



# The QFQ Report



Official Newsletter of the  
Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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**JOIN US AT OUR FEBRUARY 1 MEETING AT THE STEAK HOUSE (SEE SIDEBAR FOR INFO) AND THEN PARTICIPATE IN SOME OF THE OTHER HAM ACTIVITIES IN THE COMING MONTH: HAM COM, FLEA MARKET, AND THE VERMONT QSO PARTY. (SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS!!)**

**FEB 1, 2012 MEETING**

The Steak House  
1239 U.S. Route 302  
Barre, VT 05641-2353  
(802) 479-9181  
Greet, and Eat (Early  
Bird Menu!) 5:00-5:30  
Meet and Eat:  
Business Meeting:  
5:30-6:30  
Presentation TBA

## QSO for Love

*(A CVARC member, who, to protect his identity, we will call Elvis, tells of how his trusty radio led him to the woman of his dreams — Ed.)*



**A story of Love and Radio involvement:**

It seems back in 1960s a certain amateur radio enthusiast was on his way to Sears to spend the last of his meager USAF pay for an electric razor, when the mobile unit on his dash called for him. He responded with, “No time to talk...have to get into Sears before they close.”

The fellow on the other end said, “Wait just one minute; I am almost there.” He was actually pulling into the parking lot. They had a short eye ball QSO which changed the first one’s life for the last 48 years, effective Feb. 2012. His girl friend had given him an ultimatum, “You must find a date for my friend, or I am not going to the West Texas State Fair with you!” Ouch, that was the event of the year.

Taylor immediately said, “OK”. His mind immediately went to “Elvis,” who had no involvement at the time with any girls. The perfect sucker for a blind date. He just had to locate him now. He grabbed the mic and gave a call for him, and believe it or not there he was. Now how do we bait the trap . He set the meeting time right now, not much time to figure this out.

The eyeball QSO went some thing like this, “Elvis’, I need your help. Betty won't go to the fair with me if I don't find Joyce a date to the fair. I know it's a blind date, and like most such things she is the ugliest woman you ever saw.” He had never met her, but he never mentioned that part.

Elvis, knowing Taylor as he did, thought, “Wow, sounds like he is really trying to talk me out of this, instead of into it. This Joyce must

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## Minutes of Meeting of January 4, 2012

P.O. Box 74  
South Barre, VT

Meeting was called to order by Russ WILRS at 6:00 PM. N1RNJ had to cancel at the last minute. There were eleven present - Peter Busha KBWIE, Wayne A. Dorsett WA1YNE, Alton Gardner KB1ORP, Jeanne Gricci KN1D, Jim Gricci K1SCE, Ronald Krauth N2ZGK, Tom Long KB1NGQ, Ture Nelson KB1NBJ, Russell Schauer WILRS, Ronald Schoolcraft KB1OPA, and Scott Whittier

### Call for reports

He called for the secretary's report, which was read by WA1YNE Wayne. A motion to accept as read was made by Tom KB1NGQ, seconded by Ron KB1OPA, and passed.

He then called for the treasurer's report which was read by Tom KB1NGQ as Avi was not present. A motion to accept as read was made by Ron, seconded by Alton KB1ORP, and passed.

### Old Business

1. Tom moved to table repeater action until later; Ron KB1OPA seconded it, and the motion passed.
2. Vermont QSO party -- Russ WILRS read the Board of Directors' decision on the issues, and Gary N1RNJ was to contact RANV about it.

### New Business

1. Tom announced Ham breakfast January 28 09:00 AM to 12:00 noon at J.P.'s restaurant, Route 2A River Road, Essex Jct., VT. See RANV.org for more info.
2. Ham con was mentioned as coming up on February 25, at the Holiday Inn in South Burlington, VT. See RANV.org. for more info.

