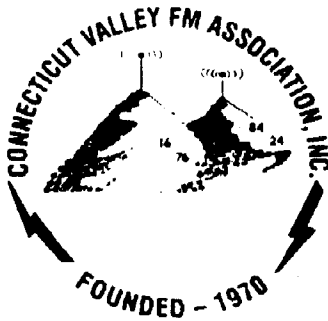


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RUNNIN' ON EMPTY

Is it summer yet? I'm still waiting for winter to arrive. Maybe it did, and I slept through it. Come to think of it, I did manage to slip on the X country skis once, just so I could experience a tumble or two and live to tell about it. I'm just glad that I don't make my living plowing out parking lots and driveways.

My thanks to the trained eyes of WA1THF, Doris, and NU1A, Frank, which I rely upon to catch my typos. I still spell check the file mucho times before they set their beady little eyes it. This is no easy chore, as this spell

COMING ATTRACTIONS

June 24-25	. Field Day
July 15 . . .	Newport, NH Hamfest
July 28-30 . .	ARRL New England Division Convention Manchester, NH
Sept 23 . . .	VE session/Sugar River Savings Bank; Newport, NH
Oct 12 . . .	General membership Meeting/Sugar River Savings Bank; Newport, NH

checking dictionary contains nada, like zilch Ham calls. No problem. I like analyzing the strange options which I'm given.

I want to utilize this front page forum to announce that this issue represents my last stint as editor. If I had to pin down any one particular reason, I guess that it would be that I've held either

elected or appointed positions in the CVFMA for eight or more years. It's time for new blood to come on the scene, perhaps younger and more enthusiastic blood. I'm sure that within the next three months someone will step forward to produce a truly sizzling September issue.

Thanks to all who have contributed words of encouragement, or constructive comments, or a word or two for publication. Without you there would have been no newsletter. It has been my pleasure. May blessings abound for the CVFMA, all its' members and their families.

73, Darrel, KL7DN

(Thanks to WorldRadio and the Plano ARK *Parking Ticket* for the following.)

OVERHEARD

"I hate CW!"

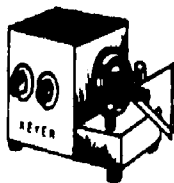
"What's wrong with it? It's lots of fun!"

"Well, mostly my hand gets tired. What I really hate is the end of the contact!"

"Why is that?" If your hand is tired, I'd think you were ready to quit."

"Yeah, but it's because the other guy always asks me to send those seventy threes!!!"

Avoid discouraging new Hams. Remember, 73 is already plural!



ARMY MARS

A Natural Resource

(The following is courtesy of Lorraine S. Matthew/AAA9PR, U.S. Army MARS Public Relations Coordinator)

A rmy MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System),

operating under USAISC sponsorship, is composed of more than 5000 FCC licensed Amateur Radio Operators. These dedicated volunteers are further trained in military communications procedures and other protocols necessary for the establishment and maintenance of the finest communications network in the world. These operators all provide their own equipment, which must be modified to meet military frequencies. These volunteers also provide all of the ancillary equipment such as digital nodes, repeaters, and other remote equipment which makes the network so effective. The assets donated by the Army MARS volunteers are valued at more than 32 million dollars. These operators are available 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Available to serve the army and its personnel all over the world.

This highly skilled and dedicated corps of communicators is currently guided by a paid management team of 12 people, including logistical and administrative support personnel. This team is headed by Chief Army MARS, Robert Sutton.

E m e r g e n c y communication support has always been the primary Army MARS mission. Army MARS is still best known for its health and welfare (morale) mission serving Army personnel and their loved ones.

Army MARS has also

gone on-line. Using the services made available on America On Line's Military City On Line (MCO), Army MARS is reaching out to serve military personnel and their families by making available to them the convenience and reliability of E-mail for sending Marsgrams.

DO IT BEST!

