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President's Report

As predicted Monday Jan 15, 2001 brought some snow and cold, we hoped for the best and that the weather would allow us to hold the scheduled meeting, we knew this one would be one of the best. Neil AA1OA, Eric, K1EEA, Rowe, N1GIE and Al W1DUW were relieved when our guest speakers, Paul and Charlotte made our date at Fridays Restaurant in Peabody; this was appreciated, considering the driving conditions. After a very informative and enjoyable meal and conversation with Paul and Charlotte about their latest trip and dx operation we were headed for the meeting hall, we were glad to find that the weather had moderated somewhat.

Paul and Charlotte gave us an overview of the logistics and work behind moving equipment, both ham radios, antennae and photographic equipment over long airline flights. Then by pictures we too were off to a warm sunny South Pacific paradise.

The place was the Federated islands of Micronesia, with Paul and Charlotte, we too were to visit three very pretty and delightful islands. The first had what we expected to find palm trees and beautiful beaches, but Paul and Charlotte took us further to the beautiful coral reefs, fish, turtles and underwater flowers of incredible beauty, this was done with a generous sprinkle of ham radio operations from a far off island. Charlotte told us the contacts numbered in the thousands, and all contacts wanted a QSL card, a formidable task indeed, as Charlotte told us the DX expeditions seem to go on and on.

Next Island was several hundred miles to the west and also very pretty with the same beautiful type of fish, coral and underwater flowers but also ancient Polynesian ruins, we were taken by the solid buildings and pretty designs of what was left over the centuries... Paul and Charlotte gave us a real generous look at these old places. To add even more to the show.

The next and final stop was at Grand Turk Island, having an interest in WW2, I knew the name well for this is the Micronesia Island where the Japanese met horrendous defeat by Admiral "The Bull" Halsey, where he sank 25% of the Jap Navy, and turned the tide of that war. The islands were then called the west Solomon Is. Well Paul and Charlotte sure did not disappoint, they showed us pictures of the islands best known Japanese and only, ham radio operator who was also their good friend, and many pictures of the wrecked and sunk ships. Called the ghost fleet of the coral... We even saw the remains of the Japanese Navy headquarters, now a school for the children of Grand Turk Is. Charlotte ended on a sadder note telling us that the Island suffers from overpopulation not enough jobs and lot of social problems and those they stayed inside the hotel at night. And, did lot of hamming from a far off place, that we too were delighted to have shared, by pictures, with them. But as at every island visit the Coral reefs were just as pretty made even more interesting with their incredible clear photo slides.

Folks this was a meeting hard to top... and once again we all felt honored to have had such a fine show provide by Mermaid Productions. AL W1DUW

HOSSTRADERS HAMFEST MOVES TO HOPKINTON STATE FAIR GROUNDS

Beginning with the May 4 & 5 event, the Hosstraders will move operations from Rochester to the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds, off I-89, Exit 7, in Hopkinton NH. This move is part of an ongoing development program for the Hosstraders Hamfest, and is in response to your requests for a facility that combines the country flavor that we enjoyed at Deerfield with the commercial amenities we've come to expect at Rochester. Hopkinton, chosen as New Hampshire's State Fairground is the crown jewel of all the state's fairgrounds. There are groves of TREES (!!!) traversed by well paved lanes for those who want them. There are wide open spaces, where clubs and groups can set up together. And there are plenty of electrical outlets and water hookups almost everywhere. There are a few hundred numbered RV campsites in the main market area, again with electric and water hookups. RV hams will be able to flea market right from their campsites! (A dump station is available on your way out. Caution: Water pressure is very high. Get a brass water pressure regulator from your RV supplier, before you hook up!) And there are multiple commercial buildings, all with open layouts, to provide commercial dealers with more attractive and secure site. The restrooms are plentiful and modern, and ADA compliant. The VE Exam building is larger and well lit.

Access from population centers is easy, and the roads are very good. From the south, come up I-93, take I-89 at Bow, just south of Concord, and go 14 miles west to Exit 7. Ignore the other exits unless you're a local and know the way! From Vermont and Quebec come down I-89. For those coming from eastern New Hampshire, Maine and the Maritime Provinces, your journey will be about one hour longer than Rochester, but only one half hour more than your old trip to Deerfield. Crossing from Portsmouth to Concord on Route 4 is a good way to go. By the way, all three sponsors and all the Shrines will have a longer trip. Wave to us if you see us along the way!

