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CVFMA Ham Radio Activities

The CVFMA amateur radio operators have started off 1996 with a flurry of activity in the last few months. Already ham operators have supported several March of Dimes walks, the New Hampshire Boy Scout Hike-a-thon and the Sunapee Bike Race.

Many thanks go out to all of the volunteers who have helped make these events successful. In particular:

Boy Scout Hike-a-thon:

NINCT - Bob
NU1A - Frank
N1PKP - Gary
N1WZR - Ethan
N1WWO - Evan
N1WZY - Moriah
N1JSG - Richard
WB1GXM - Butch
N0JSR - James

Springfield March of Dimes:

NINCT - Bob
N1JSG - Richard
KA1III - Polly
KA1IIJ - Ed
WY1L - Leslie

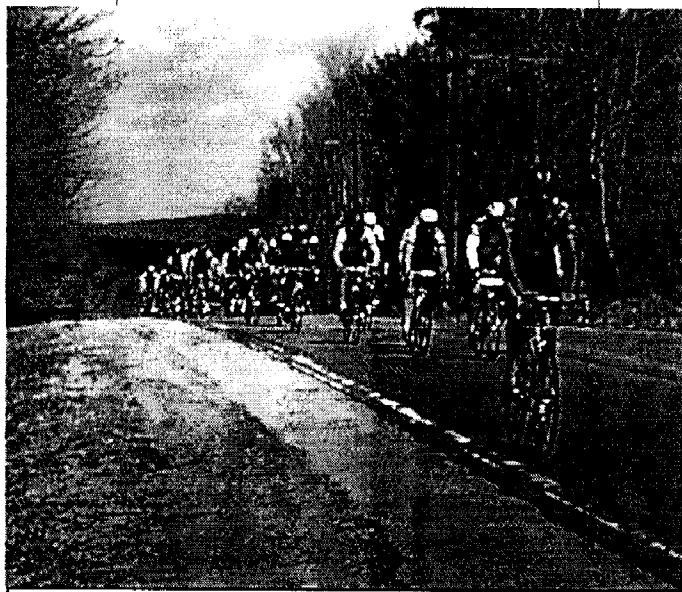
Bellows Falls March of Dimes:

N1JSG - Richard
N1TBB - Leroy
NINCT - Bob
WY1L - Leslie
N0JSR - James

Sunapee Bike Race:

WB1GXM - Butch

W4PAS - Dick
N1SCL - Pete



CVFMA hams support the 1996 Sunapee Bike Race on May 5. Pro/1/2 riders cresting the hill on Rte. 103A near Blodgett's Landing. (photo: editor)

KA1OAR - Carolyn
N1PKP - Gary
N1WWO - Evan
N1WZY - Moriah
KA1NYP - Steve
N0JSR - James

Of particular interest is the number of young hams that participated in the above events. N1WWO, N1WZR and N1WZY did an excellent job communicating effectively and were true assets to the exercises. Their involvement has already caused others to aspire to obtain an amateur radio operator's license.

CVFMA Newsletter Gets New Look

With the June 1996 edition, this newsletter will get a new look to reflect the opportunities available digital imagery and publishing software. The newsletter's latest editor, James, N0JSR, is joining publishing software and digital camera images to present a modern, easy to read newsletter that informs you of events that have taken place since the last issue, events that are scheduled during the next period, club news, test sessions, personal highlights, editorials, letters to the editor, and trivia.

This newsletter is intended for you, the reader. Comments from you will help determine the format and content of future issues.

Please let the editor know by mail, e-mail or verbally.

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As most people know by now, two big events are approaching rapidly: The Audrey Prouty Century Ride and Fitness Walk and the Vermont Sport and Ski 100 Mile Endurance Run.

The Audrey Prouty Ride/Walk will take place on Saturday, July 13. Last year, the event started and ended at the Thompson Ice Rink in Hanover, NH with various loops (biking and walking) going through Hanover and up the Connecticut River. This year:

1) The bridge between Piermont and Bradford will be closed for repairs and the 50 mile route will be different from last year.

2) The sponsors are studying the possibility of adding a 75 mile bicycle route and a 15 K walk. These routes are yet to be determined.

3) Amateur radio personnel will be doing propagation testing at the Thompson Farm SAG to determine the feasibility of using that site for the NCS or for a repeater.

for further information, contact Dan, KA1ZYH.

Enjoy the July weather, sometimes unpredictable, and join the fun of these, and other, ham radio events.

The Vermont Sport and Ski Association 100 mile Endurance Run is a 30 hour event scheduled for July 20-21. Last year, the race originated and finished at Smoke Rise Farm and involved runners and horses (yes, most horses had riders).