Walter R. Ottinger, NS8N

When you are learning to send Morse code, instructors advise you to select an article and copy it over and over again. Good advice as far as it goes. You aren't actually copying characters. You are *spelling* words via Morse code.

Let's say the copy material begins with "Recently, there..." In your mind you are not thinking of the character "R". You see the word "Recently" and copying is really Morse code spelling. Keep copying it, and in no time character recognition is long gone. My recommendations to avoid those pitfalls:

Select your article and copy it over and over again - but do it my way. Do it backwards. Your first character will be a "period." The last character will be the first letter of the article. You see every character and send it. You can't anticipate what is coming up next. Do it best. Do it my way. Do it backwards!
(Our thanks to WorldRadio for the prior article.)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to all fellow members of the CVFMA. Well, it's newsletter time again.

My message to you this issue concerns the revisions to the club constitution and bylaws. The Board of Directors decided that revisions were needed. A Constitution committee met to decide how to update it. The revisions were reviewed by the board at the March board meeting. Several changes were discussed by members of the club. The revised constitution was presented to the members at the April 23 general membership meeting. Several more changes were made based on comments from members present.

The revisions are presented in this edition of the newsletter, and will be ratified at the October 12th general membership meeting.

I have been notified by Darrel, KL7DN, that he will retire as editor of our newsletter. This will be his final edition. I would like



to thank him for his many years of service to our club.

Carl N1JRA, President CVFMA

BSA WALK

On May 6, 1995, Amateur radio operators from the Sullivan County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) assisted over 200 boy scouts, cub scouts, Webelos and Tiger scouts in their annual fund raising Family Fun Walk. This walk took place in Cornish, NH.

The radio operators utilized VHF 2-way radios operating in the amateur 2 meter band to provide safety and security communications for the boys and the adult organizers. There was also a demonstration high frequency station set up at the Cornish Fairgrounds.

Amateur radio operators who participated were: Ed McCarthy, WIYT of Lempster, NH, Steve Hopkins, N1NPP of Cornish, NH, Conrad Ekstrom, WB1GXM of Claremont, NH and Doris and Rudy Adler, WA1THF and W1GUA of Lempster, NH. James Dean, N0JSR of Lebanon, NH assisted and completed the 20 KM hike with a portable 2-way radio.

FIELD DAY

Date: June 24 - 25

Where: Mount Sunapee State

Park in Sunapee, NH

With less than a month to go all eyes are focusing on Field Day. This year the event will take place as noted above. Anyone interested in working Field Day or who wants to know more about it should contact myself as soon as possible. The object of Field Day is not to win medals, plaques, banners, and such (although that is nice), but to make as many contacts as possible to hone up on our emergency preparedness skills. Plus, Field Day is a great way to have fun. It's an event for both young and old alike. Whether you're a Novice or an Extra class licensee, you can participate.

For further information I can be reached on the .76 or .24 machines, or via packet, use N1PZP @ W1ET.NH.USA.NA.

Hope to see you there!

Jim N1PZP
Field Day Chairman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/3 Gerald Benedict
6/4 Michael Weaver
6/6 Linda Peterson
6/14 John Rushmore
6/16 Carol Bacon
6/18 Kurth Bemis
6/20 Polly Ellis
6/24 Tina Marie Hendricks
6/24 Rudy Adler
6/24 Darrel Daley
6/28 Ira Wilner

7/2 Roger Sweetser
 7/6 Carole Kruse
 7/11 Robert Moore
 7/13 Rollin Rice
 7/16 Larry Shulman
 7/17 James Gosselin
 7/22 Edward Colby
 7/23 Arthur Wardwell

8/2 Stanley Guyer
 8/3 Ken Mastro
 8/3 David Benjamin
 8/8 John McQuaide
 8/12 Carrol Baxter
 8/13 Kim Kimura
 8/19 Eunice Damren
 8/20 Vivian Cummings
 8/24 Betty Bagley
 8/24 Laurel Letter
 8/27 Nancy Forsaith
 8/27 Neil Snyder
 8/28 Jane Child
 8/29 Raymond Kimberly

