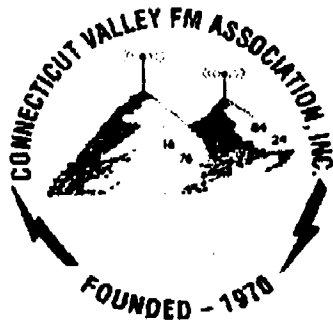


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RUNNIN' ON EMPTY

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said (YES, I read something besides Ham journals now and then) "Don't be too squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment." So, I'm experimenting, and I'm not the least bit squeamish. The software in use now is WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS, as opposed to the old DTP software I was using. Let me know what you think.

While you're thinking, look up at the masthead and you'll see a load of new calls. Congratulations to the newly elected officers as a result of the October general meeting. Make a New Year's resolution right now to get in touch with one of those names behind the calls and

COMING ATTRACTIONS

CVFMA BOARD: Jan 26, 7 PM..
Claremont Fire Dept

DUES: THEY'RE DUE BY
JANUARY 1st!!

SAMRATS: Last Sat each month

ARRL RTTY TEST: Jan 7-8

DINE OUT: Jan 14..Homestead
Inn/Walpole, NH
(See article)

ARRL DX TEST: Feb 18-19/CW

VE TEST: March 25
(tentative) Contact
WB1GXM, Butch

volunteer to lend a hand with some aspect of the club's activities. At the risk of sounding negative, I'll still say that I find it astounding that, with approximately 160 members, there are so few people involved with keeping things up and running. The pay isn't much, but we guarantee a good feeling from helping out and you'll be paying back something for all

the fun you've had in this great hobby.

Here comes another reminder to keep our new Treasurer, Butch, WB1GXM, deluged with your League renewal. We get to keep \$2 every time you renew and \$5 if you join up as a new League member. Just send your check (made out to the CVFMA) for the full amount, along with your renewal notice from the

League to the club address on the cover page and mark it "Attention Treasurer". Butch will handle the rest and you will have made the club richer. Another guarantee of a good feeling.

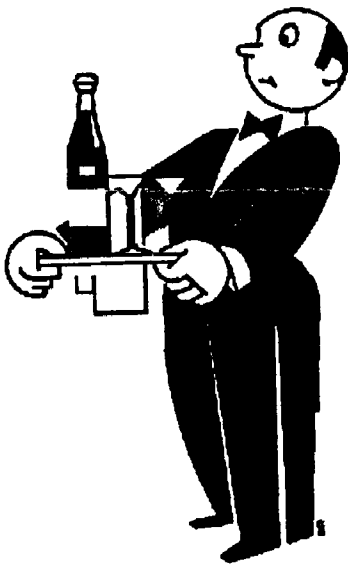
Like those "Good Feelings"? Then get that '95 application filled out and mailed in right away.

So read on and enjoy!

73, Darrel

CHOW TIME

Polly has been up to her usual good deeds by procuring the use of the Homestead Inn in Walpole, NH for our annual "BEAT THE CABIN FEVER BLUES" dine out. This well attended and enjoyable event will be held on January 14, 1995. for the great price of \$15.25 each you can have your choice of broiled scallops, roast beef, fresh baked scrod or baked chicken. Dessert and tip are included.



The Happy Hour starts at 5 PM and we all tie on our bibs at 6 PM. Send Pauline Ellis your choice of dinner(s) along with your call sign and a check in the appropriate amount. Her address is 66 Jarvis St. Windsor, VT 05089. Make that check payable to Polly and have it in her grubby little hands by January 7. Polly is guaranteeing clear and cold WX.

As a further thought, Polly will accept ideas for

some form of camaraderie or fellowship after we finish dining. Any piano players out there to assist with a sing-a-long? there must be something to prevent us from running right off and hastening the end of a great evening.

MOVERS 'N SHAKERS

This issue's featured CVFMA member is Steve, N1NPP. He hails from the Adirondacks, and moved into our part of the world in 1979.

If you ever have a science problem, Steve is the guy to contact, as he has been a high school physics and chemistry teacher for 29 years. He's also an Associate Professor of math and science at the NH college in Claremont. This talented fellow has even tried his hand at writing in the area of science education.

