

**Contoocook Valley Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2010**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM and was presided over by Dale Clement, AF1T, CVRC Vice President.

Program Topic: VHF FORUM

- Jim McElroy, NS1E, gave a short talk about, and showed, the earliest 2-Meter, and 2 1/2-Meter Radios.
- Charlie French, K1CRF, purchases old 2-Meter AM Radios, restores them and uses the radios to get on 2-Meter, AM Nets. He never met a radio that he didn't like!
- Bob Slettin, KB1QV, showed and explained a "Veractor DiodeTrippler". He also brought the first of several offerings of small electronic parts that he passed out for free. He offered our club members free test equipment. Telephone: 224-5465.
- Steve Jones, N1JHJ, Showed photos of his new tower, antennas, and coax that worked very well in the UHF Contest this past weekend. He stressed the importance of having really good Coax and connectors. He said not to scrimp on these since cheap ones, and incorrect ones, will reduce your signal. He also complimented our club because we have such diversity, that we can learn so much from each other.
- Gerry Hull, W1VE, brought his computer to let us see and hear parts of the June VHF Contest that he had recorded from his SDR (Soft Ware Defined Radio). We could actually see weak signals on the display. Flex 5000 is a SDR. Gerry is part of the W2SZ Contest group, that are noted for winning VHF Contests from the summit of Mt. Greylock.
- Dale Clement, AF1T, brought his new 5.7 GHz Transverter, and new Laird Parabolic Mesh Dish Antenna. It was used last weekend for the first time, in the UHF Contest.
- Dale showed how quickly his new Home made 2-Meter Yagi Antenna can be assembled, and is held up with a Music Speaker stand.
- AF1T explained how he and W1MKY contacted the Aricebo, P.R. 1,000 foot Dish and completed two way CW EME contacts on April 16. QSO cards were exchanged. - See August QST and August 6, Villager Newspaper, to learn more about Moon Bounce contacts with Aricebo.

A big round of applause was given to our Forum. Thank you all for presenting such entertaining and instructional talks!

We broke for refreshments at 9 PM

Business Meeting:

- Michele Clement, W1MKY, CVRC Treasurer, presented the minutes from the July 13, 2010 Meeting
- W1MKY gave the treasurer's Report. We have \$6,734.90 in the CVRC Checking Account.
- Larry Damour, N1PHV, Holds a very successful Military Vehicles Rally each year in Weare. It is always the same Saturday as our Family Picnic, the last Saturday of July.. It was suggested that our Radio Club set up an information table at the Rally and that we ask N1PHV to speak to us at a future meeting. Larry's idea to build a peaked roof on our club storage trailer, covered with donated metal panels, was also mentioned.
- Jennifer Eastman, K1JNY, submitted her Resignation as Club Secretary. Thank you Jenny, for your service.
- Nominations are open for the post of CVRC Secretary.
- Congratulations were extended to AF1T, for being awarded The ARRL A-1 Operator Certificate. It is important for good radio practices to be rewarded, to encourage all of us to use proper courtesy and good operator skills.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14th at 7 PM. It will start early since our speaker has a lot of material to cover. Speaker: David Robertson, KD1NA, from the Cape Ann Radio Club in Gloucester, MA. Topic: Surface Mount Soldering, and a second subject, K-3 Kits.
- The business Meeting will be held on August 24th at 7 PM in Hooksett, at Lee Scott's House. Call 485-7516 for directions.
- August 21 & 22, 10 GHz Contest. Visit Mt. Kearsarge. Parking Lot, to learn about Microwave Radio.
- Boxboro, ARRL New England Division Convention, August 27-29. www.boxboro.org
- Ken Wilken's, K1MID, will bring refreshments to our next Meeting.

- Mark your calendars for Oct. 12, Speaker Paul Cuda, W7QEX. Nov.9th: HRO. Dec.11: Christmas Party, 6 PM, Ichibon Steak House.
- Jim McElroy, NS1E, moved to adjourn. Steve Jones, N1JHJ seconded the motion. We closed the meeting at 9:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Clement, W1MKY, CVRC Treasurer