



The QFQ Report APRIL 2005



The Official Newsletter of the Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club

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The Upcoming Meeting

The next meeting of the Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club (CVARC) will be held on Wednesday 02, March 2005 at the Community National Bank in Barre. The business meeting starts at 1830 and the Presentation starts at 1900.

This Month's Featured Presentation is:

CVARC News

From Our Club President, Ed Hutchinson, N1FMP

As winter winds down (in spite of the snow falling right now), and my term as president is about to expire I am trying to find something meaningful to say. I can't

even come up with something mean, which leaves me speechless. I have enjoyed the last couple of years. Looking back I would have expected to have done more but that's the way things are apt to go in a hobby club. I look forward to being a member with no responsibilities except to have fun in the hobby. My best wishes and support go out to the officers for the coming year that will be elected at the annual meeting Saturday April 2 at the Hilltop.

As for current business. Nice work and thanks to those club members that testified in the House on behalf of H.12, I know about W1DEC and WA1LIE, if there were others thanks to them too. It is hard to judge the rate of progress of legislation, it seems as though good bills languish for lack of attention. I hope for speedy passage. I have sent notes to my legislators and to the committee members. I hope that all of us will do the same.

Fred, N1OEP, will be recruiting volunteers to run radios for the VT Corporate cup challenge to be held in Montpelier, after work Thursday May 19th. We will have a couple of club meetings between now and then to sort that out.

The logs for the QSO party are in, I received 9 logs. WB1GQR racked up the largest score and the largest number of QSOs. DX logs came from Poland and Hungary, and there were logs from a total of 7 states. The number of VT clubs that participated seems to have been at an all-time low. I received only one log and very few instances of club call signs showed up in the logs received. I have been unable to connect with Steve, KA1LHZ, to recover the certificates and the CVARC embossing stamp. I will prepare certificates as soon as I get the materials. W1BD was on the air for a while (I didn't get the log so we didn't "compete" although our score would have been a couple or three orders of magnitude below WB1GQR). Most of the comments that came with the logs complained about

not hearing many VT stations on the air. I usually operate but this year was in Montreal from early Sat AM to very late PM. I know of several other stations that planned to participate and didn't for one reason or another. I hope for better results next year.

73, for now, I hope to see everyone at the Hilltop.

Ed, N1FMP

Other Amateur Radio News

Event's List

Upcoming Program Topics

Instead of a WEDNESDAY CVARC meeting, we will be meeting SATURDAY APRIL 2nd at the Hilltop Restaurant 6:30 PM. Dinner served around 7 PM. We will have Election of Officers, but most of all camaraderie of Ham's and their spouses.

This is the selection of menu items we chose at the March meeting:

- Prime Rib
- Baked Haddock
- Broiled Salmon
- Broiled Scallops
- Chicken Marsala
- Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Vegetable Lasagna
- Black Diamond Steak

NO reservations needed. We will meet downstairs at the Hilltop. There will be a cash bar for us.

REMEMBER YOUR CHECKBOOK, pay your membership dues so you can vote. See you there!

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of CVARC meeting on February 2, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Ed at 6:45pm. Those in attendance were Ed, Joe, Richard, Jane, Lorrie, Fred, Jo, Chris, Bob M., Bob D., Allen, Lonny, Carolee, Fran, and Ken.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurers report were accepted by nearly unanimous voice vote. (Joe opposing all motions). A discussion was brought up during the treasurers report concerning the amount owed to John Saxby for repeater parts. After the vote, the discussion continued concerning our financial position, the disposition of currently unneeded parts and our indebtedness to John. The outcome of the discussion was a motion by Lorrie, seconded by Bob Mc Corkle to settle the account with John and use the money obtained through the offer of Allen to purchase the unused power supply for \$125.00 and Fred to purchase the unneeded Yaesu 2 meter rigs for \$150.00 for both, as is, with the understanding that a microphone was missing and that they had been used for repeater service. This motion was approved by unanimous vote.

A discussion ensued concerning the upcoming QSO party at Allen's house on the weekend of the 5th of February. Specifically, logging software was a concern, but Allen said he was purchasing a router the next day and hoped to have all computers networked for the party.

The next order of business was the announcement that the weekly CVARC 2 meter net would start at 7:00pm local standard time, or more correctly at 0 hours Zulu all year long. This was explained to translate into 8:00pm during Eastern daylight savings time and 7:00pm during Eastern Standard time. Chris was to install this announcement on the repeater before Sunday.

