

# The Monitor



June 2005

## Upcoming Events

TSRC Meeting June 11, 2005, 9:00 am  
DHMC Cafeteria, Hanover, NH

Field Day June 24-26, 2005  
KE1IW QTH  
Plainfield, NH

TSRC Meeting July 9, 2005, 9:00 am  
DHMC Cafeteria, Hanover, NH

## Message from the President:

The June 2005 issue of CQ Magazine contains an interesting and timely article entitled "The 'Not Field Day' Field Day." The article intrigued me for a couple reasons. First, it mentioned a phenomenon it called the "ham radio blahs" and suggested this is something that happens to most groups or clubs every now and then. Second, it described how the author's club had put a new slant on its Field Day activities in part to counteract these "blahs."

What intrigued me about the article is that the author seems to be describing the current state of Twin State Radio Club with remarkable accuracy. It was also interesting to note that our club is responding to the situation in much the same way the author's club did. In both cases, the clubs made substantial changes to the format of their Field Day activities. In both cases, the goal was to maximize the enjoyment and minimize the stress, sweat and fatigue of Field Day. Personally, I think it is an excellent idea.

In marked contrast to recent years, TSRC Field Day 2005 will not take place at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden. It will be held at the farm and QTH of our club treasurer, David Haseman (KE1IW) in Plainfield. The focus, again in a departure from past years, will be on relaxation and simplicity. There will be no tower-raising crews, no communications van and no generators. There will be some food, some radio equipment, some good conversation and an early close. No all-nighters, no falling asleep at the key and no fatigue-induced accidents. I welcome the change and am grateful to David for offering his home, his equipment and his hospitality to all. Please see his article in this newsletter for details and for directions to his QTH.

On another note, I urge everyone to attend the June meeting of TSRC this coming Saturday (6/11). In addition to discussing Field Day and other club business, this meeting is also the forum for the election of Twin State Radio Club's officers for the coming year. A slate of proposed candidates has been presented to the membership by our nominating committee. Please remember, though, that nominations from individual members are welcome and are encouraged. This is the one time of the year at which you can have the greatest influence

on the direction of the club for the next twelve months. Please make every effort to join us at the cafeteria of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon where the meeting will convene at 9:00 am. Arrive a few minutes early if you wish to go through the cafeteria line and grab some breakfast. Those members (or non-members) who are interested in ARES will want to come an hour earlier to join the Southern Grafton ARES meeting hosted by Rex Carr, AA1KL.

As always, my thanks go out to our dedicated club officers. Ed (N5EI), Nancy (N1QW), Dave (KE1IW) and our newsletter editor, Mike (K1IH) have been diligent in their efforts on behalf of the club and have been a real pleasure to serve with this past year. I am grateful to them.

I hope to see you all this Saturday!

73,  
Charlie Wilber, N1AOK  
President  
Twin State Radio Club

## TSRC Field Day 2005

Hi, folks. I want to take a minute to bring everyone up to date on Twin State Radio Club's plans for Field Day 2005.

At the May meeting of TSRC this past Saturday (5/14) the membership decided to break with tradition and forego the carefully planned, work-intensive events of recent years in favor of a more relaxed effort with the emphasis on having fun. As always, safety will be our main concern but following that, the focus will be much more on having a relaxed good time that it will be on accumulating thousands of points. A number of members commented that the frenetic efforts to achieve high point totals was hampering their ability to simply "have fun" at Field Day and that a more relaxed atmosphere would be much more attractive to them.

In a way, Field Day 2005 at TSRC will be an "a la carte" event. Participants will bring their own equipment (I am already hearing rumors of a "QRP" Field Day). There will be no comm van and no tower trailer, nor will we use any portable towers. The goals will be simplicity, camaraderie and fun.

With a less hectic Field Day agenda, the membership also decided that setting up a large "Field Day camp" at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden again this year did not make sense. TSRC's treasurer, David Haseman (KE1IW), suggested an attractive alternative and generously offered the use of his farm in Cornish for Field Day activities. He pointed out that he has the highest location in Cornish NH. The membership quickly accepted David's offer and the location of this

year's TSRC Field Day activities will be Cornish, New Hampshire (Grid FN33tm).

Further details about Field Day at TSRC are below. So, dust off your QRP rigs, charge up your batteries and prepare yourself for an easy-going, informal, unscripted and fun Field Day 2005!

