

# The KEY

The Newsletter of the Contoocook Valley Radio Club

<http://www.qsl.net/k1bke>

Volume 18, Number 1

May, 2006

## **A Word from the President John Moore - N1FOJ**

Hello All , It's been a Busy Time for your Club these past few Months . There was the NH QSO Party in February . K1BKE made a Grand Total of 39,843 Points due to the Efforts of the following members : AF1T - Dale, N1SKZ - Tom, WB1ASC - John, K1BBQ - Jerry, KB1CKT - Shawn, NS1O - Al, AC1J - Tom, K1BX - Art, N1JHJ - Steve and Myself . Thank You all for Participating and for Not Making me Twist Your Arm Too Hard ! Seriously Folks, I think we all had a Great Time . This is only the Club Station Score and Does not reflect Donated points from individual Operations. With the added points , Look for a Score of well over 200,000 points . Well Done Everyone ! Next came the Club Flea Market in March . NS1E - Jim did a Super Job organising this event . There were plenty of Door Prizes , Good Food and Lots of Hams . This is the first year that we actually had Commercial Vendors attend . We hope that they return in the future . The Club added quite a bit to the Treasury , too, while all were having a lots of fun. Look for Jim's article on the event in this issue. The VE Session , run by NS1O - Al was a Resounding Success. We added some more Amateurs to the Airwaves this year , via the License Class, and some of them passed at the session. My Thanks to Jim and Al for their Hard Work and Dedication ! Thanks to the Crew that helped pull this off , too ! Now lets get serious for a moment. I realise that most of us are very busy these days , what with making a living , other interests , etc.. I would hope that some of you will try to squeeze some time in to help out the Club. Next on the Agenda is Field Day in June . I hope to see you all ,at the May Meeting , volunteering to help K1BKE to a Record Score !

73, John - N1FOJ

## **CVRC Flea Market Jim McElroy - NS1E**

The 2006 CVRC Hamfest was a success with several firsts. Attendance was strong; and, for the first time in a long time, we had two commercial vendors. We sold all the school tables before the hamfest, and if Rob Farley, K1CFI, had not shown up with twelve tables from the Pembroke Fire Department, we would have turned people away. We did very well financially.

Folks continue to enjoy the vendors, prizes, food, and schmoozing. The VE session run by Al Bardwell, NS1O, was a success with two new hams and two upgrades two general out of the several folks who tried. Scott Clay, N1ZGO, helped a number of folks renew their memberships.

I want to acknowledge the efforts of all the volunteers and organizations contributing things to the Hamfest. Ham Radio Outlet gave us a good price on the first prize radio and other items. World

The club would like to welcome and thank Beltronics, Inc. for sponsoring the publication of this newsletter.



**BELTRONICS, INC.**  
P.O. BOX 330  
HOLLIS, NH 03049  
603-465-2422  
800-323-5876

**SERVICE ON ALL MAJOR BRANDS  
OF AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT**

OFFICIAL KENWOOD, ICOM, YAESU REPAIR STATION

Expert work by N1IMO, W1ZC WW1Z  
Hourly Rates Start at \$68.50  
[www.beltronics.net](http://www.beltronics.net)  
[hamrepairs@beltronics.net](mailto:hamrepairs@beltronics.net)

---

Radio Publishing gave us a number of free subscriptions for door prizes. John Bee of Quicksilver Radio and George Politzi of Radio Oasis contributed door prizes. The ARRL supported our efforts with advertising and books for door prizes.

The Yaesu VX-150 HT Raffle was won by John Seney, WD1V. John graciously donated the HT to one of the candidates (Glen) that passed their License Exam at our VE Session! A nice Young Lady, age 13, won the ARRL Handbook.

Individuals supporting our efforts included John Moore, N1FOJ, who contributed three ARRL books for door prizes, as well serving as Master of Ceremonies and staffing the Club table. Ken Wilkins, K1MID, placed the signs and handled setup and teardown. Don Curtis, N1ZIH, handled call-in for CAARES. Dave Parente, N1LYC, provided the PA system again this year and handled ticket sales with the able assistance of Sara Dustin. Lee Scott, AA1YN, arranged for the speakers. AA1YN gave a very interesting talk/Demo on Digital EME. Dale, AF1T, followed with a discussion of 902 MHz EME. Louise French, K1LAS, and the Grill Sergeant, Dave Connors, N1KTP, dished up the food. Mickie Bergh, W1MKY, handled the sales. Al, NS1O, had a team of Volunteer Examiners to administer the exams. Dale Clement, AF1T, supplied a demo of 10 GHz equipment. I lost track of all the folks who contributed baked goods, but the Harvester Market was one of the contributors.

