



The QFQ Report December 2006



The Official Newsletter of the Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club Inc

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HOLIDAY PARTY WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER THE HILLTOP

The gala Holiday Gathering of **CVARC** will take place this year on our regular meeting night, Wednesday 6 December at the Hilltop Restaurant in South Barre. You will find directions to the Hilltop and the end of this article.

Dress up or come as you are and join your **CVARC** friends in getting into the spirit of the season. This is a great chance to introduce your spouse or significant other to those wild and wooly ham colleagues that you hang out with and talk to on the radio.

The festivities will get under way with a "Happy Hour" at 6 pm and we'll plan on having dinner about 7 pm. Following dinner a delightful "Yankee Swap" will be held and we invite you to bring a gift (ham radio related if possible) from your box of "stuff" that you no longer need. In any event, find something suitable for either gender, and, if you have to purchase something, keep the cost to under \$10 (ten) dollars.

We will draw a number from a hat and proceed to "open" gifts. When

your number comes up, you may go to the gift pile and take a wrapped package or to anyone who has preceded you and has opened a package. You may take their gift if you wish which will send them back to pile of gifts to select another one. You'll be delighted and surprised to see how many times a menu driven transceiver will "change hands" during the course of the evening. And the more "changing" that goes on the more fun is generated for all.

Perhaps we'll end the evening with a few holiday songs from all the traditions represented in the club. Or we can zip around the room and share our favorite holiday memories from days gone by. I would love to tell you about the time I asked Santa for a stalk of bananas!

Plan on joining us; and, if you have any early holiday guests who have arrived, please feel free to bring them along.

You have received electronically or by surface mail an indication of menu choices available. If possible, get your "prime rib" choice to Jo **KB1EPT** by e-mail or telephone today. You can order from the menu as late as the evening of the meeting so reservations are not necessary.

DIRECTIONS TO THE HILLTOP RESTAURANT IN SOUTH BARRE

From Barre take Rt 14 south past the light near Spaulding High School. Pass Boynton St. Left and Circle St. Left and turn left at the next street, Quarry Hill Road. Come up the hill, across the tracks and look for the Hilltop on your right. Phone is 802 479-2129 or give a shout on the Williamstown Repeater.

CVARC NEWS

by
Allen W1AAT, President

One of the wise sayings that we all have heard and know goes like this: "Confession is good for the soul!"

I have discovered in recent weeks that I have made a serious but not irreversible mistake in conducting the affairs of **CVARC** during my term in office. No other person, officer, committee, nor the Board of Directors is responsible for the mistake; it is mine alone.

I want to confess my error and tell you that my action was not proper and that I feel terrible about it. I am going to ask you to forgive me and to move ahead in amending my mistake and setting the record straight.

In a nutshell here's a brief account of what happened. Most of you will recall that I have been an ardent supporter, if not one of the architects, of **CVARC's** application to become a 501-C-3 organization. In my zeal to get the right wording into our application for incorporation with the Vermont Secretary of State and with the required Internal Revenue Service documents for granting **CVARC** the 501-C-3 tax status, I have discovered that I have caused documents and papers to be filed on our behalf that were not properly approved by you.

I, as your President, am responsible for the error for it is my first duty to see that the affairs of the organization are conducted in good order according to our Constitution and By-Laws. Please be assured that no malice was intended and certainly no mischievousness was contemplated. But I made a mistake and I wish to rectify that mistake as quickly as possible.

If you will kindly download the "By Laws" from the **W1BD** web site you will find the wording which we believe brings our By-laws into compliance with the requirements noted above. Please know that a great deal of time, energy and negotiation (at least five drafts) has already gone into this document. But it needs our attention and revision and your input and comments are needed and invited and will be most welcomed and appreciated.

I am confident that we can have a properly warned and drafted document that will meet our needs and those of Vermont and the IRS ready for all of us to adopt with unbridled enthusiasm at our annual meeting in April.

