

# The SPARKGAP



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## NEXT MEETING

The April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6th, 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

## Corrections

The following corrections were made to the February minutes: Elections are held in April not March, and the Tailgate will be held July 24th not June 24th.

## Meeting Minutes

The March meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with 22 members in attendance. Introductions were made and all were asked... Other than Ham Radio, what hobbies do you have. I think we are a bunch of well rounded people.

Diane Case is on vacation so Joe Eide read the treasurer's report, it was accepted. Wendy Cohoon read the minutes, and they were accepted with corrections.

Elections will be held at the April meeting, the people listed below will be running for positions. Nominations from the floor were asked for.

Nat Perry & Ron Anderson for Vice President.

Diane Case for Treasurer.

Wendy Cohoon for secretary

Joe Eide reported that an audit for the Club will be completed when Diane Case returns and should be ready by the April meeting.

Membership committee- Gene Radtke is working on a welcoming packet

Tailgate- will be held on July 24th, in the Eagles club parking lot. Joe Peloquin is proceeding with the planning.

Kevin Cohoon is also proceeding with plans for Field Day. He has checked out sites and is weighing the possibilities.

New Business- questions were asked about the \$2000.00 limit for nonprofits. What happens if we go over, etc. A discussion followed on how moneys are spent and on what? The Board will discuss a five year plan.

Gale's presentations will end in April. A club contact book was discussed, along with Spirit of Christmas.

ARRL has a new program to help newly licensed people. On April 18th there will be a Rookie Contest, check the ARRL web site & QST for more info.

Ron Larson sent out an invitation for PSK. If anyone is interested give him a call.

Also people were encouraged to take part in a six meter informal sideband net on the first Wednesday of each month. The freq. is 50.4 and the net begins at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Gale Sorum presented another installment on learning about our radios.

Members in attendance:

Ron Anderson	W9RMA
Ron Krueger	W9JRW
Bob St. Louis	KC9JVB
Fred Harlson	KC9NN
Nolene Harlson	N9MNA
Joe Eide	KB9R
Sue Eide	KB9EUP
Gale Sorum	WD9HFT
Tom Meisner	pending
Ron Larson	W9RLL
Bert Spangler	W9ZZI
Jim Linstedt	W9ZUC
Kevin Cohoon	KC9HXL
Wendy Cohoon	KC9KGE
Jim Fering	K9BDN
Nat Perry	W0OCZ
Gene Radtke	AB9GK
Steve Paulson	WA0OAT
Tom Kendzierski	AB9VA
Joe Peloquin	KC9JFP
Richard Kelly	W0ZUP
Jay Grokowsky	N9ZVC

## Ham trivia

How many HF bands are there available to US amateurs?

## DX News

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

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, A6. Operator RV6AJJ will be QRV as A65CA in the Russian DX contest as a Single Op/All band entry. QSL via operator's instructions.

ANGOLA, D2. Vasilii, D2QMN will be QRV as a Single Op/Low Power entry in the Russian DX contest. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters. QSL via RZ3EC.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Tim, NL8F will be QRV as E51COF from Rarotonga, IOTA OC-013, from March 20 to 30. This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ WW WPX SSB contest. QSL via K8NA.

IRELAND, EI. Olivier, ON4EI will be QRV as EJ8GQB from Bere Island, IOTA EU-121, from March 21 to 29. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

HAITI, HH. Operators Jan, K4QD and Don, AF4Z will be QRV as HH4/ home calls from the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission from March 22 to April 2. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY as time and the availability of AC power permits. This includes being active along with HH2JR and the Radio Club of Haiti in the upcoming CQ WW WPX SSB contest. QSL to home calls.

MARIANA ISLANDS, KH0. Yoshi, JE2EHP will be QRV as K1HP/KH0 from Saipan, IOTA OC-086, from March 21 to 25. Activity will be on the HF bands plus 6 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

BONAIRE, CURACAO, PJ2. Michal, OK7MT and Vit, OK5MM are QRV as PJ4/home calls from Bonaire, IOTA SA-006, until April 1. This includes being an entry in the Russian DX contest and also as PJ4L in the upcoming CQ WW WPX SSB contest. QSL direct to home calls.

SEYCHELLES, S7. Gav, GM0GAV and Rob, GM3YTS will be QRV as S79GM from March 21 to April 1. Activity will be on the low HF bands using CW and possibly RTTY. QSL via operators' instructions.

EAST KIRIBATI, T32. Operators Steve, 9M6DXX, Derek, G3KHZ, Steve, G4EDG and Mike, K9AJ will be QRV as T32MI from Malden Island, IOTA OC-279, T32SI from Starbuck Island, IOTA OC-280, T32CI from Caroline Island, IOTA OC-281 and T32VI from Vostok Island, IOTA OC-282. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB with four stations activity on each island. QSL all calls direct via SM6CAS.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The 10-10 International Mobile Contest, BARTG HF RTTY Contest, NCCC Sprint, SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest, Russian DX Contest, Oklahoma QSO Party, AGCW VHF/UHF Contest, North Dakota QSO Party, Virginia QSO Party and the 9K 15-Meter Contest are all on tap for this weekend. The Run for the Bacon QRP CW Contest is scheduled for March 22. The SKCC CW Sprint is scheduled for March 24. Please see March QST, page 78, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest web sites for details. NNNN /EX

**Upcoming Exams**

April 17

Eau Claire ARC            9:00 a.m. walk ins  
 Contact:                    Jonathan E. Case  
                                   715-834-1540  
                                   JECASE@CHARTER.NET

Grace Lutheran Church  
 202 W Grand Ave  
 Eau Claire, WI 54703  
 Enter on the 2nd Avenue Entrance

**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

**Trivia answer**

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**CVARC OFFICERS**

- President — Jim Fering K9BDN
- President Elect — Skip Kruger W9JRW
- Secretary — Wendy Cohoon KC9KGE
- Treasurer — Diane Case KB9VYD
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