

# MINUTES

## West River Radio Club

### 8 January, 2008

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The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on January 8, 2008 in the cafeteria at Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:17L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

N1TOX, John - Pres	KD6MPY, Sean – VE/EC	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed
W2NH, Gordon	W1CWB, Chas - VP	KA1ZQX, Tim/PR/ARES	N1HOS, Jack
N1PBX, Conrad	K1KU, Darrel - Sec/Treas	KB1J, Rich	K1ZS, Dave
W1ECO, Paul	N1EQP, Steve	KB1NWT, John	W1AAT, Allen

John, N1TOX, brought the following matters before the members for discussion.

- VP report: Sean, KD6MPY informed all that four dates have been assigned for VE sessions in 2008:
  - February 16 – Sat
  - May 15 - Thurs eve
  - Aug 23 - Sat
  - Nov 20 - Thurs eve

For more information on the club's test sessions or classes give Sean a shout at

[kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net).

- Secretary/Treasurer: Darrel, K1KU reported that at the end of 2007 we have \$1,640.86 in checking and \$32.75 in petty cash. Total money on hand is \$1,673.86. Thanks to the three more members who renewed at this meeting. Dues for 2008 were due on December 31, 2007. I'll send one more notice on January 15 to the late payers. As per our by-laws on February 1 I will have to remove any non paid members from the roster I don't about you, but for me that will be a sad chore. If you haven't renewed you can save me any tearful feelings by mailing your \$10 check, made out to WRRC, to:  
Darrel Daley  
POB 445  
Putney, VT 05346
- ARES report: Tim, KA1ZQX respectfully spoke to the lack of recognition of our southern contingent by the folks up north. He also reviewed the recent Reformer article by Bob Audette that concerned the recent acquisition of old equipment from the WTSA radio station. W1IRA, Ira, KB1HCG, Mark, W2NH, Gordon, KA1CYZ, Jenifer, and KA1ZQX, Tim, were all involved on this work party. Thanks to all.
- John, N1TOX, provided the dates for the four RACES drills coming up this year. Details and reminders to follow as the drill times draw closer. He also reminded all of upcoming meeting dates. See "Mark Your Calendar" below.
- Thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities are always requested. Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: [n1tox@comcast.net](mailto:n1tox@comcast.net) – [chas.baker@gmail.com](mailto:chas.baker@gmail.com) - [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net) – [k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net) – [ka1zqx@netzero.net](mailto:ka1zqx@netzero.net)

At this point in the evening W1AAT, Allen Tinker gave an informal talk on his duties as ARRL Club Coordinator for the State of Vermont. His duties are to act as a liaison with clubs in our state. Our thanks to Allen for making the long drive down from Fayston to be with us.

He encouraged us to become a Special Services club as well as applying for 501 (3) (c) status. (Chas, W1CWB, is currently working on this.)

He further queried those in attendance as to what they felt were our club's strengths.

He spoke to the new repeater recently installed by his club, CVARC, and the goal of linking the entire state. A lengthy discussion ensued on this matter.

Mark Your Calendar (Also check our web site at [www.westriverradio.net](http://www.westriverradio.net))

- **Ongoing:** WRRC 2 meter net on 147.015 (PL=100) every Monday evening. The festivities commence at 19:30L
- **January 26:** Regular monthly luncheon meeting at the Brattleboro House of Pizza by Staples. Things start up at 11:30L
- **February 9:** The WRRC will meet for yet another annual "Welcome Home Tim", "Lose those cabin fever blues" dine out.
- **February 12:** Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRC. N1TOX, John and W1CWB, Chas, will present a program on Google maps and Panoramias.
- **March 11:** Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRC. KB1HCG, Mark, will present a program on saving gas.
- **April 8:** Regularly scheduled meeting of the WRRC. W2NH, Gordon, will present a program on repeaters.
- **Dues:** See the information elsewhere re dues payments and deadlines.
- **Ongoing - GET RICH!** Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2008 and get your membership in 2009 for ½ off the regular selling price.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:35L or thereabouts.

And that's how I heard it. Please advise me of any sins of commission or omission.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Daley – K1KU  
Secretary/Treasurer: WRRC

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I respectfully urge you to take advantage of this procedure.