If each of you will be gracious and pardon my error, I will renew with new vigor my pledge to you to be a good steward of **CVARC** in the time remaining to me. As you know, my term of office will expire at the coming annual meeting. More on all of this as we move ahead.



Heartiest congratulations to Art **KB1NHV** Rank and Bill **K1HTJ** Linde upon their successful completion of Element 1 at a VE session at MeadowCrest Farm in Waitsfield on Monday evening 20 November. Bill found the "Quick Code" program very helpful in his preparation for the test and has written a brief review elsewhere in this newsletter. Our friend Arnie **K1ARN** Utten from Barton, VT who has been dubbed "The Voice of the Kingdom" by Tom **KB1NGQ** unfortunately experienced great difficulty in locating the VE session in the dark and had to return to Barton without his "Extra." But we are sure that next time will be charm

and that success is just around the corner. Congrats also to Wayne **KB1NDS** Dorsett who passed his General class written exam just before the November meeting was called into session.

Also attending HossTraders in October were **CVARC** members Erik **KB1NBQ** and Tim **KB1NBR** Mueller-Harde as well a Chip **W1AIM** Taylor from Cabot. Tim **KB1NBR** at 9 years of age holds the distinction of being our clubs youngest member!



Tim KB1NBR Mueller-Harde

Our congratulation to Steve **KA1LHZ** Board upon the successful erection of the first section of his 100 foot tower. The top will soon hold his 2 meter repeater which should give all **CVARC** members good coverage in the greater Northfield area and much better when the second section of tower is installed next summer.

Reservations have been made with Don Gainey in the Barre Town Offices for Field Day exercises at the Recreation Field on the fourth weekend in June 2007. Don has assured us that there won't be conflicts with birthday parties next time!

The FCC released the "Omnibus" Amateur Radio Report and Order in October and it was published in the Federal Register on 15 November and takes effect on 15 December. You will find the new amateur radio band chart elsewhere in this newsletter or as an attachment to it. Details about the order can be found in QST and at the ARRL web site.

The Twin State Chapter of **QCWA** is holding a winter luncheon at Papagallos Restaurant in Keene, NH

on Saturday 9 December beginning at 11:30 am and concluding at 3 pm. Bob **WB1AJG** McCorkle and Chris **KB1NBN** Craig and I will be attending and invite other **QCWA** members or friends to attend this gathering. A good time is always guaranteed when these venerable old timers get going.

VERMONT QSO PARTY

CW/Phone/Digital, sponsored by the Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club from 0000Z Feb 3 (7 pm EST Fri. 2 Feb) to 2400Z Feb 5 (7 pm EST Sun. 4 Feb). Frequencies (MHz): 160-10 meters and VHF/UHF; CW 40 kHz from band edge (20 kHz Novice/Tech segments), Phone -- lowest 25 kHz of General segment and entire Novice/Tech 10 meter band, VHF SSB-50.200, 144.200, FM-146.49, 146.55. Categories: SOAB (Single Operator All Band, MO (Multiple Operator-Multi Transmitters, Club and Rover. Exchange RST and VT county or State/Province/Country. QSO points: Phone = 1 pt, CW or digital = 2 pts. Work stations once per mode up to four QSOs per band. Score: QSO points times VT/NH/ME counties plus Vermont Club Stations. VT stations only add S/P/C, each counted only once. For more information and list of club stations: qsl.net/w1bd. Logs due Mar 1 to trlong1@adelphia.net for transfer to the Vermont QSO Party Coordinator or mail, Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 74, South Barre, VT 05670-0074.



Last year's QSO Party

We need a small group to work out the details of host, equipment, food, log reception, publish results and get out certificates to participants. It's a big job for one person and is best accomplished by a team effort.

501-C-3 YIPEE!

If you itemize deductions on your federal tax return, won't you please consider a year-end contribution to the **Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club, Inc.** We are now a duly recognized IRS recipient of gifts, grants, bequests and tax exempt contributions. Our profound thanks go to a small group of people who have labored long and hard to obtain the necessary credentials and have put us in a position where we don't have to depend upon ham-fests, bake sales, raffles or dues to carry out the mission of **CVARC**. We now have a very powerful new tool that can help us in fundraising and let's begin with ourselves.

