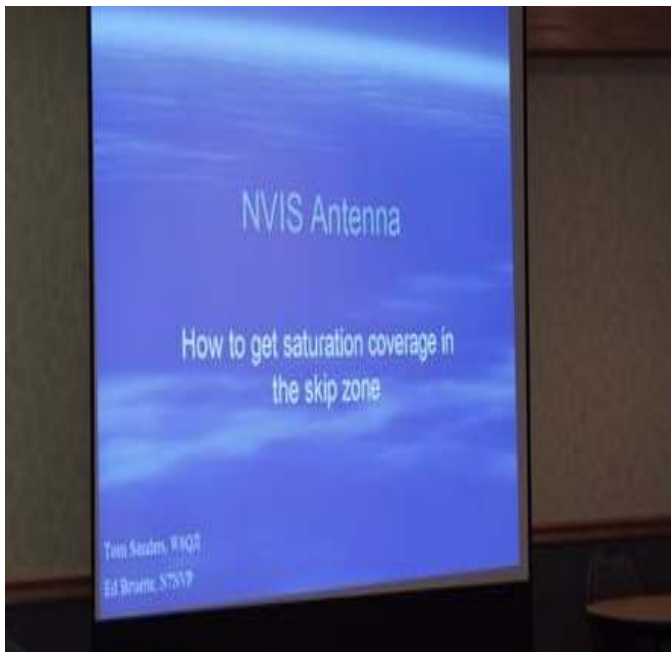
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**Upcoming ham exams**

3/28 CVARC  
 1:00pm walk-ins  
 Jonathan E. Case JECASW@CHARTER.NET  
 St, Josephs Hospital  
 Cty I Chippewa Falls WI, 54729

3/29 WVRA  
 3:30pm walk-ins  
 Gerald L. Graebel W9GLG@WVRACLUB.ORG  
 American Legion Golf Club  
 1001 Golf Club Rd, Wausau, WI 54403  
 4/4 St Paul Radio Club  
 9:00am walk-ins  
 David M. Buending AD2B@ARRL.NET  
 Roseville City Hall  
 2660 Cty Road C, Roseville, MN 55101

**Can anyone tell me were the “SKIP” zone is?**



**Upcoming HamFests**

3/28 Midwinter Madness  
 Robbinsdale ARC  
 Jerry Dorf N0FWG  
 Buffalo Civic Center Buffalo, MN

4/3&4 AES Superfest2009  
 Ray Grenier K9KHW  
 AES Milwaukee Milwaukee, WI

4/18 Madison Hamfest  
 John Steffl WZ9I  
 Momat Community Center  
 Stoughton, WI

**AREA REPEATERS**

Albertville (link)	442.800	110.9
Albertville	444.350	110.9
Chippewa Falls	147.375	110.9
Eau Claire	146.91110.9	
Eau Claire	147.24110.9	
Eau Claire	443.300	110.9
Holcombe	145.47110.9	
Holcombe (link)	147.345	136.5
Holcombe	444.525	110.9
Menomonie	146.61110.9	
Osseo	145.33110.9	
Osseo	444.200	110.9

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