Though there has been a nearly life long interest in Ham radio, he has only held his ticket for a couple of years. The "scientific" aspect of radio still intrigues him, but with the acquisition of his license, he has been taken with the "family" aspect of our hobby. To quote Steve, "I have been really impressed with the community spirit, concern, and friendliness that Amateurs show" He sees Amateur Radio as a great way to get youth involved in the community and expand their horizons.

Steve is also an avid alpine skier and

outdoorsman. He has an interest in animals, likes to feed birds, keeps his pond stocked with rainbow trout, and always has a dog or two around him. Keep an eye peeled on the Connecticut River for his canoe. If not there, he could be found hiking on Mount Ascutney or mountain biking.

Like many of our members, Steve is one interesting fellow. We appreciate his efforts as Secretary of the CVFMA.

VAIS

For the 4th year in a row the Marconi Amateur Wireless Society of Sydney, Nova Scotia will operate special event station VAIS for 1-31 December using all HF bands, 10 to 160 meters, both CW and SSB.

Marconi's memorable transmission was made on 15 December, 1902, and was heard at the receiving station at Poldhu, Cornwall, England.

For those that make a contact and wish a certificate, they are available for a cost of \$4 in U.S. funds. Include QSO details with the certificate request. QSL and certificate requests should be sent to Alan Leith, VE1AL at 846 George St., Sydney, Nova Scotia, B1P 1L0 Canada.

(The above is courtesy of the November 1994 issue of WorldRadio)



CHIEF CARL'S CORNER

I was elected President of the CVFMA at the October 23 general membership meeting and pot luck luncheon. This was held in the community room of the Sugar River Savings Bank in Newport, NH. This is a great place for our club functions, such as meetings and the club sponsored VE sessions. The bank is to be commended for making this space available to the CVFMA and other community organizations.

ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) has recently become active in Windsor County, VT. This group holds a monthly meeting at the Reading, VT firehouse.

On Saturday, October 22 this recently activated ARES group joined with Sullivan County, NH people and participated in the annual ARRL sponsored SET (Simulated Emergency Test) statewide training. I participated and acted as net control station for the exercise using the 76 repeater.

In addition to the club Presidency, I remain active on the VE team as a volunteer examiner.

73, Carl, N1JRA:
President/CVFMA

LOST, NOT FOUND

Collins is missing a bakelite type dipole center insulator. It was loaned out during field day, and may have not been returned to the lender, namely,

WZ1C.

At any rate, save Collins from his continued frantic searching by scrounging your junk boxes for a center insulator that doesn't have your name on it. I know that it wasn't me, because, if I'm going to take something, it will be more valuable than a center insulator.

HAM CLASS

A Novice and Technician class is being offered at the Claremont Adult Learning Center in Claremont, NH on Wednesday evenings for the Spring 1995 semester.

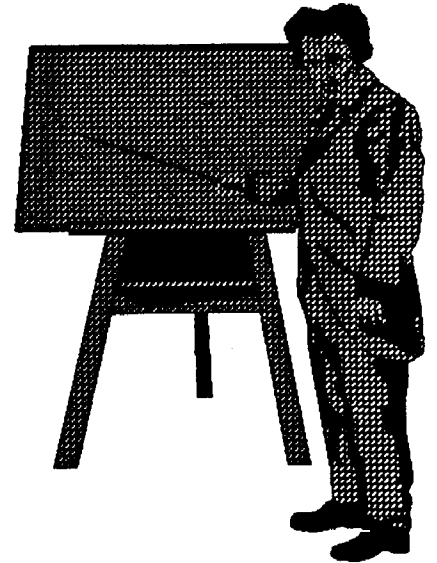
For further information contact the school at 1-603-543-4224.

VARC

The Vermont Amateur Radio Council will meet on Saturday, January 21 from 10 AM till noon in room C101 of the Vermont Technical College in Randolph, VT.

For further information contact Vermont's SM, WA1ITZ, Justin Barton. His packet address is WA1ITZ @ N1BRT.#VT.

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**

**CONGRATS**

On November 8 Rudy Adler, W1GUA, was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives from Sullivan County, District #5. There were no reported witnesses to his having been seen kissing babies or passing out cigars in order to insure that win.

HELP NEEDED

The club is in search of a chairman, chairwoman, chairperson, whatever, to head up the scholarship committee. WB1GXM, Butch, along with his newly acquired duties as club treasurer, as well the numerous other Amateur Radio chores with which he is involved, would prefer not to burden himself with this duty as well.

