

The Monitor



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Secretary Report

At the July meeting, one of the topics that came up was the possibility of selling the present com van and big antenna trailer and buying a more modern com van that Joe knows about. Because we did not have a quorum, we made no decisions.

There were several reports of past events. The parade opening the pool in Lebanon went okay. Verne's picture was in the Valley News. The VHF-UHF contest earned 18300 points, much better than last year. The portable repeater died during the Prouty walk/ride but we worked around it. Using the FRS radios to keep in contact with Debbie, the event organizer, worked out very well. We are looking for someone to replace KA1DAN as the club's liason for next year. We made more contacts on Field Day than ever before.

The Crop walk in Fairlee on October 13 will need 5 radio operators. If you are interested, talk to Verne.

Verne Burden is now and Assistant Section manager for New Hampshire (even though he lives in Vermont.)

Upcoming Events

TSRC Meeting Aug. 10, 2002, 9:00am
Ramada Inn, WRJ, VT

TSRC Meeting Sept. 14, 2002, 9:00am
Ramada Inn, WRJ, VT

Editors Note

If you feel that this issue of the newsletter is a little sparse, feel free to beef up the next issue by sending in an article.

– Editor

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Prouty 2002 Goes Off Without A Hitch (Well, Almost)

Dave Colter, WA1ZCN – Prouty Net Control

For the umpteenth time, TSRC and CVFMA members teamed up to provide communications for the Norris Cotton Cancer Center's Audrey Prouty Century Ride. Despite an early equipment failure, we managed to keep everyone in contact by using some ingenuity. We were short a few operators this year as well, and we covered that situation by having rovers stop by the uncovered sag site frequently until we could close an earlier sag site and relocate its operator.

This year, I had planned to have my new portable 147.12 repeater at Joe, KB1FDA's house in East Corinth, linked via the 222 MHz gateway system into the 145.33 repeater. Unfortunately, that system was not quite ready for prime time, and we had to depend entirely on the .33 repeater. There were a few dead spots in the coverage, but we managed to work around them with relays. The portable repeater's receiver went deaf in the first hour, and Joe spent a good part of the day working replacing its guts and tuning it up again. There were also problems with the duplexer tuning. (Since solved by ace duplexer wizard Dave, KA1UAG. The portable is now running well at 10 watts.)

For the first time in many years, we were able to have net control at the Medical School start/finish site. This turned out to be a great benefit, since we were able to maintain contact with Debbie, the event coordinator via one of the club's FRS radios. She thought this was the greatest thing since screened doors! It sure did make the coordination much easier.

Dan Martin, K1DAN says this was his last year coordinating this event, due to job and family demands. Dan has done an excellent job over the years and we all owe him a big "thank you" for his efforts. Dan says he will participate in future years as his work schedule permits. This means that we will need a new coordinator for next year. The good news is that after having done it all these years, it's pretty much down to a science (and it's well documented, too). The most difficult part is making sure you have enough ops, but since many of the same old crew show up every year, even that isn't a big challenge. If you might be interested in taking on this job, please contact Dan or me.

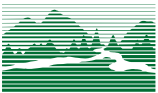
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