

**The Contoocook Valley Radio Club
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Nov. 13, 2001**

Program: 7:00 pm

A tour of the MCT Telephone Museum with Dick Violette: Two groups toured the museum and after the tour, Dick came to the meeting and gave a short history of the company. Basically it was a history of small telephone companies of New Hampshire.

After the Program, President Jason Greene, N1IIC, opened the meeting at 9:15 pm. There was a round of introductions. Two first timers were in attendance. They were Tom Hettinger, N1SRU, of Concord, Harvey B. Schow, W1ZIZ of Manchester. In all, there were 26 attending the meeting.

Announcements and Information:

1. The Christmas Party will be at the Cat n Fiddle, In Concord, December 11. The start time will be 6:30 PM. The usual Yankee Gift swap will take place. Meals can be ordered of the menu.
2. An invitation was forwarded to have other radio clubs meet with the NH Central Radio Club at Hart's Turkey Farm, in Meredith, December 4 at 7:00 pm.

Old Business:

Secretary's Report:

Al Marin, K1CYJ, read the minutes of the October meeting. The acceptance of the report was moved and accepted. (The minutes can be seen on the Club's web page.)

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Connors, N1TKP, reported that the checkbook balance was at \$2005.53. \$240 had been taken in tonight from dues. The acceptance of the report was moved and accepted.

Good of the Order:

1. Jim Palmquist, N1DRN, gave a short report on his visit with Bob Sanborn, W1BDC, at the Veterans home in Tilton on the occasion of the French Government honoring the veterans of World War II.
2. Who is W8LFT? QRZ.com doesn't know, but one member in the club does. Dave, K1OPQ, will be glad to enlighten you.
3. Dale, AF1T, mentioned that 6 meters has been opened to Alaska in the 50.100 – 50 125 MHz on SSB and CW.

ARES:

Tom Matisko, N1SKZ, reported the following:

1. 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. MARS will also be involved. The emphasis of the exercise will be on potential Terrorist Activities.
2. Tom also mentioned that he stepping down from his present position with ARES. Here is a copy of his e-mail. "Hello all,

As many of you have already heard, as of 12/31/01 I will be stepping down as EC for the Capital Area ARES. I am doing so for three primary reasons:
1- I have achieved all the goals that I initially set out to achieve and some new ones that came up along the way.
2- I firmly believe that for a group to grow, change must occur.
3- The timing is right.

K1CFI, Rob Farley, has stepped up the plate to lead CAARES in 2002 and beyond. Together with K1BBQ, who will be staying on as AEC for logistics,

Rob will take the team to new heights. I am confident in Rob's abilities to lead the team and I ask all CAARES members to give to Rob the same level of commitment and dedication that I have enjoyed during my tenure as EC.

As a for myself, I will continue to be part of CAARES as a member and liaison to the Concord Red Cross. I have also accepted the position of Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator reporting to Gary Okula, N3CLZ, Section Emergency Coordinator. In this new role, I will take on whatever challenges Gary sees fit for me to handle to help grow the state-wide ARES organization.

I would like to thank all CAARES members for their support, hard work and commitment. A group does not stand in the shoes of one person, but rather it is the collective contribution of all its members. And CAARES is a great group of individuals! I have been proud to be part of CAARES and look forward to working with everyone in my new role at ASEC and my continuing role as a CAARES member."

3. Tom handed out some awards to some of the members of ARES who had merited them.

Repeater:

Tom, N1SKZ, suggested that the batteries be given water 4 times a year at Club Repeater site. Jerry Blanchard, K1BBQ, offered to do the first round soon.

Club Activities:

Short discussions ensued on the following items:

1. Field Day: QST Reported in its December issue that the Club came in 9th in the nation in the category of 4A. Jerry Blanchard, K1BBQ and Tim Firkowski, KB9DGB, have consented to head Field Day activities again next year.
2. Classes next year – nothing was resolved.
3. Flea market – It was suggested that it be held early in March. Jason looked for volunteers to organize the event. No one came forth.
4. NH QSO party in Feb. Because there is a move on the part of other clubs in other states in having a New England wide QSO party, which would be held in May, President Jason wanted to know how the club felt in regards to the following:
 - a. Do you still support a NH QSO party to be held in Feb.? Answer: YES
 - b. Do you support a New England QSO part ONLY? Answer: NO
 - c. Do you support both? Answer: YES
 - d. Would you support a Maine, VT, and NH QSO party? Answer: YES

Jason is going to contact the President of the NHARA, Al Shuman, N1FIK, with the information collected.

New Business:

1. Club Web Site: Lindsay Collins, K1JY, offered to work with anyone who wishes to volunteer to take over the duties of the site.
2. ARRL – Dave, N1TKP, mentioned that as an incentive to the club, ARRL would give \$15 dollars to the club for any **new** sign-up. The original renewing of membership in the ARRL through the club is no longer available.
3. Election of Officers for the year 2002: The slate that was nominated at the last regular meeting was approved by the membership. It was moved that nominations cease and that secretary cast one ballot. That was seconded and passed. The newly elected officers are:

President: Shawn Upton, KB1CKT

V.P.: Larry Damour, N1PHV

Secretary: Don Curtis, N1ZIH

Treasurer: Skip Doughty, N1PHZ

Other:

On behalf of all the members of the club, Lindsay, K1JY, expressed his gratitude, appreciation and congratulations to the outgoing officers, Jason, N1IIC, Dale, AF1T, Dave, N1KTP, Al, K1CYJ, and Tom, N1SKZ.

Jason, N1IIC, at his home in Bow will host the next business meeting, November 27.

Thanks go to Ken, K1MID, and Jason, N1IIC, for providing the refreshments.

For the January meeting, food will be brought in by Joe, N1ZID, and the libations by Don, N1ZIH.

Bob Peterson, K1TXP, announced that he was moving to RI shortly and he willed the possession of the coffee mess to Dave, N1KTP.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Marin, K1CYJ, secretary