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

6/3 Howard & Carrol Baxter
 6/14 Walter & Betty Congdon
 6/17 Jerry & Ann Benedict
 6/23 William & Pat Mitchell
 6/30 Bruce & Linda Beford

7/13 William & Opal
 Faughman
 7/14 Roger & Marion
 Sweetser
 7/15 Aime & Alice Beaudry

8/2 Paul & Ruth Rollins
 8/6 Doris & Rudy Adler

8/7 Frank & Katherine Finger
 8/17 Marlon & Bea Wood
 8/23 Larry & Bobbie Shulman
 8/29 Don & Judy Hartman

THE INTERNET

QST de WIAW
 ARRL Bulletin 40 ARLB040
 From ARRL Headquarters
 Newington CT April 18, 1995
 To all Radio Amateurs
 SUBJ FCC data on Internet

The Federal Communications Commission is now offering the complete amateur service database on the Internet. via the FCC's file transfer protocol (ftp) site.

This new service marks the beginning of electronic granting of licenses at the FCC's wireless Telecommunications Bureau. As soon as the data for the new license appears in the database, the license is effective and all privileges of that license may be exercised by the licensee.

Licensees will no longer need to wait to receive a license



document in the mail; they may use the database as proof of licensing and go on the air immediately.

The database will be updated every Monday by noon (Eastern Time).

Information may be retrieved using the following procedure:

Access: anonymous ftp.fcc.gov
 Directory: pub/XFS
 AlphaTest/amateur
 Documentation: readme.txt

The FCC's Consumer Staff in Gettysburg, PA, can answer questions at 800-322-1117 or 717-337-1212.

NNNN
 73, WB1GXM/OBS

SKYWARN

On 22 March, 1995 22 Hams took part in a skywarn presentation at the Sugar River Savings Bank in Newport, NH. Organized by Rudy Adler, W1GUA, the program was presented by John Jensenius, Jr. of the NWS office in Gray, ME. and Ted Jamba from the NWS office in Concord, NH.

Those present learned much about the value of spotters through varied audio visual presentations, ranging from slides to videos. Those present received large amounts of weather literature and were encouraged to become actively involved as spotters.

As a follow up, AA1IR, Robert, conducted skywarn

training on the Twin State ARES net following the session.

Our thanks to Rudy for taking the time from his busy schedule to set up this skywarn session. Stay tuned for news about future skywarn sessions in the area.

CVFMA VE TEAM NEWS

The next test session is June 10, 1995, in the Community Room, Sugar River Savings Bank, Main St., Newport, NH. (Ed. Note: If this doesn't reach you in time for the above date, don't give up. The next session will be on September 23) Doors open from 8-8:45 am. Testing starts at 8:45.

Applicants should bring 2 forms of positive ID, at least one with a photo ID (drivers license or passport), original license and a photocopy of it, \$ 5.90 cash or check made out to the ARRL/VEC, any original CSCEs you are claiming plus copies thereof, 2 pencils, and calculator.

From the April 1, 1995 test session ten new technicians, one general, and one advance class licensees joined and upgraded in the ranks of Amateur

Radio. Also, congratulations to those of you who worked so hard to earn CSCEs. We look forward to seeing you upgrade in the near future.

A round of applause to the following VE's who helped to make this all possible: NIRZG, Les Berg; WB1EAE, Leigh Damren; Darrel Daley, KL7DN; Don Carvalho, KD1KM; Collins Parker, WZ1C; Carl Snyder, N1JRA; and Butch Ekstrom, WB1GXM.

Thanks to the electronic filing procedure, the FCC and the League are processing the exam results in record time. The time from when the candidate takes the exam to the time when the license is received is now less than two weeks (7-9 days for our April 1, 1995 session). This is a very significant improvement over the 12-16 weeks just a few months ago.

