



A motion was approved to purchase an Icom IC-718 HF rig from N0DTC for a price not to exceed \$350.00. This will be a club radio.

There was a discussion concerning HF radios for Field Day. AB9EJ volunteered an Icom IC-737. We are still short one HF radio. We have enough antennas, rotors, and towers to cover our needs. AB9EJ has volunteered a vertical for the GOTA station.

N9TUC has been approached about securing the Field Day site and a Porta-Potty.

Discussions were also held concerning the new ARRL Licensing Proposal and Skywarn. These discussions were mostly facilitated by W9GDH and KG9RA.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup>.

73,

N9XMU❖

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TRI COUNTY REPEATER ASSOCIATION APRIL MEETING

PLACE: RUBY'S ROADHOUSE IN BLOOMER

DATE: JUNE 1ST, 2004.

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

### ARRL JUNE VHF QSO PARTY

DATE: JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2004.

TIME: BEGINS 1800 UTC SATURDAY, ENDS 0300 UTC MONDAY

[HTTP://WWW.ARRL.ORG/CONTESTS/RULES/2004/JUNE-VHF.HTML](http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2004/june-vhf.html)

### ARRL FIELD DAY

PLACE: ICE AGE CENTER: 13394 CTH M, NEW AUBURN WI

DATE: JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2004.

TIME: BEGINS AT 1800 UTC SATURDAY, ENDS AT 2100 UTC SUNDAY

[HTTP://WWW.TCRA.ORG](http://www.tcra.org)

## April Code Corner Answer

Mike Metzdorf - AB9EJ

The following is some code that has a message. Some of you will find this very easy, others will find it educational, and others won't bother at all. That's ok. Have fun anyway.

Code Corner #6 - Why CW?

Why bother with SSB and CW? Why not use only FM?

For one thing, you don't need repeaters to communicate over longer distances with SSB and CW. Except for the amateur satellites; all VHF SSB and CW operation is direct from station to station. FM operators refer to working without repeaters as operating simplex. SSB and CW operators wouldn't have it any other way! SSB and CW signals are detectable at levels where FM signals can't even be heard. For this reason, SSB and CW are called weak-signal modes. The signals aren't necessarily weak, but you can often copy them even when they are. ❖

## 8 Year Sentence for Radio Interference

May 13th, 2004

<http://www.madison.com>

A University of Wisconsin graduate student convicted in federal court of intentionally jamming the Madison emergency radio system 37 times last year was sentenced in federal court as a domestic terrorist Wednesday to eight years in prison, placed on three years' probation and ordered to make restitution of \$6,005 to the Madison Police Department.

Although the government considered Rajib Mitra, 25, of Brookfield, the equivalent of a domestic terrorist, based on an application of the Patriot Act that punishes the substantial disruption of a critical public infrastructure, Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim O'Shea said Mitra's crime stemmed more from "immaturity than ideology."

"The case was about domestic terrorism, not like what happened in New York, but by the immaturity of the defendant," whose technical skills were further

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