If you itemize, you know that many expenses including mortgage interest, taxes, a percentage of medical expenses and your contributions to charitable organizations are deductible. For example, should you make a year end contribution to CVARC of \$200, you may be surprised to find out how much such a contribution will actually "cost." To get an idea, pull out your 2005 tax return and add a \$200 charitable contribution to your itemized list and refigure your tax. The difference will be the amount that a \$200 dollar contribution will actually cost you.

This amount will be different for everyone but will give you an idea of what is possible. And given the chance, wouldn't you rather send some cash to **CVARC** rather than to some government project that you find questionable? I believe that any contribution that you have made to our organization in 2006 is now covered by our new status. So, your support of the new Cabot repeater can be listed in your itemized deductions! Thank you, thank you!

The September 2003 CVARC Hamfest at the Waterbury National Guard Headquarters was a year in preparation and netted the club \$736. Dare we ask how much can be raised in one "ask-it" at the eleventh hour in

2006? Won't you please review your 2006 "contributions to worthy causes" budget and if possible make a gift to **CVARC** before the end of the calendar year.

Cheers to one and all,
Allen **W1AAT**

W1BD 2006 ARRL Field Days

Chris Craig reports that twenty CVARC participants racked up 2,366 Field Day points with 823 QSOs on many bands. We look forward to shooting at that record next year and thank Chris for reporting on time to QST who apparently lost his results for the latest edition of QST.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COURSE ORGANIZING

Members interested in taking the Level 1 ARES Emergency Communications Course on a weekend to be determined this winter please contact Fred **WA1LIE** Messer at 802 496-3566 for details. This two day course consists of classroom instruction and discussion and work with a mentor in completing written assignments. You'll need access to a computer, the Internet and be familiar with e-mail navigational skills. This course is widely touted as the best basic level instruction in emergency communications available and is a prerequisite to the ARRL's Level 2 and Level 3 courses. Fees for CVARC members are \$45 which includes text and supplies and \$75 for non-members. Please contact Fred post haste if you are interested

ARRL Bandplan Changes

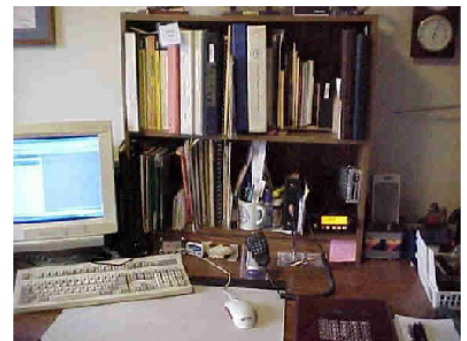
Complete Bandplan change information, to be instituted December 15th, is too much, and too detailed to try to add to the QFQ. A file, and link, will follow in a separate e-mail to CVARC distribution.

1st WINTER FIELD DAY

The first Winter Field Day will be held from 12:00 noon on Saturday January 13, 2007 to 12:00 noon on Sunday

January 14, 2007 local time. The object of the event is to set up emergency-style communications and make as many contacts as possible during the 24 hour period. The rules encourage as many contacts on as many bands and modes as possible, because during a real emergency, the most important factor is the ability to communicate, regardless of band, mode or distance. For more information, see <http://www.spar-hams.org/contests/winterfd/index.php>

