

**The Contoocook Valley Radio Club
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Aug 14, 2001**

President Jason Greene, N1IIC, called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. at the Hopkinton Library site.

Eighteen (18) members and one guest (Mark Weber) were in attendance.

Program

Hal Moore, from His Mansion Ministries of Deering NH, and former Naval Commander in the Submarine Service, provided the club with a most interesting talk about his hobby of radio control airplanes and the reasons why he chose that avocation after leaving the Navy.

After the program there was a 15-minute break and the meeting resumed at 8:30 pm.

Technical Portion of the Program

Steve Jones, N1JHJ, gave a short Technical talk. His topic was on a product that he is attempting to market, voltagex controllers.

Old Business

Secretary's reports:

The Secretary read the reports for the June and July meetings. Both reports were moved and accepted.

Health and Welfare

Scott Clay, N1ZGO, reported that he has had no communications with Bob Sanborn, W1BDC. However, he will check up on him soon.

Al, K1CYJ reported that he had sent a "Get-Well" card to Dave Connors, N1KTP, who had recently undergone a hip replacement operation.

ARES

Tom Matisko, N1SKZ, reported that the Quarterly meeting at the Red Cross building in Concord was very well attended, 15-16 people. At the meeting the following were discussed:

- Training sessions for net control stations
- Show and Tell of the communication plan
- Drills: SET in October and another joint exercise with the Concord Chapter to the Red Cross
- Hosstraders the Hopkinton Fair Grounds – Columbus Day weekend, members will provide the talk-ins.

Repeater:

Lindsay Collins, K1JY, reported that he, Chris Sieg, WA3LDI, and Tom Matisko, N1SKZ had completed the work necessary to get the Club Repeater, K1BKE, back in service.

Club Activities:

Steve Ingham, N1HXO, reported that he had received a request from Todd Rowell last week (week of Aug. 5) for the club to provide communications and support at a Bike Race scheduled for Aug. 12. Steve contacted as many members as he could. Nine hams did participate and Todd was most grateful. Todd e-mailed the following to Steve,

"> Thanks to you and your clubmates for all your help yesterday. You guys
> were invaluable and knew your job far better than I knew how to employ
> you. You were greatly appreciated.

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> I would like to write a more formal letter of thank you; does your club
> have an official address? Also, do you guys accept donations or is there
> anything else we can do for you?"

Field Day 2001

Tim Firkowsky, KB9DGP and Jerry Blanchard, K1BBQ, were congratulated on the excellent leadership they provided for a most successful Field Day event.

Field Day 2002 notes:

- Dale Clement's towers will not be available
- Planning should start now
- Club should buy some equipment and power runs
- Should consider alternate field day sites

Fox Hunt Part II and Part III

Ken Wilkens, K1MID, set up his "fox" prior to the meeting and will do it again at the next monthly meeting. Frequency of the fox is 147.455 MHZ.

News Letter:

Don Curtis, N1ZIH, explained why the Newsletter was late in getting out. He also suggested that the club should look into acquiring a stamp meter to facilitate the club's mailings.

Hosstraders:

- Date: Oct. 5&6
- Gate G
- ARES – talk-in, 4 hour shifts
- Club will have a tent and table for "sale-items."

Programs:

- September, Fox Hunt starting at 6:30 pm, Technical Talk (antennas), Field Day 2002
- October, Tentative field trip to the New Boston Tracking Station
- November, Open
- December, Christmas Party

New Business:

1. Refreshments for the next meeting: Lee Scott, AA1YN, for the drinks, and Steve, N1HXO, for the snacks.
2. Next Business meeting will be at Jason's, N1IIC, in Bow.
3. Those interested in helping out with the Mount Washington Race, contact Jason. The race will take place Aug. 25.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Marin, K1CYJ, secretary