

CVFMA!

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DISCLAIMER

Well, here we are for one more go at things before the reins are turned back over to N1GEP, Reade for the December issue. Any contributions for that issue should be in his grubby little hands by the first of December. Our goal is to get each quarterly issue in the mail by the 15th of March, June, September and December. Deadline for the receipt of materials is the first of each one of those months.

OOPS!!

It is only a minor calamity when your editor uses this word. Please be advised, though, that you should show some concern when the same pronouncement comes from either your mechanic or surgeon while they are exploring under your car hood or hospital gown.

I only have two "OOPS" to report, to the best of my knowledge, that is.

1) In singing the praises of K1YHO, Wes, and his fine work in bailing us out of the rent fiasco in the Vermont Legislature, I failed to mention the work of KA1SMC, Marlon, who got the whole ball rolling on this matter. It was Marlon who got in touch with Wes in the first place and made him aware of the situation. At any rate, Marlon, our thanks for all your efforts on behalf of the club.

2) In listing those who gave of their time and effort on the scholarship committee I failed to mention the work of N1GMC/Ted, who did a lot of the original mailings. Our thanks, Ted.

It's a comfort to know that I'm dealing with a couple of gentlemen here and can rest assured that my apologies will be readily accepted. They will, won't they, guys?

HAMFEST

No one had one of those hand counters, but there were a considerable

number of people present. Likewise, a lot of Hams were seen leaving the premises without empty hands.

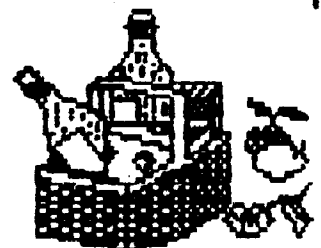
A lot of helpful hands made things run quite smoothly. The owners of those hands are listed below. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.

N1AUV, KA1CZO, KL7DN, W1GUA, WB1GXM, N1HOS, N1HXC, K1KFW, NG1O, KA1PVS, KA1SMC, WA1THF, KA1TWV.

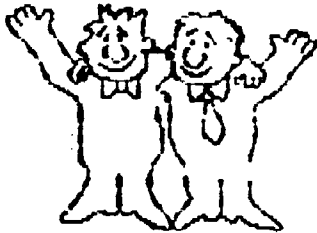
My apologies to anyone who was inadvertently left off the list.

FIELD DAY

A small, but quality contingent of us met at the QTH of Rudy and Doris Adler, W1GUA and WA1THF for 24 hours of a minimum of bugs, good food, fellowship, great wx and some fun operating via emergency power.



I'm sure that no FD records were broken, but some tricks were acquired for antenna and tower erection, as well as a honing of operating skills.



More important is the fact that we all got to know each other a little bit better. I'm sure that all who participated are already thinking ahead to improvements for

next year, like building a soundproof building for Ham's generator.

All the following helped to contribute to the success of this year's venture, either by operating, contributing gear, cooking and serving, providing excellent real estate from which to operate, or just standing by to offer spiritual (?), physical or moral support.

NF1C, KL7DN*, W1GUA*, N1HXC, K1KFW*, KA1PVS*, W1RNZ, WA1THF, KA1TWV, KA1WZB*.

*=operator

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

September:

2nd..K2DGW/Margaret Stephenson
 3rd..KA1WLR/Fern Purdy
 4th..KY1U/Sandra Gosselin
 7th..N1HRY/Russel Calkins
 11th..KA1YLH/William Kemp
 16th..KA1BJQ/Robert Young
 21st..K1AOA/Donald Hartmann
 21st..W1DGC/Gregg Stephenson

October:

2nd..W1EIC/Jack Griggs
 6th..K2RGY/George Bond
 9th..Dr. Brian Burke *N13RC - SK*
 10th..N1BZT/Victoria Duffy
 16th..Robert Emory
 21st..N1GMC/Edmund Cooley
 24th..W1GGT/Manson Van Jennings

November:

8th..N1BYG/Heidelise Als
 11th..W1FVQ/Aime Beaudry
 14th..W1TIM/Harvey Merrick
 21st..WA1ZPB/Ralph Drinkwater, Jr. *-SK*
 22nd..N1IAF/Miles Stetson

