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CQ, CQ, CQ, DE KA1III

My voice is still on vacation. I don't know where it went, but it must be having a real good time, because it hasn't come home yet.

Ed is floating around on cloud nine in seventh heaven, he doesn't have to take the batteries out of his hearing aids.

Anyway what I really want to say is THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU one and all, for the cards, flowers, and phone calls.

All your prayers certainly came thru, and I just can't Thank you enough.

73's, 88's, & Big Hugs. Polly

COMING ATTRACTIONS**From:** KA1111 POLLY**WHAT:** CABIN FEVER BLUES DINNER**WHEN:** Jan. 20, 1996**WHERE:** Homestead Inn - Walpole, N.H.

Choices are ROAST BEEF, - BAKED CHICKEN,
FRESH BAKED SCROD, or BROILED SCALLOPS.

All for the price of \$15.50 per person.

which includes tax, tip, dessert, and coffee.

Please send choice of dinner and check by Jan. 13, 96 to

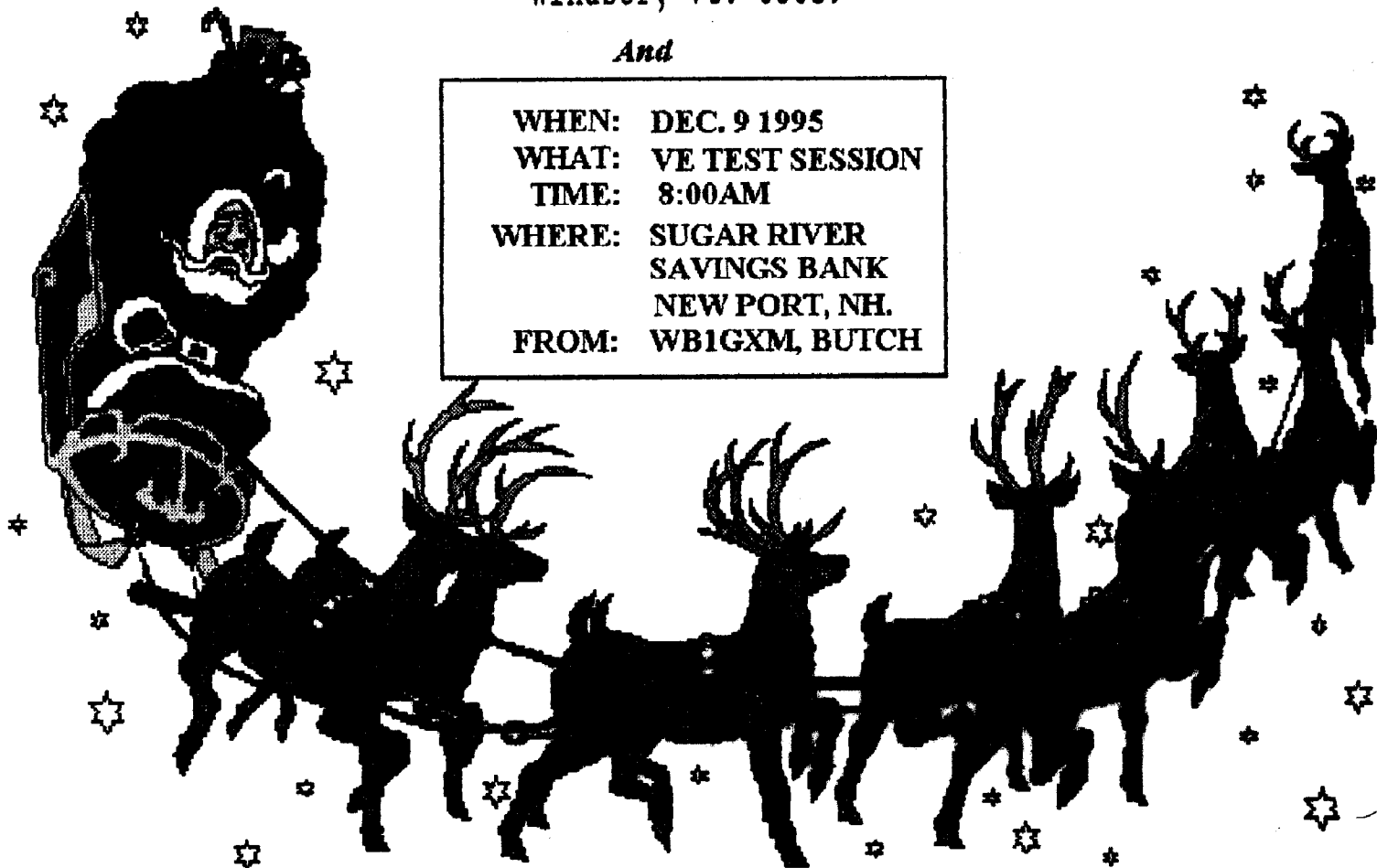
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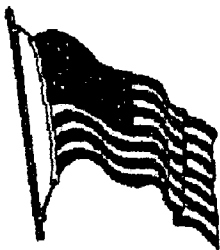
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And