Thanks and 73,  
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**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**11 March, 2008**

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The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on March 11, 2008 in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:05L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

N1TOX, John - Pres	W1CWB, Chas - VP	KD6MPY, Sean – VE/EC Coord
W2NH, Gordon	KB1HCG, Mark	N1PBX, Conrad
KB1KSR, Ed	KB1J, Rich	K1EGL, Chuck
W1ECO, Paul	W1WOL, Bill	KB1OQG, Gaila

John, N1TOX, brought the following matters before the members for discussion.

We did a quick review of our web page, past and present, along with our new URL change. Please note that our new web address is <http://www.westriverradio.org>

The Digital Dispatch - Write about your interest in amateur radio. What made you get interested? Write the article and get a Vermont Amateur Radio Directory in return. One article will be printed per month. Let's hear your story

Then Chas, W1CWB presented radio wave path profiling via the web. Go to <http://www.heywhatsthat.com> and plot your radio wave paths from your home out mountain top.

Respectfully submitted,

John Borichevsky– N1TOX  
President: WRRC

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**MINUTES**  
**West River Radio Club**  
**8 April, 2008**

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The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on April 8, 2008 in the EMT room at Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 1830 (L) by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX.

Present were:

N1TOX, John - Pres	W1CWB, Chas - VP	KA1ZQX, Tim – PR/PIO/ARES
KB1OQH, Paul	KA1TWV, Elaine	N1PBX, Conrad
KB1KSR, Ed	KB1J, Rich	K1EGL, Chuck
W1ECO, Paul	N1HOS, Jack	

Guest

PJ Blais      Michalina Wasung

This meeting was our annual Skywarn Training presented by Hugh Johnson from the National Weather Service located in Albany. NY. The meeting was 2 hours long. No other business was transpired.

Respectfully submitted,

John Borichevsky– N1TOX  
President: WRRC

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# MINUTES

## West River Radio Club

### 11 June, 2008

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The WRRC held its regular monthly meeting on June 11, 2008 in the cafeteria at Grace Cottage Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 19:00L by President John Borichevsky, N1TOX. This meeting was held a day later than usual due to prior commitments by BOD members, and the forecast of severe weather for Tuesday evening.

#### Present were:

N1TOX, John - Pres	KC7ECY, John/Guest	KB1HCG, Mark	KB1KSR, Ed
W2NH, Gordon	N1HOS, Jack	KB1NJA, Walter	K1EGL, Chuck
KA1ZQX, Tim – ARES, PR		N1PBX, Conrad	KB1J, Rich
K1KU, Darrel - Sec/Treas		W1ECO, Paul	WB1CZR, Wil
KB1OQH, Gaila	WK1L, Frank		

Prior to the formal start of business all present introduced themselves to our guest.

John, N1TOX, brought the following matters before the members for discussion.

Secretary/Treasurer: Darrel, K1KU reported that we have \$1,528.26 in checking and \$36.61 in petty cash. Total money on hand is \$1,564.87.

- ARES/PR report: Tim, KA1ZQX spoke of some of our public service activities, such as participation in the recent *Girls on the Run* event. He also encouraged participation in the club's weekly Monday night net held on 147.015 (The Marlboro machine) at 19:30L. The PL is 100 Hz. Thanks was offered to Mark, KB1HCG, for his many stints as NCS. A sign up sheet was passed for people to sign on to be a NCS station.
  - Tim is also working at getting a Field Day press release published in local papers.
- There will be CERT training on traffic handling on June 24, Tuesday, at the NewBrook Fire Station. The session will last from 18:00 to 22:00L. Gaila, KB1OQG, will compile a list of attendees. Contact her at [ggulack@hotmail.com](mailto:ggulack@hotmail.com) Please RSVP ASAP.
- John, N1TOX, offered copies for the 2008 Vermont Amateur Radio Directory for sale. Don't have the \$6 they cost? Do a short write up on something pertaining to Amateur Radio for the Digital Dispatch and receive a free copy. You'll receive yours at the meeting after your article is published.
- We were also reminded to take the monthly survey. The link can be found on our club home page – [www.westriverradio.org](http://www.westriverradio.org)
- Thoughts from club members regarding ideas for club activities are always requested. Email your ideas to any or all of your officers: [n1tox@comcast.net](mailto:n1tox@comcast.net) – [chas.baker@gmail.com](mailto:chas.baker@gmail.com) - [kd6mpy@arrl.net](mailto:kd6mpy@arrl.net) – [k1ku@arrl.net](mailto:k1ku@arrl.net) – [ka1zqx@verizon.net](mailto:ka1zqx@verizon.net)

We warmly welcome a new member as of last evening. That would be WK1L, Frank Hagerty, formerly from Colchester, VT and now living in Putney. We look forward to seeing Frank at many future meetings and club activities.

