

The Monitor



May 2005

Upcoming Events

- TSRC Meeting** May 14, 2005, 9:00 am
Instructional Center
37 Dewey Field Road, Hanover, NH
- TSRC Meeting** June 11, 2005, 9:00 am
DHMC Cafeteria, Hanover, NH
- Field Day** June 24-26, 2005
KUA, Meriden, NH

Message from the President:

It is the time of year when the weather is turning nice and we begin finding more reasons to be outside to enjoy the clear skies, warm breezes and extended daylight. It is also the time when hamfests and picnics, Field Day and fox hunts begin to appear on our calendars. Soon we will be making room in our schedules for Minithons and Walkathons, for the Audrey Prouty Ride and the Reach the Beach Relay Race. A few people have asked about having a club picnic sometime this Spring or Summer. Others have suggested that a fox hunt or two ("like we used to have every year") would be fun. The Fairlee Crop Walk will ask a few of us to assist with traffic control and safety monitoring and the Diabetes Walk will look to us for a helping hand again. Some members will participate in the impressive and well organized "Reach the Beach Relay Race" again this year while others will participate individually in contests, QRP events and other ham-related activities. It is an exciting, refreshing time for me and, I hope, for all of you as well.

I'd like to ask you to suggest some activities which you, personally, would enjoy and which could be shared with the club. I know what sort of activities I enjoy but I don't know what everyone else enjoys. Would you have fun at a club sponsored picnic? Let me know! Are fox hunts your thing? I've never participated in one but I think it would be loads of fun and I'd love to give it a try. Let me know if you agree and we'll make it happen. Does "hilltopping" spark your interest? Let me know and we'll have a "Hilltop Weekend" or something. Are you interested in APRS? One of our members is very well versed in Automated Position Reporting System technology and could probably offer some interesting activity ideas. I think an APRS Day could be a lot of fun and the experience would serve us well in our public service and search activities. Maybe we could break new ground and combine APRS with a fox hunt. Let me know what you think would be fun, interesting or exciting and I'll ask you to help me make it happen.

As you know, recent club meetings have been held at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Memorial Hospital Cafeteria with special meetings involving speakers held at the Instructional Center at Dartmouth College. Some members have commented that these locations are not convenient. Others have suggested that some people just don't

like to go to a hospital, even for a breakfast meeting. If you have other locations to suggest for our meetings, please let me know. I am always keeping an eye out for the "ideal" meeting spot but have yet to find it. It seems like whenever we find a good spot, the place closes down in a couple months! As long as it is more or less centrally located, though, I will certainly consider any suggestion as a possible meeting location.

Please remember to bring your club-owned equipment with you to the May meeting so our secretary can complete her inventory. Also please note the ARES meeting that will precede the club meeting and the WinLink (and Buddipole) demonstration that will follow the club meeting.

Finally, please share your thoughts on Field Day with me. We are in the very early planning stages for Field Day and nothing has been finalized. I need to know if you plan to participate and if you will be able to help with setup, operating, food prep, teardown or in any other capacity. I would also like to know if you do not plan to participate and, if you care to say, why you will not be joining us. Time is short and our Field Day effort this year will be a direct reflection of the interest expressed by the membership. If there is no interest, there might not be a Twin State Radio Club Field Day this year.

As always, I welcome suggestions, comments, criticism, praise and even occasional death threats. The latter can liven up a dull day like few other things I have encountered. J

My thanks go out to our dedicated club officers who have done the hard work of running the club while letting me take the credit. They have been supportive and tolerant and have prevented me from making the worst mistakes. Ed (N5EI), Nancy (N1QW), Dave (KE1IW) and our newsletter editor, Mike (K1IH) have made it look easy and have done the lion's share of the work. I am grateful to them.

73,
Charlie Wilber, N1AOK
President
Twin State Radio Club

Annual Inventory Time

Its spring again, and time for our annual inventory. I have sent e-mails to those people that have club equipment on record. Ideally I would like to see any club equipment you have after the meeting on May 14. If that is not possible, please check to see if there are any discrepancies, and let me know.

Nancy, N1QW (lensmaam@mindpictures.com)



June Meeting Program

ABSTRACT:

The sky holds many things. Sun, Air, Clouds, Wind(s), Rain, and LIGHTNING. This Saturday's presentation will introduce you recommended the step by step method of protecting you, your shack, and home from possible damage caused by a lightning strike. I will use my own installation process as the vehicle for presenting each step in the process recommended to abate the tremendous energies that can come down your cable(s) seeking ground.

Disclosure:

I have no financial or familial relationship with any vendor or information source used in preparing and presenting this lecture. All URLs are current as of 8 May 05.

Dave #9, KE1IW

Directions:

Enclosed is a map showing the location of the entrance to 37 Dewey Field Road, Room 101, where members and guests should enter the building for our meeting/presentation next Saturday. The location of the entrance is identified by a thick red circle. After entering 37 Dewey Field Road building, descend the stairs immediately inside the door. At the bottom of the stairs, the meeting room will be directly in front of you. The sign outside the room says, "101" and "Instructional Center."

Ample parking should be available in the large parking lot just south of the entrance to the building. Access to the building is off of Maynard Street.

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The 24th Annual Prouty Century Bike Ride and Fitness Walk

On July 9, 2005 SGARES and the club will again help with this event in Hanover, NH to help the Norris Cotton Cancer Center Fund raising participants. It is usually an all day event, but some hams can get out early. It does start early in the day (5-6 am), as that is when the bikers get the cooler time to ride hard.

