



WEST RIVER RADIO CLUB DIGITAL DISPATCH



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The West River Radio Club was founded in 2004 through the efforts of KA1ZQX, Tim Bell, and N1JSG, Richard Pierce.

Our forty one members pride themselves on belonging to an active and productive organization with involvement in many aspects of this great hobby: public service, special events, Field Day, repeaters, emergency communications, contesting and chasing DX.

Current officers are:
N1TOX, John Borichevsky;
President
KD6MPY, Sean Sanderson;
VP
K1KU, Darrel Daley;
Secretary/Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S CORNER May 2006

Here we go again! Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. With vacations lining up, don't forget about your ham radio equipment! Get those antennas cleaned, tuned, and working at peak performance for maximum enjoyment over the next year. Maybe replace that old worm out length of

coax that you have been putting off for years. You never know when you will really need to use your equipment in an emergency, net operation, and I will not forget to mention, a dozen contests and events coming up!! Oh, and let's not forget about your deep cycle batteries too. Make sure you condition them for optimal performance, as they need to be exercised as well. We will also have plenty of drills coming up this year to keep us busy and the equipment running!

Thinking about summer, here is my suggestion for a great relaxing weekend. Take the family someplace fun. Let's say - the Maine coast for example. Spend the day with the family at the beach. You could be sitting watching the kids frolic in the water, enjoying your favorite beverage d' jour or just listening to the waves crashing on the beach while reclining in your beach chair. What could be more relaxing than that? OK, operating from a remote location! Bring the HT / mobile rig / portable HF rig with you as you travel. Make some new contacts. You will meet new friends and might even have

dinner together at a local restaurant. Talk across the ocean to England or even to Florida via QRP. The possibilities are endless. A nice thing to remember is this, while you are operating, you might be sparking the interest of a new budding ham! Tell them what you are doing and some of the events you participate in at WRRC. Help them find a local club in their area, make a contact or two and make it fun!

Thinking about fun events coming up, we have Field Day 2006, Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day, Walk America, 100 Mile and 50 Mile Marathon, along with various events in Massachusetts, JOTA in October, and much, much more. So we will be looking for volunteers for these events coming up. A full list of events can be found on our web page under the "Meeting and Events Times" section. Click on the links for more information and who to contact to provide support.

The month of May will be an action packed month for WRRC. We start of the month with Skywarn

Training on May 2, March of dimes “Walk America” on May 13, and the planning of Field Day 2006. June / July will also be busy with RACES events with both VY and Medical drills and then there is Field Day! So there will be a lot to do, and to organize, for the summer months. If you could volunteer of any of these projects going on, your help is deeply appreciated. We are also looking for “Team Leaders” of these projects. Contact any of the Board of Directors if you will help. By being a “Team Leader” you will be strengthening our club membership which makes us even better!

One more thing to keep in mind is our ongoing license classes. We will be offering a Technician License Class during the summer or early in the fall. If you know anyone who would be interested in getting their license, or even upgrading their license, have them contact Sean, KD6MPY at kd6mpy@yahoo.net.

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. Remember to the web page <http://www.westriverradio.net> for the most current information about our club and our activities.

73,

John Borichevsky, N1TOX

MAY DOINGS (Es looking ahead)

- ♦ **May 1** – KB1KSR, Ed’s birthday
- ♦ **May 2** – Skywarn training (basic) Brattleboro Savings and Loan community room on Main Street. 6:30 to 9 PM
- ♦ **May 9** – Regular WRRC meeting in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital. 7 PM. The program will be on antennas and lightning protection.