Darrel, K1KU, reviewed Field Day. This year it falls on June 28 – 29. By the invitation of David, N1ESK, we will operate in Vernon, VT and be a part of their town wide celebration. In doing this we hope to introduce many people to what Ham Radio is all about. If you need further information contact Darrel, K1KU at [k17dn@sover.net](mailto:k17dn@sover.net)

John, N1TOX, passed around pictures of Father Coomb's Ham gear. We will hold a silent auction of his equipment during Field Day to make money for the club.

There was a discussion on RACES deployments and antennas at the Dummerston IFO.

Gaila, KB1OQG, announced a house warming at her new home on July 19 beginning at 4PM. The location is 1350 Grafton Road...1.5 miles past Grace Cottage Hospital on the right. Please RSVP to Gaila at 802-365-9536 or [ggulack@hotmail.com](mailto:ggulack@hotmail.com)

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- **Ongoing:** WRRRC 2 meter net on 147.015 (PL=100) every Monday evening. The festivities commence at 19:30L
- **June 24:** Traffic handling course for CERT members at NewBrook Fire Station – 6 to 10 PM. RSVP via ???
- **June 28 - 29:** WRRRC's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Field Day in Vernon, VT. For further information contact Darrel, K1KU at [kl7dn@sover.net](mailto:kl7dn@sover.net). There will be NO monthly "last Saturday" dine out this month.
- **Ongoing - GET RICH!** Coerce, cajole, or even twist arms to get someone to join our club in 2008 and get your membership in 2009 for ½ off the regular selling price.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:09L.

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Secretary/Treasurer: WRRRC

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West River Radio Club  
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting  
July 8, 2008  
Sean Sanderson, KD6MPY recording

Meeting called to order at 19:00 hours local.

Present were:

John N1TOX	Gaila KB1OQG	Jack N1HOS
Chas W1CWB	Ed KB1KSR	Gordon W2NH
Tim KA1ZQX	Paul W1ECO	Wil WB1CZA
Sean KD6MPY	John KB1NWT	Rich KB1J

The meeting was opened with officer/staff reports.

VP—Chas reports that he is working on a field trip to various radio museums, one in NH and the other in CT (one which the famed AA1T, Grant, is a trustee of). Chas also reports that the Federal Tax Exemption paper work is in progress.

The secretary/treasurer was absent.

PR/ARES—No report

Pres—John posted the following dates:

- July 26: Luncheon meeting at Panasian
- August 2: Fair Days in Townshend
- August 12: Regular monthly meeting, topic TBA
- RACES drills with EOC/IFO/EFO activation on 8/28 and 10/1
- October 4: Annual RACES meeting in Pittsford VT

After the completion of reports the floor was opened for any new business.

Jack, N1HOS reported that there big bike race at the end of July and that N1NCT was looking for help with same.

John, N1TOX delivered the following FD report

- Summary: CW - Digital - Phone Total QSOs
- CW 110
- Phone 323
- Digital 3
- Totals:
  - CW 220                      Digital 6                      Phone 323
  - Total QSO Points = 549
  - Claimed Score (QSO points X power multiplier of 2) = 1,098
- Bonus points = 1090

Pins and Shirts were awarded to the Night-owl brigade; Chas, Rich, and Paul.

Wil and Gordon were given Vermont Amateur Radio Directories for submitting articles to the Digital Dispatch. Get yours!! Write a short article.

Gordon brought an oscillator for show and tell.

Wil sought comment on what our plan for pitching a repeater site to the new owners of Stratton should be included in the discussion was mentioning that the donation of space could be a tax write-off. John felt that it should come by way of VEM. He has language in a canned letter to be considered.

Gaila announced that she will be holding a party on the Saturday July 19, members and S/O's are invited.

At the conclusion of new business, Chas delivered an informative presentation on the new graphically interfaced SPICE simulator.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:30 local.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Sanderson, KD6MPY