

## ***The First Organization Meeting of the West River Radio Club***

**November 4, 2003 (Our very first meeting)**

**A small group of Hams met in the town hall at Townshend, VT on November 4, 2003 at 7 PM to discuss the feasibility of starting a club in Windham County. The meeting was the brainchild of KA1ZQX, Tim Bell and N1JSG, Richard Pierce.**

**Present were:**

<b>AA1T, Grant Warner</b>	<b>K1KU, Darrel Daley</b>	<b>KA1ZQX, Tim Bell</b>
<b>KB1HCG, Mark Krackum</b>	<b>KB1J, Richard Austin</b>	<b>KB1JNS, Paul Krackery</b>
<b>N1FQS, Clarence Merritt</b>	<b>N1FXX, David LaValley</b>	<b>N1JSG, Richard Pierce</b>
<b>Ed Phoenix</b>		

**After much discussion of possible activities and benefits it was decided by all to proceed with the formation of a club for area hams.**

**It was decided to meet again at 7 PM on December 16, 2003 at the Grace Cottage Hospital.**

**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**16 December, 2003**

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The second organizational meeting of the WRRC was held on December 16, 2003 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order by Tim, KA1ZQX, at 7 PM.

Present were:

AA1T, Grant	K1KU, Darrel	KA1ZQX, Tim	KB1J, Richard
N1FXX, David	N1JSG, Richard	N1TOX, John	W2NH, Gordon
Ed Phoenix			

It was unanimously voted to proceed with the organization of a Ham club.

The following were elected as officers of the new club:

President – KA1ZQX, Tim

Vice President – AA1T, Grant

Secretary/Treasurer – K1KU, Darrel

After discussion the name of West River Radio Club (WRRC) was voted on and nearly unanimously approved.

After discussion the following dues structure was voted on and unanimously approved:

\$10 for a one year membership.

\$5 for each additional family member.

K1KU will investigate the options offered by different banks for keeping our money.

W2NH, Gordon, volunteered to set up an internet group for us on Yahoo.

An informal poll showed that seven of those present belonged to the ARRL. It was agreed that affiliation with the League would be a good step to take. K1KU, Darrel, will procure the appropriate forms.

After discussion informal approval was given to the idea of periodically holding a Saturday daytime meeting to allow attendance by those unable to get to evening meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2004 at 10 AM. Subject to permission to be requested by KA1ZQX, Tim, this meeting will be held at the same location. Those in attendance will adjourn for lunch after the meeting.

Application forms for WRRC will be available at that meeting so bring some money, too.

Is this exciting, or what??

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU

Secretary: WRRC

**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**17 January, 2004**

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The WRRC held its scheduled meeting on January, 17, 2004 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM by KA1ZQX, Tim.

Present were:

KA1ZQX, Tim	AA1T, Grant	KA1TWV, Elaine	Ed Parish
N1TOX, John	K1KU, Darrel		

All of the above joined the WRRC. Not present, but joining were KA1CZO, Bob, and N1FXX, David.

If you would like to join before our next meeting I am attaching a copy of the membership application in both Word and PDF. Fill out and mail, along with a check for \$10 (\$15 for an additional family

member) to: Darrel Daley  
POB 445  
Putney, VT 05346

K1KU, Darrel, read the minutes from the last regular meeting and the BOD meeting held on January 2004.

The next BOD meeting will be on Saturday February 7, 2004 at 11 AM at the China Buffet restaurant in Brattleboro, VT. All are invited to attend. The restaurant is located across from the Auto Mall on Putney Road.

Our new checking account was discussed. It was decided to not put an address on the checks. For the few checks that we'll be using K1KU's address and phone number will be written in. By doing this we will not have to order new checks when different officers are elected.

AA1T, Grant, handed out a suggested list of activities for the coming year. He will email this list to the membership.

Setting up a special event station for the Townshend Fair and Field Day participation were discussed, as well as possible trips to be taken as a group – A visit to SOVARC in Bennington, Hosstraders flea market this spring and Green Mountain Radio.

A discussion of the by-laws was held and changes made. A copy is attached to this email. Please look over the by-laws and suggest changes if you think that any are needed. We will vote at the February 10 meeting on their acceptance.