But the amenities and atmosphere at Hopkinton will be well worth the ride. The town itself is a nice country town, with groceries, gasoline, a decent hardware store, banks with ATMs, and a few nice eateries. Best bets for motels are in Concord. Try the Fairfield by Marriott at 603-224-4011, and the Hampton in Bow NH, exit 1, at 800-426-7866, for starters. Most of our food vendors will be following us, maintaining our reputation as the Hamfest with the best food anywhere. Cell phone coverage is good but not perfect. We are excited about this big step forward. Those of you who miss the old days at Deerfield will be especially happy with the look of our new home. The Friday night RV crowd will be pleased with the sites. The general flea market area is expansive, and most all spots have great visibility. And the commercial dealers will be able to build more attractive displays and offer more products.

Starting times and fees will be similar, but there will be a few minor changes, so watch for K1RQG's announcements on this. And remember, the three Hosstraders Sponsors are the ONLY official source for Hosstraders information!

As with any move, it may be a bit hectic this first time, so bear with us and be patient with Your Sponsors (who are older than we were when we started this event back in 1973) and with the Shriner's, who work hard so that we can run a great event and send piles of money to Shriner's Hospitals in Boston, Springfield and Montreal. But most of all, be prepared to be pleasantly surprised. You've never seen a Hamfest like Hosstraders at Hopkinton!

FOR MORE INFO GO TO: <http://www.qsl.net/k1rqg/>

NSRA VE EXAMS are held on the 4th Saturday of the month at the At the NEW Danvers Central fire Station on High Street, Danvers. (park across street) NEIL E HENDEN, AA10A heads up our VE Exam Session. All those interested in upgrading or know someone who wants to enter the hobby, please pass the word around.

FOR INFO ON RF EXPOSURE GO TO WEB SITE

<http://n5xu.ae.utexas.edu/rfsafety>

Danvers High Newsby Andy Garrity, N1OQX

The amateur radio classes given at Danvers High every Wednesday from 2 – 3PM started on January 10, 2001 with seven students. As of the February 14th class enrollment was down to two. This was due to the closing and relocation of ????? company. Unfortunately five of the students relocated with their families to the new plant location. The class is going great and they should be ready for their exam in the near future. They are learning theory and the morse code.

Prudhomme sends Interesting comments from an article he was reading....

I want to call attention to an article from the Naval Institutes monthly magazine Proceedings. I quote the first three paragraphs.. from an article by Lieutenant General H. D. Raduege Jr. U. S. Air Force
Bandwidth is a hot and limited- commodity. Department of Defense will have to make a good case for why it needs access.

“A recent article in Electronic Design sums up the exploding area of personal communications: Nothing epitomizes the global nature of everyday life quite like satellite communications. While many attribute the shrinking world to the Internet, satellites have been steadily shrinking our world for decades.

Alone this is just an interesting observation. When joined with the next comment, however, the root of an ever-deepening

Crises is made clear: Regardless of the application, almost all satellite technologies have one major requirement – more bandwidth.

Global –mobile communications is the greatest need of today’s world community and the key to meeting that need is the electromagnetic radio frequency spectrum. Whether we are considering satellite, ground-based relay, or sensor communications, there is a common denominator—more bandwidth is needed. This burgeoning demand for bandwidth is driving the great collision between today’s two spectrum-using worlds: commercial/consumer and governmental/military..”

General Raduege is director of the Defense Information Systems Agency and manager of the National Communications Systems. The General goes on for another half page discussing the problem, and Spectrum Allocation Harmonization.

An interesting article and addresses what we all know so well that Radio Spectrum is a precious commodity and getting even more so these days...How fortunate we Hams are to have so much available to us. It is worth protecting isn't it

If you would like to read, the full article, just see AI W1DUW.....

NSRA sponsors code practice every Tuesday evening on the 146.88 Salem repeater from 8PM – 8:30PM

A good time to copy 5 WPM and upgrade to general...

Your code instructor is Dave, W1MCE

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Other NSRA Meeting Dates

March 12th April 9th May 14th June 11th June 23-24 Sept. 17th Oct 8th Nov. 12th Dec 10th
Field Day

MEMBERSHIP INFO

From the Membership Committee. Renewal's have done great. We are also still getting a new member a month. I also have now got almost every one's email address so that we can send club info without costing the club postal costs. Thanks for giving us your email. If you don't know if we have it please send an email to ka1ncf@nsradio.org and I will check for you.

For online application go to: www.nradio.org/Pages/memberform.htm

Thanks,
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NEXT MEETING - MONDAY – March 12th
TWO SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS
NSRA - Over 25 Years of Amateur Radio Service On the North Shore