

**The Contoocook Valley Radio Club
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 9, 2001**

Fox Hunt

Ken Wilkens, K1MID, set up his "fox" prior to the meeting. Frequency of the fox is 147.455 MHZ.

President Jason Greene, N1IIC, called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M. at the Hopkinton Library site.

Twenty one (21) members and one guest (Mark Weber) were in attendance.

Program

Larry Damour, N1PHV and Dale Gagnon, KW1I, brought along with them some of their military radios from their collections. Lively discussions about the history, capabilities, frequency ranges, manufacture of those units ensued. Dale even demonstrated his antique "53" Jeep with a full set of radios mounted in it.

After the program there was break from 8:13 to 8:40 pm.

Announcements and Information:

1. Dale Clement, AF1T, talked about the Fire Tower on Craney Hill being open to visitors for another weekend, this coming weekend of Oct. 13.
2. Jason Greene, N1IIC read a letter written by Scott Clay, N1ZGO, in reference to his visit with Bob Sanborn, W1BDC, at the Veterans' Home in Tilton.
3. Al Marin, K1CYJ, read a letter of thanks from Todd Rowell of the Northeast Bicycle Club. He especially thanked Steve Ingham, N1HXO, and the club members who supported the bike race on August 12.

Technical Portion of the Program

Al Marin, K1CYJ, gave a short talk on the merits of electronic QSL'ing.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Connors, N1TKP, reported that the checkbook balance was at \$1784.47. Eighty dollars was spent on the repeater during the summer on repairs and \$75 was taken in sales at the club table at Hosstraders. He also urged all to start paying their dues for next year. Moved and Accepted.

Hosstraders:

Even with the solid 7 minutes of rain, the event was a great success.

ARES:

Tom Matisko, N1SKZ, reported the following:

1. Rob, K1CFI, provided the leadership for the talk-in for the Hosstraders at the Hopkinton Fair Grounds – Columbus Day weekend.
2. November 17th is the date set for the combined Red Cross and Fire Department training in Concord. The SET will also occur that day. The High School, Chapter House and a few other places around town will be sites for the training. The Concord Fire Station's amateur station will be on the air during the exercise.
3. The Hillsboro Police chief will be contacted to determine if there will be a need for communications during the "Pumpkin Patrol."

Membership:

Dave, N1TKP, Reported that the club is 101 strong.

Repeater:

Tom, N1SKZ, suggested that an upgrade be done on the transmitter section of the Club Repeater, K1BKE. Chris Sieg, WA3LDI, will do pricing for the work.

Newsletter:

Don Curtis, N1ZIH, said that the newsletter was going in the mail Oct. 10.

Programs:

1. November, Secret!
2. December, Christmas Party, Dave, N1TKP, will make reservations at the Cat n Fiddle in Concord.

Public Service:

1. October 13 – Regatta in Manchester. Point of Contact is Bob Raiche. The start point is at the Memorial Park in Hooksett. Time: 7:30 – 8:30.
2. October 14 – Bike Race in Weare, Sugar Hill Speedway. The Club repeater was requested with no tone. Time: 8:30 – 2:30.
3. October 14 – Walk for Diabetes in Manchester. Time: 8:30 – noon. Repeater: 147.330.
4. October 20 - 21 – Boy Scout Jamboree, JOTA, Camp Carpenter.

Club Activities: for future discussion

1. Classes next year
2. Flea market
3. NH QSO party in Feb.

New Business:

Nominations for next year's Offices (2002):

The following were nominated from the floor:

1. President: Shawn Upton, KB1CKT
2. V.P.: Larry Damour, N1PHV
3. Secretary: Don Curtis, N1ZIH
4. Treasurer: Skip Doughty, N1PHZ

The nominations will remain open until the end of the next regular meeting in November.

Other:

1. Lee Scott, AA1YN, will host the next business meeting, October 23.
2. Refreshments for the next regular meeting: Ken, K1MID, will bring the snacks and Jason, N1IIC, will supply the beverages.
3. Congratulations go to Jason, N1IIC and Ellie, KB1EFJ on their recent marriage!

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Marin, K1CYJ, secretary