



The KEY

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Programs

December 14 This year's Christmas Party will again be held at the Cat 'n Fiddle Restaurant, Manchester Street, Concord. The rag-chew starts at 6:30 and the meal will be served at 7:00. After dinner the traditional CVRC "Yankee Swap" will take place and the festivities will conclude around 8:30.

You will have a dinner choice from several pre-selected items. Prepayment is not necessary, but a head-count would be very helpful. Contact Treasurer Dave, N1KTP, at 456-3787 if you are planning to attend. And of course, bring your seasonal, silly, or gag Yankee Gift Swap pre-wrapped gift!

January 11 Stay tuned for more information on the CVRC's first program of the new millennium! Members will receive a post card with specifics for the evening and the information will be posted on the club's Web page (<http://www.qsl.net/k1bke>) as well.

CVRC meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Hopkinton Town Library in Contoocook, NH. Members and nonmembers alike are welcomed. Talk-in is on the K1BKE 146.895-600 kHz (100 Hz PL) repeater.

CVRC Election Results

Elections on the year 2000 slate of CVRC officers were held at the November 9th meeting. Our president for the next year will be Jason Greene, N1IIC (elected by a write-in ballot!). Dale Clement, AF1T, is the new vice-president and Dave Connors, N1KTP, has graciously agreed to continue in his role as treasurer. The office of club secretary is still unfilled, but it won't be vacant for long — Nominations and election for this position will be held at the January 11, 2000, meeting. Congratulations to the new officers, and thank you for your service to the club!

NH QSO Party Cliff Eisner, N1GJF

The annual QSO Party will be held on Feb. 6th & 7th of 2000. Rules and time remain the same as Feb. 1999 contest. Vermont has their QSO Party the same weekend. K2TE, Ed Deichler will be the coordinator for the NHARA for the QSO Party 2000. I (N1GJF) will be coordinating this year again for the CVRC. The club call K1BKE, will again be a bonus station. CVRC won the first place award for the 1999 QSO Party, for the fourth year in a row. With some help from the membership we can do it again in Feb. 2000. I will have copies of rules and time schedule at the January 11, 2000 meeting and will have a schedule sign up sheet for members to volunteer to operate the club call. Members can operate K1BKE from their own home or if several members want to operate together at one location is also a great option. Members

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may donate their point to CVRC as in the past. This is a big plus for the club to gain the extra points. If it wasn't for members donating their points to the club in the last contest, K1BKE would have been in fifth place for the points from just K1BKE call. The club can be on the air for the full 48 hours of the contest and this would be a great time for members to help out to get more points for K1BKE. I can be reached by phone or e-mail (428-7612 or c_eisner@conknet.com) for signing up to operate the club call if you are unable to make the Jan. 2000 meeting.

Holiday Magic Parade

Larry Beavers, W1GTA

Don Curtis, N1ZIH

The 1999 Concord Holiday Magic parade went off without a hitch at 9AM November 20th. Five CVRC members provided communications for the event. On hand were Don N1ZIH, Skip N1PHZ, Bob K1RAB, David KB1EDP and Larry W1GTA. Thanks also to Tom, N1SKZ, for advice and info which made putting it together a snap.

Don organized our coverage so we know what to do and when as the parade start time arrived. I had not seen the annual event before and was impressed with amount of people participating and those who watched on the parade route. It was bigger than I imagined. It turned out to be a routine event with no accidents or problems that I knew of. Congrats to Bob and Dave for doing a great job of keeping the net under control as net control station. We used 146.49 mHz simplex. I thought we had a clear channel until we found out that it was the output of a repeater, K1JU I think. Anyhow, since we didn't run much power, no problems we created so we stayed on that frequency.

We all had a good time and were proud to represent CVRC for the first time at this event. Hopefully, we will have more participation next year, it's fun.

W2LX, SK

Stuart D. Cowan, W2LX, of Henniker, NH passed away on November 18, 1999. Stuart was a past CVRC member and an amateur radio operator for over 68 years. He tutored Boy Scouts studying for their Ham licenses, and ran phone-patches for scientists in Antarctica to their families during the International Geophysical Year.

He served at the Naval Communications School in Noroton, Conn., during World War II. He also served as the communications officer aboard the USS Barton and participated in the invasion of Normandy. In 1969 he became a co-owner, publisher and writer for Radio Publications Inc.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Hampshire Chapter, 10 Ferry St., Suite 419, Concord 03301, or to the charity of one's choice.

CVRC@WEVO

Tom, N1SKZ

On Saturday October 16th, 6 CVRC members spent the evening at the studio of New Hampshire Public Radio, WEVO, taking pledge information for their Fall Fund Drive. As many club members can attest, over the past several years WEVO has graciously allowed the CVRC to hold licensing classes in their building. These classes are instrumental in bringing new members into the club and have traditionally been the number one source for new members. Our volunteering was the club's way of saying thank you to an organization that has been so instrumental to the club. Members who volunteered their time were N1ZIH, K1RAB, KB1EDP, N1QGM, K1TXP and N1SKZ. All who attended enjoyed the opportunity and agreed the food was great!



