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NEXT MEETING

The October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6th, 2009. 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 3.977.5 - Sun - 1800

August Minutes

Due to a special outing there are no August minutes.

September Minutes

The September meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. with 22 members in attendance. Diane Case was not present so Wendy Cohoon read the Treasures report which was accepted. Also since we had no formal meeting in August the July minutes were read and accepted.

Discussion was held on The clubs by-laws. A membership committee was added as the 6th standing committee. A outlook on the vetting policy was handed out and discussion was had on the importance of the policy, and the wording of the by-laws.

The tailgate was the next topic, with a report on profit and that Skip is putting together a start-up kit consisting of aprons, pens, paper, markers, ect. To aid in the morning start-up of the event.

The estate that the club is helping to was next up for discussion. Most of the pieces have been sold for a good amount. The next step is to try to sell the remaining items on E-bay.

Discussion was held on the possibility of making the program committee as a standing committee, a vote was held and passed.

Under New Business.., Was standing committees on membership to answer article 7, sect.4. The addition of a Membership committee. Check out the website for more info. A vote will be held in October

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01. Gale Sorrum presented an out look on future, programs.

Ham trivia

What WW2 radio was used by many to get on 2 meters?

Show and Tell

Instead of having a traditional meeting in July, we took a field trip to the home of Jim Linstedt. Jim opened his home to the club so that we could see his ham shack, modeled in the world war theme.

Jim first gave us a small slide show run down on some of the set backs that he had suffered and the general steps he took to fix them.

Then we got to go thru the time tunnel. At the end of the tunnel sets an old broadcast radio, I am sure that it was state of the art at one time. Next to it were two era soldier uniforms, along with some time appropriate pictures on the wall. This all set the mood for entering the shack.

As you walk in there is a lot to take in. An old jukebox, a beautiful old world desk. A solid table, I expected to see a map spread out with troop movements on it.

Then there is all the equipment. I will admit that I just liked to look. All the explanation of what they were and did just kind of went over my head.

But as Jim told us what the items were and where they had come from. I could see my uncle maybe talking to some one in his troop. I could see the bomber flying through the air, communicating with headquarters about their target. It truly was a time tunnel we went through. Thanks Jim for the trip

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.

BOLIVIA, CP. Rene, DF9GR is QRV as CP6/DF9GR until September 10. He is active mainly on 80 meters. QSL to home call.

FRANCE, F. Look for special event stations TM150RPC and TM0RPC to be active from Sep-

tember 6 to 20 in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of radio pioneer and Nobel Prize winner Pierre Curie. QSL via F5KAZ.

AUSTRAL ISLANDS, FO. Don, G3BJ and Hilary, G4JKS are QRV as FO/G3BJ from Rurutu Island, IOTA OC-050 and Tubuai Island, IOTA OC-152, until September 16. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using mostly CW. QSL to G3BJ.

ITALY, I. Members of the ARI Vigevano club are QRV as IY2M until January 31, 2010 in celebration of the 100th year anniversary of Marconi's Nobel Prize. QSL via IW2NOH.

JAPAN, JA. Special event station 8J7M is QRV until December 31 from Honshu Island, IOTA AS-007, in celebration of the 60 years of the Amateur Radio Morioka Club and the 120th anniversary of Morioka-city in the Tohoku region. QSL via bureau.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY. Johan, OY2J is now QRV. QSL direct to home call.

DENMARK, OZ. Michael, DK5NA will be QRV as 5Q5NA from Romo Island, IOTA EU-125, from September 6 to 25. Activity will be on all bands. QSL via bureau.

NETHERLANDS, PA. Special event station PA75AJU is QRV until September 29 to commemorate the flight 75 years ago of the KLM Douglas DC-2 that won the handicap section of the Mac Robertson Trophy Air Race from London to Melbourne in October 1934. QSL via PA3CAL.

NAMIBIA, V5. Operators DJ2HD, DK1CE and DH3WO will be QRV as V5/home calls from September 5 to 26. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB during their holidays. QSL via operators' instructions.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The All Asian DX Phone Contest, Russian World Wide RTTY Contest, IARU Region 1 SSB Field Day, RSGB SSB Field Day, DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest, NCCC Sprint, International G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key CW Contest, Wake-Up. QRP Sprint, Colorado QSO Party, AGCW Straight Key CW Party and Tennessee QSO Party will certainly

keep testers busy this weekend. The Michigan QRP Labor Day CW Sprint is scheduled for September 7. The ARS Spartan CW Sprint is scheduled for September 8. The Hiram Percy Maxim 140th Birthday Celebration event runs until September 9. Please see September QST, page 78, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest web sites for details.
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Upcoming Exams

Oct. 17
Eau Claire ARC
9:00 am walkins
Grace Lutheran Church
202 W Grand Ave
Eau Claire WI
Use 2nd Ave entrance
Contact Jonathan Case

Nov. 7th
Sunn County Area Armatures
9:00 am walkins
University of Wi, Stuart Millennium Hall
12110th Ave
Menomonie WI
Contact James Guenther

CVARC TAILGATE

On August 8th the CVARC held their annual tailgate. We had several vendors, but our shoppers seemed to be down a little from last year. This may have been due to the pending weather which produced several large black clouds which hung around all morning threatening to rain on us. Thankfully the sky did not open until every one was packed up and on their way home.

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

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