

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY RADIO CLUB

GENERAL MEETING – Oct. 13, 2015

(NOTE: These minutes were taken by Mickie Clement, and edited by Steve Jones, Sec'y. Thank you Mickie)

1. The meeting came to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Gerry Hull, W1VE, began the forum, and told us that all you really need in New England to win an HF contest is a dipole antenna. He also talked about using Jay's station in the Yukon, remotely, with a program called Team Viewer 10, and also we could use PSK 31 with only 20 watts, but a new radio for that mode would be helpful.
3. Dave Perrin, K1OPQ, Jim McElroy, NS1E, and Lindsay Collins, K1JY, talked about the need for 3 grounds, for lightning, AC and for RF.
4. Nomination of Officers: Patrick Hart, WB1YPT for President, Larry Beagle, KB1RIJ, for Vice President, Steve Jones, N1JHJ, for Secretary, and Mickie Clement, W1MKY, for Treasurer have all been nominated, thus far. Voting on this slate of officers for the 2016 year will occur at the Nov. 10th meeting, in accordance with the C VRC Constitution and By-Laws.
5. John Polumbo announced the forthcoming Emergency Preparedness Conference to be held at the LDS Church in Peterborough on Oct. 17th.
6. Peter Stohrer, K1PJS, spoke about the Amateur Radio Parity Act, and encouraged us to ask our representatives to support it.
7. For those who would like to operate the Ham Station at the Discovery Center, the hours of operation are: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from 10:30 to 4:00. The CVRC will pay the \$25.00 fee for the required background check, so you can be a full-fledged volunteer and be allowed to operate. Contact Peter, K1PJS, for more information.
8. Larry Beagle, KB1RIJ, is organizing a Technician Class to be held at the Red Cross in Concord. Classes will be held on Nov. 5, 12, and 19th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Please call HRO at 898-3750 to order your copy of the Gordon West Text Book. Larry's telephone number is 496-2089. He will need assistants to help teach the class.
9. The CVRC Flea Market will be held on Sunday, March 13th at the Henniker Middle School Cafetorium.
10. Echolink will be up and running on 146.895 as KB1RIJ-R, soon. Thank you Larry, for taking it over. Also thanks to Ron Herman, K1PDY, for providing Echolink for our club members for so long, in the past.
11. The Capital Area Repeater Society will meet at St. Paul's Church on Oct. 22 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join CARS. This is their first annual meeting.
12. It was noted that MARS and ARES are joining in an earthquake simulated emergency exercise on Nov. 7th.
13. It was moved, voted and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, as edited, by

Steve Jones, Secretary, N1JHJ