Merrimack County ARES Corner Tom, N1SKZ, Emergency Coordinator

Net: 20:00 Local Time, Mondays
Frequency: 146.895 - (CVRC Repeater)
Alternate: 147.570 Simplex

E-mail: N1SKZ@ARRL.NET
Phone: 664-4095 (evenings)

Hello all and a happy fall to you. Hopefully you have had a chance to rake up the leaves and tune up the snow blower for white stuff that will inevitably fall on us. Activity continues to increase with Merrimack County ARES. The last few months we met with the Concord Fire Department and the Concord Chapter of the American Red Cross to discuss with them how ARES could help with their Y2K plans. There have also been discussions with NH 911 and Washington Fire to provide communications to their facilities. All facilities will be tied to NHOEM during this time using packet and communicating via voice to each other through the .895 repeater. At this time all stations will commence operations at 2100 (local) on the 31st and shut down when their assistance is no longer required. Each station will have two operators, one voice and the other packet, with other operators manning their home QTH to serve as liaisons to other ARES operations and the NH ARES HF link. Additional op-

erators will be on standby ready to be activated in case situations to arise and to relieve operators in the event stations stay on the air longer than anticipated.

As mentioned earlier, a net will be established on the .895 repeater beginning at 2100 local time and will continue to be active until no longer required. Net control will ID the net periodically reminding all stations monitoring a net is in progress. As long as no emergency situation exists, the repeater will remain available for non-net use. Please remember, that officials from outside agencies will be monitoring our communications and judging our abilities and usefulness on what they hear.

If you are one of the brave souls venturing out on the evening of the 31st, or staying in for the evening to watch the ball drop, you might want to consider being part of the net. The net would be interested in reports of any events that fit the following criteria:

- * A threat to the health or welfare of an individual.
- * A threat to property.
- * Power outages.
- * Deteriorating or dangerous weather conditions.

If you do decide to join us on the net, please remember ARES nets are directed nets. This means the station functioning as net control directs the net and all other stations must direct their QSO to net control. If you need to contact a station other than net control, please request permission from net control prior to doing so. Also, all stations joining the net must call net control to check-in then notify net control when they are leaving the net. Please do not check into the net then disappear into the woodwork. This can lead to confusion and, in some cases, concern on the welfare of the station.

Remember first call 911 to report any emergency. If you do not have access to 911, then do not hesitate to contact the net to report an emergency. 911 will be able to dispatch resources in a far more efficient manner than we can. If you do report any of the above conditions, please keep in mind information needs to be given in an ac-

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curate and concise format. Give precise location information, only report on facts and do not get involved in a situation above your abilities. Incorrect information and elaboration can lead to unnecessary emergency resources being dispatched to a location thus making them unavailable for other emergencies. Do not approach any emergency situation in which you may become a victim. Our responsibility is to accurately and safely communicate a situation to the proper authorities who have the necessary training to know the proper response. We are not emergency responders; we are communicators.

The other news for this issue is the strong possibility the Concord Red Cross will be allocating funds for the installation of a voice and data Ham radio station. While the final decision has not been made, proposals have been supplied and nobody passed out over the amount a station will cost. Also, stay tuned for information for the Merrimack County ARES Web page. I hope to have this active early in 2000.

I would like to thank the following stations for checking in during the last two months; AC1H, K1CYJ, K1DBL, K1PDY, K1RAB, K1TXP, KB1EDP, N1JI, N1JHJ, N1IIC, N1KAK, N1ZGO, N1ZIH, W1XV and W1PID. Please accept my apologies if I inadvertently left out any station that checked in during this time. I would also like to thank K1PDY, K1RAB, N1IIC and WA1WOK for their work with various agencies and groups preparing for Y2K.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and prosperity in the New Year.

See you all on the net. 73, Tom



CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads are free for C.V.R.C members. Ads received by the fourth Tuesday of each odd numbered month will appear in the next month's issue.

Items listed below are from the estate of KB1NS:

MFJ 407 Keyer Ex. Cond. \$25.
MFJ 986 Tuner Ex. Cond. \$175.
MFJ 202B Noise Bridge Ex. Cond. \$25.
Radio Shack 19-310 Mike Ex. Cond. \$5.
Realistic 33-2001 Mike Ex. Cond. \$5.
Archer SWR meter Ex. Cond. \$5.
UTAC WCH 201 SWR Meter VG Cond. \$3.
Archer 2 position Coax Switch Ex. Cond. \$3.
Tandy RG8 Coax(new) Approx. 36' \$12.
Carol-Columbia Mini 8U Coax(new) Approx. 36' \$5.
2 Meter handheld. Radio Shack HTX 202. Like new. \$165.
ARRL Technician Class Video Course. Never used. \$45.

Interested parties should contact John Brookfield (WB1ASC) via Musikers@aol.com or 228-8640

10M all-mode mobile, Uniden HR2600 "President" with 11M converted mag mount antenna. \$195 complete.
2M HT/Mobile setup - R/S HTX-202 handie with 30 watt mobile amplifier "brick", 5/8 wave mag mount, speaker/mike and all connecting cables. HT recently had the lithium battery replaced by Factory-authorized repair center. \$275 complete.
Contact Marc Fraser, N1QGM - n1qgm@arrl.net

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