

Coming Events

January 15

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

Topic for meeting

All you ever wanted to know about
Packet Radio.

Contests

10-10 Winter Contest SSB

0001Z Feb 1 to 2400Z Feb 2
<http://www.ten-ten.org/>

NH QSO Party

0000Z on Saturday, February 1 (7:00
PM Friday local time) to 2400Z Sunday,
February 2 (7:00 PM local time)
<http://www.nhradio.org/nh-qso>

ARRL International DX Contest (CW)

0000Z Feb 15 to 2400Z Feb 16
<http://www.arrl.org/>

CQ 160 meter Contest SSB

2200Z Feb 21 to 1600Z Feb 23
<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/infoc.html>

Deadline for February Newsletter

Wednesday Feb. 12.

CCDX Amateur Radio Club
111 North Street
Keene, NH 03431
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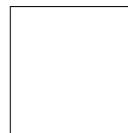
The CCDX Aerial

January 2003



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December 18 meeting

17 members attending were, Dale N1NCI, Dale KB1XU, Cliff N1TGB, Dan KB1EKA (now "Dan W1NAC"), Bruce KA1TWX, Mike N1MXJ, Derek W1WWW, Wayne KC5WXC, Larry KA1VGM, Jeffery K1JWM, Jack N1NGF, Dave K1ZS, Lisa KB1IVX, Buck KB1CYK, Karyn KB1FVP, Arnie N1BAC, and Joel WA1YZX.

NH ARES Major Announcement

A general announcement of this news will be disseminated to other ARES members and our served agencies sometime later this week. The ARES leadership team has long recognized that the addition a Mobile Communication Vehicle to our arsenal would significantly enhance our communications effectiveness. There had been a couple of earlier attempts to secure such a vehicle dating as far back to the Ice Storm of 1998. It became apparent to the leadership some months ago, that if NHARES was to continue to evolve we needed to fill this void.

Last week, a 10-passenger shuttle style vehicle was purchased for NHARES. The vehicle is in remarkably good shape, needing only minor bodywork, the design and construction of interior operating stations, and the addition of appropriate ARES markings. Pictures will also be available on the NH web site www.nhradio.org sometime after the first of the year.

There are a number of ways that you can support this project. You can help by donating any surplus equipment you may have that fits our needs or you might consider making a cash donation toward the purchase of specific equipment. The leadership teams is now developing a comprehensive list of equipment needs, based on the premise that vehicle will have at least three operating positions, a station each for HF, VHF/UHF and Digital

communications, all with appropriate back up equipment. We also anticipate that this vehicle will have capability to communicate directly with our served agencies. The portable 2-meter repeater (147.06 MHz - W1AKS) will also be stored in this vehicle. Some pieces of communications and computer equipment have already been donated.

Any ideas you may have in obtaining equipment would be greatly appreciated. We are also soliciting ways to configure the vehicle with types of equipment and antenna systems.

Anyone who donates equipment, funds or services will be suitably recognized for his or her contribution on a plaque that will be affixed inside the vehicle. There are other initiatives that are in process that will be announced shortly that will further enhance the effectiveness of NHARES.

I wish you and to your family a safe and happy new year.

Al Shuman, N1FIK
New Hampshire
ARRL Section Manager

A message for the New Year

With the New Year quickly approaching, I would like to take this time to thank all the members of the NHARES community for their commitment to serving the citizens or our state. It is a difficult job, especially in New Hampshire. The realization of disasters, that are beyond the scope of what nature would bring us, has impacted all our lives. Here in the Granite State, we live in relative safety with little fear of large scale natural disasters that are the norm in other ares of our country. But sadly, times are different. Human induced disasters that have plagued other countries may continue to impact us.

2003 will be an uncertain year. The possibility of war, an economy that has been weakened and the threat of disasters, will spill over from 2002. But we are strong. I have seen this strength in the efforts and commitment of the ARES groups and radio clubs that I have visited since assuming the role of Section Emergency Coordinator. I have seen enthusiasm, growth, commitment and most important of all, good people. We, those hams of the Granite State that have made the commitment to serve our community, have come a long way and still have a long road in front of us. There is major movement under way in many NHARES jurisdictions. A new life and, in some cases, new leadership. There will be news of growth and commitment from your NHARES leadership team. We are committed to lead all NHARES hams and jurisdictions to grow and succeed in the New Year and beyond. And please, if you have not had the chance to contact your EC to see how you can become active in ARES, please make 2003 your year to join.

Again, a heartfelt thank you and all the best during 2003.

73,

Tom Matisko, N1SKZ
Section Emergency Coordinator
New Hampshire Amateur Radio Emergency Service