Submitted by Rev. Wayne **KB1NDS** A.
Dorsett



KB1NDS's SHACK

Marconi's Daughter Lauds Effort To Preserve Wireless Facility by Debra Lawless

Reprint; The Cape Cod Chronicle October 26, 2006

It's not every day that a princess comes to town, and that's partly why the appearance of Princess Elettra Marconi in the Grand Pavilion at the Wequassett Inn Monday evening was so magical. "We're here to pay a tribute to the Princess Marconi and the spirit of her father who was the wizard of wireless," said Roz Coleman, president of the Chatham Marconi Maritime Center (CMMC), in introducing Marconi to more than 100 CMMC members attending a cocktail party in the princess' honor. "I'm very happy to be here with you," Marconi said to the group, speaking in English with a light Italian accent. "I've been thinking all the time of beautiful Chatham and all the work you have done here to keep the memory of my father." Marconi's father was Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of wireless transmission, the man "who gave a voice to silence." And more than that, Marconi spent time on Cape Cod nearly 100 years ago. His first

station was in South Wellfleet. In 1914 the Marconi Wireless and Telegraph Company of America secured land on Ryder's Cove and construction began on the red brick buildings so familiar to us today. It is the CMMC's mission to preserve and restore the Marconi Operations Building at 847 Orleans Rd. and to create a center to celebrate the history and science of radio communications in the 20th century.

Guests at the Monday evening party mingled while sipping drinks and nibbling hors d'oeuvres for about 45 minutes. Jamie McClennen, owner of the Wequassett Inn, donated the hors d'oeuvres and the use of the room to the CMMC. At about 6:50 p.m. bagpiper Lewis Masson of Chatham "piped" the princess in with the Italian national anthem and followed that, after everyone was seated, with a brief bagpipe concert including such favorites as "The Bluebells of Scotland."

Seated in the front row, Marconi watched, for the first time, the 15-minute documentary film "Chatham Radio WCC: The Untold Story," narrated by Walter Cronkite and produced by Barbara Cotnam of Chatham in 2005. So far, the film has won four documentary film prizes. The film highlights the history of Marconi on Cape Cod and also stresses the lifesaving aspects — particularly for ships at sea — of Marconi's wireless transmission. The Chatham station was once the busiest ship-to-shore radio station in the world.

The Princess called the film "a great surprise" and "a beautiful documentary with beautiful landscape."

She told the group that that morning she had visited the radio station "that I was dreaming about, that I was longing to see again. I have great emotion to go close to the masts and make photographs," she said. "I have great excitement to be there to touch it, to see that it's still well kept.

"This is a part of the world that my father chose after Wellfleet," she said. "He saw it was the right place to develop the radio. It's a great emotion for me to visit the four black columns that have been left of the very high mast that overlooks the sea."

Elettra Marconi was born in 1930 in Santa Marinella, Italy, the only child of Marconi and his second wife Maria Cristina.

"I had a beautiful baby girl with blue eyes and fair hair. Guglielmo wanted to call her Elettra like his yacht," Maria Cristina Marconi wrote in her memoir "Marconi My Beloved." "We were filled with joy." Guglielmo Marconi died of a heart attack in 1937 when Elettra was only seven years old. Maria Cristina died in 1994 "after 57 years of widowhood dedicated

entirely to perpetuating the memory of her beloved husband."

"I like to think of the future, the young ones, to remember my father, to keep alive his memory as a great example for all the young ones," Elettra Marconi told the group. "My father had enthusiasm, energy, optimism. He had a very strong character. His inventions were always for the benefit of humanity, to save lives, to give news of the family when they were out at sea."

Marconi described her father as a deeply devout man who thanked God for his talents and believed that God was working through him by giving him "the possibility to save so many lives."

She vowed to come back to Chatham and to bring her son, also named Guglielmo. She said that she would like to go sailing the next time she visits. The audience gave the princess an enthusiastic standing ovation.

Before the princess spoke, Coleman asked former employees of the Marconi Center in Chatham to rise—about four men did. She then asked for amateur radio operators to rise—and about 14 more did.

Coleman also recognized "community leaders" who have been, or will be, instrumental in getting the Marconi Center off the ground. Chatham Selectman Douglas Ann Bohman was "one of the earliest visionaries who saw that this site should belong to the town." And she recognized Danielle Jeanloz, executive director of the Chatham Chamber of Commerce. "We hope to work closely with the chamber when we are an official site so we can take some of these tourists who don't know what to do with themselves."

The CMMC will hold its fourth annual meeting this Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Eldredge Public Library's Forgeron Room.