We couldn't have done any of this without the help of Jock Irvine, N1JI, who works at the Henniker Community School.

My apologies for not recognizing everyone who contributed, but your efforts are appreciated. We are especially grateful for the help of those of you who can contribute only to events like this.

73 , Jim - NS1E.

## ***Field Trips***

***Michele Bergh - W1MKY***

### ***New Hampshire Telephone Museum***

Dick Violette and his son, Paul, gave us a very informative tour of their new museum, on March 14th. It is located on Main Street in Warner, N. H. They have set up displays of vintage telephones and related equipment, dating as far back as the 1870's. The museum is "family friendly" and has a nice meeting room for clubs to use. A good time was had by all.

### ***Marconi Museum***

Our club helped Ray Minichiello, W1BC, celebrate his 89th birthday on April 11th at his museum in the Bedford N. H. Historic District. We were fascinated by Ray's extensive collection of old radio equipment, and especially liked seeing a demonstration of an old spark transmitter. We all enjoyed eating pizza and lots of birthday cake. Ray was overjoyed to have so many old and new friends visiting his museum. Many more Happy Birthdays to Ray!

### ***Future Field Trip Suggestions:***

Hancock Radio Astronomy Observatory  
911 Center in Concord  
Your input is welcome.

Mickie - W1MKY

## *Programs*

By Michele Bergh - W1MKY

- \* May 5th and 6th, "Hoss Traders" Ham Radio Flea Market - Bring your extra equipment and sell it on the Club Table.
- \* May 9th Field Day Meeting. Come and help plan for the best Field Day, ever!
- \* June 13th Fox Hunt. Ken, K1MID, is putting on a jolly good fox hunt. Bring your best 2 meter HT and a Fox hunting antenna (if you have one).
- \* June 24th & 25th, Field Day - We need your help - Contact N1FOJ
- \* July 11th Solar Power Roundtable. Jim, NS1E, Steve, N1JHJ, and, hopefully, Scott (MR. SOLAR POWER), N1ZGO will show and tell about how to use Cells and Batteries to run your equipment.
- \* July 29th Club Picnic at Lee, AA1YN's house in Hooksett.

### Other Events:

- \* ARRL VHF QSO Party, June 10 (2 PM) to June. 11 (11 PM). Look for
  - \* AA1YN, AC1J, AF1T, KC1NCR, N1FOJ, N1JHJ, NS1O, WA1VKO, K1PDY and other club members on 50- and 144-MHz SSB, or put out a call on 144.55 FM Simplex.
  - \* ARRL UHF Contest - August 5th and 6th.
  - \* ARRL 10 GHz Contest - August 19th and 20th, Sept 16th, 17th
- We need Club Participants - Contact AF1T  
Your input is NEEDED!

## *CVRC Dues*

Hello All , Just a Friendly Reminder that we need your financial support! If we didn't catch you at the Flea Market in March, Please bring 2006 Club Dues to the next meeting, or mail to our Treasurer via the Club Address.

Best Regards , John - N1FOJ

## *From the Treasurer*

Aruba is great this time of year thanks for the trip! Just kidding!!

Anyway, the Flee Market was a great success again this year. Dues are still due if you haven't sent yours in yet please help keep your club going. If your cards are still off for the date / year sorry, I'm working on it I got an older file somehow so things got messed up. If you have any ideas of how the CLUB can serve you better please let one of the CVRC officers know as we are always looking for new ideas. Also Field Day is just around the corner, we all have a great time with great food and friends, we even seem to get some operating time in, so come on down and say HI there's always room for one more. I hope to see you there.

Till the next time,  
73 de NS1O  
AI

Missed the meeting? Want to know what was discussed in your absence? The club is trying to maintain a good collection of the meeting minutes online. Goto [www.qsl.net/k1bke/minutes.html](http://www.qsl.net/k1bke/minutes.html) and see what you missed. We try to get the minutes online within two weeks of the last meeting.

