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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

by Gale, WD9HFT

The month of August brought us sad news of the passing of John Ingersoll, W9SWL. John was a founding member of the Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio Club. His willingness to lend a hand and express an opinion is most quickly missed. As you all are aware John was very involved with the behind the scenes activities of the club being both the editor of the newsletter and the Webmaster for our web page. The computer files supporting the webpage have been recovered and Ron Anderson, W9RMA, has agreed to try to keep the page going until we can determine the future course of action with it.

The editing of the newsletter is another matter; we are looking for someone to step forward and keep the newsletter going. John has established a format that we would like to follow. In the past the club membership had not provided John with much material and consequently he had to do the research and editing of each of the areas of the newsletter himself. One of the ideas we would like to suggest is that the

newsletter sections be broken down and assigned to different people, so as to spread the effort required around a bit.

With the summer activities winding down after Labor Day I would hope that the membership would be able to attend the meetings as attendance has clearly dropped off over the summer.

## CVARC MEETING MINUTES

by Ron, W9JRW

The last meeting was held at John Balows place where there was the annual mobile clinic held. There was 6 vehicles and explanations. Afterwards pie and ice-cream was had by all.

## NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting will be Sept 22, 2005 at 6 PM for dinner and 7 PM for the meeting. Will be held at Connell's II at the Eau Claire Airport.

## AREA HAMFEST ACTIVITIES

### **Sept**

9-11 Dakota Convention – Fargo, ND  
10 – Rush City, MN  
16 – 18 Peoria, IL

**17 – 18 Grayslake, IL Radio Expo**

### **Oct.**

8 – Watertown & Rock River Radio Clubs  
Watertown, WI  
29 – Amateur Radio Fest 2005 – Waukesha, WI

## CONTEST BUZZ

ARRL Contest Calendar can be found here:  
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html> a more complete list follows. Sept 2005

10 -12 ARRL September VHF QSO Party  
17- 18 ARRL 10 GHZ and UP Contest  
23 –25 ARRL EME 2304 Mhz and Above

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## **ANTENNAS**

Just a reminder for those who don't remember  
the formula on dipoles  
 $468/\text{Freq in Mhz} = \text{Length in Ft.}$

## **CVARC OFFICERS**

President – Gale Sorum (WD9HFT)  
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