New licensees and upgrades-be sure to inform the treasurer/secretary of new calls or call sign changes.

A reminder to anyone with a General Class or higher license, you to are eligible to become a Volunteer Examiner. This is a great way to become involved with club activities and be a service to others. If interested, contact the ARRL's VEC office, 1-800-927-7583 or contact Butch, WB1GXM. Until next time.....

73, Butch, WB1GXM

CVFMA FOR SALE & TRADE SOCIAL

Saturday, April 1, 1995

The day's activities commenced with the CVFMA's quarterly test session, attended by 20 applicants. The VEs from the Associations VE team in attendance included, WZ1C, KL7DN, WB1GXM, KD1KM, N1JRA, NIRZG, and KN1Z.

A big thanks from me for their time and efforts, which insured another great test session.

It was a very successful test session with 12 of the applicants passing 1 or more elements, with 3 more almost passing elements needed for upgrading. Of the 17 who were successful, 10 "new" amateurs, never licensed before, one Tech plus, one general and 1 advanced. It was a real good test session. People are really doing their homework.

After a brief interlude and resetting the tables we were ready for the next event- the CVFMA For Sale and Trade Social.

Everything went off without a hitch. All the helpers were in place, the information table was set, the vendors were ready, and everyone was ready to enjoy the event.

Socializing was the main event, along with selling and trading. Many good words were heard from the vendors and buyers. Several commented on the nice information table with its



many handouts and traffic handling aids.

Winners of the raffle were KD1SQ, Lee, Lempster, NH won 2 tickets to the ARRL NE Division Convention, July 29-30, and N1SCV, Bob, Springfield, VT, who won the 1995 ARRL Handbook. Congratulations to both of you and enjoy.

The proceeds, \$114.16 from the event went to the CVFMA's annual scholarship, putting the scholarship fund over the \$ 500.00 mark.

Not a bad start. A second annual event is being considered for the Fall. It would be nice to continue the event.

On behalf of the CVFMA, I want to thank all the vendors, volunteers, and people who attended the event and who made it a real success.

Other summer events you should consider include HOSSTRADERS, at Rochester, NH, May 12-13, Contoocook Valley RC, Flea Market on June 4, 1995, Hopkington, NH, and the July ARRL NE Convention in Manchester, NH on July 29-30, 1995. Hope too see there. Enjoy.

de WB1GXM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

I'd like to welcome the following NEW Amateurs to the Association and to Amateur Radio. They include: Justin Gonyea, KB1BKL;

Micheal LaFountain, N1TNP; Michael Weaver, N1TYX; Kurth Bemis, N1TYW; Helen Blood, N1TY Y; Justin Horsky, N1TYZ; Jane Child, N1UUK; Laura Lyman, N1UUF; David Benjamin, N1UUI; Richard Fenton, N1UUA, and Laura Pl Bascom, N1KCA.

I'm sure there are more I may have heard from and have missed. I'll try and include them next time.

When you hear any of them on, please make them feel welcome, and assist them as they make their way through Amateur Radio's airwaves.

Great Job folks! Enjoy!
Hope to hear you on the air.

73, WB1GXM

CVFMA PACKET NOTES

For those of you on packet, The CVFMA Board of Directors are putting the meeting minutes on packet at WAIWOK.NH.USA.NA and on WB1GXM-1 off VNH.