## News from the VE corner:

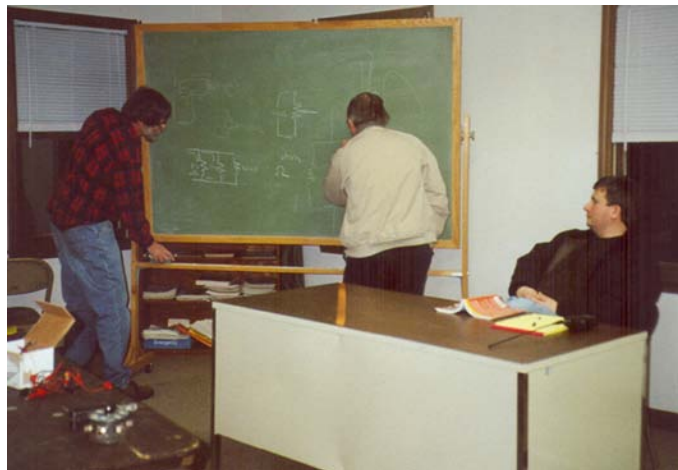
CVRC put on a class for the Technician license again this year with (2) participants, Glen Laramie and Bill Davidson. Both did an excellent job with the studying and questions. Many thanks go out to Ken K1MID, Don N1ZIH, Micky W1MKY and Dale AF1T for their assistance and support. I also wanted to say thank you to CARES for allowing Bill and Glen to get on the air during their Thursday night 8pm NET. Both Glen and Bill commented that they had a great time and that they learned a lot.

Another successful CVRC Flea Market VE session has come and gone with two (2) new Technicians (KB1NIO, Glen Laramie and W1DMX, Douglas Martin) and three (2) new Generals (N1FGE, Thomas Brodeur / K1JGA, Joe Areyzaga was KB1LCU) and Ron Panneton, KB1MAW passed his element 3 so all he has left is the code for his General ticket, so please congratulate them when you hear them on sometime. Unfortunately Bill Davidson got turned around and didn't get to the VE session in time so I could not let him in as the test had already started. He did call me later that day and said that he will be taking the test with his wife at or before Hoss Traders so be looking for him on the air soon.

The following VE's where there to help make another successful CVRC VE session, W1MRN, Michael Noyes; N1JLW, Jack Weber; K1JY, Lindsay Collins; WA1VKO, Michael Murphy; and K1EEE, Michael Rancourt. Thank you to all of the VE's that showed up to help with the testing! If you weren't there then it couldn't have been done so thanks for putting in your time to make a few new Hams and upgrade a few more.

I am thinking about putting on both General and Technician classes this fall one after the other. If you know anyone young or old that would be interested let me know so I can gauge whether or not to do it and when. You can reach me at [NS1O at Comcast.net](mailto:NS1O@Comcast.net) or 603-228-1407.

Hope to hear you on the air soon.  
Till the next time  
73 de NS1O  
AI



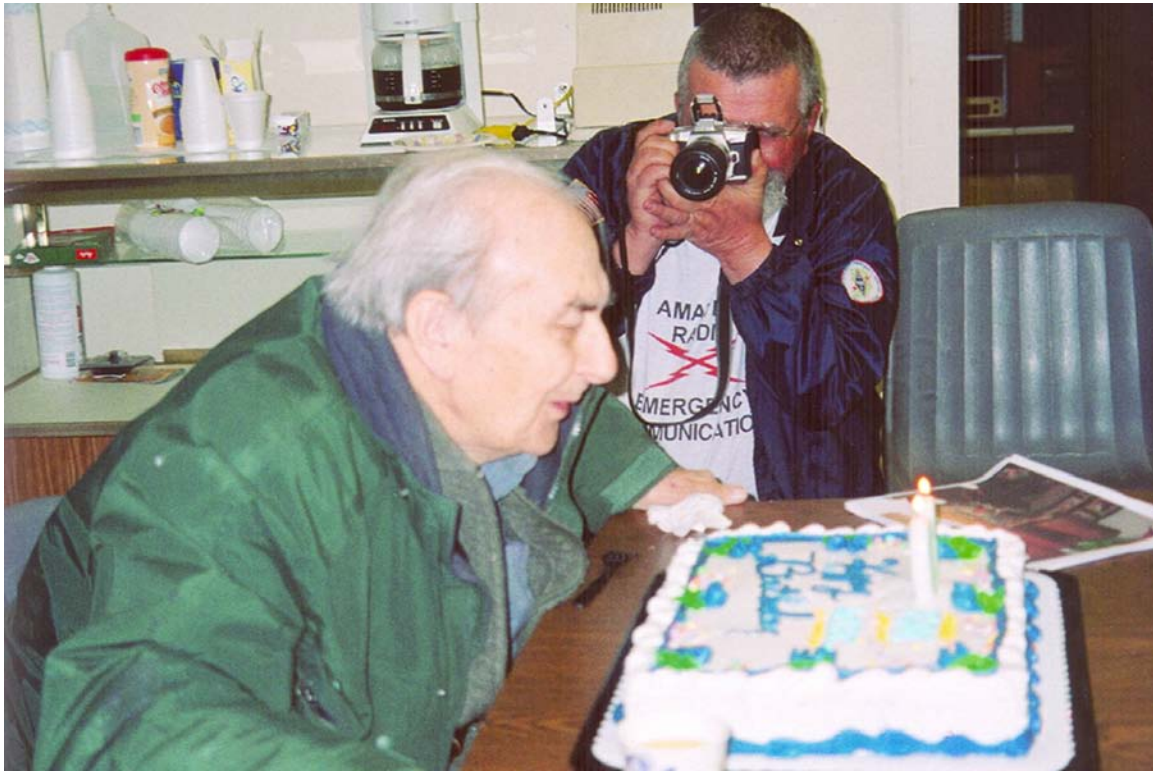
AF1T, K1MID, and NS1O at the technician class