On behalf of Twin State Radio Club, I would like to thank KE1IW for the generous offer of the use of his QTH as Field Day headquarters. I would also like to thank Doug Plummer (W1KUA) and Kimball Union Academy for their generous support of our Field Day efforts over the years. I hope this break from the annual Field Day routine will be a welcome respite for Doug and for KUA.

Please contact me or any of the TSRC officers with Field Day questions, suggestions or comments. Our contact information is available on the TSRC web site at <www.w1fn.org>. Thanks!

73,  
Charlie Wilber, N1AOK  
Twin State Radio Club

## **TSRC Field Day 2005 Schedule and Directions**

The Twin State Radio Club annual picnic is on Saturday, 25 June at David KE1IW Haseman's - QTH. Please stop by for fun, food, and (perhaps) some radio contacts (optional). David has kindly offered up a screened in porch, an operating BBQ, Antennas and his radio gear. Please let David know if you're planning to attend so he'll have enough chairs and things ready when you and the rest get there. His email address is: KE1IW@mac.com

Things will get started around 3:30 for picnic dinner. If you want to try your hand at Field Day Contacts, stop by before noon and we'll set you up with QRP gear, or Full Power - Commercial Electricity - 40M beam or Multiband Vertical and let you have at it. We'll shut down the equipment before 10:00pm so folks can get home safely. His operating site has screens that work and NO BUGS. Please bring whatever you'd like to throw on the grill if you don't like or can't eat hamburgers or Hot Dogs. If you like, bring a salad or something to share with others. Please leave alcoholic beverages at home. We'll have sodas (with and without sugar and/or caffeine) as well as Iced Tea and well water.

To arrive from Lebanon:

Go south on Route 120 to Cornish Flat (you'll see the Cornish General store) and signs for the Farmer's market (they close up tents at 12:30 or so). From the Cornish General Store, Go south about 1.5 miles and look for a hard top road on your right - Center Road. Turn Right onto Center Road Go approx 1.5 miles on Center Road to the crossroads - Paget and Parsonage Road - Turn Right on Paget Road - There are Mail boxes at the corner Go approx 1.3 Miles UP Paget road to the gravel drive on the right (there is a sign on the tree - StoneHaven Farm). Go UP the drive about .3 miles and you'll see the house on the right and the barn a bit further up on the left. Please park so that others can come and go without having you

move your car. Both sides of the driveway slant sharply away. If you continue beyond barn and house, there is a farm road to the right and a "Landing" at the end with a TERRIFIC view of Mount Ascutney. You can park on the landing - though you'll have to walk a bit to get back to the house.

From Vermont: go to Rte 12A South either from the malls or from the wooden bridge from Windsor. Go about .7 miles from the NH side of the Windsor Bridge and look for the convenience store - The 12 Percent Solution. Take the left fork in front of the store. DO NOT cross the bridge and DO NOT pass the Cornish Automotive service station.) You are now on Townhouse Road. GO approx 4.3 miles up Townhouse Road to the Cornish Fair Grounds on your Left. Turn left and go between the Fair Ground Stalls and arenas. You are on Parsonage Road. Go UP Parsonage road, crest the hill and continue DOWN Parsonage road (Do NOT take the right fork at the hill top). At the crossroads (with mailboxes to your right front) continue across the paved road (Center Road) and you are now on Paget Road (yes, the road is the same, but they change the name at the mail boxes). Go approx 1.3 Miles UP Paget road to the gravel drive on the right (there is a sign on the tree - StoneHaven Farm). Go UP the drive about .3 miles and you'll see the house on the right and the barn a bit further up on the left. Please park so that others can come and go without having you move your car. Both sides of the driveway slant sharply away. If you continue beyond barn and house, there is a farm road to the right and a "Landing" at the end with a TERRIFIC view of Mount Ascutney. You can park on the landing - though you'll have to walk a bit to get back to the house.

If you are on Rte 12A and find yourself near a truck farm and then see the CHASE HOUSE on your left - you have gone too far. Turn around and look for Cornish Automotive at the bottom of the hill. Once you pass Cornish Automotive and you're going NORTH, you'll see The 12 Percent Solution. Turn LEFT onto Townhouse Road.

If you get lost club members will be listening to our repeater and can talk you in IF you can describe your lost location with enough detail.

More later,  
David 9 Haseman - KE1IW -

## **Nominating Committee Report**

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

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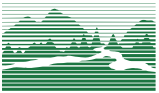
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