### Adjournment

Moved by Ture, seconded by Tom, and passed

### Presentation by Scott Whittier on Sky Warn.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Wayne A. Dorsett, WA1YNE  
Secretary

### Treasurer's Report for December, 2011

#### Treasurer's Report as of November 1, 2011

Previous Balance	\$1995.52
Income	109.00
Expense	296.75
End of Month Balance	\$1807.77

Income was received in the amount of \$20 for dues, \$39 for ARRL membership, and \$50 from the Holiday party raffle. Expenses consisted of \$225 to Rinker Communication for repeater repairs, \$37 for ARRL membership, and \$50 for reimbursement for dinner for speaker and guest.

Respectfully submitted,  
Treasurer, K1AFK, Avi

### Notes from the Directory/Call Sign Trustee:

I have updated the Vermont Secretary of State's filing for the Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club, Inc. listing, which may not show up on their web site for a few days. I updated our ARRL "Special Services Club" information, and we are waiting for a response from the ARRL. I have passed the info for the IRS filing (Form 990-N e-Notecard) for this year.

—Tom Long KB1NGQ

## Special Meeting of the Board of Directors/Officers Dec 14, 2011

A quorum consisting of President Gary Sheridan N1RNJ, Vice President Russ Schauer W1LRS, Treasurer Avi Freud, and Secretary Wayne A. Dorsett WA1YNE was present.

In lieu of a regular membership meeting we met to deal with some issues for the club.

### Item 1. The Vermont QSO party.

After having reviewed the info on web, it was decided to allow things to remain as they for now. The two websites identify one as 2011, and the other as 2012, so there is no major conflict of websites.

The consensus of those present was that for consistency sake there would be no rule changes this year. Central Vermont Amateur Radio club (CVARC), as the main sponsor of the VT QSO Party, will set up the rules for the event. The local club which is hosting it for that year will make the rule about where to send the logs and who will return the QSL cards from their club. Otherwise the major event will stay the same.

CVARC will run a survey by each club in Vermont after the February event this year for any recommendations, but CVARC will decide if there are to be any rule changes for 2013.

The current club officer for RANV who has chosen to host the VT QSO Party for 2012 is Bob Allen KB1FRW, [mcamp@gmavt.net](mailto:mcamp@gmavt.net). The current office we are dealing with at WRRC is John N1TOX [n1tox@comcast.net](mailto:n1tox@comcast.net)

Gary as president has agreed to send e-mail to RANV and WRRC to confirm where we stand.

### Item 2. Repeater Project

The discussion of the repeater project lead to our deciding to get an estimate on what it would cost to purchase a new repeater for the Williamstown 146.625 repeater and to discuss with N1IOE and Rinker's about whether it would be profitable for us to swap the Cabot and Williamstown repeaters due to the better equipment being at Cabot which is a less used machine.

Gary will discuss what N1IOE thinks of that possibility. He will be seeing him at the Barre Fire Dept. tomorrow.

### Item 3. Dropbox

Wayne introduced the CVARCOFFicers dropbox to those present, and we will put common collaborative files as well as the monthly minutes, in that folder.

Respectfully Submitted Wayne A. Dorsett Secretary

## QSO for Love, continued.

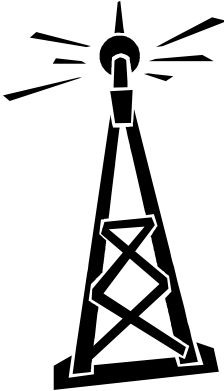


be a lot more beautiful than Betty.” Of course, in Elvis’ opinion, that would not have been a difficult situation. He knew what Betty looked like! “OK, just for you I’ll do it. I can wait a couple more weeks to get the new razor,” Pete replied. (Just for your information Betty looked worse than Popeye’s girl friend Olive Oyl.) The night came to go to the fair, and Elvis headed across the base to pick up Pete, and then Betty, who then showed them how to get to Joyce’s.