WHEN:	DEC. 9 1995
WHAT:	VE TEST SESSION
TIME:	8:00AM
WHERE:	SUGAR RIVER SAVINGS BANK NEW PORT, NH.
FROM:	WB1GXM, BUTCH



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



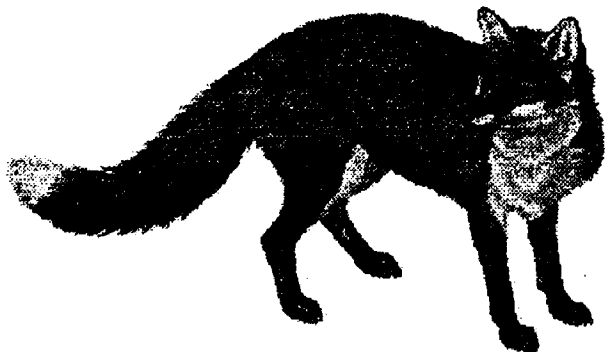
Some time ago (1982) the club purchased an Icom 2at ht. From what I have been able to find out it was to be made available to any club member who was hospitalized so that they could keep in touch.

This ht was discussed at the last board meeting and it was agreed that it was to be used for this purpose. It will also be made available for public service events, disasters, and field day etc.

I have checked the ht and it is in good working condition, with a spare battery and charger.

Please contact me to borrow it for one of the above stated purposes.

Carl, N1JRA Pres CVFMA



FOX HUNT N1SJK HELD A FOX HUNT

On Oct. 29/1995 Norm held a fox hunt in Claremont, NH. It was a complete success. The fox was found after one and a half hours by N1VFL GARY. He will be the next fox in the spring.

**Congratulations to both
Norm, N1SJK and GARY, N1VFL**

This was a club sponsored function, For a prize he will receive a one year membership! About five or so cars showed up, for the hunt.

Benji, KE1CT Editor CVFMA

FCC ANNOUNCES NEW RECIPROCAL AND THIRD PARTY AGREEMENTS

The FCC has added Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, and Macedonia to the list of those with which the USA has an Amateur radio reciprocal operating agreement.

The FCC has also added the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the list of countries with which the USA has a third party agreement.

Complete lists of US third-party traffic countries and reciprocal operating agreements are available by sending an SASE to ARRL HQ's or via one of the ARRL's electronic services list in the front of QST.

from Sept., 1995 ARRL LETTER

BUTCH WB1GXM

A Word or Two From the V.P.

Before the snow starts to fly, lets take a quick look back and ahead at some of the things going on.

As usual a great time was had by all at this years Field Day set up (see Field Day story for more details). Also the C.V.F.M.A Luncheon in October was lots of fun. At that meeting the members present adopted the New Constitution and By-Laws for the club - again special thanks go out to those members who worked on that committee. Plus at the meeting the Officers of the Club were voted in. As Vice President in my second term I will do anything I can for the members of the C.V.F.M.A.. If there is something I can do for you please contact me.

Coming up we have some great events planned. A Outdoor Mountain top operation using sideband and 440,220 and 6, an on the air contest, fox hunts, ares events, test sessions, a Hamfest or two, a club dinner, Field Day participation and a lot more. Sure hope to see you there.

Happy Holidays & A Wonderful 1996

James Geschwindner N1PZP

Vice-President C.V.F.M.A.

Field Day 1995

With this being my first year as Chairperson of Field Day I want to thank all who helped me along the way, they sure made it turn out to be easier then I thought it was going to be. I was kinda fearing the worst.