It is a chore that is only performed once a year, in the spring, and there are other committee members

to help out with the tasks involved. Be brave then, and get in touch with Butch, or any Board member to advise them of your interest in this position. The pay is the same as for all other volunteer positions in the club, namely a good feeling from having helped out with furthering the cause of Amateur Radio and the CVFMA.

SET REPORT..VT

(Jack, WA1DLA, Vermont's SEC, checks in with the following information on the 1994 SET exercise.)

With still some reports lacking, there were 140 participants. Liaison was maintained with New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Canada.

The two main agencies served were the Red Cross and National Weather Service in both Albany, NY and Burlington, VT.

100 stations reported the use of some type of alternate power and the number of repeaters able to use alternate power was reported as 7.

The scenario went from and "Unusual Event" in Brattleboro to the grounding of the ferry Balcour in Lake Champlain, plus a downed plane that involved three sections. This included a real fox hunt, and all in a winter storm!

The comments I'm hearing support the feeling that this SET was a success. One person said,

"Best Ever!"

This was my first "in charge" set and I'm very pleased with the outcome. There were items that need tending to, however they are fixable.

The untold story is..WHAT HAPPENS IF WE ARE NEEDED AT 10 AM?

This was a busy and enjoyable learning event. Any input is welcome and WANTED. Let next year be built on this solid ground.

73, Jack Evans..WA1DLA
Vermont ARRL SEC



VERMONT CONVENTION

The Vermont Amateur Radio Council Convention will be held on Saturday, June 17, 1995 at the Holiday Inn in Rutland, VT. Plan now to have a free club table.

For further information contact either KDIR, Ralph or N1NDN, Bernie.

NEW ARES NET

On Tuesday, January 3, 1995 at 7:30 PM, a ARES net will replace the Twin State Emergency Net usually held in that same time slot. Your Board of Directors voted to institute this change for a three month trial period. At the end of this period the Board will review the net's status and act accordingly.

The CVFMA wishes to give a special note of thanks to Dawn Cummings, KITQY, who, for some time now, has done a very able job as net manager for the Twin State Emergency Net. Dawn's commitment to amateur radio, and, specifically, traffic handling is well noted, valued and appreciated. Thanks, Dawn.

Net managers will be W1GUA, Rudy/EC Sullivan County, NH; N1NCT, Bob/EC Windsor County, VT and KL7DN, Darrel/DEC District #4, VT. The net will involve training in ARES procedures and protocols for emergency communications. A portion of the net will be devoted to informal comments from the participants. Appropriate bulletins will also be read.

Net participation is NOT restricted to ARES members or residents of the above named districts and/or counties. Anyone within hearing and accessing distance of the Mount Ascutney machine is very welcome. Nor is net participation restricted to those who "know it all". Because it is a training

net, it is for those who need training in communications and emergency protocol, namely, all of us.

If you would like to volunteer your services as a net control station, or merely wish more information on ARES, get in touch with any of the Net Managers. All use the WA1YTW BBS.

THE OTHER SERVICE

Most of us hold a FCC license which authorizes our usage of certain frequencies under the rules and regulations of the Amateur Radio Service. There are other "services" out there in radio land, though, one of which is MARS, the Military Affiliate Radio System.

Membership in MARS allows you to use DOD (Department of Defense) frequencies outside of our Amateur bands. Membership also allows you to have another call sign, and, unlike the new vanity call sign proposal, this one won't cost you a cent.

You'll learn how to handle messages sent from our service men and women overseas to their loved ones and friends here in the U.S. And this will be done with all kinds of modes, digital and otherwise. You'll have access to DOD training material to improve your knowledge of electronics and communications skills. You'll make new Ham friends on the MARS frequencies.

I could probably go

on and on, but why not find out about the many advantages of MARS membership for yourself by joining up. All that is required is that you hold a current FCC issued Amateur Radio license. Below is a list of several members of the CVFMA who are currently licensed MARS operators. Give one of them a shout if you'd like application papers or further details on MARS membership.

WB1EAE, Leigh; KL7DN, Darrel; W1GUA, Rudy, N1NCT, Bob; NU1A, Frank.



THE OM

The Antietam Radio Association, of Hagerstown, MD commemorated the 125th anniversary of the birth of Hiram Percy Maxim at his gravesite in the town's Rose Hill Cemetery, Friday, September 2. Maxim is co-

founder of the League, and is considered the father of Amateur Radio. The ARC honored his memory by dedicating a bronze marker at the gravesite, where Maxim is interred with Maryland Governor Thomas Hamilton. Governor Hamilton was Maxim's father-in-law.

