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NEXT MEETING

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 3rd, 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 3.967 - Sun - 0800

JULY MINUTES

The July meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm The question for the evening was ... What was your first radio? There were lots of different stories, but I found a common thread among the married couples... What is his is hers, and, Which half do you want?

It was brought to the clubs attention that Jim Staatz is in the hospital, we are all hoping for a quick recovery for him.

The secretary's report was read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was also read and accepted.

Reports were made on Field day, which was held June 26th,

and the status of the Tail Gate to be held on July 24th.

Gale reported that he has programs set for our meetings through October, and that November and December are open.

Some fun things that are in the planning are the annual Valentines party and a Fox hunt. More on these as they evolve.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 and the program, "The world above 10 Gigahertz" was given by Scott Liittfin N0EDU.

Members in attendance:

Ron Anderson	W9RMA
Hank Boschen	KC9SDC
Diane Case	K9DMC
Jon Case	KE9KW
Kevin Cohoon	KC9HXL
Wendy Cohoon	KC9KGE
Joe Eide	KB9R
Sue Eide	KB9SUE
Fred Harlson	KC9NN
Nolene Harlson	N9MNA
Burch Kelly	WØZUP
Ron Krueger	W9JRW
Ron Larson	W9RLL
Jim Linstedt	W9ZUC
Tom Meisner	KC9RIK
Nat Perry	WØOCZ
Gale Sorum	WD9HFT
Bert Spangler	W9ZZI
Jeff Strong	N9NN

Guests:

Scott Liittfin	NØEDV
Charlie Betz	NØAKC

Ham trivia

A Shipboard antenna described as having multiple parallel wires and secured to ship masts with a yoke arrangement was known as what?

DX NEWS

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

CROATIA, 9A. Operators HA6NL and HA6PS are QRV as 9A/home calls from Pasman Island, IOTA EU-170, until July 30. This includes an entry in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL to home calls.

MALTA, 9H. A group of operators are QRV as 9H3Y from Gozo Island, IOTA EU-023, until July 31. This includes an entry in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via IT9ABY.

RWANDA, 9X. Tom, DL2RUM is QRV as 9X0TL while on work assignment in Kigali and is here until the end of August or early September. He is active on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

OMAN, A4. Members of The Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society will be QRV A43MI from Masirah Island, IOTA AS-014, in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via A47RO.

CHINA, BY. A number of operators will be QRV as home calls/5 from Pingtan Island, IOTA AS-138, from July 24 to 30. They will be active as B4R/5 in the RSGB IOTA contest. Activity will be on all HF bands and V/UHF bands, including EME and all active satellites. QSL via operators' instructions.

CUBA, CO. Juan, CO8TW will be QRV in the RSGB IOTA contest as a Low Power/All Band entry using SSB. QSL via HB9SVT.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Operator GM4WZG will be QRV as EA8/G4WZG/p from Gran Canaria Island, IOTA AF-004, during the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL to home call.

ESTONIA, ES. A group of operators will be QRV as ES0U from Saaremaa Island, IOTA EU-034, in the RSGB IOTA contest as a Multi-Op/Island Fixed/Mixed/Low Power entry. QSL via ES2DJ.

SCOTLAND, GM. A group of operators will be QRV as GM7A from Luing Island, IOTA EU-005, in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via GM7AAJ.

THAILAND, HS. Simon, HS0ZIB will be QRV as HS0ZIB/p from Lanta Island, IOTA AS-053, in the RSGB IOTA contest as a Single-Op/12HR/DXpedition/Low-Power entry. Activity will be primarily on 20 meters using SSB. He may also be active using PSK31 outside the contest. QSL direct to home call.

ITALY, I. A group of operators will be QRV as IZ7ATN/p from the Pedagne IOTA group, IOTA EU-091, in the RSGB IOTA contest as a Multi-Op/Low-Power/Mixed entry. Before and after the contest they are active on all bands, including V/UHF using SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via operators' instructions.

SWEDEN, SM. Ewe, SM7BHM will be QRV as SM7BHM/p from Hasslo Island, IOTA EU-138, in the RSGB IOTA contest as a Single-Op/Low-Power/Phone entry. QSL to home call.

EUROPEAN RUSSIA, UA. Operators RA3WJ, RA1OZ and RW3WW will be QRV as RW3WWW/1 from Shogly Island, IOTA EU-170, in the RSGB IOTA contest as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via RW3WWW.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The RSGB IOTA Contest and NCCC Sprint CW Ladder are on tap for this weekend. The SKCC CW Sprint and QRP CW Fox Hunt are both scheduled for July 28. Please

see July QST, page 80, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest web sites for details.

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CVARC Field Day

This year we held our Field day at Irvine Park in Chipewewa Falls. We had an awesome turnout. Ten operators from four different clubs, CVARC, ECARC, TRI-COUNTY REPEATER ASSOC. and CHIPPEWA VALLEY CONTESTERS turned out.

We had stations on 15, 20, 40, 80 and 6 meters, as well as 920 MHz, all going at the same time. There were 99 contacts made on the six different bands for a total of 237,192 points. Visitors had quite a lot to take in.

Every one in attendance took turns trying most if not all of the different stations. Let it be said that a good time was had by all.

Lunch was provided, a hat was passed, and the proceeds were donated to CVARC to put toward the purchase of an EZ up tent for club use.

Gene Radtke at Field Day



UPCOMING EXAMS**8/11/10**

Gander Mountain
7 p.m. Walk-ins
James C. Rice jrice@msiinet.com
16861 Kenyon Ave
Lakeville, MN

8/21/10

Fire Station # 2
9 a.m. Walk-ins
Dennis J. Ackerman djackerms@worldnet.att.net
8641 80th street south
Cottage Grove, MN

8/28/10

Adams City Fire
1:00 p.m. Walk-ins
Ed Wagner ab9fna@yahoo.com
608-584-4858
101 N Main st
Highway 13
Adams, WI 53910

Hamfests

9/11/10
Rush City Radio Rendezvous
Rush City High School 51001 Fairfield Ave
Rush city Mn
John o" Brien kØden kØdeh@ecenet.com

8/14/10

Racine Megacycle Freefest
Fireman's Park
9600 Charles Street
Sturtevant, WI
Robert Frederiksen KB9ZAF
kb9za@arrl.net

Trivia answer

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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	145.470	110.9
Holcombe (link)	147.345	136.5
Holcombe	444.525	110.9
Menomonie	146.685	110.9
Menomonie	146.610	110.9
Osseo	145.330	110.9
Osseo	444.200	110.9
Baldwin (WeCom)	145.250	110.9

Tailgate/Swapfest

Preliminary report on the swapfest is:

We had a wonderful morning to hold this event. The skies were overcast but there was a nice breeze and the temperatures were mild.

First estimates are that there were over 90 in attendance, between vendors and shoppers. I am sure Joe will have more for the next newsletter.

CVARC OFFICERS

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President Elect — Nat Perry WØOCZ

Past President — Jim Fering K9BDN

Secretary — Wendy Cohoon KC9KGE

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