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"100 Years" Voice over Radio

Hi Folks -

Check the link below. This is a mention of our "100 Years" celebration in the article. Some interesting reading sent to me by a friend. 73 and Happy Thanksgiving to you all !! Link below:

http://mrtmag.com/mag/radio_back_basics_2/

Avi, K1AKF

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 6.....CVARC Holiday Party @ The Hilltop
2007

Jan 3 Meeting: Rex Carr on WinLink 2000
(Location to be announced)
Feb 2, 3 & 4 Vermont QSO Party
Feb 6 Tues Civil Air Patrol Radio
March 7 Wed CVARC Monthly Meeting
Business: Recommend Bylaws Changes
April 7 (Sat) CVARC Annual Meeting
Adoption of Bylaws & Election of Officers
May 2 Wed CVARC Monthly Meeting
May (Dates to be announced) ... HossTraders
June 6 Club Planning Meeting for Field Day
June 22-24 Field Day at Barre Town Rec Pav.

RECENT PROGRAMS

Jan, 2005 **W1AAT** Goal Setting
February **WA1LIE** CERT & ARES
March **KD6PCE** on Mt Shasta
April **CVARC** Annual Meeting
May **N1BQ** Automatic Packet Reporting
June Preparation for Field Day
July **NWS** Summer Skywarn Training
Aug **W1WRW** on J Pole Antennas
Sept Mike **N1JEZ** Sequin's Rover
Oct Dick Cracier Marconi Wireless Soc.
Nov **W1KR** Telegraph Keys
Dec Holiday Party at Susanna's

Jan. 2006 **NWS** Winter Skywarn Training
Feb **W1DEC** on R.A.C.E.S.
Mar **W1WRW** on Incident Command Sys
Apr 1..... **CVARC** Annual Meeting
Apr 5 J Pole 2 Mtr Antenna Construction
May 3 VT Sec Mgr **AA1SU** & **W4YTJ**
June 7 Planning for Field Day 2006
July 5 Repeater Operation with **N1GBB**
Aug 2 **K1ZK** and the Nat Radio Astro Obv.
Sept 9 ... **CVARC** Picnic at MeadowCrest Farm
Oct 4 .. Evaluate September's Emergency Test
Nov 1 **W2HDI** on "Menu Driven Transceivers"
KB1NBN & **K1HTJ** "Satellite Communications"
Dec. 6 .. Holiday Party at the Hilltop Restaurant

Minutes of Last Meeting

Those attending the 1 November, 2006 meeting of CVARC included:

* = member 20+ years

Josette Messer -- KB1EPT
Carla Straight -- KB1MFQ
Chris Craig -- KB1NBN
Bob McCorkle -- WB1AJG*
Jane English -- KD6PCE
Ture Nelson -- KB1NBJ
Art Rank -- KB1NHV
Tom Long -- KB1NGQ
Alex Whitelock --W1AEW
Wayne Whitelock -- W1WRW
Ronald Pitkin -- KB1NDU
Tom Girardi -- WA1YNU*
Allen C. Wilde -- N1IOE*
John LePage -- N1ZHH*
Allen Tinker -- W1AAT
Fred Messer -- WA1LIE*
Carolee Stridsberg -- KB1CAS
Lonny Stridsberg -- AA1YF
Lorry Pecor -- K1YP

Bob Le Forge – K1HK1*
 Wayne Dorsett – KB1NDS
 Ed Hutchinson – N1FMP*
 Joe McKeon – N1PTR*
 Jim Gricci – K1SCE*
 Jeanne Gricci – KN1D*
 Marie Maclay – WA1YJX
 Bill Lindie – K1HTJ
 Chris Armstrong – KB1NVZ
 Neal Rentz – N1ZRA
 Chris Knox – N1GBB*
 Don DeForge – K1JTM*
 Arnie Ziegel -- W2HDI