Hiram Percy Maxim entered Amateur Radio in 1910, when his son, Hiram Hamilton, became interested in the medium. Father and son made up their own call sign, SNY, using it until the federal government assigned individual call signs in 1912. He received 1WH at that time. In 1927, Maxim received the call sign that is now recognized around the world, W1AW.

Seeing the need for national unity among radio amateurs, Maxim founded the League, with Clarence Tuska, in 1914 as a service organization composed of networks of radio amateurs relaying messages across the world. In 1917, he was elected its first president.

Maxim was born September 2, 1869, in Brooklyn, New York. In addition to his love for Amateur Radio and the creation of its national organization, he was a noted industrialist and inventor, with the invention of the silencer for firearms and the sound "muffler" used on internal combustion engines to his credit. Maxim died February 17, 1936.

(Thanks for the above go to the November 1994 edition of the ARRL *Section Leader*)

FOR SALE

WA1DHK, "Perky", is offering for sale (will also barter) a Kenwood TH-205AT with a Larsen mag mount antenna and lots of other accessories. Call her at 802-295-6239, or, her address is: Evelyn Johnson, 30 South Main St/Apt #3 White River Jct, VT 05001.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Very best wishes to the couples listed below who will be celebrating their nuptial vows in the near future...

January:

- 1/1 Frank, K1MOQ, and
Heidelise, N1BYG
1/11 Stanley, KC1HY, and
Thelma, N1PEY
1/12 William, KB1ANF, and
Susan, KB1ANE
1/17 Robert, K1BFG, and
Virginia
1/22 Leo, K1FKW, and
Marcia

February:

- 2/5 Lemuel, K1IOJ, and
Vivian
2/10 Robert, N1KWD, and
Joan
2/21 Carl, W1SIO, and
Shirley
2/21 Bud, WA1ZLG, and Ola
2/22 Ed, W1TIM, and
Harriet
2/23 David, W1IS, and Meg
2/26 Christian, W8WAK,
and Dorothy

March:

- 3/15 John, NN1D, and
Marguerite
3/19 Kim, N1MVU, and
Judith
3/27 Tom, N1MSH, and
Susan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to the following folks who are about to add another candle to the cake of life....

January:

- 1/5 Carolyn, KA1OAR
1/11 Jeanne, KB1BGT
1/15 Tom, N1MSH
1/16 Ernie, AA1IK
1/17 Sandra, KA1TLP
1/21 Thelma, N1PEY
1/21 Frank, NU1A
1/22 Frank, N1MOQ
1/23 Doris, WA1THF
1/28 Leslie, N1MSE
1/29 William, K1CLD
1/29 Josephine, KA1KPJ

February:

- 2/2 William, KB1BCO
2/3 Don, KD1KM
2/9 Richard, N1JSG
2/17 Jeff, WB2NWR
2/24 Dawn, K1TQY
2/25 Alan, K1YOT
2/27 Ted, W1VKH

March:

- 3/5 Yvonne, KA1UNC
3/9 Dan, K1FKX
3/9 Steve, KA1NYP
3/18 Wesley, K1YHO
3/23 Christian, W8WAK
3/24 Leslie, WY1L
3/25 Sydney, WA1PFK
3/26 John, NN1D
3/26 Robert, KA1IIA
3/26 Stan, KC1HY
3/26 Ken, W1RPK
3/29 Bob, N1KWD
3/31 Howard, KB1JT

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!****NOTICE**

At the November board meeting, the board took action to deny membership in the club to Robert Boyd, N1CIR. This shall apply effective January 1, 1995 and shall be for 6 months duration. He is prohibited from using club repeaters during this time. He will be eligible to reapply for membership then subject to a period of probation. This was a unanimous decision of the board.

For the board: Carl Snyder,
President: CVFMA

**FURTHER INFO
RE ABOVE**

(Ed. note: The following was read by Carl Snyder, N1JRA, President of the CVFMA on three WX nets; 10 PM on December 1 and 6:30 AM and 5:30 PM on December 2nd.)

To Club members:

For those who may not know, I am now the President of the Connecticut Valley FM Association. If you haven't already received it, you will soon receive a letter from Bruce Beford. The letter concerns recent Board action against member Bob Boyd, N1CIR.