The Secretary/Treasurer was asked to poll the membership as to preferences on monthly meeting times. (This is being done in a separate email.)

A discussion ensued on how to effectively get out press releases and possible newspapers in which to place them – The Brattleboro Reformer, Messenger, The Original VT Observer, and Town Crier.

As several of our members are accredited VE examiners the possibility of administering tests was discussed. Darrel, K1KU will contact the League for more information on this.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting will start at 7 PM. The program for this meeting will be a presentation by AA1T, Grant, on antennas and feed lines. Even if you think that you know all there is to know about this subject you won't want to miss this one.

And that's how I heard it.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**10 February, 2004**

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The WRRC held its scheduled meeting on February 10, 2004 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by KA1ZQX, Tim.

Present were:

KA1ZQX, Tim	AA1T, Grant	KB1KSR, Ed Phoenix	N1TOX, John
K1KU, Darrel	N1JSG, Richard	W2NH, Gordon	Charles Baker

Business matters:

After a short discussion it was unanimously voted to approve by-laws for the WRRC. The approved copy is attached.

Approval was also given for the purchasing of checks for the club account.

Hearty congratulations along with a certificate were presented to our newest Ham. KB1KSR, Ed Phoenix, who passed his FCC exams at a recent test session in Newport, NH.

Hearty thanks, also, to John, N1TOX, for creating a very professional tri fold membership application form which also contains a lot of pertinent information about Amateur Radio. These will be available for downloading before too long from the club's new site. Stay tuned here for further information on the URL.

W2NH, Gordon has procured a web address of westriverradio.net. He will work along with N1TOX, John on setting up an "official" WRRC site.

KA1ZQX, Tim, requested opinions on when to hold our next Sky Warn session. It was decided to go with Tuesday, May 11. Tim will make suitable arrangements.

W2NH, Gordon, would like to see more involvement with the Yahoo Group he created for us. I am forwarding a separate email of his original email on this matter which tells the procedures for joining up.

A discussion was held on procuring a repeater site for the club on Stratton Mountain. W2NH, Gordon, who has put up a bunch of them, has some spare equipment, time and talent, and is raring to go. He and Tim will work on the application process.

A well done program on antennas and feed lines was presented by AA1T, Grant. He also treated (?) us to a quiz on that subject, which we all aced, of course. If you believe that I know where there's a bridge that I can let you have cheap.

Treasurer's report:

Our checking account holds \$105.

Cash on hand = \$21.70

On February 12 I will deposit another \$50 (dues monies collected at the February meeting).

Notes and Asides:

- We now have 19 members. Who will be the magic #20?
- Our next meeting will be held in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 7 PM. The evening's program will be a talk on QSLs and QSLing by K1KU, Darrel.
- Recent new members – Charles Baker, KA1CYZ, Jenifer, KB1HCG, Mark, W2NH, Gordon, N1JSG, Richard, N2JFS, Hans, W1IRA, Ira.

And that's the way I heard it. Please advise of any errors, corrections, omissions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU

Secretary/Treasurer: WRRRC

**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**9 March, 2004**

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The WRRC held its scheduled meeting on March 9, 2004 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by KA1ZQX, Tim.

Present were:

KA1ZQX, Tim	AA1T, Grant	KB1KSR, Ed Phoenix	N1TOX, John
K1KU, Darrel	W2NH, Gordon	Charles Baker	

Business matters:

KA1ZQX, Tim spent a short time discussing upcoming meetings and events. Darrel, K1KU, was asked to send out survey forms for Field Day and Grace Cottage Hospital Day. Keep an eye on your mailbox for same.

W2NH, Gordon, told of his meeting with Mitch Stern, W1SJ, at the Milton Hamfest with regard to putting a club repeater on Stratton Mountain. Mitch did not seem too enthused about the idea of having another repeater in this part of the state, but Gordon ably countered his every argument against our having one. Work on procuring the necessary permission for this project is continuing apace by Gordon and Tim.

Tim will check on the correct date for the March of Dimes March in Brattleboro.

Treasurer's report:

Our checking account holds \$155.  
Cash on hand = \$21.70

Following this brief meeting an enthralling presentation on QSLs and QSLing was presented by K1KU, Darrel.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2004, probably at the China Buffet again, but it might be in another location. QRX on this frequency.