25th..NF1C/Gerry Preston
 25th..N1CIB/Robert Boyd
 30th..KA1BRG/Arthur Stewartson

AND LET'S NOT FORGET THE ANNIVERSARY PEOPLE, EITHER



September:

2nd..Steve (KA1NYP) & Karen Marshall
 4th..Richard (KA1YKU) & ?? Pierce
 4th..John (KA3YSI) & Julie Rushmore
 12th..Ray (KA1QEJ) & Sandra (KA1TLP) Kimberty
 14th..Manson (W1GGT) & Deborah Jennings
 14th..Tom (K1VNE) & Jeannine Abare
 18th..Warren (N1EFK) & Lois Ritchie
 21st..Jeffrey (WB2NWR) & Eileen Katchen
 22nd..Anthony (KA1WVS) & Dayna Wood
 24th..John (WA1DLA) & Ayla Evans
 25th..Jack (W1EIC) & Janet Griggs
 27th..Daniel (K1FKX) & Judy Keech
 28th..Edmond (N1GMC) & Anne Cooley
 30th.. "Ham" (KA1PVS) & Diana

October:

14th..Reade (N1GEP) & Virginia Williams
 14th..Sydney (WA1PFK) & Laurel Letter
 15th..Robert (KA11IA) & Eleanor Provost
 16th..Fern (KA1WLR) & Arthur Purdy
 24th..Gregg (W1DGC) & Betty (K2DGW) Stephenson

November:

10th..Eugene (WO1W) & Linda Chicoine
 13th..Robert (KA1BJQ) & Peg Young
 30th..Ernest Gregoire & Donna Makarewicz

LIGHTNING NEVER...

Or does it?? NU1A, Frank, may not know the answer on this one, but he covers just about anything else you might want to know about lightning and how to protect your gear from it in his recently published article in the July issue of 73 Magazine. Congratulations, Frank!

HAMFEST DONORS

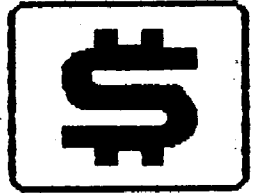
Much of the success of our recently held Hamfest was due to the fact that the CVFMA had its' own table of goodies. this was only possible due to the generosity of WIJLZ/Don and K1DTZ/Bill, who freely gave bundles of equipment to the club to use as it saw fit.

The only effort expended was some hauling by N1HXC, KL7DN and KA1PVS. Our thanks to Don's and Bill's unselfishness.

Shrewd bargainer that he is, Dave/NG10, spent the better part of the Hamfest peddling this material to the club's advantage. As a result, our Scholarship fund is quite a bit richer.

FORT KNOX REPORT

The bank account is in good shape. Due to a lot of member generosity after the disaster on the mountain last year and a dues/membership restructuring which hasn't diminished the number of members on the rolls things are looking pretty good. Many have also taken advantage of the application options for donating spare cash to either the scholarship or repeater fund. These acts of giving are appreciated.



To get to the point, your Board is in the process of considering how to spend club funds. None of us are believers in letting it sit there and gather dust. Near the top of our list at present is a plan to procure a back up repeater which could be used for either the Ascutney or Moose Mountain machine in the event of their failure. W1GUA is at this very moment investigating alternatives, cost, etc.

Your input is always appreciated and taken into consideration, not just with regard to the matter at hand, but concerning anything having to do with your club. A listing of officers is found in each newsletter, just in case you were wondering who we are.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAMRATS continues to meet for breakfast and chit chat the last Saturday of each month at 10 AM at Mr G's Restaurant off of 191 at Exit 8.

September 22..Club picnic at Sunapee Stat Park.

October 5...Hospital move (see page 4)

On **October 20** the CVFMA will hold a general meeting at Sugar River Savings Bank in Newport, NH. Potluck at 12:30 PM to be followed by a special guest speaker, our own NU1A, Frank Finger, who will talk about lightning protection. Following Frank's talk we will hold a general meeting and election of officers for the upcoming year.

The 4th quarter CVFMA ARRL affiliated test session will take place at the same location as the above meeting in **December**. Watch the BBS's or get in touch with Butch for detailed info on a date. Testing will start at 9 AM sharp and **NO** applicants will be allowed in after 8:45 AM.