This year our Field Day setup will be in the green pastures of VT.. Anyone interested in helping out, planning etc should contact either myself or Darrel Daley : KL7DN.

The Following are our scores for 1995:

-- Entry Class : 2A

-- Power Source : Generator/Battery

Qso's

C.W.	6	(80 mtrs)
Phone	114	(80 mtrs)
	87	(40 mtrs)
	29	(20 mtrs)
	7	(15 mtrs)
	4	(2 mtrs)
	6	(6 mtrs)

QSO points - 506

Bonus PTS including WIAW message, newspaper article, operating in public place, emergency power etc. - 2000

Total Points 2500 - 2600 Respectfully submitted.

James N1PZP 1995 FD Chairperson

For Sale-Trade-Swap-Wanted

With 1996 right around the corner were going to try to get the For Sale Trade Swap Wanted list going again. The list will be accesible through this Newsletter, WB1GXM's mailbox and my personal Mailbox (N1PZP-5 off of VNH).

If you have anything or are looking for something in particular please let me know. This is what we have as of now.

For Sale:

1. Heathkit 150B Transmitter and Reciever plus external VFO
contact ED ELLIS KA1IIJ
1-802-674-5090

James N1PZP V.P. CVFMA

**FROM THE ARRL LETTER - OCT., 2, 1995
FCC BEGINS LICENSE EXPIRATION NOTICES**

The FCC has begun mailing notices of upcoming amateur license expirations. Those amateurs whose licenses would expire in Dec, 1995 are being sent, First Class mail, a computer-generated Form 610-R "short form".

The Commission's Gettysburg facility expects to mail more than 5000 such notices in late Sept., covering expirations from Dec. 1 to Dec 20, 1995. They plan to make mailings weekly, about 90 days before licenses expire.

The new Form 610-R may be signed, dated, and returned to the FCC to renew the license, provided that no changes (such as address) are needed. It will be permissible to correct misspelled words. For other changes along with renewal, it will be necessary to file a regular FCC form 610.

With the FCC starting this new service the ARRL will discontinue its reminder service to members. There is no monetary fee for an amateur license renewal. From Oct., 1995 ARRL Letter

73'S BUTCH WB1GXM

NEW HAM REMINDER

A reminder that if you know some-one waiting for a brand new (first) call sign, recent FCC rules changes allow new hams to start operating as soon as the license is issued. The ARRL has a new number eager hams-to-be can call (between 8 am and 4 pm Eastern Time Monday - Friday) to find out their new callsign if their VEC is using electronic filing with the FCC. The ARRL uses this method of filing. (The CVFMA VE Team is affiliated with the ARRL VEC.) The number is 1-800-326-3942. From Oct., 1995 ARRL Letter

BUTCH WB1GXM

**NEW EDITION OF SPECIAL EVENTS COMMUNICATIONS MANUAL
AVAILABLE**

The Field Services Dept. of the ARRL announces the availability of the new second edition of the popular SPECIAL EVENTS COMMUNICATIONS MANUAL. The manual covers pre-planned, hopefully non-emergency, events. It is packed with proven tips and ideas for planning and participating in special events.

It can be obtained for \$5 from the ARRL Field Services Dept., 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111 or order by phone - 203-594-0261.

From Oct., 1995 ARRL Field FORUM

BUTCH WB1GXM

C.V.F.M.A. 25 Year History 1970-1995

This year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the CVFMA. I decided that it might be nice to put together a history of the club so I requested input from the long time members and did some research thru the minutes of the meetings and old copies of the newsletter. I did not find everything that I wanted to know, so there are some gaps.

Another source of information was an earlier history written by Bunny, W1RFP, covering the first 7 years.

A lot of the old newsletters were undated and they did not list the officers as the present newsletter does. I have tabulated a list of officers and the years that they served. There are some blanks and some only served part of a year for various reasons. I did not track the newsletter editors and other appointees.

Bunny stated that on November 28th, 1970 the license for the repeater with the call WA1KGM arrived. The founders of our club were:

John Papay, K8YSE; Dick Guyer, W1USK; and Blanchard (Bunny) Pratt, W1RFP. At that time the closest repeaters in operation were Killington, Mt. Mansfield, and Pembroke, NH. A repeater on Mt. Ascutney was needed to fill in gaps in coverage.

