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This month's speaker

Casual DX?

I hope I'm right about this -- I'm guessing from a comment that **Bruce K1BG** made over the air. But I know he has a presentation in conjunction with **Bob W1XP** on the subject of casual operation while vacationing in DX locations (as opposed to DXpeditions who operate from a DX location for the sole purpose of causing anger, anguish and uproar in the amateur community.)

If I'm wrong, Bob probably needs an EMT right now....

Field Day -- the itch stays with you

-- or -- NVARC turns in a scratch performance

Field Day 1993 was, by all accounts, a success. We accomplished more than we set out to do. Every one that participated had lots of fun and with but one exception everyone caught Poison Oak. I believe we are all still trying to get over that as well.

The NVARC operated one HF station and one NOVICE station. We were fortunate to have a site with an existing tower (commercial of course). The location was easy to get to and to set up in. We put up a dipole for 80 meters and a sloper for 40 meters. We ran 100 watts powered by a generator which never stopped again this year. The computer did an excellent job of keeping the log and dupes. However, when I got it back home, something went 'haywire' so I have not yet managed to compile any scores. With just a little luck I will have more info by the next meeting.

The NOVICE station, managed by Jeremy Bisbo KB1AWE, used a G5RV antenna with 100 watts and logged about 150 contacts. Not bad for a

novice, first time, contested. Congratulations Jeremy!!

I am looking forward to next year already.

Novice Notes

I'm a new Novice, and I just wanted to say how much I enjoy Ham Radio. I think it is a great hobby for all ages. I received my license on May 17th and as of July 9th have made 269 contacts. I also received my 10-10 number on July 10th. I enjoy contests--my favorite so far is Field Day (I love camping outdoors). I do most of my work on 10 Meter SSB, the rest falls in the category of 15 and 40 meter CW. The rig I use is a Kenwood TS-520S from when my dad was a Ham the first time 10 years ago. The antennas that I use are a G5RV multiband dipole up about 30' and a Cushcraft R7 Vertical which is mounted about 6' off the ground. I think the G5RV is an excellent antenna for new Novices like me. Hope to talk to you sometime on 10. 73s for now...

Jeremy, KB1AWE

The President's column

Many things have happened in the last month. Some will be covered in more detail elsewhere in the newsletter but I still wanted to mention them.

Prior to Field Day (which was my first as a Ham), I VE'd at the Nashua test. It was a little strange being on the other side of the table. For those who are working on upgrading, we are fortunate in this area to have so many exams. Hardly a day goes by when there isn't a test in New England, and there is usually one in our area every week. It may seem strange to some to consider a test in New England close. But in the old FCC system you often had to commute to a major city and tests were given on only a few times a year. So in comparison we're swimming in tests.

The ARRL Convention in Manchester is also coming up. There will be open exams at the convention on Saturday the 24th. This is unusual in that no reservations are required. The potential to get buried in applicants at such an event causes the VE's to require advance reservation. The VE group running the test has computerized part of the process to speed things up. They also have a headphone system for the code test for those who would like the reduced distractions. I will be a VE at this exam also. They will be issuing tests from 8-2:45. The convention has a number of forums on Ham topics. There will be three forums and a video program continuously for the two days. Sunday is a repeat of the forums, so if there are two you want to see at the same time Saturday you're in luck.

We participated in two public service events; the Harvard Bike Race and the Pepperell 4th of July parade. Thanks to all who helped out. There was concern about getting enough operators for the bike race because it conflicted with Field Day, but we were well represented at both events. Since public service communications is why the Amateur Service exists (I bet you thought it was contesting hihi), it is important to be visible at this type of event.

One last thing for ARRL members. Don't forget to bring in your QSL's so we can make our first club shipment to the outgoing bureau.

73 Stan - KD1LE

Public Service Log



The Harvard Road Race

Despite being held on the Sunday for Field Day, the Harvard Road Race was well covered. The Chief Unpire of the U.S. Cycling Federation congratulated the hams on a great job. We do too.

KA1JVU	Karen
KA1ULT	Justin
KB1AQ	Randy
KD1JY	Duane*
KD1PI	Jim
KD1LE	Stan
N1OTR	Ed
N1PBL	Linda

W1XP	Bob
WL7CBJ	Rob (a WL7!! Grab him!)

The Pepperell 4th of July Parade

The annual 4th of July parade, held on the 3rd of July (go figure,) was a big success. This year floats were judged and we used the radios to coordinate diverting the winners from the endpoint back up to the town hall. We also found out why they call them floats -- for the second consecutive year in the parade's three-year history we operated in a steady rain start-to-finish (I hope this isn't going to become a tradition). And for the third time in three years, Ben **KB1FJ** linked the Pepperell 440 repeater to 146.49 simplex to allow people with either kind of equipment to participate (I hope that is going to be a tradition). Russ, **WR1Y** was net control this year.

K1BG	Bruce
KA1ZTU	John
KB1FJ	Ben
KC1TD	Patrick*
KD1JY	Duane
KD1LE	Stan
N1MNX	Dave
N1PBL	Linda
WR1Y	Russ

(* indicates ham coordinator for event)

Upcoming Events

Saturday 24 July

ARRL New England Division Convention. At Center of New Hampshire Convention Center in Manchester, NH. Flea market, walk-in license exams, DXCC and WAS field QSL checking, forums for Contesting, DX, Packet and ARRL. 8:00 am to 4:30 pm admission \$4.00 in advance \$5.00 at the door.

SO, HOW COPY?

I've been the newsletter editor for a little more than a year now, and have to admit it has been a lot of fun. Sadly, I don't have the time to keep editing any more.

Starting next month, **Roger Bisbo, N1OJW** will take over as editor. He has the setup to insure that the newsletter will continue to be a credit to the club, and perhaps he'll be organized enough to publish it on schedule (unlike me).

Special thanks to **Stew Jackson**, who has been publisher for the ***Signal*** for some time now. He will be continuing in that role for Roger. Thanks also to everyone who has submitted articles to the newsletter. I look forward to being an author myself some time in the future.

-- 73 de **KC1TD**

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