THINK AHEAD

Our 1992 Hamfest will be held at Goshen-Lempster Co-op School (same place as this year) in June. The contact person for the 1992 event is WB1EAE, Leigh. He has a list of those valliant volunteers who helped out this year. If you want to develop a good feeling about yourself and help out your club at this worthwhile venture, give Leigh a shout.

DON'T DESPAIR!

MORE TO COME!!

PUBLIC SERVICE



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On October 5, 1991 Dartmouth - Hitchcock hospital will be moving to their new facility, lock, stock and patient. They have called upon the Amateur Radio Community for assistance with this large undertaking. They plan on doing the whole chore in one 13 hour day.

Interested? After all, that's what we're here for, right? Public service, that is. If so, get in touch with W1GUA, Rudy. You packeteers out there can reach him via the WA1FHB BBS.

NEED MORE INFO?

Then start listening to the "Klub Korner" during the Twin State Emergency Net each Tuesday night at 7:30 PM. We hope to keep members better informed about upcoming meetings, social events, test sessions and matters of general interest.

Due to timing it is impossible to publicize some events in a quarterly newsletter. Since each mailing takes over \$100 from the treasury (about \$500 a year), to publish more would put an undue strain on the finances, not to mention the time and effort expended on one mailing.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a listing of upcoming events. Why not clip same and attach to your refrigerator. I've found magnets, super glue and 16 penny nails suitable to accomplish the task.

PALAVRINGS FROM POLLY

Plans are afoot to have Steve, KA1NYP, present one of his programs at a future general meeting. Let me know which of the following possible topics would be of the most interest to you:

- 1) Highway safety
- 2) Life support
- 3) Personal safety
- 4) Drugs

"Vote" for more than one if you wish. I'm sure that if we treat Steve nicely he'll return in the future.



As I am not a mindreader, shoot your entertainment ideas at me... Any location ideas for the August, '92 picnic? As the new year approaches I'll be working on the January '92 dine out at the Homestead Inn in Walpole. Stay tuned to 76 for news on what's happening in the social arena.

WX net news release...As winter weather is approaching, will the 6:30 AM net control stations please take mobile checkins first so that the SWL's out there can get road reports.

Til next time 73 and 88 and a big hug to all. For, after all, the hug is the greatest gift of all; one size fits all and it is so easy to exchange.

Editor's note...Keep up the good work, Polly. It is appreciated.

SK

The Board of Directors and the membership of the CVFMA sincerely regret the recent passing of W1JLZ, Don Cruickshank. We sadly extend our sympathies to his XYL, Frida, and wish her the very best in the future.

HAM TALKS

(ed note: I toyed with the title of ham hocks. Aren't you glad I didn't use it)

It seems as though everytime the news letter comes out we are in the process of changing from one season to another, which, I guess, is only natural, since the letter is a quarterly publication. Therefore, in spite of the hot, humid and dry weather we have been experiencing this summer, I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable one. Now, as our thoughts turn toward the colder months ahead, maybe some of us will be a little more Amateur Radio Active..HI HI!

In reference to VT-HB-403 I had stated in the June newsletter that a complete copy of this law would appear in this

letter. I do not have this info at this time. However, Wes sent me a summary of the Acts and Resolutions of the 1991 Vermont General Assembly in which this bill appears as follows:

ACT NO. 83
(H. 403)

Amateur Radio Operators

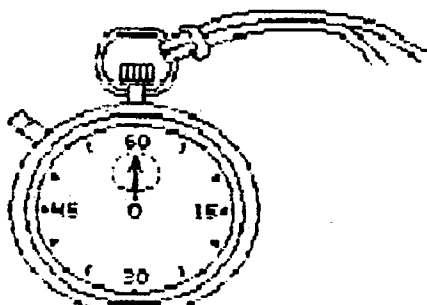
This act adds a provision exempting associations of Amateur Radio Operators licensed as such by the United States Federal Communications Commission from paying a fee for access to mountaintop electronic sites under the jurisdiction of the Agency of Natural Resources. an annual \$25 access fee is required. Effective date: July 1, 1991.

