

# The Monitor



April 2005

## Upcoming Events

- TSRC Meeting April 9, 2005, 9:00 am  
DHMC Cafeteria, Hanover, NH
- Hosstraders May 6-7, 2005  
Hopkinton NH
- TSRC Meeting May 14, 2005, 9:00 am  
Instructional Center  
37 Dewey Field Road, Hanover, NH

## Message from the President:

In this month's message I would like to draw on the knowledge and understanding of others much wiser than I. Yes, you are right – I did not have to look very far to find them!

1) Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people. – Admiral Hyman Rickover

We have some great minds in the Twin State Radio Club. It is time for some of them to let themselves be heard. As Field Day approaches, our vice president (N5EI) is forming a nominating committee to compile a slate of officers that will eventually be presented to the membership. I understand that volunteers for the committee have been difficult to find and I would encourage all members to offer to serve on this committee. Its members serve a vitally important function for TSRC in soliciting, evaluating and vetting new candidates for the four officer positions provided for in our bylaws.

As president of TSRC for less than a year and as a member of TSRC for almost six years, I have overheard or participated in various discussions that have touched on the direction of the club, its leadership and its membership. I have heard flattering comments and disparaging remarks alike. I have heard some members praised and others maligned and, most troublesome to me, have been told on occasion that a person will not participate or join or serve as long as another person is involved. On the one hand, this encourages me by letting me know that people are willing to speak frankly about their concerns. On the other hand, it also presents me with a problem with virtually no hope of a solution. It is discouraging to me to hear that differences among some members, former members or potential members have reached such a level that they cannot be resolved.

I do not believe that such differences are beyond courteous discussion, objective consideration and even resolution. I understand that some of them go back a long time, longer than my association with the club does. Nevertheless, conflict resolution is a vital skill most of us cultivate in our daily lives, if for no other reason than personal and social survival. I would ask those of you who feel you have irreconcilable differences with other members to reconsider. If

there can be no discussion, there can be no resolution. Even where there is deep-seated disagreement there can still be cooperation and coexistence. I call on those of you who feel left out or offended to rejoin the group. I will do all I can to make you feel welcome, as I'm sure most of our members will. I will also ask you to serve on the nominating committee and, if you feel the urge, to consider running for office. Use your dissatisfaction as motivation to participate and to effect important changes in the club. That is essential to the health, longevity and viability of Twin State Radio Club. It is my hope that we can move away from discussing people, pass through discussing events and become proficient at discussing new ideas. I need and I ask your help in making this happen.

2) When you do things right, people won't be sure you've done anything at all. – Unknown

I quote this anonymous piece of wisdom because I think that we can sometimes be our own worst cheerleaders by simply being too good at what we do. From the day I first became involved in Twin State Radio Club I have been impressed with the depth and range of knowledge and expertise of our membership. I feel like the "amateur amateur" I truly am when I listen to some of the discussions that take place at our meetings, on the repeater and elsewhere between members. I also hear the feedback that is generated by our participation in the many public service events TSRC supports. Our club's reputation is one of competence, reliability and excellence. People know we will do the job. As flattering as that realization is, it is also worrisome to know that our competence is taken for granted. We run the risk of making what we do look too easy and I am in favor of correcting that.

Field Day is approaching in a couple months. Even more immediate is the "Career Day" event being held at Oxbow High School later this month. I believe that events like these are the ideal time to introduce curious outsiders to the mysteries and the magic of our hobby. I would encourage everyone to participate in such events. Even though much of the amateur radio "magic" is familiar to us, that is not the case for those who are strangers to the hobby or the technology. I ask your help in sharing the wonder and excitement of amateur radio with others as others did with you at one time or another.

Very soon we will have a Field Day committee in place to begin planning for this year's annual event. Please volunteer to help in the activities of Field Day by stopping by to help set up or tear down, to operate for a little while or just to share some good food and conversation.

Planning for the Oxbow event is already under way. Please contact WB1BRE (Bill Burden) or me if you would like to participate or help in some way. I did so last year for the first time and I really enjoyed it. Many curious spectators came by and it was fascinating to watch them as their interest grew and their curiosity was piqued. The easy

camaraderie of TSRC members and other Hams who stopped by drew these new folks in and made them feel at ease. In my estimation, that is one of the hallmarks of our hobby and the one of which I am most proud. Please join us to spread some of that good will and good feeling around at Oxbow this year.