The next general club meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at 7 PM in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, VT. Grant, AA1T, will present a program on circuit modeling.

And that's the way I heard it. Please advise of any errors, corrections, omissions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**13 April, 2004**

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The WRRC held its scheduled meeting on April 15, 2004 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by KA1ZQX, Tim.

Present were:

KA1ZQX, Tim	AA1T, Grant	KB1KSR, Ed Phoenix	N1TOX, John
Charles Baker	KB1J, Richard	N1JSG, Richard	

Business matters:

KA1ZQX, Tim spent a “short” time discussing upcoming meetings and events. Board of Directors will meet on 24 April 2004 at the house of pizza next to Staples again. Saturday morning on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April there will be a VT ARES Communications Exercise to support the American Red Cross. That starts at 8:30 AM EDT on or around 3.976 plus or minus 10 khz. The March of Dimes Walk will be held on 25 April 2004. We need volunteers! Skywarn Training will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 6:30pm. Pre-registration is required for all SKYWARN spotter training sessions. Please call 518-435-9580 to pre-register, you will then press 7 for SKYWARN spotter training. In addition, you may register via the internet by going to [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) and clicking on eastern New York. This will take you to the National Weather Service in Albany. Then simply click on the link for SKYWARN registration. If you know of anybody, non Ham or Ham, invite them down. Hosstraders Hamfest will happen on May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you want to carpool etc. talk it up.

Following up on the long list of events was a seminar on Antenna modeling by Grant Warner, AA1T. Excellent presentation on computer antenna modeling. There is a lot more to it than I had ever dreamed of.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2004, at the House Of Pizza next to Staples. Talk-in will be as always, 146.52. Please come and give us your ideas. We need to nail down what we want to do for field day and The March of Dimes Walks. Come in and help us plan this activity. Without you, none of this is possible.

The next general club meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at 6:30 PM in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, VT. This will be our By-Annual Skywarn Training.

And that’s the way I remember it. Please advise of any errors, corrections, omissions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim KA1ZQX  
President: WRRC



**MINUTES  
West River Radio Club  
11 May, 2004**

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The WRRC held its scheduled meeting on May 11, 2004 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. This meeting was almost entirely devoted to a Skywarn session arranged by President Tim Bell, KA1ZQX. As you'll notice it was attended by many non Hams.

Present were:

KA1ZQX, Tim	AA1T, Grant	KB1KSR, Ed Phoenix	N1TOX, John
Suzanne Borichevsky	Mark Donner	Carrie Weikel	N1FXX, David
Augusta Bartlett	Michalena Wasung	Catherine Canon	N1FQS, Clarence
N1HOS, Jack	Peter Dumbleday	Debbi Dumbleday	N1JSG, Richard
KA1CZO, Bob	KA1TWV, Elaine	KB1J, Richard	Doug Frantz
K1KU, Darrel	W2NH, Gordon	Charles Baker	

Business matters:

After the Skywarn session a short discussion was held concerning Field Day plans. If we participate activities will take place on land owned by Ed, KB1KSR, which is near the hospital.

Members were encouraged to send participation forms to Darrel, K1KU. Either email them or send via snail mail to:

Darrel Daley  
POB 445  
Putney, VT 05346

These forms can be found on our web site and have been e mailed out as attachments a couple of times.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2004, at the Brattleboro House of Pizza by Staples. Meeting time is 11:30 AM.

The next general club meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at 7 PM in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, VT.

And that's the way I heard it. Please advise of any errors, corrections, omissions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**8 June 2004**

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The WRRC held its scheduled meeting on June 8, 2004 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:03 L by President Tim Bell, KA1ZQX. This eventful meeting covered many items of interest as noted below.

Present were:

KA1ZQX, Tim	AA1T, Grant	N1TOX, John	N1JSG, Richard
KB1J, Richard	K1KU, Darrel	W2NH, Gordon	

Business matters:

KA1ZQX, Tim, requested comments on the Skywarn session last month. All comments were favorable. Some discussion ensued concerning the possibility of having an advanced session.