Most of what Bruce says is correct, but he does leave out several important points. There have been on-going complaints about Bob. The previous Board sent Bob a warning, a letter of understanding. He did not

reply. The Board took the action after he was overheard making an obscene comment over the club repeater. I can not repeat it here and would not repeat it in front of women or children. If any other member has a problem with our action, please take it up with the Director at Large, Ed Ellis, as he represents you, the member, at the Board meetings. At the November meeting before the Board took this action, I submitted a revision to the club constitution and by-laws to spell out how a member may be expelled with a vote of the membership. the constitution lacks this clause.

I have talked with Rob and we have a gentlemen's agreement not to air our dirty laundry over the repeater. We should not attack him over the repeater and he is not to criticize the club. I ask that you co-operate in this matter.

NHARA

The New Hampshire Amateur Radio Association met on October 15, 1994 at Buster's Restaurant in Claremont, NH. This meeting was sponsored by GEARS.

Of the many matters discussed, two are of special interest to the CVFMA.

(1) The CVFMA received a Certificate of Recognition for being the longest running VE team in New Hampshire. The first test was given by the CVFMA was given on September 16,

1984.

(2) Announcements were also made concerning the Northern New England QSO party, and NH QSO Party. In 1996 the combined party will become more "combined". Plaques and commemorative mugs will be available for the 50th anniversary of the NH QSO party. (Ed. See following article.)

NNE QSO PARTY (AND COUNTY HUNT)

1995 represents the first step towards combining the individual QSO parties of the states of Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire into the Northern New England QSO Party. (Trivia: Vermont was the first state ever to hold a QSO party) The smallness of each of these states has resulted in relatively little activity in the individual "parties".

Therefore, to sweeten the pot, on Saturday February 4th, 1995 starting at 1300Z till Sunday February 5th, ending at 0700Z, there will be held the **GREAT (COMBINED) NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND QSO PARTY AND COUNTY HUNT**. I.e. for the first time ever Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine will operate their QSO parties on the same day, at the same time, and using the same rules.

For 1995, if you wish to enter the contest, you'll have to submit three sets of logs, one to each state sponsor. In 1996 the details should be ironed out so that one submission

will do the trick.

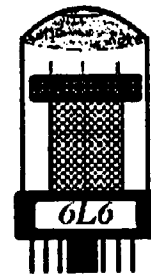
Submit logs and requests for contest rules to the following addresses. **PLEASE**, with all correspondence, enclose a SASE.

G.E.A.R.S.
Conrad Ekstrom/WBIGXM
POB 1076
Claremont, NH 03743-1076

Central VT ARC
Vermont QSO Party
POB 674
Montpelier, VT 05601

Portland Amateur Wireless
Association
POB 1605
Portland, ME 04104

GL and CU on the 4th & 5th



REMEMBER !!

Your club dues are due by the 1st of January. If the holiday spirit has a hold on you, why not throw in a little extra for the repeater and scholarship funds.

THE WORLD OF FM

(Ed note: The following has been excerpted from Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF's FM & Repeater column in the December 1994 issue of WorldRadio by WIGUA, Rudy Adler. Our thanks to the publishers of that journal for their permission to reprint)

As the year 1994 draws to an end, it's time to ask a rather sobering question. Is this the beginning of the end of the era of open repeater operations in many crowded urban areas? Maybe so. It's no secret that cities like Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Miami and several others are facing a growing tidal-wave of on the air abuse of repeater systems, of abuse to the users of these systems and toward the people who put them up and maintain them. It is also no secret that the vast majority of repeater licensees are truly fed up with the current state of affairs. For years they have begged the federal government for intervention. The FCC has turned a deaf ear. So now those who provide repeater services are taking matters into their own hands. A goodly number of them are simply closing their doors to the "ham in the street". They are "privating out".

If you were to go back and read my 1981 columns I foretold of all this dilemma arriving - I also predicted the "privating out" of "open" repeaters. Eventually every

one of the nation's repeaters will become highly selective in who the license holder will and will not permit to be retransmitted.

"Privating out" makes every "user" a system control operator and therefore equally responsible with the licensee for the overall operation of the repeater on which he or she operates.

Not everyone wants "company", but there are many in ham radio who feel that they have the right to force themselves upon another person's life. Some go as far as to say - and I heard this over an HT - that "...repeaters are public utilities..and they must be open to provide me with service."

