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# The CCDX Aerial

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## April 2003 Issue

### March CCDX Club meeting

OK I will admit I missed this one (I know elections were not held). I had dinner that night, the Sentinel put on for the Newspaper Carriers of the Month, and yes, I have two boys that were Carriers of the Month this past year. Way to go Chris and Todd. Anyway, back to the subject at hand, OK you caught me. I don't have a clue as to who was at the meeting or what was talked about. I have the list here someplace of who is where when the Vermont Yankee Exercise begins, which seems to be misplaced at the moment. (Phew, you got that???)

What I also know is that the number of club members that showed up at Campys for the Saturday morning brunch, was greater than the number of people at the Club Meeting and with that I will stop while I'm ahead. See ya at the next club meeting I hope. (Presidents prerogative)



Thank you all for attending.

Dale N1NCI

### ICS Training in Concord

On Saturday March 29th I spent the whole day in Incident Command System training. ICS is the command and control operations that the fire departments use to handle any circumstances. So, what does this have to do with Ham radio? The Federal government is using this system of operational command to deal with terrorist and environmental activities and

when ARES is activated, we will be operating in this command system. Police departs and other agencies are also learning this system as it expands and contracts to meet the need of the situation. The course was sponsored by the NH ARES Rapid Emergency Deployment Team and was open to EC's and NHARE liaisons. There was a good showing of people and we were there from 8 am until 3 pm. For those of you who hate to take tests we had 3 trial tests before the FINAL EXAM. I think I did well. There are 4 hour introduction courses and I would recommend all ARES people to sit in on them when they become available. The BIG thing is the terminology that is used to identify where you would be assigned in the case of an emergency. Hats off to the NHOEM instructor and the RED team.

Dale N1NCI

### ARES Meeting in Athol

On Wednesday, March 26, I attended a meeting at the Athol, MA American Legion Post where the local radio club meets. I accepted an invitation of club member Steve Naticchioni, K1QZ, to speak on the NH ARES reorganization of our emergency services programs. He explained that they were trying to reorganize the ARES program in the club and wanted to have a program speaker on the subject for the club meeting. Using a tape from the ARRL on the ARES/RACES program and a series of overhead film of the way that we have been putting our disaster programs back on track. I explained how we cooperate with the various agencies we work with and the services we provide for them in the way of communications. I also carried with me my emergency radio system with antennas and power pack to provide them with ideas on how members could build one for their needs in the local area. They are currently in the process of equipping an ambulance into an all-purpose communications vehicle for the local area or anywhere else it could be used. Plans are to use it for public community services, communications demonstrations, support of PD/FD activities, training for disasters and supporting organizations as needed. They have been running various fund raising projects and soliciting donations of equipment to equip the vehicle. I made a series of pictures of our radio operations in the Red Cross chapter house in Keene and gave them to the club for ideas on what can be done. Explanations on the approach we made in making the systems portable and why were presented to them to help in creating a unit that would best suit their local area. After the meeting, I gave them ideas on contacting local Red Cross, MEMA officials and recommended they contact the MA Section Manager and the local EC for their area. This info is available in QST. I briefed them on the local Vermont Yankee drill for next month and mentioned they could assist if they wished and to contact either the SEC or some of the local EOC's on 146.805 to offer assistance. Apparently, some of the members have taken part in past drills but not recently and would be interested in taking part in the drill. In the past radio people from their area have come up here to help us on several community events such as the Clarence DeMar Marathon and the Pumpkin Festival and maybe we should look at developing an amateur radio mutual aid type of system with others in the local tri-state area. If it works for SWFMA why not us? Also, I gave them the current schedule for the SKYWARN training for the local area for anyone who might be interested in attending one of the sessions.

I would be willing to speak and make presentations to other organizations that would like speakers for their meetings and give them an idea of what ham radio is about and that while the word "amateur" appears in the description we need to show we are truly professionals in practice.