Gordon, W2NH, provided an update on his ongoing efforts to procure and install a club repeater. He has met with the frequency coordinator and things are progressing. We wish to thank him for all of his efforts in this area. Note: Gordon will be undergoing serious back surgery today, June 9. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Prior to the meeting AA1T, Grant, KA1ZQX, Tim, and K1KU, Darrel, walked to the Townshend common to scope out a suitable location for hanging wire for our operations during Grace Cottage Hospital Fair day on August 7. Your humble Secretary has placed special event announcements in WorldRadio and QST for this August event.

KA1ZQX has obtained permission for our participation and we will be located next to the EMT unit on the common. N1TOX, AA1T, W2NH, and K1KU have volunteered to be present to talk to the public, operate HF, explain Amateur Radio, assist with filling out radiograms, etc. If you would like to join this fearless crew to assist in any way whatsoever please let me know. Also, if you have any suggestions please advise. We plan to be active from 9-10 AM to 2-4 PM on August 7.

KA1ZQX has procured handouts from the League and N1TOX will provide the tri-fold bulletins he created telling all about WRRC. Note: If you have not seen these excellent bulletins check them out on the web at [www.westriverradio.net](http://www.westriverradio.net).

Besides N1TOX's bulletins, AA1T will make up posters. K1KU, will provide a table, rig/antenna. W2NH will look into setting up a packet station to move traffic via that mode.

Good news item. As Townshend's Emergency Manager Tim has procured money for buying antennas for our use at the hospital. Please forward any ideas/suggestions to him. At the present we're thinking along the lines of some wire for HF and perhaps a small tower for VHF/UHV beams. The thinking is, that with antenna up, we could bring rigs in and, like Mr. Gates says, "Plug and Play." Or is that, "Plug and Pray?"

Congratulations were offered to N1TOX, John for his appointment as EC from Guilford. In this position he will handle emergency matters for Windham County.

John also announced that he is “tweaking” the club logo he created for use by a badge maker he has been negotiating with. When all is said and done we will be able to order (for a reasonable fee) distinctive WRRC name badges.

John also volunteered to search for an available call for use as a club call.

W2NH, Gordon, was unanimously elected as our Technical Officer and Frequency Coordinator.

It was decided to not hold Field Day activities due to a lack of interest.

The last meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Saturday, May 29, 2004 at the Brattleboro House of Pizza by Staples. The meeting was convened at 11:30 AM.

The next general club meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2004 at 7 PM in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, VT. This is a special meeting in that we will be visited by Vermont’s SM, Paul Gayet, AA1SU, as well as Vermont’s SEC, Carl Phillips, KC1WH.

Both of these gentlemen will be doing a lengthy drive from the Montpelier area, and, as they canceled another club visit to be with us, it would be nice to have a larger than usual turnout. Further reminders will be sent as the meeting date approaches.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Brattleboro House of Pizza on June 26, 2004 at 11:30 AM. As always, all members are invited to attend.

The club also wishes to express its thanks to Mark, KB1HCG, for his contribution of several boxes of goodies to the club. W2NH, will look through the items for anything of value for our repeater. Other items will be held by K1KU for sale at a future Hosstrader’s flea market.

See, I told you that it was an eventful meeting! If you weren’t there you were missed. Put the WRRC on your calendar now for July 13, 2004. We’d enjoy seeing you and having your input.

And that’s the way I heard it. Please advise of any errors, corrections, omissions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**13 July 2004**

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The WRRC held its scheduled meeting on July 13, 2004 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:03L by President Tim Bell, KA1ZQX.

Present were:

KA1ZQX, Tim	AA1T, Grant	N1TOX, John	N1JSG, Richard	Charles Baker
KB1J, Richard	K1KU, Darrel	W2NH, Gordon	KD6MPY, Sean	K1KU, Darrel
KA1CZO, Bob				

Business matters:

Prior to the arrival of the evening's speakers Grant, AA1T, led a discussion on our upcoming special event operation for Grace Cottage Hospital Day on August 7.

I show definite participants to be:

AA1T, Grant  
N1JSG, Richard  
N1TOX, John  
K1KU, Darrel

If I missed seeing your hand go up or you weren't able to attend last night's meeting please advise me of your desire to help out and I'll forward some details. Even if you can't help out, feel free to stop by for a visit and chat. You'll find us on the common in Townshend (next to the EMT folks) for most of the day on August 7.

