

# The KEY

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## Programs

**October 8 - Introduction to VHF/UHF and Weak Signal Work** - Come and meet noted VHF enthusiast Chip Taylor W1AIM, who hails from Cabot, VT. This is a non-technical presentation to introduce you to this fascinating aspect of Ham Radio. Also, the 2003 CVRC officers will be nominated. Be sure to come.

**November 12 - Operating at 10GHz** - Did you know that our club has four members who operate on the 10GHz (3cm) microwave band? Come attend a joint presentation by AF1T, AA1YN, NS1O, and K1BBQ, who will share their experiences, and demonstrate home-built gear for this intriguing band. They are all recovering from the recent 10GHz contest, held last Sept 21-22, and would like you to join them next year!

Also, the 2003 CVRC elections will be held! Come and see who will be in charge next year.

**December 10** - We will be holding our annual Christmas party again, tentatively on this date at the Cat & Fiddle in Concord. Come for good food, the ever popular Yankee Swap, and to swap some good stories.

## Upcoming Events for 2002/03

**October 4-5:** Hosstraders Flea Market. <http://www.qsl.net/k1rqg/> for details. The CVRC will be having a table once again, so if you desire to sell something, bring it with you. Bring your item(s), with a marked price, and a sheet of paper with your minimum price on it. Be prepared to watch the table too, so as to let other club members have a chance to see the attractions.

**October 8th:** CVRC Regular Meeting. Nomination of club officers. Please consider running for a club office this year, or at least think of a willing member who might be a good officer for 2003.

**October 24-27:** Eastern VHF Conference and Microwave Update (an international event), in Enfield CT. Contact AF1T or AA1YN for details.

**November 12:** CVRC Regular Meeting. Election of Club officers. Please make it out this important event.

**December 10:** CVRC Christmas Party, tentatively scheduled at the Cat & Fiddle, Concord.

**December 17:** CVRC Business Meeting. Please note that we will be having a meeting this year, a week early this time. Please come out and help us plan for the upcoming hamfest.

**January 14:** Regular CVRC Meeting. TBD

**March 16:** Tentative date for the CVRC Hamfest. This year, we are not just doing a hamfest, but we will also have presentations. More to come soon about this big event.

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# A Word from the President

## Shawn Upton, KB1CKT

It is hard to believe that 2002 is drawing nearer and near to the end. It seemed to go by so quickly, but I guess that must mean we had a good time, from the hamfest to a wet Field Day to the cookout at Lee's house. All of this wouldn't be possible without committed club members who make it all happen.

Which brings me to a couple of points that I'd like to make. First, I'd like to encourage people to come out to the business meetings. While they can be a bit long on details, this is where all the planning occurs for the club activities. Not much happens that this group of individuals didn't do the planning for, or over-saw. This group is an informal group, only the club officers \*have\* to attend, so don't feel bad if you can't make every meeting. If you have thoughts on how to run something, or would just like to contribute to the club without being an officer, this is the place to be.

Speaking of being an officer, I'd like to encourage you all to think about running for an office. It's a one year commitment to serving your fellow club members, of overseeing all your favorite activities, and making sure it's all done right. The time involved for this level of commitment is about 2-3 hours every other Tuesday for the meetings, and maybe a few hours here and there to do some of the non-planning work, but not much else—this commitment won't snowball into another 40 hour per week job.

Or how about volunteering for a non-office job? K1JY usually does the webpage work, N1ZIH usually handles the mailings, N1FOJ deals with incoming/outgoing QSL's, and N1JI usually edits the Key. I bet they would love any and all help you could contribute, up to and including taking over their positions. Each year, committee's form to plan the hamfest and

Field Day activities, making those committees seasonal commitments.

In ending, I look forward to seeing you all in the last meetings of this year, and I look forward to where the club is going next year.

Thanks,  
Shawn Upton, KB1CKT  
CVRC President

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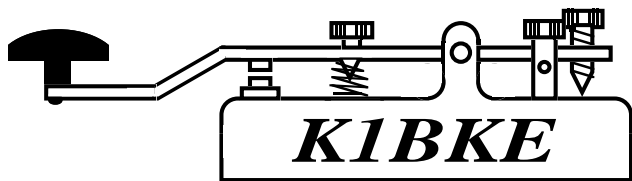
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