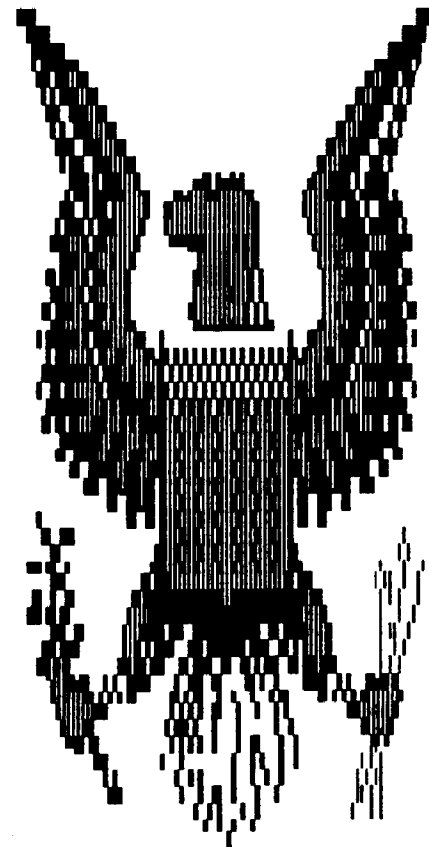
On the local mailboxes WB1GXM-1, W1GUA-5, and KL7DN-1, there are other tidbits of information that you can download. You'll find information on the CVFMA, ARES (VT and NH), Skywarn, MARS, etc. Please feel free to access the data waiting there, add comments if you wish, about subjects which you feel will be useful to others.
73, WB1GXM

WANTED

Due to the retirement of KL7DN, Darrel, as editor of this newsletter, a new editor is needed.

If you are interested in making a vital contribution to our club by taking on this important task, please contact Carl, N1JRA, President of the CVFMA.

He can be reached at 802-226-7724 or, via packet, at BBSWOK.



THE CONNECTICUT VALLEY F.M. ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

ADOPTED 10-22-95

PREAMBLE

We, the members, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the Association of persons commonly interested in amateur radio and to enhance amateur communications do enact this constitution as our governing law.

ARTICLE I
MEMBERSHIP

All persons interested in the activities of the Association may be eligible for membership as set forth in the by-laws.

ARTICLE II
OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of this Association shall be the Board of Directors, which shall consist of five members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Director-at-Large.

Section 2: Officers of this Association shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of full members present at the October meeting and shall take office at the time elected.

Section 3: Trustee(s) of the Association's repeater(s) shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for an indeterminate period of time.

Section 4: Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by temporary appointment by the President until the next general meeting of the Association at which time an election for the vacant position will be held.

Section 5: "Eliminated"

ARTICLE III
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: Duties of the Board of Directors shall be to oversee the regular business of the Association. They shall appoint and charge committees as deemed necessary.

Section 2: The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association, and conduct the same according to the Constitution and the By-Laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the Association, and none other, and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of the latter. In case of a Presidential vacancy, the Vice-President will assume the Presidency; the President will appoint a Vice-President from the four (4) remaining officers until the next general meeting. Ascension of officers from President will be as follows:

Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director-At-Large.

Section 4: The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceeding of all meetings, shall keep a roll of members, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and when directed by the President, shall mail notice of every meeting or any special meeting to each member. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Connecticut Valley F.M. Association and to have the same present at all meetings of the Association. He shall cause all amendments, changes, and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the Association, he shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended and report the financial status of the Association when so requested by the President. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization by the Association or its officers. He shall make written notice to any member thirty (30) days in arrears of dues. At the end of his term shall turn over everything in his possession belonging to the Association to his successor.

Section 6: The **Director-at-Large** shall attend all meetings and hold the responsibility of voting for the membership at large. He shall give a short report at the two (2) business meetings on the recent decisions of the Board of Directors.

Section 7: The Trustee(s) shall have control of the Association Amateur Radio Station(s) and license(s) in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and shall perform all duties of the Trustee(s) subject to the control of the Association.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall meet at a minimum of bimonthly to discuss and resolve the business of the Association. The Board of Directors meetings shall be open to the membership; meetings shall be held on odd number months (Example: January, March, May, etc.).