We were also pleased to have our 23<sup>rd</sup> member join up. That would be Sean Sanderson, KD6MPY. Sean is an Extra class op that works at Rescue, Inc. in Brattleboro. He is also a registered VE, so we're all set to offer some test sessions for those in need.

The entire meeting was devoted to enlightening presentations by our guest speakers, AA1SU/Paul Gayet, SM for VT, and KC1WH/Carl Phillips, SEC for VT. We appreciate the effort they made to be with us.

Paul presented some good methods used by successful clubs to help them stay that way.

Carl spoke to the invigorated state of ARES in VT, what our served agencies are, changes in the structure of emergency organizations since 9/11, and online educational opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned around 9 PM.

And that's the way I heard it. Please advise of any errors, corrections, omissions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**10 August, 2004**

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The WRRC held its scheduled meeting on August 10, 2004 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Tim, KA1ZQX.

Present were:

KA1ZQX, Tim	AA1T, Grant	KB1KSR, Ed	N1TOX, John
Charles Baker	KB1J, Richard	N1JSG, Richard	W2NH, Gordon
KD6MPY, Sean			

Business matters:

Thanks were given to all that helped with Grace Cottage Hospital Days. It was a great success. We have been asked back next year by the foundation. We met many new faces and quite a few hams stopped by. We had a few kinks in the special event station, but that's how we learn to over come. Next year will be even better!

We discussed Boxboro for a few minutes and coordinated a group to go down to the hamfest. The van will leave from the Newfane Elementary School at 6am on Saturday morning. Grant volunteered to drive down.

The Meeting was turned over to Grant, AA1T and he gave a great talk about feed lines. It was a great learning experience.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. Next meeting of the club will be 14 September at 7pm, same place. BOD meeting will be at the House of Pizza on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August at 11:30. All are welcome to attend.

Talk-in will be as always, 146.52. Please come and give us your ideas.

And that's the way I remember it. Please advise of any errors, corrections, omissions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim KA1ZQX  
President: WRRC

**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**14 September, 2004**

The WRRC held its scheduled meeting on September 14, 2004 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Grant, AA1T.

Present were:

AA1T, Grant	KB1KSR, Ed	N1TOX, John
KB1LQB, Chas	KB1J, Richard	W2NH, Gordon

Business matters:

We will be traveling to Bennington to the SOVARC Meeting October 27, 2004. The meeting is at the Bennington Free Library on 101 Silver Street and carpooling will be available. Email [wrrcnet@sover.net](mailto:wrrcnet@sover.net) to let us know if you are going and need a ride or will be driving looking for riders.

John, N1TOX handed out sample or the Clubs QSL Cards designed by Grant, AA1T. It was a combined effort to get the cards ready. If you were not at the meeting and wish to have a card, contact John, N1TOX at [N1TOX@adelphia.net](mailto:N1TOX@adelphia.net).

Gordon, W2NH was next on the agenda and taught us the in's and out's of repeaters. He brought in a bunch of equipment, explained what everything was and how it worked. He also gave us a history lesson on early "Linking" technologies used between PA and Montréal. Maybe this the first attempt of linking repeaters together. Gordon also gave us a blueprint on the way we "should" link Windham County together, once we get the go ahead from Mitch. A well thought out plan.

Remember our next meeting October 12 will be presented by David Cain, W1DEC. David will discuss and explain the RACES program in the state of VT. David is the VEM-RACES Program

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next meeting of the club will be 12 October at 7pm, same place. BOD meeting will be at the House of Pizza on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September at 11:30. All are welcome to attend.

Talk-in will be as always, 146.52. Please come and give us your ideas. And that's the way I remember it. Please advise of any errors, corrections, omissions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,  
John N1TOX  
Member: WRRC

**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**12 October 2004**

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The WRRC held its scheduled meeting on October 12, 2004 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:03L by President Tim Bell, KA1ZQX.

