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Next Meeting

The November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009. You are welcome to join those 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

October Minutes

The October meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. with 21 members in attendance. Meeting minutes from September were read and accepted.

Diane Case read the treasurer's report and it was accepted.

The club then moved on to voting on various items.

The first vote was to make the Membership committee a standing committee. The vote was unanimous, and passed.

The second vote was a by-law change. Wording in the by-laws could have allowed a person to become a club president without ever facing an election.

The vetting policy under consideration was discussed and it was decided that the wording would be changed by adding the line "Once vetting of an individual is completed" would be added.

Under new business, it was decided that Article One of the by laws needed clarification. It was explained that the cost for "full membership" for an individual is \$20.00, and for an additional \$5.00 "family membership" status will extend membership to, any and all other qualified individuals residing in same house.

Ron Larson thanked all who helped with the Eau Claire County siren testing this season. He also announced that siren testing for this season has ended.

It was also mentioned that there were eight students in the class currently studying for the General Class License. Testing is set for Oct 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38

Gale Sorrum presented our second installment on learning about our radios.

Ham trivia

The frequency at which a power pentode's screen capacitance and lead inductance are in resonance is called.....

DX News

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by NC1L, 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.

SWAZILAND, 3DA. Operators Andy, 3DA0TM, Dave, ZS6AVM, Dave, ZS6GF and Daniel, ZS6JR will be QRV as 3DA0WW as a Multi/Single entry in the CQ WW SSB DX contest. QSL via 3DA0TM.

UNITED NATIONS HQ, 4U_UN. Operators NN1N, KR2Q, PY5EG, JK3GAD, OH0XX and OH2BH will be QRV as 4U1UN as a two transmitter entry in the CQ WW SSB DX contest. QSL via HB9BOU.

CYPRUS, 5B. Stewart, G3RXQ will be QRV as 5B/G3RXQ in the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via G3RXQ.

BARBADOS, 8P. Tom, W2SC will be QRV as 8P5A during the CQ WW SSB DX contest as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via NN1N.

MOROCCO, CN. M'hamed, CN8NK will be QRV as CN4P during the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op entry. QSL via EA5XX.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Operators Pekka, OH1RY, Juan, EA8CAC, Manuel, EA8ZS, Salvador, EA5DY, Jaakko, OH1MA, Kari, OH3RB, Kari, OH5XT and Jussi-Pekka, OH6RZ will be QRV as AO8A during the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via OH1RY.

HONDURAS, HR. Dan, HR2DMR will be active as HQ2W during the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL to home call.

MONGOLIA, JT. Marko, N5ZO will be active as JT1ZO during the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via OH0XX.

MARIANA ISLANDS, KH0. Operators Kuny, W1FPU, Hajime, AH0BR, Moto, W1NDE and possibly others will be QRV as AH0BT from the Northern Mariana Islands during the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via 7L1FPU.

LUXEMBOURG, LX. Philippe, LX2A will be QRV as LX7I in the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op/Single-Band/High-Power entry on 20 meter. QSL to home call.

SUDAN, ST. Robert, S53R will be QRV as either ST2KSS or ST2X in the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op/Single-Band entry on either 20 or 15 meters. QSL via operator's instructions.

TURKEY, TA. Operators Hudaverdi, TA7OM, Ayhan, TA7N, Erkan, TA7CM, Bulent, TA7Q, Ismail, TA7AO, Can, TA3GO and Elif, TA3YE will be QRV as TC7KA as a Multi/Single entry in the CQ WW SSB DX contest. QSL via TA7KA.

INDIA, VU. Pai, VU2PAI will be QRV as a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the CQ WW SSB DX contest. QSL direct to home call.

INDONESIA, YB. Members of the ORARI Daerah Jawa Tengah Contesting Team will be QRV as YE2R from Semarang on the Island of Java, IOTA OC-021, as a Multi-2 entry in the CQ WW SSB DX contest. QSL via EB7DX.

MACEDONIA, Z3. Members of the Radio Club Nikola Tesla and the MDXC will be QRV as Z37M in the CQ WW SSB DX contest. QSL via the bureau.

PARAGUAY, ZP. Mike, NT6X plans to be QRV as ZP0R in the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via ZP5AZL.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The CQ Worldwide SSB DX Contest, NCCC Sprint, 10-10 International Fall CW Contest, 10-10 International Fall Digital Contest and the 50 MHz Fall Sprint are all scheduled for this weekend. The SKCC CW Sprint is scheduled for October 28.

Please see October QST, page 78, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest web sites for details.

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Upcoming Exams

Nov. 7, 09
 Dunn county area amateurs
 9:00 am walk-ins
 James L Guenther Guentherj@uwstout.edu
 University of WI, north west entrance
 121 10th Av
 Uw Stout Millennium Hall
 Menomonie

What to bring to an Amateur Radio exam session

Exam sessions are conducted by volunteers working under the direction of the FCC. There will likely be a charge for taking the exam. The exam fee is set by the Volunteer Exam Coordinator (VEC), and is usually \$15 or less. Contact the exam session administrator to determine the fee that applies to the exam session you plan to attend and to ensure you have everything you need. If you have any special needs be sure to notify the exam session administrator before exam day so special accommodations can be made for you.

- bring a legal photo id or when no photo id is available, two forms of identification must be presented (birth certificate, report card, library card, social security card, utility bill, bank statement, non-photo id/driver's license, ect). Students may bring a school id card minor's work permit, school report card, library card and/or a written note from a legal guardian.
- If applicable, bring the original and a photocopy of you current Amateur Radio license and any Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) you may hold from previous exam sessions. The photo-copy (s) will not be returned..
- Bring you Social Security Number (SSN) or your FCC issued Federal Registration Number (FRN). VEC's are required by FCC to submit either your SSN or your FRN number with your license application form. If you prefer not to give your SSN, then you may use FCC issued FRN, if you have one. For instructions on how to register you SSN with the FCC and receive a FRN, visit the ARRL

web page: <http://www.arrl.org/fcc/uls101.html>.

- Bring a check or money order to cover the exam session fee.
- To be prepared you should also bring two number two pencils with erasers and a pen.
- A calculator with the memory erased and formulas cleared is allowed. You may not bring any written notes or calculations into the exam session.

Good Luck!

Hamfest

Alabama State Convention
 Montgomery Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.w4ap.org>
 Talk-in 146.84(no tone required)
 Contact Rik Doll, KU4PY
 142 Oldfield Drive
 Montgomery, AL 36117
 Email: ku4py@arrl.net

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	146.610	110.9
Osseo	145.330	110.9
Osseo	444.200	110.9

Trivia Answer

Self-neutralizing frequency

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