Section 2: General membership business meetings shall be held at a minimum of twice a year, one being held in October for the election of officers, the other being held in April. **Special general meetings may be called by any two members of the Board. A Board of Directors meeting may be called by any one Board member.**

ARTICLE V DUES

Section 1: The Connecticut Valley F.M. Association by majority vote of those present at the general membership meeting held in October, may levy such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the Association. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for the **member's name to be removed from the club roster** after a grace period of sixty (60) days unless a written request is received and approved by the Board of Directors for an extension of time. **Any member whose dues are more than sixty (60) days in arrears shall be reinstated upon payment of dues.**

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

Section 1: The Constitution and By-Laws of the association may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting membership at any **general** meeting provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend the Constitution and/or By-Laws at a specified time. Voting members unable to attend a meeting may request an absentee ballot from the secretary and shall be considered to be present at the meeting. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at any meeting and may not be voted on until the next **general** meeting.

ARTICLE VII RULES

Section 1: Roberts rules shall govern proceedings.

THE CONNECTICUT VALLEY F.M. ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS

ADOPTED 10-22-95

ARTICLE I
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Types of Membership. Membership is available to all except as defined under "section 5-removal", below. There are five (5) types of Membership available to CVFMA. The requirements and privileges of each are defined as :

a.) Full

Full Membership is available to all persons interested in amateur radio. Full membership rate is set as outlined in Article II. Full membership for persons aged sixty-five (65) or older will be at two-thirds (2/3) the current full rate. This includes the CVFMA newsletter, access to all Association services, meetings and functions. For voting privileges, see section 2. They may be eligible for service on the Board of Directors, as outlined in section 3, below.

b.) Honorary

Honorary membership is awarded to individuals as deemed appropriate by the Association. Nominations for Honorary membership must be filed with the Board of Directors and voted on at the next general membership meeting. An Honorary member has all the rights and privileges as a Full member, but pays no annual dues. Honorary membership shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total Association membership.

c.) Family

Persons living in the same household of a Full member of CVFMA may enroll as Family members for one-third (1/3) the current full rate. This includes the CVFMA newsletter, access to all Association services, meetings and functions. Each family member must be technician class or above to be eligible for voting privileges.

d.) Student

Full-time students under the age of eighteen (18) may join as Student member at the rate of one half (1/2) the Full membership rate. This includes the CVFMA newsletter, access to all Association services and functions.

e.) Complimentary

Complimentary memberships require no dues, and are granted to other amateur radio groups in the area, as well as regional officials of the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL). This includes the CVFMA newsletter, access to all Association services, meetings and functions. A one-time Complimentary membership may be awarded, at the discretion of the Board of Directors to individuals who earn their first amateur radio license at CVFMA-sponsored VE test sessions.

Section 2: Voting privileges. The right to vote upon Association business brought before the general membership is reserved for FULL, HONORARY and Family Membership who are Technician class or above.

Section 3: Service on the Board of Directors. Only members with Full, Honorary, or Family membership status who hold a valid Technician class amateur radio license or higher shall be eligible for any elected office within the Association.

Section 4: Service on Committees. All members may serve on committee duty as appointed by the President, and may be transferred or removed from a committee when the President feels the change is for the betterment of the committee or the Association.

Section 5: Removal of a Member or Club Officer.

a.) A petition for removal of a person from office or membership must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors with a minimum of five (5) signatures of VOTING Members. (see section 2 above) The petition must be presented at least two (2) weeks before a regular Board meeting. At that meeting this issue will be discussed, then the matter tabled until the next regular Board meeting. The petition will remain in the club archives unless removed and expunged by the Board of Directors at a later date.

b.) Following this meeting, the person being removed is to be notified immediately by registered mail that their membership or office is removal-pending. A copy of the removal petition and the date of the next Board meeting shall be included in that mailing.

c.) At the next regular Board meeting, the matter will be re-opened and acted upon following discussion. If the Board of Directors finds the removal to be in the best interests of

CVFMA, the matter will be presented in the next newsletter for review by the membership. The Board shall call for a vote at the next regular or special general membership meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members present at that meeting shall be required to remove the member or officer.

d.) A person removed from membership or office is not eligible for reinstatement unless a petition is submitted in writing to the Board of Directors with a minimum of five (5) signatures of VOTING Members. (see section 2 above). The petition for reinstatement must be presented at least two (2) weeks before a regular Board meeting. The Board shall call for a vote at the next regular or special general membership meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members present at that meeting shall be required to reinstate the member or officer.