Next was a discussion on the election of officers for the upcoming annual meeting on April 2 at the Hilltop restaurant, as we have done for the past few years. It was decided to do the balloting "Allen's way" which we did two years ago and gave everyone a lot of entertainment and an opportunity to serve their club. The slate of officers will be selected at the March meeting.

The last business was a report on the legislative bills H-12 and S-0065 as they relate to the zoning and accommodation of antenna structures for amateur radio installations. We were all encouraged to write to the representatives of the committees and express our support. The lists of members on the committees will be forwarded to everyone by Fred via e-mail.

This concluded the business meeting and then Fred gave a multimedia presentation on "CERT" which is a training course on emergency responding to local emergencies. He was assisted by Allen, who had taken the course that Fred co taught the previous weekend. There was a great deal of interest in this program and Fred will be conducting another "CERT" course starting April 2, 2005. He can be contacted for further information. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm as we have to be out of the building by 8:30.

Respectfully,
Jo, KB1EPT

Treasurer's Report

APRILe!'s Treasurer's Report

Balance Brought Forward	\$500.31
Auctioned VoltOhmeter	2 1.00
CVAR Dues	40.00
Gift	20.00

Total 581.31

Membership Dues:
Please remember we will be having election of Officers in April. To vote you must be a paid up member.

You have the opportunity to pay dues April 2nd before the election of Officers.

Respectfully,
Ken/KB1GPQ
Please note. If you pay your ARRL dues through our club, we get to keep \$2.00.

W1BD Net Information

Net Manager, W1AAT

Net Control Operators

1st Sunday	Bob McCorkle/WB1AJG
2nd Sunday	Ed Hutchinson/N1FMP
3rd Sunday	Allen Tinker/W1AAT
4th Sunday	Jo Messer, KB1EPT
5th Sunday	Mike Stridsberg/N1IOD

The W1BD Net opens every Sunday at 0000 Z on 146.625 MHz, 100 hz tone, and runs until all stations have been acknowledged. W1BD repeater is located on Mount Pleasant in Williamstown, Vermont. W1BD also runs a repeater in Cabot, Vermont on 146.82.

CVARC conducts a 160m Monday night "rag-chew" net 20:00 - 21:00 local (00:00Z - 01:00Z during EDT), 1.966mHz Ish. Everyone is welcome.

Simplex Net

Immediately following the Central Vermont FM Net on Sunday evenings, many of us can be found on 146.49 simplex. This has become a regular event and a real fun time. We have been truly amazed at the number of check-ins and the range we have achieved.

Central Vermont ARES Net (CVAN)

Regular Net date is: Monday
Time: 1900 local (7PM local)
Frequencies: 146.520 (The Net is called, and stations are directed to 146.490.

NCS Schedule

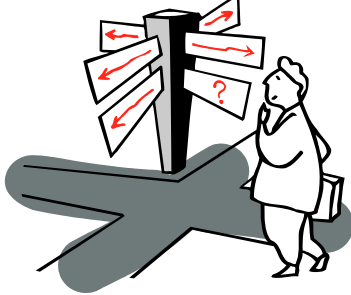
1st Monday - WA1LIE, KB1EPT or as assigned fmesser@madriver.com
2nd Monday - W1AAT
tinker@madriver.com
3rd Monday - W1RCH rch@gmavt.net
4th Monday - K1YP
cowboypecor@juno.com

5th Monday –KB1GPQ

Backscatter

Ted Vassar/N1MYX lives at 150 Main Street in Montpelier and is looking for a ride to our meetings. If anyone were passing by Main Street on the way to Barre, maybe you would give Ted a ride. He would appreciate your consideration. 223-3516

If you have any Ham Radio related items for sale, or desire to buy, email the QFQ editor for inclusion here.



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CVARC Web's URL

<http://www.qsl.net/w1bd>
W1BD Website

You can also find this issue of QFQ posted to our website.

The URL is: <http://www.qsl.net/w1b>

If you have anything you would like to post on the site, suggestions or what ever, please give Steve/KK1VT a jingle. He needs items to post to get our site up, running and looking beautiful.

Amateur Radio License Testing Schedule

Second Friday of every month

Sponsor: BURLINGTON AREA ARRL VE TEAM

Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: RALPH T STETSON

(802)878-6454

Email: KD1R@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE

29 MANSFIELD AVE

PLEASE CALL RE SPECIAL NEEDS

BURLINGTON, VT 05401

CVARC will offer testing by appointment most anytime. Test location is WA1LIE QTH in Waitsfield, or for large groups, the Berlin National Guard Armory.