

CVRC GENERAL MEETING

1/10/12

1. Things began with the new President, Al Bardwell calling meeting to order at approximately 7:40 pm.
2. Members and new folks were introduced.
3. Doug, W1DMH, our guest speaker, was introduced and began his presentation.... "Summits on the Air"
4. SOTA started in England a number of years ago.
5. The New England group, (for our area) is designated W1.
6. Climbers, like Doug, hike climb mountains and make contacts on the air, usually with a 2meter HT, but occasionally on other bands, such as 10 meters
7. Chasers, such as yours truly, Steve Jones, N1JHJ, or Dale Clement, AF1T listen from their shack, or other locations and form the other side of the contact. Additionally SW listeners can confirm hearing climbers and get recognition for that.
8. There are over 1000 summits in the USA. Not all SOTA summits are considered summits necessarily, by all other mountaineers.
9. There are 428 summits in the Appalachian Mountains and 235 designated HA which are those that are in NH.
10. Summits are climbed all over the world and much more info can be obtained at the SOTA website by looking for it on Google.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Saturday March 18th is the date for our upcoming Flea Market. Doors will open at 6:30 am. The members present agreed to spend up to \$300.00 maximum for door prizes, which are one of the major attractions of our activity. The vote in favor was 18, with none opposed.
12. The approximate plan for door prizes is: 1 – 2 meter mobile radio, 1 - \$50.00 mag mount antenna and 1 or 2 gift certificates from HRO.
13. Mickie, W1MKY, our treasurer needs up to \$200.00 for food expenses in advance of the March 18th date. This will be for hot dogs, drinks, etc. Homemade baked goods will hopefully be provided (volunteered) by members as they are able.
14. The above \$200 for food was moved, voted upon and approved.
15. It was noted that the NH QSO party is coming up on Feb. 11th and 12th. (tentatively). It will be coordinated by the Great Bay Radio Club. Some possible club participants (many who have participated in the past are: KB1CSI, NS1O, AF1T, N1JHJ, W1KMY, AC1J, WW1WW and KK1KW. MANY OTHER club members are free to and are encouraged to participate. If you only operate on 2 meter FM, the contact frequency is 146.55. If you move a contact to 440 MHz use 446.000.
16. Various members will share or rotate the use of the club call, K1BKE, which is one of several "BONUS" stations that will be on the air. The majority of contacts will be made on the HF bands as conditions permit.
17. The next Business Meeting will be 2 weeks from tonight (1/10/12) which is on 1/24/12. It will be held at Lee's house, AA1YN at 51 Pleasant St, Hooksett. Talk in will be on the club repeater on 146.895 2 meter FM.
18. President Al, NS1O will bring snacks for the next meeting and Don, N1ZIH, will bring drinks. The next general meeting will be held on Feb. 14th at the same location, the Hopkinton Library, Contoocook, NH.
19. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Jones, Secretary