ARTICLE II DUES

Section 1: The fiscal year of the Connecticut Valley F. M. Association shall begin on January first (1st) of each year. Dues are payable at that time. If application for membership is made at any time other than the first of the fiscal year, dues shall be pro rated for the remainder of that fiscal year with the proviso that dues shall NEVER be less than half of a Full, Student or Family membership.

Section 2: Any additional fees necessary for the operation of the association may be levied upon the membership as necessary only after approval by a majority vote of the membership at any general meeting.

~~ARTICLE III~~ MEETINGS

~~Section 1: Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors when it is deemed necessary.~~

~~ARTICLE IV~~ LIABILITY Article III

~~Section 1: The Association shall assume no liability for any injury or other damage sustained to a member or his property while acting on behalf of the association.~~

~~ARTICLE V~~ Article IV EQUIPMENT

~~Section 1: While the Association equipment will be available to all duly licensed amateur operators, it is expected that any operator who maintains equipment to gain access to and continues to use the Association equipment become a member of the association and assume a fair share of the association's operating costs.~~

~~ARTICLE VI~~ Article V GENDER

The term he used throughout this document shall refer to person and shall not limit the position to a male member of the association.

CONNECTICUT VALLEY F.M. ASSOCIATION, Inc.
Mount Ascutney Repeater 146.760 - .600 MHz.

Protect your privilege..... DO NOT divulge these codes

IDENTIFY WITH YOUR CALLSIGN BEFORE USING ANY CODES

Touch Tone Pad Test:

To get a readback of a touch tone entry press 5, then use the touch tone keys (up to 32). The sequence will be read back in voice by the controller. Intermittent keys may be tested by pressing the key a number of times and counting the number of times it is read back.

User Autodial:

NO BUSINESS CALLS AT ANY TIME. Identify with your call sign before and after using the patch. To access the Autodial press *, then press your code and release the PPT. To hang up the patch, press #. The patch will time out in three minutes. Users are issued a two or three digit personal phone number from the controller's phone memory. Each call outside of the local calling area will be charged at the rate of \$.50 per phone call. YOU are responsible for remitting your phone call bills to the Association Treasurer: c/o CVFMA, PO Box 1628, Claremont, NH 03743-1628. Failure to pay bills older than 30 days will force disconnection. Contact repeater licensee W1GUA, in writing, to ask for your own two digit (11-99) or three digit (100-199) code. If it is available, it will be issued; if it is taken you will be assigned an open number.

Emergency Autodial:

The following emergency numbers may be accessed during control operator hours. NO "*" is needed. Identify before and after the call.

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>	<u>PARTY CALLED</u>
911	Emergency Call	Claremont Emergency Dispatch
912	NH Police	NH State Police
916	CPD	Claremont Police Dispatch

Terminate the Emergency patch by pressing #.

Talking "S" Meter:

To test your signal strength into the repeater receiver: announce your call, "testing", and press 73. The controller will respond in voice with your relative signal strength reading.

Demo/Bulletin Board:

To access this feature, press 44 and the number of the message. For example, 447=Bulletin Board Message #1.

0=Initial ID	5=Pending ID #3
1=Forced ID (CW)	6=Special ID
2=Anxious ID (CW)	7=Bulletin Board #1
3=Pending ID #1	8=Bulletin Board #2
4=Pending ID #2	

To request a bulletin message on the machine contact W1GUA. A vocabulary list is available for a SASE.

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The Connecticut Valley FM Association is an ARRL affiliated organization of over 100 mostly congenial 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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