The meeting was called to order and members belonging to **CVARC** for 20 or more years were recognized and applauded. You will find their names in the list above marked by an asterisk. Next months holiday party will be held at the Hilltop Restaurant in South Barre rather than at Caesar's Fare. Moved and passed. Chris **KB1NBN** Craig presented a short power point presentation on the W1BD web site and suggested that we spend \$4.95/mo for the next two years on an improved site that will allow many new features. Discussion followed and Chris will meet with our webmaster Steve **KK1VT** Allen to go over details. Several funding sources were discussed but no final decision was reached regarding the best approach. Discussion to resume at a later meeting. Fred **WA1LIE** noted that the annual meeting in April approaches and recommended that a Nominating Committee be formed to present a new slate of officers. Fred volunteered to chair the committee. Members interested in serving on the committee or in making recommendations for new officers should be in touch with **WA1LIE**. Allen **N1IOE** Wilde reported that the crystal for the new Cabot Repeater has not yet arrived but is expected shortly. He is hopeful that the new crystal will resolve the repeater's hearing problem. A delightful two part program featured Arnie **W2HDI** Ziegel who gave an excellent power point presentation about "Menu Driven Transceivers" using the Icom 706 and 7000 as examples. Another superb power point presentation on the subject of amateur radio communication via orbiting satellites was given by Chris **KB1NBN** Craig and Bill **K1HTJ** Lindie. Everyone welcomed old and new faces to

CVARC including Jim **K1SCE** and Jeanne **KN1D** Gricci, Don **K1JTM** DeForge and Bill **K1HTJ** Lindie's wife Chris **KB1NVZ** Armstrong. The meeting was adjourned shortly before 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Pro Tem, Allen **W1AAT**

TREASURER'S REPORT



Jo KB1EPT Messer

Beginning balance	936.44
Dues	40.00
50/50 Raffle	11.00
Donation	6.00
ARRL renewal	70.00
Check ARRL	(66.00)

Total	\$997.44
Loans W1WRW	(500.00)
WA1LIE	(600.00)

Deficit if loans (\$102.56)	
Were paid off	

KB1EPT/Jo Treasurer

Support CVARC

Our Treasurer, Jo KB1EPT Messer, is still in a most receptive mood to receive contributions to the replacement of the Cabot Repeater and Antenna.

If you have not yet dropped a few hard earned shekels into the Cabot Repeater project, we hope that you will do so as soon as possible.

- Full membership: \$20 per year
- Family memberships: \$25 per year
- Sustaining Membership: \$75 per year
- Contributing (Nonvoting) Membership: \$10

Mail your membership fees to Treasurer:
 Josette Messer
 317 Meadow Road
 Waitsfield, VT 05673

Central VT FM Net
Sundays at 7 PM EST
On 146.625 Repeater
 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	Chris Craig, KB1NBN

The Central Vermont FM Net opens every Sunday at 0000 UTC or (7pm EST and 8 pm EDST) on 146.625 MHz, negative offset, 100 hz pl tone, and runs until all stations have been acknowledged. This W1BD repeater is located on Mount Pleasant in Williamstown, Vermont. W1BD also runs a repeater in Cabot, Vermont on 146.82, negative offset, and a 100 hz pl tone.

FM NET REPORT for 2006 Central VT FM Net – Sunday at 0000 UT 146.625 -60 PI 100

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Sessions	5	4	4	5	4	4
Check Ins	71	62	75	99	74	74
Traffic	4	3	3	3	3	3
Time (Mins)	277	210	232	316	234	192

	Jly	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Sessions	5	4	4	5	4	5
Check Ins	76	72	75	91	62	
Traffic	4	3	3	4	3	
Time (Mins)	190	217	212	283	179	

Immediately following the **Central Vermont FM Net** on Sunday evenings, QSY to 146.49 simplex. This "after net" discussion gives us a chance to continue the dialog and explore the propagation patters in North Central Vermont. We are often surprised and amazed by stations we can talk to on simplex.