Present were:

KA1ZQX, Tim	N1TOX, John	N1JSG, Richard	KB1LQB, Charles	W1ZS, Burt
KB1J, Richard	K1KU, Darrel	W2NH, Gordon	KD6MPY, Sean	N1HOS, Jack
K1EGL, Charles	KB1HCG, Mark			

Tim introduced our guest speaker for the evening, WIDEC, David Cain. He is Program Coordinator for Vermont RACES. David gave an excellent talk on RACES, what it is and how it works. Eleven of those present signed up for RACES membership.

Sean, KD6MPY, is interested in getting a General license class up and running. If you are interested send Sean and email at [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net). K1KU, Darrel, and AA1T, Grant would probably assist with the instructional chores. If you'd like to assist in this regard give Sean a shout.

A short business meeting followed WIDEC's presentation.

- ❑ We will hold an annual meeting on Saturday, December 11, 2004 in the dining room down the hall from our usual location. The meeting's purpose will be to elect officers for 2005 and celebrate our first VERY successful year of existence. This meeting will be in lieu of our regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday meeting. Gather at 11 AM and enjoy a bar-b-que at noon. Please RSVP to K1KU, Darrel and I'll start a list. Also advise me if you'll be able to provide snacks, soft drinks, condiments, a desert, whatever. The club will provide the burgers, hot dogs and buns. Also, don't forget to bring your dues for 2005. If you'd like, bring some jun....Priceless Treasures along for a mini ham fest. 10% of all sales to WRRC. Gordon, W2NH, has promised to bring along some test gear for free tweaking/peaking.
- ❑ Tim, KA1ZQX, paid tribute to Bob Barnish, W1RZT, a recent SK.
- ❑ A club letter will go out in December to all Windham County Hams.
- ❑ An advanced Skywarn session will be held on Monday, 18. Advise Tim if you plan on attending and he will tell you how to register.

Our next Board of Director's meeting will be on October 30, 2004 at 11:30. We meet at the Brattleboro House of Pizza by Staples. All are welcome.

And that's the way I heard it. Please advise of any errors, corrections, omissions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**9 November 2004**

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The WRRC held its scheduled meeting on November 9, 2004 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:04L by President Tim Bell, KA1ZQX.

Our general meetings are always held on the second Tuesday of every month in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. They start at 7 PM.

Present were:

KA1ZQX, Tim	N1TOX, John	N1JSG, Richard	W1ZS, Burt	KB1KSR, Ed
KB1J, Richard	K1KU, Darrel	W2NH, Gordon	KD6MPY, Sean	N1HOS, Jack
KB1HCG, Mark				

I'm happy to announce that prior to our meeting four members paid up their dues for 2005. We welcome back

- KB1KSR, Ed
- W1ZS, Burt
- KD6MPY, Sean
- N1TOX, John
- K1KU, Darrel
- AA1T, Grant
- KA1CZO, Bob

We also welcome two new members for 2005

- KB1J, Richard
- N1HOS, Jack

Dues are \$10 and \$5 for another family member(s). Renewing members need not fill out an application form. Application forms for new members can be found on our web site – [www.westriverradio.net](http://www.westriverradio.net) You can renew or join at our annual meeting (see below) or send a check along (made out to the West River Radio Club) to:

Darrel Daley  
POB 445  
Putney, VT 05346

Tim welcomed us all and offered thanks for the work done by all to make WRRC such a successful club. So much has been accomplished in our first year of existence.

Queries were handled concerning RACES/ARES. Consideration was also given to best utilization of the radio gear now at our disposal for the establishment of an EOC at GCH.

AA1T, Grant gave a fine talk using audio visuals on his love affair with home brewing. There were many examples passed around showing off many samples of his handy work; an antenna tuner, power supply, meter, and keyer.

At the end of the evening the club presented KA1ZQX, Tim, with a certificate that expressed our gratitude for getting our club up and running. Tim's National Guard unit is being called up and this was his last meeting with us for some time now. We all wish him Godspeed and a safe return in the not too distant future.

Our next meeting will be our first annual meeting on December 11, 2004 at GCH. Family members are welcome. We will gather at 11 AM, eat a potluck dinner at noon and have a short business meeting for the election of officers for 2005 afterwards.