They all went to the door to pick up Joyce, and boy were there ever two scared faces when the door opened! Elvis was afraid, after having time to think about it, that maybe Taylor was right, she might be ugly. Joyce was worried because she had never been on a blind date before; her friend Gloria, who had been on several, was telling her at work all about the reasons she had sworn off of doing it again.

When the door opened, Elvis’ face lit up like a Christmas tree. There stood a gal who made Marilyn Monroe look pale. Joyce’s face fell to the floor. “Oh, that big tall ugly guy must be my date; no wonder he had to be a blind date,” she thought. Then Betty did the introductions. The big tall guy was Taylor. The normal nice looking one was Elvis. The “Monster Man,” as Gloria had begun to call him, wasn’t such a monster after all. Five months later they were married and are still working on whether it will work or not after 47 years and 11 months. So far it has survived four children, eleven grandchildren, one great grandchild, financial ups and downs, and moving around the country to different locations. I think, thanks to that long-ago QSO, it may have a chance. — Anonymous CVARC member

## NET NEWS



Central VT FM Net for <u>01/01/2012</u> NC: KB1NGQ	
Start: 20:00 LT	KB1NGQ Tom
End: 20:23 LT	WA1YNE
Mins: 23	Wayne
Check-ins: 6	N1ZRA Neal
Traffic: 0	N1PRT Joe
Relays: 0	N1FMP Ed
	KA1LHZ Steve

### CVARC 160 Meter Sideband Net Report

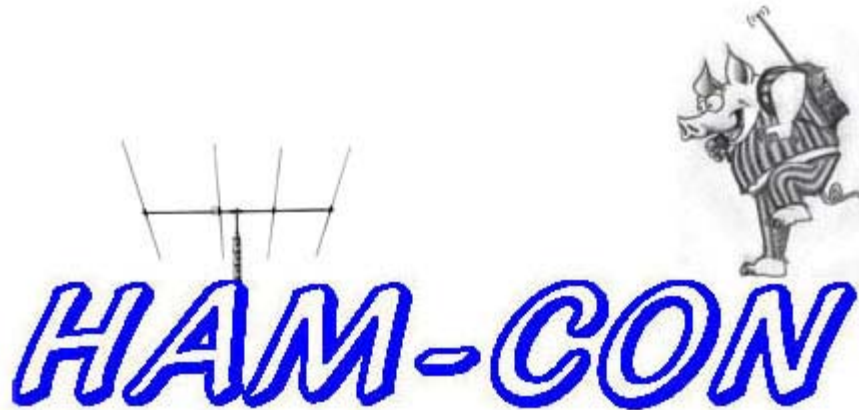
— from David Hale W1KR

(Note: Nets are held on Mondays, though the dates look like Tuesday.)

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Date		Mins.	Traffic
1-3-12	K1MZM/N1FMP/ W1CL/W1KR/	60	0
1-10-12	N1FMP/W1CL	37	0
1-17-12	W1CL/W1KR	62	1
1-24-12	N1FMP/W1CL/W1KR/WA1YNE	591	0





**THE VERMONT HAM RADIO  
CONVENTION  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25,  
2012**

***New Location!***

Holiday Inn Convention Center  
Williston Road at I-89 Exit 14  
South Burlington, Vermont

**HAM-CON is sponsored by the  
*Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont*  
and is run by the same folks who have brought you  
many years of fun at the Milton Hamfest.**

**We are in a super location which is convenient for everyone  
and has all the facilities to make this a first class show. In ad-  
dition, we have expanded the Convention to bring in more  
forums, more dealers and more demonstrations of amateur  
radio communications.**

**HAM-CON proudly carries on the Milton Hamfest tradition:  
29 Years of Great Hamfests in the North Country!**

**"and still the best little hamfest in the world!"**



**WHITE MOUNTAIN AMATEUR  
RADIO CLUB**

**FLEA MARKET**

AMATEUR RADIO, ANTIQUE RADIO, RADIO CONTROL,  
ELECTRONICS

**SATURDAY, March 10, 2012**

**8:30 AM-1:30 PM**  
(SET UP: 7:00 AM-8:30 AM)

**AT**

**NORTH CONWAY COMMUNITY  
CENTER**

**2628 WHITE MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY  
NORTH CONWAY, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**REFRESHMENTS!**