- ♦ **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 19** – KA1TWV, Elaine’s and KB1J, Richard’s birthday
- ♦ **May 20** – Girls on the Run walk. Stay tuned for more info on this one. We’ll need 4-5 Hams with HTs.
- ♦ **May 25** – W1ZS, Burt’s birthday
- ♦ **May 31** – W1ECO, Paul’s birthday
- ♦ **June 21** – Races Drill (perhaps)
- ♦ **June 24-25** – Field Day at the QTH of KB1KSR, Ed, in Townshend, VT. See the participation form that came with this issue.
- ♦ **July 24-28** – Statewide pandemic drill (bird flu) for all hospitals.
- ♦ **August 5** – Grace Cottage Hospital Day special event
- ♦ **August 25-27** – New England Division convention in Boxboro, MA. Check out the details at www.boxboro.org/2006/index.html
- ♦ **October** – 3rd weekend. KB1MUF, Peter is setting things up for WRRC participation in JOTA

REWARD OFFERED

A reward of 500 microfarads is offered for information leading to the arrest of Hopalong Capacity. This unrectified criminal escaped from a Weston Primary cell, where he had been Clamped in Ions awaiting the Gauss chamber.

He is charged with the induction of an 18 turn Coil named Milli Henry, who was found Choked and robbed of valuable Joules. He is armed with a Carbon Rod and is a Potential killer.

Hopalong Capacity is also charged with driving a DC motor over the Wheatstone bridge refusing to let the Band Pass. If encountered he may offer Series Resistance.

The Electromotive Force spent the night searching for him in the Magnetic Field where he had gone to Earth. They had no success and believed Capacity returned Ohm via a Short Circuit. He was last seen, riding a Kilocycle with his friend, Eddy Current, who was playing "Ohm on the Range" on his Harmonic.
(Reprinted from the SBE Newsletter, Dallas Chapter).

A WARM WELCOME

Salutations to our three newest members.
Christina Perugini
KB1NJA, Walter Van Ness
KA1EYO, John Whelan

We appreciate your support of Vermont's premier amateur radio club and encourage your active participation. We're looking forward to seeing you soon at a club activity.

STIFLE IT

Noise, that is. Here's the source for a very thorough and excellent article on common mode chokes. It's a 2 MB download, but that should be a cinch for you folks with those fast hook ups. It's well worth a print out and perusal.

<http://www.yccc.org/Articles/W1HIS/CommonModeChokesW1HIS2006Apr06.pdf>



THE SUPREME EVENT

Field day, that is – Always held on the last full weekend in June. The WRRC is planning a bigger and better event than even our first successful venture in 2005.

Get involved and improve your operating skills, your ability set up screen houses, swat bugs, eat junk food and just plain have fun.

See the attachment that came with this issue and/or contact K1KU, Darrel (k1ku@arrl.net) for more information.

NEED HELP?



THESE GUYS SEEM TO
“I wonder what will happen when you spin this little thing-a-dingy?”

N1TOX, John – KB1LQB, Chas – N1HOS, Jack GCH special event – August, 2005

We can't solve any personal problems, but for Ham and club 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.

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Other installers currently under contract are:
N1TOX, John Borichevsky
KB1LQB, Charles Baker

A SHAMELESS AD

FYI, a new Ham related business has been established in the area. See above.

CERT TRAINING

The following members successfully completed twenty one hours of CERT training in Bellows Falls on April 22, 23, and 29. Congratulations to one and all.

- KB1HCG, Mark
- KB1LQB, Chas
- KA1ZQX, Tim
- KB1KSR, Ed
- W1IRA, Ira
- N1TOX, John
- N1HOS, Jack
- K1KU, Darrel

DOSIMETRY

On Wednesday, April 26 the following members took a three hour course on this subject at the Entergy Training Center in Brattleboro. Lo and behold, the course was taught by our one and only David Andrews, N1ESK. Good job, David.

We now all know more sophisticated ways to check for radiation other than turning out the lights and seeing if we glow.

- N1HOS, Jack
- K1EGL, Chuck
- N1JSG, Richard
- N1TOX, John
- AA1T, Grant
- W2NH, Gordon
- KB1HCG, Mark
- KB1KSR, Ed
- KA1TWV, Elaine
- K1KU, Darrel
- KB1LQB, Chas
- KB1NJA, Walter

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