This is is a substantial reduction from the \$600 they were trying to assess the club at the beginning. A lot of work went into this by Vermont State Representative, Wesley Hrydziusko and his colleagues. Wes is also a member of this club and it is he who laid the groundwork for this excellent outcome. Look for other recognition of Wes elsewhere in the newsletter.

This only proves that if we use the legal avenues available to us, things like this will get resolved the right way.

On Sunday, August 11, a CVFMA picnic was held at the Plymouth State Park, which is located in Tyson, VT. on Echo Lake. A very nice park for such an outing. There were 20 members present and even though it was a little on the cool side, everyone had a good time. Once again, our thanks go out to KA1III, Polly, our faithful Program/Entertainment Chairperson.

73 and 88, Ham



FOR SALE, SWAP and TRADE

Short and sweet this time around.

Stan, KC1HY, has an AT286 (Epson) for sale. If you're ready to move into the computer world give him a shout at 802-885-4734.

Richard, KA1YKU, is looking for a 2 meter rig to go with his recently acquired Tech ticket. Call him at 802-257-5197.

Bill, KA1YLH, wants to acquire some HF equipment. He can be reached via Richard's phone number above.

SOME UNNATURAL LAWS

THE UNSPEAKABLE LAW: As soon as you mention something...if it's good, it goes away; if it's bad, it happens.

HOWE'S LAW: Every man has a scheme that will not work.

ETORRE'S OBSERVATION: The other line moves faster.

HENIRICH'S DICTUM ON ETORRE'S OBSERVATION: If you move to the other line, the line you were in will begin to move faster.

LAW OF SELECTIVE GRAVITY: An object will fall so as to do the most damage.

JENNING'S CORROLARY: The chance of the bread falling with the buttered side down is directly proportional to the cost of the carpet.

GORDON'S FIRST LAW: If a research project is not worth doing at all, it is not worth doing well.

BOREN'S FIRST LAW: When in doubt, mumble.

THE GOLDEN RULE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES: Whoever has the gold makes the rules.

Barth's Distinction: There are two types of people; those who divide people into two types and those who don't.

SEGAL'S LAW: A man with one watch knows what time it is. A man with two watches is never sure.

Board of Directors: Pres..KA1PVS/Ham, Vice Pres..W1GUA/Rudy,
Secretary..KA1TWV/Elaine, Treasurer..KL7DN/Darrel, Director at
Large..N1HXC/Scotty, Trustee..W1GUA/Rudy, Newsletter Editor..N1GEP/Reade

The Connecticut Valley FM Association is a group of over 160 like minded Hams. The organization was formed in 1970. We maintain two mountain top repeaters, 146.76/16 on Mount Ascutney in Windsor, VT and 174.24/84 on Moose Mountain in Hanover, NH.

We also offer two yearly scholarships to a graduating high school senior from Vermont and New Hampshire. These scholarships are "kept alive" ONLY by member contributions beyond the regular dues structure.

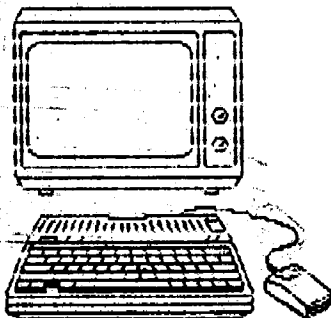
Two general meetings are held during the year, in April and October. The business of the group is handled by an elected Board of Directors which meets every other month. ALL members are invited and encouraged to attend and contribute to these meetings.

There are numerous social gatherings throughout the year, some scheduled, and others of an impromptu nature. Many of us gather on the last Saturday morning of each month at Alice's Restaurant off of Exit 8/191 at 10 AM for a scheduled meeting of SAMRATS (Saturday AM Radio Amateur Technical Society). Every January the membership meets at the Homestead Inn in Walpole, NH for a dine out and eyeball.

The club sponsors a Hamfest and Field Day activities every year in the Lempster/Goshen, NH area. There are also three daily weather nets on the Mount Ascutney repeater at 6 AM, 5:30 PM and 10 PM. A weekly emergency preparedness net is held each Tuesday at 7 PM. A newsletter is sent out quarterly.

All of these numerous activities require many man, woman, person, whatever hours of time. Won't you give serious consideration to volunteering to serve Amateur Radio through the CVFMA in some capacity to help spread the work load around a little.

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