Last year's 100 Mile Endurance Run was an outstanding amateur radio success and virtually all, if not all, volunteers have signed up for this year's event. In fact, at last report, most volunteers from last year have asked for the same location again this year. The course provides interesting challenges for the runners/riders/horses and offers the radio operators

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CVFMA TEST SESSION de WB1GXM (contact: 603.543.1389)

The Association will be sponsoring a test session on Saturday, June 15, in the Sugar River Savings Bank Community Room (on Main Street, Newport, NH). Doors open at 8 a.m. and close at 8:45 a.m. when testing for all levels starts. Please remember to bring the following items with you:

- a) original FCC-issued license (if already licensed)
- b) Copy of original license (if already licensed)
- c) Original CSCEs you are claiming
- d) Copies of original CSCEs you are claiming
- e) one photo ID, or two non-photo IDs (one with an address)
- f) at least one pen, two pencils and a non-programmable calculator
- g) \$6.05 for the 1996 license fee for all test above Novice

The 5 wpm Novice (element 1A) Morse Code and theory tests (element 2) are free. The present test fee is \$6.05 covering all tests from Technician through Extra. To re-take a particular exam will cost an additional \$6.05.

Re-takes are encouraged but will be allowed based on time of day and availability of test materials.

There is no preregistration.

All applicants are expected to have materials that they need and have all paperwork organized; this will help all concerned.

If you are licensed and you upgrade, you may begin using your new privileges immediately. If you are not licensed, it will take about two weeks for your license to arrive in the mail. If you inquire on the FCC license information line, you will probably find it busy. PLEASE WAIT AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS AND THEN CALL THE ARRL AT: 860.594.0300 (a toll call).

Another way: check in the World Wide Web at: <http://ww.uair.edu/doc/hamuar1/callsign.html>

This is how the ARRL does it. Calling after only 2-3 days only delays the needed information from being disseminated quickly.

Next Sessions: September 21, 1996 and December 7, 1996.

From the VEs in your CVFMA VE Group, study hard. See you at the next test session

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the opportunity to develop and hone network skills.

Bob, NINCT, is again organizing this year's event and is looking for volunteers. Between now and the event, several of the Windsor County ARES nets will be dedicated to informing volunteers as to how the race will be coordinated with the amateur radio volunteers, what is expected of volunteer operators, what to bring to this event (a general readiness review for supporting day-long events), etc. At least one net is planned to include a practice session for interaction with the race NCS and various reporting stations.

Many of the events that the Association and hams in general support involve coordinating health and welfare traffic about many of the event participants. The Audrey Prouty Century Ride, the Vermont Sport and Ski Association Endurance Run, the Various bike treks, etc. involve tracking where participants are on the course in the event that they need assistance. When aid is needed, our ability to provide calmly the necessary information to the NCS, event officials, medical personnel and others is critical to providing the requisite aid. Therefore, participation in ARES nets and various events strengthens our abilities and our confidence to be level-headed when the need arises.

EVENT PREPARATION

As those who participate in these events already know, preparation is required from all volunteers in order for these events to operate smoothly. Preparation includes arriving at the appropriate location at the right time, checking in with the NCS, bringing weather- and event-specific equipment (radios and personal gear), etc. The purpose of the training nets is to cover the requirements for these events and to practice our radio coverage.

All are encouraged to participate in the upcoming nets!

TYPICAL EQUIPMENT:

The following is a list of typical equipment to consider for various events:

- radio(s) (handheld(s) and/or mobile),
- spare batteries (charge them ahead of time and check the charge),
- notepad and pencils/pens,
- map(s) and event instructions,
- portable antenna (if needed and available),
- flashlight (some events do happen at night!) and spare batteries and bulb (check the flashlight ahead of time to verify operation),
- a folding or lawn chair (it's not all

- action while you are on station),
- folding table,
- rain coat, windbreaker, sweatshirt and hat,
- bug repellent (certainly appropriate for this time of year!),
- food and water,
- something to do when your station is quiet (it happens!), and
- a camera for those moments that you want to capture for ever or for the newsletter at least.

Clearly, this list changes with the event and the season; you should consider the circumstances when selecting your equipment.

Editorial (open to all)

This is a first cut at a new format; a new editor always needs a new format to call his own. However, this newsletter is for you and, therefore, you control content and format.

Any and all comments are appreciated!

James NOJSR

Trivia:

A person builds a house with four sides, the house is a rectangle. All of the sides face south. A bear walks by. What color is the bear?

CVFMA Amateur Radio & Electronics Flea Market

The annual Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Sugar River Savings Bank Parking Lot on Main Street in Newport, NH.

Everyone (hams, SWLs, and non-hams) is invited to come in, socialize or sell and trade extra equipment. Are you looking for that special something extra for your shack? Need to make room for new gear or stuff? Time for a change of equipment? This could be your lucky flea market!

Coincident with the flea market will be the CVFMA quarterly test session that is scheduled from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Community Room of the Sugar River Savings Bank (next to the flea market).

Buyers have **FREE ADMISSION**. Sellers will pay \$5.00 per space. Food is available at local establishments on Main Street in lovely Newport.

Proceeds of the flea market go to the CVFMA Scholarship Fund to be awarded to one (1) Vermont and one (1) New Hampshire High School senior.

Stop by, buy, sell, socialize, find that special bargain and/or hope that NINCT is there to tell the tale of being arrested in Sunapee for violating a possible local ordinance.

For more information and/or to reserve space(s), contact:

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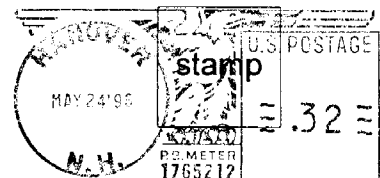
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