



WEST RIVER RADIO CLUB

DIGITAL DISPATCH

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ESTEEMED GRADUATES

Hats off to those who polished up their scholarly skills and successfully passed their exams at the March 23 VE session at Rescue, Inc. in Brattleboro.

KB1LQB, Charles Baker, is now a General after passing his 5 WPM CW test
Walter Van Ness – Technician
N1HOS, Jack Adams – Extra
N1ESK, David Andrews – Extra
KB1KSR, Ed Phoenix – Extra

Thanks, also, to all the VEs who showed up. That includes a contingent of Extra examiners from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

April 2006

The West River Radio Club is very strong thanks to you, our members. Without you, we would not be where we are today. We keep growing as our name spreads into the communities, Emergency groups, and also with supported groups like the March of Dimes, CERT, and a host of others. We should all be proud of being part of such an outstanding club as we will make 2006 another banner year of accomplishments!

Darrel has done a wonderful job putting together the “*WRRC Digital Dispatch*” and we hope that you will find it educational and informative in the months to come. If you would like to contribute with a small article of trivial knowledge, please submit it to the editor. I’m

sure he will welcome your input. (Ed note: Amen)

The Board of Directors has elected Tim Bell, KA1ZQX to be our Public Relations Representative. One of his tasks is to get our name out to the public by various means. This will be accomplished by writing an article for the local papers around the area and working with radio stations in the area to notify folks who we are and how to join our fine group. Thanks for taking on this task Tim. We know you will do a great job!

Up coming training events to sign up for which were announced in an earlier email sent to everyone.

CERT Training - Various dates
National Weather Service SkyWarn Training - May 2, 2006

Other Events and Programs for which we offer support can be found on our web page. We hope that you will join in with all the fun we have at these events. And let’s not forget our regular meetings (on the second Tuesday of each month) as well as our Board of Directors meetings (on the last Saturday of each month). Everyone is invited so bring a friend along with you.

73,
John Borichevsky, N1TOX

TWO FIRSTS

N1HOS, Jack, and KB1MUF, Peter, are the first WRRC members to join the ARRL via our club. We appreciate their support of our great hobby both locally and internationally. Thanks, Jack and Peter.

BTW, Peter is a local Scoutmaster and is planning a JOTA campout in October to introduce scouts to the thrill of Amateur Radio.

Peter got hooked on Ham radio during our set up last September at a tri town BSA campout in Guilford

Jack is a long time Ham from Bellows Falls and is currently popping buttons off of his vest after having become an Extra Class operator.

Are you aware? For everyone who joins the League through the WRRC we receive a \$15 rebate.

APRIL DOINGS (Es looking ahead)

- ♦ **April 11** – Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRC in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital
- ♦ **April 26** – There will be dosimetry training for RACES members from 6:30 to 9:30 PM in Brattleboro. Exact location to be announced.
- ♦ **April 29** – The BOD meeting normally held on this date is cancelled because most club members will be involved in CERT training on that date.
- ♦ **April 29** - W1OKO, Oliver is celebrating a birthday today. In lieu of attending the board meeting why not make a Happy Birthday wish for him.
- ♦ **April, various dates & locations in Windham County** Free CERT Training; (Community Emergency Response Team). Check it out at www.vtcitizencorps.org. To enroll contact John, N1TOX, at n1tox@adelphia.net.

- ♦ **May 5 & 6** – Hosstraders flea market in Hopkinton, NH. Check www.hosstraders.com for details.
- ♦ **May 13** – March of Dimes walk in Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Springfield.
- ♦ **May 20** – Girls on the Run walk. Stay tuned for more info on this one. We'll need 4-5 Hams with HTs.
- ♦ **June 21** – Races Drill
- ♦ **June 24-25** – Field Day at the QTH of KB1KSR, Ed, in Townshend, VT
- ♦ **August 25-27** – New England Division convention in Boxboro, MA. Check out the details at www.boxboro.org/2006/index.html

THE MUSIC CORNER

For the musically inclined out there I thought I'd throw in a few of the great Country song titles dealing with our great hobby.

1. "I hear that QRM a comin'" - Johnny Cash
2. "Moms don't let your babies grow up to be Ham operators"
3. "I'm glad to be a Ham Operators Daughter" - Loretta Lynn
4. "My Son calls another Ham Daddy" - Hank Williams
5. "John Henry was a Brass Pounding Man"
6. "Put Your sweet lips a little closer to the Mike" - R. F. Burns
7. "I go on talking after Midnight" - Patsy Cline
8. "Since My final tubes left Me" - Elvis Presley
9. "My K-E-N-W-O-O-D gets a new Final today" - Tammy Wynette
10. "Don't come Home drinking with Hamming on Your Mind" - Loretta Lynne

GOOD READING

The K9YA Radio Club offers a free newsletter in pdf format. It's very professionally done with good ham humor and cartoons mixed in.

To subscribe point your browser to www.k9ya.org/k9ya_telegraph1.htm

CAB COMMANDER

If you're like me you drive solo most of the time. In my case this means that the co pilot seat is invariably full of "stuff" – you name it, the cell phone, water bottle, notebooks, assorted pens & pencils, part of a week old Big Mac, blah, blah, blah. When I did get a driving companion it was a major chore tossing the front seat contents somewhere, usually on the back seat.

A couple of years ago my wife solved my clutter problem by getting me a Cab Commander from Duluth Trading (www.DuluthTrading.com)

I don't own any stock in the company, nor will I get a kickback if you buy one, but I will say that it's the neatest thing since sliced bread. How can you go wrong for \$30? Buy 10 and you can get them for \$26 each.



THE SUPREME EVENT

Below you see a picture of five enthusiastic participants in WRRC's first ever entry in Field Day, 2005, the most popular operating event in all of Amateur Radio.

As one who is hooked on the event I can tell you that it's never too early to start thinking about it. Plan now on being there as an operator, to help with the set up and/or tear down, or just a kibitzer.

Get ready now by blocking out the last full weekend in June on your calendar.

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(L to R) K1KI, Tom Frenaye; New England Division Director - KB1KSR, Ed – N1TOX, John – KD6MPY, Sean – N1JSG, Richard

Plans are for a 3A set up – digital, CW, and phone. Since most of us behaved last year we've had a gracious invitation to return again to the lovely acreage of Ed, KB1KSR, and Lois Phoenix.

NEED HELP?

We can't solve any personal problems, but for Ham related matters we'll try our darndest.

General club related matters: contact our President, John Borichevsky, N1TOX – n1tox@adelphia.net or 802-257-5526

Membership or financial information: contact Darrel Daley, K1KU, k1ku@arrl.net or 802-387-5822

VE tests, club programs, or Ham classes: contact Sean Sanderson, KD6MPY, kd6mpy@arrl.net or 413-695-5133

PR ideas? Contact Tim Bell, KA1ZQX at ka1zqx@arrl.net or 802-365-7046

Also, surf to www.westriverradio.net where you'll find a wealth of information.

FYI, a new Ham related business has been established in the area. Their flyer is also attached.

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