It is a very worthwhile cause. To do this right I need about 10 more hams to help out. We have on the order of many hundred to 1000 participants. It usually involves people and families that really need our help and show appreciation. They count on us for food, bike repair, transportation, emergency traffic, in addition to health and welfare traffic. We have even had a bit of search and rescue. It has a 25, 50, and 100 mile bike ride in addition to a walk. I sent an email out to those of you that have already signed up! The hams have always been a good group to work with. And I thank you.

Those of you that have not signed up and have not gotten such an email, please consider signing up by sending me an email to let me know that you can help out.

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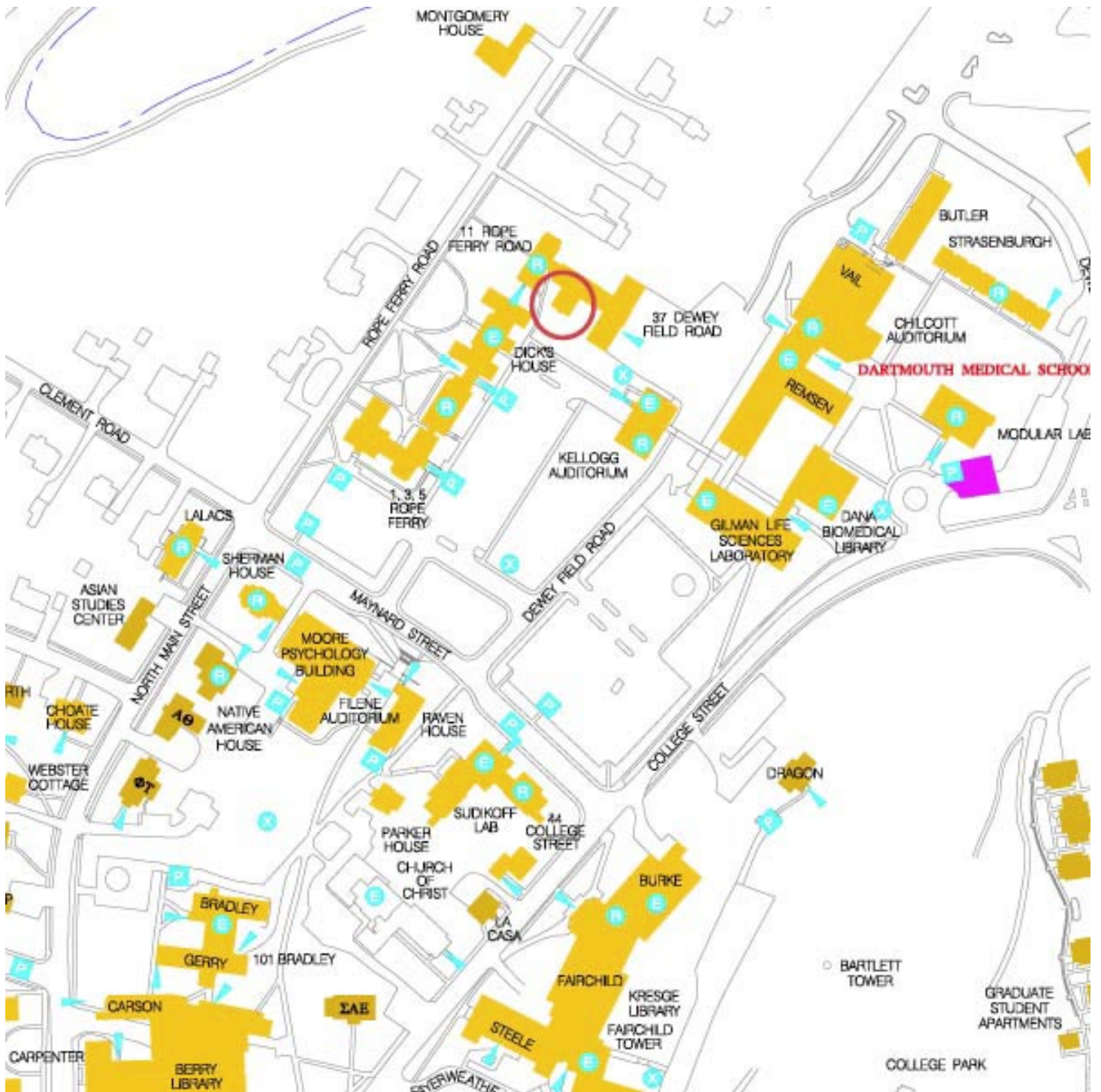
Bill and I have agreed to submit the following slate to the club:

President: Charles Wilber, N1AOK
Vice President: William Dougherty, N8RPD
Secretary: Nancy Maynard, N1QW
Treasurer: David Haseman, KE1IW

We have been assured that all will serve if elected.

Ed Feustel, N5EI





VT PRB-1 Update

The House Government Operations Committee has decided to take no further action on Bill H.12 during this Session. However, the Bill is not dead, it will as they say in their vernacular “Stay on the wall” through 2006. The Committee has asked the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to reach out and educate all the Cities and Towns about the Federal Codification of PRB-1 [47 CFR 97.15]. The Committee hopes that Cities and Towns will take the necessary steps to incorporate the PRB-1 Legislation into their local [Zoning] Regulations during the next nine months. If the Towns and Cities do not take appropriate steps to do so by the 2006 Session [January, 2006], then the Committee will consider taking the Bill off of the wall and

take further action on it. So, we are now in a “holding pattern” with respect to seeing if the Bill will pass. In the interim, I plan to work closely with the VLCT to insure that the accurate message is delivered to the Towns and cities of Vermont concerning PRB-1.

Thank you all, for your hard work and continuing interest in our efforts to see PRB-1 Codified into Vermont law. We are making progress.

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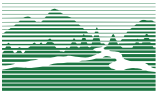
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