Finally, I thank you for your patience in listening to my sometimes lengthy ramblings and your charity in refraining from the abuse and ridicule they might well deserve.

73,  
Charlie Wilber, N1AOK  
President, Twin State Radio Club

## **Candidates for Office and Nominating Committee Needed!**

Would you like to make a difference in the way TSRC is run? Then participate in the nominating committee and help us get the best candidates for TSRC office -- Bill Burden and I need help! Or better yet, if you want to see a change of focus of the club from repeaters and emergency service to something else, e.g., projects, DXing, antennas, education of new amateurs, Amateur TV, or to contesting, then why not volunteer to run for office. If you have an alternate slate in mind that could change the direction the club is taking, let us know.

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## **New EC for Sullivan County - RED Team appointments**

Hello all,

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Bruce Bedford N1RX to succeed Bob Bell AA1XC as EC for Sullivan County. Bob decided to step down after several years' hard work bringing Sullivan County ARES back to life. He is leaving Bruce with an active and talented group. Bob says he will continue to remain active as Bruce's AEC. Bruce is a long-time ham and experienced communicator with excellent credentials, and I know he will do an excellent job in years to come. I look forward to his participation with the rest of us at the Section level. Please join me in welcoming Bruce to the NH-ARES staff, and in thanking Bob for a job well done.

On a related note, Bob's final act was to appoint William Daugherty N8RPD as Sullivan County's member of the RED Team. William is an enthusiastic, well equipped, and talented ham with many years of experience, and I know he will do great things. Several counties have yet to make appointments, including East Rockingham, Cheshire, Strafford, Coos, and Capital. IF you have a qualified person in your area that you would like to appoint, please contact EC Dave Megin KA1VJU. If you have any questions about the RED Team qualifications, please contact either Dave or myself. 73,

Dave Colter, WA1ZCN  
SEC - NH-ARES

## **ARRL JUNE VHF QSO PARTY- 2005**

In previous years, club members have gathered each January to work the ARRL VHF Sweepstakes contest from my station in Strafford. This has been a fun experience and each year we make improvements in the station setup and the towers and antennas.

This year, I plan to open the station to operate the 2005 June VHF QSO party which runs from 1800 UTC on June 11 (2 PM Sat afternoon) through 0300 UTC on June 13 (11PM Sunday evening).

The rules for this contest are basically the same as for the January sweepstakes and we will be operating 6m, 2M, 222, 70 Cm and probably 902. The big difference will be the weather! Instead of winter coats, hats and gloves, we should be in shirtsleeves and shorts!!

These VHF contests are a different experience by comparison to Field Day or other HF contests. There are fewer stations on the air, which makes for a slower contact rate and usually time to have a chat now and again.

This contest is two weeks before Field Day and is a good warm-up for that event. We now have three towers up with antennas for all five bands. If needed, we would also plan to borrow the club tower/trailer for any additional tower requirements. As those who worked the January contest know, my station setup has changed significantly with a wrap-around operating console on my desk, holding 8 radios covering 80 M through 902 as well as a computer to run Packet, RTTY and PSK-31. Bench space in the shop allows for four other station setups with plenty of room. I have a new "bulkhead" on the North wall which includes eight antenna feedthroughs so that we now just use RG-213 "pigtailed" in the shop to reach the operating positions.

I plan to include computer logging for, at least 6M, 2M and 70 cm. If possible, we will have a mobile unit out to pick up some additional grid squares during the contest.

This summer, it looks like our lower cottage will be available for anyone who wants to stay overnight and we will continue the tradition of the turkey dinner on Saturday evening- a party within a party!!

If there is sufficient interest in this event, I'll get into details next month on equipment we will need, etc. Let me know if you would like to join us for this operating weekend!!

Bill WB1BRE  
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Two antennas meet on a roof, fall in love and get married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

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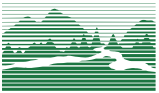
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