Jack N1NGF

### Vermont Yankee Graded Exercise

The VY graded exercise is in the history books. I have not talked with every one yet about their impressions of what went on, but here are a few of my notes. The communicators did a great job, and in many of the cases, the communicators were hams. This was my first test as an EC in a role outside an amateur environment. I also brought in the ARES RED Team for multiple purposes. First to help out our operations, where we may be lacking and or in possible conflict. In this case, the town of Hinsdale NH did not participate and the possibility of state intervention for the drill could have implications for our local hams. Two members of the RED team responded to Hinsdale and set up communications. After communications were established, they were relocated to other facilities (Winchester EOC and Laidlaw transportation, which was not thought of in the original deployment). Dave, WA1ZCN, leader of the Red Team was stationed at the Red Cross to help Doc, KV1S. Jim WW1Y, was with Jack N1NGF at the Keene EOC, Sterling, AK1K was hanging out at the Richmond EOC with Buzz WA1NHP and I believe N1PNY was there as well although I never did talk with her. Cliff N1TGB and Dave KA1VJU (relocated from Hinsdale) at the Winchester EOC. N0JSR was stationed at Swanzey were Bruce WA1YZN has put together several amateurs, so thanks go out to WA1HRH and KC5WXC in Swanzey for the helping hand down there. Dan W1NAC held down the EOC at Chesterfield and actually put his radio repair skills to work in correcting a problem with the NHOEM radio. Way to Go Dan. Bill KA1FAE probably did the most traveling for us, going

to Hinsdale, establishing communications, and then relocating to Laidlaw. We also showed we could do a shift change when Lisa KB1IVX relived Doc at the Red Cross. Another role I asked the RED Team to do was to evaluate our group and see where we could improve our operations. It will be a few days before I hear from Dave as to his comments. The last item for the Red Team was to be deployed into an unfamiliar area. This is only the second time the RED Team has deployed and it was training for them as well. Thanks to everyone who participated and checked in. It showed not only to us but others as well how professional and versatile we are as communicators. Thanks for making my assignment easier.

Dale N1NCI

ROBERT G. CROSSMON,  
N1VFM, SILENT KEY

Net Manager, Bob Crossmon, N1VFM, succumbed to cancer Monday, March 29, 2003 at Cheshire Medical Center. He leaves his wife Leslie, son Bobby, brother Dick, KA1DWZ, nephew David, N1XKN, and niece Carolee.

He was born May 3, 1943 in Marlborough, NH and graduated from Keene High School. His early interest in radio and television stemmed from employment in his father's store, "The TV Shop," in Keene. He served with the U.S. Army National Guard, rising to the rank of sergeant, followed by a career as a service technician for Sears Roebuck & Co. After his retirement from Sears, he worked in maintenance and security at Antioch New England Graduate School.

In addition to CCDX ARC and the ARRL, Bob was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Jerusalem Lodge No. 104, F. & A.M., Scottish Rite Valley of Keene, and Bektash Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. He was a past president of the Cheshire Shrine Club.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bob's favorite charity:

SHRINERS HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN  
Attn: Fiscal Services  
516 Carew Street  
Springfield, MA 01104

Dick KB2FF

#### April 16

CCDX Meeting 7 PM – 9 PM  
Red Cross Chapter House  
83 Court Street, Keene, NH

#### May 2 – 3 Hosstraders

Web site for more info: <http://www.qsl.net/k1rqg/>

#### Deadline for May Newsletter

Thursday May 15

#### Note from the Secretary

In this issue I have a "Membership Application". (I will try and have some at each meeting also.) The only reason for this is to make my record keeping a little easier in tracking the membership dues and who paid. I want to be sure all who pay their dues are credited and the club doesn't end up with extra money and no names to put it with. I think this will work and it won't be in every issue, the next time probably in May and September newsletters. (Dues are not owed until September.)

I have an option on the application of US Mail or E-mail for the newsletters. If you would like it e-mailed instead of by US mail, it will come to you in a .pdf format, and save the club money on postage.

As usual, any comments, suggestions or articles for the newsletter can be e-mail to me at [ka1twx@arrl.net](mailto:ka1twx@arrl.net).

Bruce KA1TWX

## CCDX Amateur Radio Club Membership Application

New Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ Address Change: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Membership: 200 Dues \$10/year Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Callsign: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to: Bruce Graves.

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