The first repeater was a modified Canadian Marconi mobile radio.

The equipment was being built up during 1969 while awaiting the license. Dick Guyer and John Papay constructed a cw identifier using a plexiglas drum over which a punched-paper tape containing two rows of holes - one for dots and one for dashes - was stretched. Two lamps shone through the holes to illuminate photodiodes. This unit served for five years.

As it was winter and Ascutney was not too accessible, an attempt was made to temporarily locate the repeater on Moose Mt. This was rejected by NH ETV, the site operator. In negotiating with VT ETV, the operator of the Mt Ascutney site, an objection arose from the VT Office of Forests and Parks, the site owner. John Papay appealed to VT Governor Deane Davis to reverse the Forest and Parks decision. The Governor intervened and we were permitted to use the Public Safety radio room on the north peak. After some negotiation permission was also obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers the owner of the building.

The first meeting of the CVFMA was held in the spring of 1970. Early members were: W1RFP, W1USK, K8YSE, K1REN, W1ELJ, K1ZLL, W1USJ, W1EPD, W1EIC, WA1CHF, K1NIW, WA1GRF, K1ZYU, W1CG. A Constitution and By-laws were adopted and some dues collected to build the repeater.

A listing follows giving some milestones.

February 5, 1971 : The Connecticut Valley FM Association was incorporated in NH. Object: The operation and maintenance of a frequency modulation radio transmitting (repeater) facility used in non-profit activities of amateur radio operators.

September 1, 1973: The callsign of the 76 repeater changed to WR1ACA.

1976: The last year that a secretary/treasurer was elected. The following year the offices were separated.

October 3, 1976: from the minutes; "It was one of those secret ballots where nominations are opened, closed and voted on before the nominee knew what hit him"

1978: The new Moose Mt. repeater in operation.

August 19, 1979: The first meeting of "the emergency communications committee" called to order by WB1GXM.

1979: new Spectrum Communications SCR 1000 repeater purchased for Ascutney.

1981: 76 repeater moved from north peak to south peak of Ascutney.

Jan 30, 1982: approval of the purchase of "a small handheld" for use as a loaner for members in the hospital, walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, etc.

1984: VE team headed by WB1GXM with N1CB and KY1V, gave the first VE exams at a CVPMA King Ridge hamfest. This was the second VE exam to be given in New England.

1985: It was voted to purchase liability and equipment insurance for the club.

June 1, 1985: W1GUA special event station operated at Old Fort Number Four in Charlestown, NH.

August 1986: The membership voted to make the CVPMA a general purpose radio club and support the repeaters. Formerly it was a vhf repeater association.

1986: The CVPMA became an ARRL affiliated club.

October 4, 1987: The 76 repeater controller was named "Otto".

November 1, 1987: The CVPMA scholarship was proposed by WB1GXM. The first scholarships were given out in 1988.

1989: VE test sessions were moved to the Windsor House for 5 years. They were then moved to the present location, the Sugar River Savings Bank community room. Over 580 applicants have been served since 1985.

August 9, 1989: a tour of Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant was arranged for club members.

If anyone knows of something that I have missed, or has any corrections, please forward the information to me and I will have it in the next newsletter.

*** submitted for the CVPMA newsletter by Carl Snyder, N1JRA, President CVPMA ***

CVFMA officers for the first 25 years 1970-1995

year : pres : v pres : secry : treas : director: trustee : trustee
at large Ascutney Moose