**OUTLET SHOPPING FOR  
XYLs**

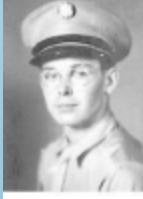
**VE SESSION AT 1:30 PM**  
(Registration anytime at Flea Market)

**TALK IN: 145.450 PL 100Hz**

Contact: Thaire Bryant, W2APF  
603-447-2376, 508-245-3522

## SILENT KEY

**MALCOLM M. MANNING SENIOR, NICDD**, passed away on January 6, 2012. His fellow hams mourn "Mac's" passing and send condolences to all who cared about him. He was born February 17, 1924 in Hiwasse, Arkansas, moved to Vermont at a young age, and graduated from People's Academy in Morrisville. After a stint in the army, he settled in Morrisville where he became a Charter Life Member of the Morrisville VFW post, the Disabled American Veterans, and American Legion Post 33. He was an active community volunteer, and this fact was recognized when he was given the Governor's Award for Outstanding Community Service in 2002. He recorded weather temperatures both as a hobby, and for Burlington weather stations. As a ham radio operator, he belonged to amateur radio clubs in central Vermont and Burlington. He was a member of the local Civil Air Patrol. He repaired televisions and (short-wave) two-way radios, and enjoyed camping, sewing, and practicing Reiki. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ida Mae (Goodell) and three grown children and their families.



*An edited note from Mitch Stern....*

**VERMONT QSO PARTY: February 4-6.** Friday night 7 PM until Sunday night 7 PM EST. This is Vermont's operating event. Turn the radio on and call CQ. Best time for activity is usually daytimes on 20-10 meters. Details are at [www.ranv.org/vtqso.html](http://www.ranv.org/vtqso.html). If you plan to operate, let me know and I'll post your schedule on the web site. If you are in the Burlington area, I'll be hosting a multi-op at my station. Let me know when you would like to come and operate. **NOTE: THIS IS A CVARC SPONSORED EVENT, HOSTED THIS YEAR BY RANV!**

**HAM-CON: Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.** 8 AM-2 PM. The Vermont Ham Radio Convention and Technology Show, Holiday Inn, I-89 at Exit 14. (*See Page 5.*) This is a new location. This year we feature new and different types of forums. We also have the new Activity Room where attendees can sit, talk, relax and watch various demos and mini-forums. Details are ever-changing and can be found at [www.ranv.org/hamcon.html](http://www.ranv.org/hamcon.html). While at the site, you can save money by purchasing tickets in advance. We also have a room block at the Holiday Inn if you would like to stay overnight, but you have to book early! Come down and try out the new location. We're sure you will think it is a hit! We also have a HAM-CON discussion reflector at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ham-Con>. You can post there by subscribing with an email to:

Ham-Con-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

## Repeaters

The Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club hosts two repeaters:

- W1BD, Williamstown, VT
  - Current status: **normal**
  - Frequency: 146.625 MHz
  - Offset: -600Hz
  - P/L tone: 100Hz
  - Coverage: Very good to excellent in all directions except west; covering east into New Hampshire, north to Barton and Brownington, northeast into Williston and Grande Isle, southeast to Rutland, south to Royalton.
- W1BD, Cabot, VT
  - Current status: **normal**
  - Frequency: 146.820 MHz
  - Offset: -600Hz
  - P/L tone: 100Hz

**Coverage: excellent through St. Johnsbury into northern New Hampshire; good to the north, west, and south.**

## Central Vermont FM [Net]

When: Every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Where: W1BD 146.625 repeater on Mt. Pleasant, Williamstown, Vt.