Sorry, but on seven separate occasions since 1968, the FCC has stated, without any room for personal interpretation, that a repeater is nothing more than a remotely located personal station, and as such, no ham can be force to share that station with another ham.

Based on almost two decades of denial of such requests and the pervasive feeling in Washington that "closed" causes fewer problems than "open", I do not see any FCC intervention in the near, or even the far off future. Rather, I expect to see yet another series of Rule making requests filed from the Amateur Radio Community; they will have no support from the ARRL or any other national organization and will be

summarily dismissed by the FCC based on past actions to dismiss all others. And as soon as that happens, the "privating out" will really begin in earnest.

(I encourage all interested parties to read this article in its entirety. Mr. Pasternak's comments are thought provoking. WIGUA, Rudy)

BRUSH UP

This time it's not on Shakespeare, but that phonetic alphabet we all had to learn once to get that neat piece of paper from Gettysburg, remember?

ITU Phonetic Alphabet

Word list adopted by the
International Telecommunication Union

A	ALFA
B	BRAVO
C	CHARLIE
D	DELTA
E	ECHO
F	FOXTROT
G	GOLF
H	HOTEL
I	INDIA
J	JULIETT
K	KILO
L	LIMA
M	MIKE
N	NOVEMBER
O	OSCAR
P	PAPA
Q	QUEBEC
R	ROMEO
S	SIERRA
T	TANGO
U	UNIFORM
V	VICTOR
W	WHISKEY
X	X-RAY
Y	YANKEE
Z	ZULU

**CONNECTICUT VALLEY FM ASSOCIATION
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1995**

(Duplicate as needed)

(Please type or print)

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CITY/TOWN, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: () _____ LICENSE CLASS: _____

LICENSE EXP DATE: _____ LEAGUE MEMBER? Yes/No _____ Reg. _____ Life _____
(If you're a League member please renew via the CVFMA. As an affiliated club we can retain \$2. Join the League through us and we can keep \$5. There is NO extra charge to you.)

FULL MEMBERSHIP. ANNUAL DUES/\$15.00

FAMILY DUES. ANNUAL DUES/\$25.00
(One newsletter per address)

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP. ANNUAL DUES/\$7.50

Please accept my contribution to the CVFMA scholarship fund in the amount of

Please accept my contribution to the repeater maintenance and expansion fund in the amount of.....

TOTAL ENCLOSED

(Protect yourself. Pay with a check.)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

MEMBER INFORMATION

Birthdate: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Spouse's Birthdate: _____ Anniversary Date: _____

Date first licensed: _____ Other Calls Held: _____

Favorite Amateur Radio interests: _____

Other Hobbies and Interests: _____

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

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Claremont, NH 03743-1628

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The Connecticut Valley FM Association is an ARRL affiliated organization of over 160 mostly like minded Hams. The organization was formed in 1970. We maintain three mountain top repeaters, 146.76/.16 on Mount Ascutney in Windsor, VT, 147.24/.84 on Moose Mountain in Hanover, NH, and 442.400/7.400 on Silver Mountain in Lempster, NH.

We also offer two yearly scholarships of \$250 each to a graduating high school senior from Vermont and New Hampshire. These two scholarships are "kept alive" ONLY by member contributions beyond the regular dues structure.

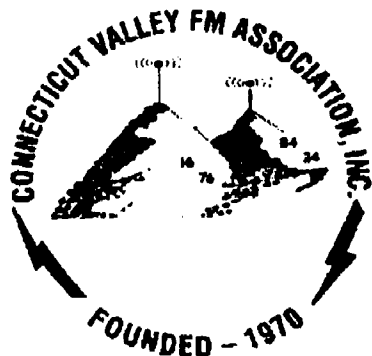
Two general meetings are held during the year, in April and October. The business of the group is handled by a Board of Directors which meets every other month. ALL members are invited and encouraged to attend and contribute to these meetings.

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

The club sponsors Field Day activities every year in either Vermont or New Hampshire. There are three daily weather nets on the Mount Ascutney repeater at 6:30 AM, 5:30 PM, and 10 PM. A weekly emergency preparedness net is held each Tuesday at 7:30 PM. We sponsor volunteer examination sessions quarterly at the Sugar River Savings Bank in Newport, NH, through our VEC, the ARRL. A newsletter is sent out quarterly.

Please consider volunteering your time and efforts to help spread the work load and further the cause of Amateur Radio in our small part of the world.

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