

# The SPARKGAP



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## NEXT MEETING

The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7th, 2010. You are welcome to join all who want to eat, ordering off the Halliie 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

## AUGUST MINUTES

The August meeting was called to order at 7:13 P.M. The evening's question was "what antennae do you have on your car and at home?". There were as many different answers as there are members, but the reoccurring theme was that when the gentlemen get a new radio, the ladies get the old one. HUUMMMM???

Belvedere Hamfest — Illinois , if you are interested , get on the list by contacting Skip Kruger, or Ron Larson.

Wendy Cohoon read the minutes for August meeting and they were accepted. Diane Case read the treasures report and that was also accepted. We had a \$490. profit for the tailgate.

Fox hunt is set for November 13th, mark you calendars so that you don't forget.

Joe Peloquin reported on the tailgate. Although there were many initial kickbacks to his emails we had several sellers and shoppers. We did much better this year than last. Credit was given to the weather and hard work provided. Joe volunteered to head the tailgate again next year..

Questions were asked about the valentines party, should we use the same location and the vote was yes, and Skip will be the chairperson again this year.

It was discussed that a station open house would be a fun thing to do. It is still in the planning stage but looks like it might be a go.

A Tech class for the fall is in the planning stage.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Jim Linstedt, W9ZUC, presented a program on Vintage Boat Anchors.

Members in attendance:

Ron Anderson	W9RMA
Diane Case	K9DMC
Jon Case	KE9KW
Kevin Cohoon	KC9HXL
Wendy Cohoon	KC9KGE
Joe Eide	KB9R
Sue Eide	K9SUE
Jim Fering	K9BDN
Jay Girokowsky	N9CIQ
Fred Harlson	KC9NN
Nolene Harlson	N9MNA
E. Dave Jenson	KH9HMP
Richard Kelly	WØZUP
Ron Krueger	W9JRW
Ron Larson	W9RLL
Jim Linstedt	W9ZUC
Nat Perry	WØOCZ
Joe Peloquin	KC9JFP

members cont.

Gene Radtke	AB9GK
Lanny Roth	W9LER
Bob ST Louis	KC9JVB
Jeff Strong	N9NN
Gale Sorum	WD9HFT
Bert Spangler	W9ZZI
Judy Spangler	KC9LLK

Jim Linstedt and his world famous ( at least Chippewa Valley) boat anchor



## HAM TRIVIA

What only language, other than English, was the 1942 Radio Amateurs handbook printed in?

## Nice Guys

Following the tailgate, W9ZZI needed a jump start for his van. Right away Joe, KC9JFP, offered to help and brought his vehicle head to head, but found that his jumper cables were not in his vehicle. Skip, W9JRW, immediately

jumped into his pickup and dug way deep in the back to find his jumper cables. Between Joe and Skip the needed juice began to flow and the van was started. NICE GUYS!

## 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.

FIJI, 3D2. Franz, DK1II will be QRV as 3D2II from August 22 to September 9 while working from Lautoka on Viti Levu. Activity will be in his spare time on 40 to 10 meters using mainly CW with some SSB. QSL to home call.

RWANDA, 9X. Tom is QRV as 9X0TL and has been active on 20 meters using either CW or RTTY between 2200 and 0000Z. QSL via DL2RUM.

CHILE, CE. Hector, CE3FZL, Ricardo, CE3HDI, Hugo, CE3BBC, Cristian, CE3PCN and Esteban, XQ7UP will be QRV as XR2A from the Punta Angeles Lighthouse, ARLHS CHI-001, during the ILLW contest. They will be active using CW and SSB on the HF bands. QSL via CE3BBC.

URUGUAY, CX. Members of the Radio Club Uruguayo will be QRV as CW1A from the Punta Brava Lighthouse, ARLHS URU-012, during the ILLW contest. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes with two stations active. QSL via bureau.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Members of the Grupo DX Gran Canaria will be QRV as AO8GLH from La Gomera Island, IOTA AF-004, from the San Sebastian de La Gomera Lighthouse. QSL via EA8AKN.

FRANCE, F. Special event station TM400H is QRV until September 26 in remembrance of King Henry IV. QSL via F6KDU.