AF1T at the technician class

## **2006 Field Day** **John Moore - N1FOJ**

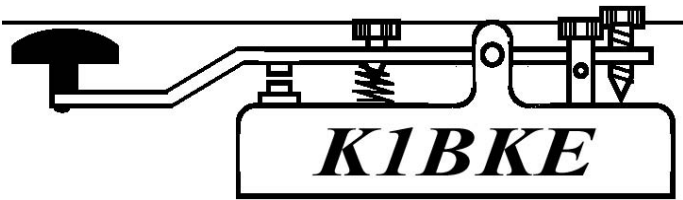
Greetings Everyone , It's rapidly approaching the 2006 ARRL Field Day and it's time to Volunteer for the Field Day Committee ! We need Your Help to make this our Best Field Day Ever ! Field day this year will be the weekend of June 24th and 25th , So please make plans to be there . The May Club meeting will feature a Program on Field Day. There will be discussion of Past Field Days , Photos and Planning for This Year. Come and let us hear your input . We will be actively looking for people to help out with Set-Up , Operation , Cooking , and Tear Down at the field . Sign Up sheets will be circulated at the meeting. Even if you can only give an hour , Sign-Up and give the Club a Boost ! If you can't attend the meeting , Call me @ 746-4817 to sign u  
John - N1FOJ



Ray Minichiello - W1BC celebrating his 89th Birthday !



Ray Minichiello - W1BC Talking about Marconi's Spark Gap transmitter.



**The KEY** is published four times per year and is distributed free to members, friends, and Amateur Radio organizations in New Hampshire. **The KEY** may be copied or duplicated, in whole or in part, provided that credit is given.

**CVRC CLUB CALL: K1BKE**

CVRC operates:

K1BKE/Rptr 146.295/146.895

K1BKE:CENTNH 145.57 Packet Node

**CVRC OFFICERS**

President	N1FOJ, John Moore	746-4817
Vice President	W1MKY, Michele Bergh	428-3840
Treasurer	NS1O, Al Bardwell	228-1407
Secretary	Don Curtis, N1ZIH	927-6012
Trustee of club call	W1JS, Jack Sheehy	529-5635
K1BKE Repeater trustee		
Packet node trustee	K1JY, Lindsay Collins	495-3983

**ACTIVITIES & COMMITTEES**

Flea Market	JimMcElroy, NS1E	428-7436
Programs	Michele Bergh	428-3840
V.E. Sessions	Al Bardwell, NS1O	228-1407
License Classes	Need Volunteer	
Field Day	John Moore, N1FOJ	227-0541
Outgoing QSLs	John Moore, N1FOJ	746-4817
Historian	Louise French, K1LAS	428-7253
Membership	Al Bardwell, NS1O	228-1407

**The KEY:**

Editor	Lee Scott, AA1YN	485-7516
Advertising	Lee Scott, AA1YN	485-7516
Circulation	Don Curtis, N1ZIH	224-1697
Contributors:	N1FOJ, NS1O, NS1E, W1MKY	

Send Amateur Radio news to AA1YN at 51 Pleasant St, Hooksett, NH 03106, or e-mail aa1yn (at) aa1yn.com.

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.

**Contoocook Valley Radio Club**

**P.O. Box 88**

**Henniker, NH 03242**