



The CCDX Aerial

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Notes from the President

Well the holidays are over and January has quickly vanished from my memory, I hope to be Oh Shoot!! I just spilled my evening snack all over myself. Standby, I'm experiencing organic difficulties, One moment please.

Can you read me now? Ok, I'm back. Where was I? Oh yes, I hope to be returning to form here soon. As I mentioned at the CCDX meeting in January, we all experience up and downs in extra activities. Work is booming, the holidays, and having my mother in law here at the house while Grandpa was recovering in the hospital and nursing home, something had to take a back seat for a while, and that is why I have been absent from the Saturday morning breakfast and ham radio airways. But enough about the past, the future for myself and Lenny WA1UNN is very busy for the next 12 to 18 months as illustrated below.



Yep, those are some of the radios to be installed in every fire and EMS apparatus in the area. 300 plus mobiles weigh in at a little over 4 tons is the start of the NH Statewide interoperability project. Portables and base stations for the department in later stages of the project.

Now for news of Ham radio interest.

Last month there was an ARES EC and AEC meeting in Londonderry at the TSA building next to the Manchester airport. Myself, Jack N1NGF, Dave K1ZS and Jeff K1JWM represented Cheshire County. There were quite a few people this time around, and a good showing from all districts and yes the north country folks showed up. We had demos from the Merrill's on their Go Kits and battery operations during an emergency. You can see some of this by visiting the NH ARES site and visiting the link to Go Kits. Dave Colter, the ARES Red Team leader also brought in his suitcases of his emergency response equipment should the Red Team be activated. And you all thought I looked funny transporting my stuff to Field Day in suitcases, I have nothing compared to what Dave jams into his suitcases. Among the many topics that were brought up was a test to be conducted (this month) on the 2 meter and 6 meter bands. These tests are to be conducted on SSB and are simplex in nature to see what areas can talk to whom through out the state. Rex, the Grafton County EC is coordinating it and we'll be using the K1JY UHF network for report results and coordination. Henry will be connected directly to the network while the testing is being done. All Hams with SSB capability on 2 and 6 meter are invited to help out in reporting where we can communicate to and from. This is similar to the test Larry ran one night after the Wed. net to see what our local communications coverage was should the repeaters be non functional. This test will involve the entire State so I imagine it will cover a large period of time. As of now it looks like Feb 22, the time to be determined. When I get the information I'll pass it along. At the CCDX club meeting I'll pass along other information that was shared with us.

Some days I really enjoy getting out and tracking down new repeater locations. This the view from the top of the ski lift at the newly opened Crotched Mountain ski area.

Dale N1NCI



A note from the Secretary/Treasurer

The CCDX shirts have been ordered, "are in embroidery" and will be here in time for the March meeting.

The cost for shirts are: S, M, L, XL \$13.00 each. XXL \$14.50 each. XXXL \$16.00 each.

We have some extra shirts, the members who requested shirts will get their orders first, then the shirts are available at the same prices.

A check will be accepted, payable to Bruce Graves or cash is always welcome. The exact amount would help a lot!

I tried to contact everyone who wanted a shirt by e-mail just to confirm size and quantity and found **I have the incorrect e-mail addresses for some members**. Check the CCDX web site (<http://www.ccdx.org/members.htm>) to be sure your e-mail address is correct. Send any changes to me at ka1twx@arrl.net.

Bruce KA1TWX

February 18 2004

CCDX Meeting 7 PM – 9 PM

Red Cross Chapter House

83 Court Street, Keene, NH

Deadline for March 2004 Newsletter

Thursday, March 11

CCDX shirts coming soon

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