1971 :	:	:	:	:	:	W1RFP	:
1972 :	W1TIM :	WA1PPK :	W1USK	:	:	W1RFP	:
1973 :	WA1PPK :	K1GMW :	W1USK	:	:	W1RFP	:
1974 :	K1LEC :	W1RNZ :	K1ZLL	:	:	W1RFP	:
1975 :	K1LEC :	W1VLL :	WA1WEY: K1ZLL :	:	:	W1RFP	:
1976 :	W1VLL :	W1CMV :	WA1WEY: W1ELJ :	:	:	W1RFP	:
1977 :	W1VLL :	WA1UJA :	WA1WEY: W1ELJ :	:	:	N1CB	:
1978 :	WA1UJA :	W1USK :	WA1WEY: W1ELJ :	:	:	N1CB	: K1QJH
1979 :	AB10 :	W1FRE :	WA1WEY: W1ELJ :	:	:	N1CB	: K1QJH
1980 :	WB1GXM :	W1FRE :	WA1WEY: W1ELJ :	:	:	N1CB	: WB1DKX
1981 :	WA1WEY :	W1FRE :	KA1BGT: W1ELJ :	:	:	N1CB	: WB1DKX
1982 :	KA1GOG :	WB1EAE :	KA1BGT: W1ELJ :	:	:	N1CB	: WB1DKX
1983 :	KA1GOG :	WB1EAE :	: W1ELJ :	:	:	W1USK	: WB1GRR
1984 :	WB1EAE :	KA1ID :	WA1THF: W1FRE :	:	:	W1UUS	: WB1GRR
1985 :	WB1EAE :	KA1ID :	KA1KAS: W1GUA :	:	:	N1CB	: WB1GRR
1986 :	N1CB :	KT1R/W1USK:KY1U :	W1GUA :	:	:	N1CB	: KA1GOG
1987 :	K1VNE :	KA1BGT :	: KB1XT :	:	:	NB1K	: KA1GOG
1988 :	K1VNE :	KA1BGT :	KY1U : W1GUA :	WB1EAE :	:	:	: KA1GOG
1989 :	KL7DN :	KA1PVS :	KY1U : W1GUA :	WB1EAE :	NB1K :	:	: KA1GOG
1990 :	KL7DN :	KA1PVS :	KA1III: W1GUA :	WB1EAE :	W1GUA :	:	: KA1GOG
1991 :	KA1PVS :	W1GUA :	KA1TWV: KL7DN :	N1HXC :	W1GUA :	:	: W1GUA
1992 :	KA1PVS :	W1GUA :	KA1III: KL7DN :	KA1SMC :	W1GUA :	:	: W1GUA
1993 :	NU1A :	W1GUA :	KY1U : KL7DN :	KA1SMC :	W1GUA :	:	: W1GUA
1994 :	KA1SMC :	N1JRA :	N1NPP : KA1ORB: KA1IIJ :	W1GUA :	:	:	: W1GUA *
1995 :	N1JRA :	N1PZP :	N1NPP : WB1GXM: KA1IIJ :	W1GUA :	:	:	: W1GUA *

* W1GUA also trustee of 442.4 repeater on silver mt., Lemster, NH

To all members;

The board of directors would like to thank all of you who attended the October 22, 1995 general membership meeting. At this meeting it was voted to amend the club constitution and by-laws. The proposed revised constitution was published in the June 1995 newsletter. This will now be the constitution in use. Several older undated constitutions & bylaws are out there. If you have any old versions please discard them or mark them "superseded". We would like to thank the constitution committee for the time they spent drafting the revisions, and commend them for a job well done. The committee was; Cheryl, WA1WEY; Jim, N1PZP; Carl, N1CB; Bruce, KA1ORB.

For the board, Carl, N1JRA, Pres.

**C.V.F.M.A General Membership
10-22-95
Sugar River Savings Bank
Newport N.H**

(Note James (N1PZP) took the Minutes)
CVFMA Minutes Membership Mtg 10-22-95

Meeting Called to Order: 1:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Jim Geschwindner	N1PZP	Leo Poulin	K1KFW
Butch Ekstrom	WB1GXM	Karen Ekstrom	KB1BJC
Frank Finger	NU1A	Howard Baxter	KB1JT
David Benjamin	KE1CT	Laura	N1UUF
Tom Abare	K1VNE	Claire Boyd	N1DRK
Bob Boyd	N1CIR	Larry	KB1AZG
Ed Ellis	KA1IIJ	Paully Ellis	KA1III
Bill Faughnan	KB1BCO	Marlon Wood	KA1SMC
Walt Congdon	W1ZPB	Bruce Beford	KA1ORB
Bob Richard	N1SCV	Norm Cobb	N1SJK
John Wiltshire	N1VOV	Cheryl Bruening	WA1WEY
Carl Breuning	N1CB	Carl Snyder	N1JRA

Secretary's Report: 1:17

The secretary's report of last General Membership Meeting was read by Jim (N1PZP). Motion was made to accept by Cheryl (WA1WEY) and seconded by Butch (WB1GXM).

Treasurer's Report: 1:22

A copy of the report was passed out to board members and was read by Butch (WB1GXM). Carl (N1CB) asked about how much money he owed and said he would discuss it with Butch after the mtg. A motion was made by Tom (K1VNE) and was seconded by James (N1PZP).