Please RSVP to me ([kl7dn@sover.net](mailto:kl7dn@sover.net)) by Tuesday December 7 at the latest so that attendees will know how much food to prepare or bring. I need to know:

- How many will be attending.
- What you will be bringing for the potluck

NITOX, John, has volunteered to bring paper plates and plastic ware. If you prefer more quality for your place setting you'll have to bring your own.

We'll set up a mini ham fest in our meeting room. There will be items from the estate of W1RZT, Bob Barnish and some priceless treasures from Tim as he attempts to lighten the house during his absence.

W2NH, Gordon, has also offered to do some tweaking/peaking on your HT or VHF/UHF mobile rig.

You bachelor or non cooking types are welcome to bring items like soda pop, chips and dips, etc.

And that's the way I heard it. Please advise of any errors, corrections, omissions, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**12 December 2004**

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The WRRC held its annual meeting on December 11, 2004 in the EMT room of Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 13:00L by Vice President Grant Warner, AA1T.

This was our first annual meeting to close out and celebrate a VERY successful first year of numerous accomplishments by the WRRC. It “replaced” our regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday meeting date for this month only. Our regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday schedule will resume in January Of 2005.

Present were:

AA1T, Grant	N1TOX, John	KB1LQB, Charles	N1HOS, Jack
K1KU, Darrel	Marion Daley	KB1HCG, Mark	KA1CYZ, Jenifer
Kate Ambler	N1JSG, Richard	Mrs Pierce (N1JSG)	KB1KSR, Ed
Lois Phoenix	KB1J, Richard	K1EGL, Chuck	N1FQS, Clarence
KA1TWV, Elaine	N1HXC, Scotty	W2NH, Gordon	KD6MPY, Sean
WA2WKW, Andrew			

I'm happy to announce that prior to our meeting four members renewed their dues for 2005. We welcome back:

- KA1TWV, Elaine
- N1HXC, Scotty
- N1JSG, Richard
- KB1LQB, Charles
- W2NH, Gordon

We also welcome two new members for 2005

- WA2WKW, Andrew Simonds
- N1FQS, Clarence Merritt

Dues are \$10 and \$5 for another family member(s). Renewing members need not fill out an application form. Application forms for new members can be found on our web site – [www.westriverradio.net](http://www.westriverradio.net) You can renew or join at our next meeting on January 11, 2005, or send a check along (made out to the West River Radio Club) to:  
Darrel Daley  
POB 445  
Putney, VT 05346

Events started early on when K1KU, Darrel, N1TOX, John, and KD6MPY, Sean, met at 8:30 AM at the home of Barbara Barnish to load our vehicles with her late husband's equipment (Bob Barnish, W1RZT, was a WRRC member and recent SK).

Bob's gear, along with some of KA1ZQX, Tim's items and some gear brought by N1HOS, Jack, was set up in our regular meeting room at Grace Cottage Hospital for a mini hamfest from 11 to noon. WRRC members must be a generous group as a lot less equipment was hauled back to Barbara Barnish's home that we took out in the morning. Bob's widow realized a profit of \$750 from our small hamfest.

We ate at noon on potluck provided by the attendees. It was all excellent fare and anyone who left hungry only has themselves to blame. AA1T, Grant, also provided a WRRC “Happy Birthday” cake.

Following our repast a short business meeting was held for the purpose of electing officers for 2005. KA1TWV, Elaine, made a motion for a unanimous vote for the following slate of officers:

N1TOX, John – President  
KD6MPH, Sean – Vice President  
K1KU, Darrel – Secretary/Treasurer

Motion passed.

Our new President gave a short talk on the vitality of the club and his hopes for another successful year of accomplishment. John also gave well deserved praise to Tim, KA1ZQX, for his excellent job of shepherding us through our first. He expressed his desire to see a 2 meter net begin. K1KU, Darrel, will contact the owner of the Marlboro machine (147.015) and procure his permission to hold a weekly net there.

Our next meeting will be on January 11, 2005. All meetings start at 7 PM in the EMT room at GCH.

There will also be a Board of Directors meeting on January 8 at 11:30L at the Brattleboro House of Pizza behind Staples in Brattleboro. All members are welcome to attend BOD meetings and to contribute their ideas regarding the betterment of the club..

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