Upper Winooski Valley Ares Net

Mondays on

146.49 at 6:30 PM

Net Control Stations are assigned
Net is called on 146.52

Central Vermont ARES Net (CVAN)

Mondays on

146.49 at 7PM

Net is called on 146.52

Net Control Stations

- 1st Monday - WA1LIE, KB1EPT
- 2nd Monday - W1AAT
- 3rd Monday - KB1GPQ
- 4th Monday - K1YP
- 5th Monday -- WA1LIE, KB1EPT

CVARC 160 Meter Rag Chew Net
Mondays on
1.966 MHz at 8 PM
Everyone is welcome
W1KR and others host the net

“GOOD NIGHT IRENE”/“JOHN BOY”
Monday through Saturday at 8 PM
On the
146.625 Williamstown Repeater

Net Control Stations
Monday - Bob **WB1AJG** McCorkle
Tuesday - Wayne **KB1NDS** Dorsett
Wednesday - Bill **K1HTJ** Lindie
Thursday - Arnie **K1ARN** Utten
Friday - Vacant
Saturday - Chris **KB1NBN** Craig

Join your CVARC friends at the end of the day. An informal net chaired by many members to touch base with friends just before bedtime for the early risers among us. Join your **CVARC** friends for a delightful half hour before you pack it in for the evening.

“GOOD MORNING WORLD”
with Wayne KB1NDS Dorsett
on 146.625 at 5:30ish am

In October 2006 there were 137 “check ins” during the month’s 31 days. The net averaged 5 ck in/day and 30mins/day Morning commuters are especially invited to check in and ride along.

CVARC Officer’s

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Treasurer - Jo Messer/KB1EPT
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Webmaster – Steve KK1VT Allen
W1BD Website

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

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

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**

READY TO TAKE YOUR NEXT **LICENSE EXAM?**

Every second Friday of the Month the Burlington Area VE Team conducts examinations at 6:30 pm at the Red Cross Chapter House at 29 Mansfield Avenue in Burlington. While walk-ins are welcome, you may contact Ralph Stetson at 802-878-6454. His e-mail address is: KD1R@ARRL.NET.

CVARC will offer testing by appointment most anytime. Test location is WA1LIE/KB1EPT's QTH in Waitsfield, or for large groups, the Berlin National Guard Armory.

BACKSCATTER

I mentioned the coming Green Mountain Chorus performance of Christmas music on the net a while ago and a few people asked to have a list of dates published. The “free” public performances at the University Mall in Burlington were last Sat and the one coming. As it turned out I did not perform last week and will not make it this week. I plan to sing Dec 12 on Church St. It is a bit informal starting at Market Place, around 7PM and moving through the bars for a couple of hours.

We are singing in only one “concert” this season. We will be singing with the Barre-Tones (ladies barbershop chorus from Barre) at their concert in Montpelier, Sunday Dec 10, at the high school auditorium at 2:30 PM. The cost for adults is \$10 at the door (or \$8 in advance ask me for a ticket), and \$5 for students or seniors (over 62). There is no advance discount for students or seniors but I would be happy to sell a ticket.

In addition to the two choruses, and possibly a MHS group, several quartets will perform, that may include the one I sing in “Grade A Fancy” as well as several other male and female quartets. The final program is not yet fixed as there are

more performers than time to schedule them.
Ed N1FMP Hutchinson

QUICK CODE

Just a few quick notes on Code Quick....I really enjoyed using this product. I got the CD Rom version. I think it was only \$35.00 and it took about 4 days to get from CA. I started the lessons on 1 OCT and passed my 5 WPM code test on 20 NOV. The program is different from others I have used. It uses “sound alike’s” to help you catch on to the sound and rhythm of the Code.

The web site for some reviews is <http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/1444>

Code Quick has a website of their own too :<http://www.cq2k.com/>

This will give you a demo of one of the sound alike’s. I highly recommend this product! I tried to learn the code before, using tapes and the dos programs on the computer. By far this product is the best I have used. So all you future CW’ers.....please look at the product, and if you want to get a better look at the product, please get in touch with me, K1HTJ and we can set up a visit to my shack and fire Code Quick up.

Thanks, Bill K1HTJ Lindie