Old Business: 1:30

Carl (N1JRA) asked if anyone was still interested in being a late night phone control for the repeater. Benji (KE1CT) said he and Laura (N1UUF) could volunteer from 3:00 am on because of Laura's early morning schedule. Carl and Benji will discuss.

New Business: 1:35

Constitution:

Cheryl (WA1WEY) made a short presentation on the new constitution and by laws. After some discussion on dues and money in the arrears. Dues will not be pro rated for late rejoiners. The vote was taken and counted and the vote was unanimous with 25 yes votes. The Version of the Constitution that was voted on appeared in the last issue of the Newsletter.

Election Of Officers : 1:50

A motion was made by Carl (N1CB) to vote in current board with the exception of Steve (N1NPP) who was not seeking re election. Job description of Secretary was read by Jim (N1PZP) A motion was made by Carl (N1CB) of Bruce (KA1ORB) which was declined by Bruce, a second motion was then made to nominate Laura (N1UUF) this was accepted and seconded the vote was taken and Laura was voted in. Frank (WU1A) ceremonisly swore all Board Members in.

Announcements: 2:00 .

Next General Membership MTG Newport NH 12:00 p.m.
April 21 1996

A Check of \$30.00 will be donated to the CVFMA Scholarship from Bob Boyd's Newport Hamfest

Entertainment: 2:10

Norm (N1SJK) passed out forms on a upcoming Fox Hunt. After much discussion the Club voted to make the event a club sponsored event with the use of the .76 machine pending approval from Rudy W1GUA. The first hunt will be Sunday October 29th 1995 and will be held in Claremont. For complete info please contact N1SJK directly or James N1PZP. For the winner of the event a free one year membership to the CVFMA will be awarded.

Adjournement: 2:15

A motion was made, seconded and voted on.

Respectfully Submitted
James Geschwindner
Vice President + Fill in Sect
N1PZP CVFMA

Connecticut Valley FM Association

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL

1996

Please use this Form, all previous forms are obsolete.

Please Type or Print

Callsign: _____ Class () Exp. _____ Name: _____

Callsign: _____ Class () Exp. _____ Name: _____

Callsign: _____ Class () Exp. _____ Name: _____

Callsign: _____ Class () Exp. _____ Name: _____

Phone () Mailing Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

ARRL League member? _____ Reg. _____ Life _____ As an ARRL affiliated club, the CVFMA receives \$5.00 for each member that joins and \$2.00 for each member that renews via CVFMA. There is no extra charge to you.

- | | |
|---|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP (One Person) | FREE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FULL MEMBERSHIP (One Member) \$15.00 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FULL MEMBERSHIP (Senior age 65 or older) \$10.00 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FULLTIME STUDENT (Under 18 years and living at home) \$7.50 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Family Members \$5.00 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please accept my contribution to the CVFMA Scholarship Fund | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please accept my contribution to Repeater Maintenance & Expansion Fund | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On Account or past due AUTOPATCH dues | _____ |
| | TOTAL _____ |

MEMBER INFORMATION

Birthdate: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Spouse's Birth date: _____ Anniversary Date: _____

Date First Licensed: _____ Other Calls Held: _____

Favorite Amateur Radio Interests: _____

Other Hobbies and Interests: _____

Return Completed Application and Payment To:

Treasurer/CVFMA, Inc.
P.O. Box 1628
Claremont, NH 03743-1628

NEW ARRL AREA CODE

The ARRL's telephone area code has changed. Their previous "203" area code is now restricted to Southern Connecticut. Northern Connecticut is now area code "860". The previous area code "203" will continue to work until Sept., 1996. New direct ARRL telephone numbers include:
ARRL/VEC 860-594-0300 (and 1-800-927-7583)
ARRL/EAD 860-594-0301 ARRL Switchboard 860-594-0200

BUTCH WB1GXM

TRAFFIC TRAINING TIP

The ARRL has added a new numbered radiogram. It is NR 69 and reads as follows:

ARRL 69 Welcome to ____ (organization's name or event here) ____ .
We are glad to have you with us and hope you
will enjoy the fun and fellowship of the organization.

Please clip and add this to your traffic handling files.
73, WB1GXM