WALES, GW. A group of operators will be QRV as GB0L from the Great Orme Lighthouse in the ILLW contest. QSL via M0DOL

JORDAN, JY. Ali, JY4NE has been active using RTTY on 20 meters around 2100z. QSL via K3IRV.

MARKET REEF, OJ0. Operators Kari, OH2BP, Vaino, OH9GIT, Charlie, SM4RGD, Jan, SM5FUG and Ewe, SM7BHM will be QRV as OJ0SARTG in the 40th SARTG WW RTTY contest. Outside the contest they are active as OJ0/home calls until August 22. QSL OJ0SARTG via SM7BHM and all others to home calls.

DENMARK, OZ. Peter, DL4AMK, Dieter, DK1AW, Lutz, DH8WW, Joachim, DJ2AS and Lutz, DL3ARK will be QRV as OZ/home calls from Aro Island, IOTA EU-172, from August 21 to 28. QSL to home calls.

GREECE, SV. Rolf, DL6ZFG will be QRV as SV8/DL6ZFG/p from Corfu Island, EU-052, from August 21 to 28. Activity is holiday style on 20 meters using all modes. QSL to home call.

CRETE, SV9. George, SV1ELF will be QRV as SV9/home call from Heraklion, IOTA EU-015, from August 21 to 28. QSL via bureau.

UKRAINE, UR. Special event station EM75MSD is QRV until August 31 in commemoration of coal miner Alexey G. Stakhanov who achieved the record of mining 102 tons of coal in under six hours on August 31, 1935. QSL via UX7MA.

NAMIBIA, V5. John, HB9PHJ is QRV as V5/home call until August 30. Activity is on all HF bands. QSL to home call.

LATVIA, YL. Special event call sign YL15LRG is QRV during the month of August in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Liepaja Radio Amateurs Group. QSL via bureau.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest, North American QSO SSB Party, The International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend, NCCC Sprint CW Ladder, SARTG World Wide RTTY Contest, Russian District Award Contest, ARCI Silent Key Memorial Sprint and the New Jersey QSO Party will keep contesters busy this weekend. The SKCC CW Sprint, RSGB 80-Meter Club SSB Sprint and QRP CW Fox Hunt are scheduled for August 25. Please see August QST, page 74 and the ARRL and

### UPCOMING EXAMS

**8/28/10**

Adams City Fire  
1:00 p.m. Walkins  
Ed Wagner ab9fna@yahoo.com  
608-584-4858  
101 N Main st  
Highway 13  
Adams, WI53910

**10/17/10**

Eau Claire ARC  
9:00am Walkins  
Jonathan E. Case jecase@charter.net  
715-834-1540  
Grace Lutheran Church  
202 West Grand Ave  
Eau Claire, WI 54703  
Use 2nd Ave. entrance

**Dunn County Area Amateurs**

9:00 am Walkins  
James L Guenther ka9zaj@gmail.com  
715-232-2625  
University Wisconsin—Stout  
121 10th Ave at south Broadway  
UW Stout Millennium Hall  
Menomonie, WI 54751

### HAMFESTS

September 11, La Crosse

### NETS THAT MIGHT INTEREST YOU

CW 80 meter nets

Wisconsin Novice net

WNN 6:00pm 3555 khz daily

Wisconsin slow speed net

WNN 6:30PM 3555 khz daily

Wisconsin net—Early

WIN(-E) 7:00PM 3555 KHZ daily

Wisconsin net -Late

WIN(-L) 10:00PM 3555 KHZ daily

MN Section Net

MSN 6:30pm 3568kHz daily

MN Section Net II

MSN 9:50pm 3568kHz daily

### 2 Meter nets

Eau Claire Siren Test net 146.910

10:45—11:15 A.M. 1st Monday of each month, except winter months

Red Cedar Net

6:30 pm Mondays 146.61 mhz

Sent in by Bob St. Louis

## 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
Repeaters cont.		
Menomonie	146.61	110.9
Menomonie	146.685	110.9
Osseo	145.33	110.9
Osseo	444.200	110.9
Baldwin (WeCom)	145.250	110.9

Trivia answer

Spanish

## CVARC OFFICERS

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