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NEXT MEETING

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 3rd, 2009. We will not be meeting at the Hallie Eagles club this month. Instead, we will be enjoying a tour of Jim Linstads WW2 themed ham shack. We will meet at the Red Robin restaurant in Eau Claire (Highway 93 at Golf Road) at six for a meal, and travel together to Jim's home at about 7:00. Pie and ice cream will be served at Jim's home after the tour.

NETS/FREQS/TIMES (CDST)

- 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

JULY MINUTES

The July meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. with 23 members in attendance and Jim Ferring at the helm. Introductions were made with everyone giving a little insight on why they are a Ham.

The minutes from the June meeting were read and accepted. The Treasures report was read and accepted.

Discussion about the Web site followed and up-coming programs were discussed.

Our tailgate will be held on Aug 8th. Admission will be five dollars each for both buyers and sellers. Sellers set up will start at 7:30 and the doors will open at 8:00.

The club is helping to liquidate an estate. Items available are listed on the web site.

Proposed changes in the club's constitution will be presented at the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48.

Bryan Morris then gave a presentation on his solar powered station.

HAM TRIVIA

How many ham's does it take to screw in a coax?

FIELD DAY

The definition of Field day is . . . Field Day is an annual amateur radio exercise, widely sponsored by IARU regions and member organizations, encouraging emergency communications preparedness among amateur radio operators . In the United States, it is typically the largest single emergency preparedness exercise in the country, with over 30,000 operators participating each year.

Since the first ARRL Field Day in 1933, radio amateurs throughout have practiced the

rapid deployment of radio communications equipment in environments ranging from operations under tents in remote areas to operations inside Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs). Operations using emergency and alternative power sources are highly encouraged, since electricity and other public infrastructures are often among the first to fail during a natural disaster or severe weather.

To determine the effectiveness of the exercise and of each participant's operations, there is an integrated Contesting component, and many clubs also engage in concurrent leisure activities (camping out, cookouts, etc.). Operations typically last a continuous twenty-four hours, requiring scheduled relief operators to keep stations on the air.



We had five people in attendance for our field day. Which was held on June 28th. Right after Ron gave out our site location the group reported and set up two dipole antennas, one for 20 meters and one 40 meters. Kevin, Joe and Wendy worked radio's powered by a generator, Skip and Ron worked out of their trucks. We all made several contacts.

DX NEWS

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by CT1BOL, K1SFA, NC1L, PA1H, VK2FPGR, QRZ DX, 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.

EAST MALAYSIA, 9M6. Brett, VR2BG is QRV as 9M6BG until July 28. He hopes to be active during the IOTA contest. Activity has been on 40 and 20 meters using CW. QSL to home call.

THAILAND, HS. Don, HS0ZEE has been active on 20 meters CW daily around 1400z. QSL to home call.

DENMARK, OZ. Harry, PA1H and Nico, PA8PA will be QRV as OZ/home call from Lango Island, IOTA EU-172, from July 25 to August 1. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters, and possibly the VHF bands, using SSB and digital modes. This includes an entry in the upcoming IOTA contest. QSL to home calls.

GREECE, SV. Laci, HA0NAR will be QRV as SX8R from Thassos Island, IOTA EU-174, from July 22 to 31. This includes an entry in the upcoming IOTA contest. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

BELIZE, V3. Terry, W6WTG and Sharon, N2OWL will be QRV as V31UR from Caye Caulker, IOTA NA-073, from July 21 to 29. This includes being an entry in the upcoming IOTA contest. QSL via W6UR.

NORFOLK ISLAND, VK9N. Member of the Hellenic Amateur Radio Association of Australia will be QRV as VK9NI from July 22 to 29. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY with five stations running si-

multaneously. This includes an entry in the upcoming IOTA contest. QSL via W3HMK.

MEXICO, XE. In celebration of the 12th anniversary of the Radio Club Queretaro, special event station 4C12SG is QRV until July 27 from the "Sierra Gorda Queretana" at the Sotano del Barro, one of the world's lowest locations. Activity is on all HF bands and possibly 6 meters. QSL via XE1RCQ.

INDONESIA, YB. Hotang, YC0IEM/9 is QRV from Bali, IOTA OC-022, until July 27. QSL via IZ8CCW.

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

Ask the Field Day Crew!!!!!!

FINAGLE'S FOURTH LAW:

Once a job is fouled up, anything done to improve it only makes it worse.

UPCOMING TESTING

Aug. 8th, 9:00 am
 Anoka County Radio Club
 10801 Town Square Drive
 Blain City Hall
 Blain, MN
 walkins
 Paul K Shepardson NONMZ@ARRL.Net

Oct. 17th, 9:00 am
 Eau Claire ARC
 Grace Lutheran Church
 202 west Grand Ave.
 (use 2nd Ave. entrance)
 Eau Claire, WI
 walkins
 Jonathan E. Case jecase@charter.net

HAMFESTS

7/25
 Magic Repeater Yard Sale
 37 Hatch Ave.
 St Paul, Mn
 George Lavallee N0SBU@arrlnet

8/8
 CVARC Tailgate
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 2588 Hy 53
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Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD

Legendary CBS newsmen Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, who held the title of "Most Trusted Man in America," passed away Friday, July 17 after a long illness. He was 92. The avuncular Cronkite anchored *CBS Evening News* for 19 years until 1981 when he retired. During that time, he reported on such subjects as the Kennedy assassinations, the Civil Rights movement, the Apollo XI lunar landing, Viet-

nam and the Vietnam-era protests, the Arab-Israeli Six Day War, Watergate and the Begin-Sadat peace accords. Cronkite, an ARRL member, narrated the 6 minute video *Amateur Radio Today*. Produced by the ARRL in 2003, the video tells Amateur Radio's public service story to non-hams, focusing on ham radio's part in helping various agencies respond to wildfires in the Western US during 2002, ham radio in space and the role Amateur Radio plays in emergency communications. "Dozens of radio amateurs helped the police and fire departments and other emergency services maintain communications in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC," narrator Cronkite intoned in reference to ham radio's response on September 11, 2001. "Their country asked, and they responded without reservation."

Walter Leland Cronkite was born in St Joseph, Missouri on November 4, 1916, the only child of a dentist father and homemaker mother. When he was still young, his family moved to Texas. "One day, he read an article in *Boys Life* about the adventures of reporters working around the world -- and young Cronkite was hooked," said his obituary on the CBS Web site. "He began working on his high school newspaper and yearbook and in 1933, he entered the University of Texas at Austin to study political science, economics and journalism. He never graduated. He took a part time job at the *Houston Post* and left college to do what he loved: report."

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