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The President's Column

"State of the Club" -- The 93-94 elected year has been good for us. Just the second year for NVARC and over that time we've grown from about 40 members to over 60 members. We ran a Ham class in Groton introducing 20 people to Ham Radio. Seven of these got licenses and four have subsequently upgraded. We've supported the local races and parades. We're solvent financially and have no outstanding debts. The Newsletter has come along steadily even though we've had to transfer the editorship twice in the past year. We're looking forward to another good year and hope to continue to add activities that will keep everyone interested. With your help it will be that...Stan KD1LE

The Treasurer's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the Club for allowing me to serve as the Treasurer for the past two years. As a founding member I have served as your Treasurer since the beginning.

It has been an opportunity that I will always remember. We have had raffles, flea market tables, radio kit sales, VEC funds, ARRL and Club memberships and I am sure other sources of funds which have come through the Club Account.

To the best of my knowledge all is in order to be handed over to the next lucky person to take this position. I have had a lot of fun doing this job and I hope the next Treasurer enjoys it as much as I have.

As of April 16, 1994, we have \$590.74 in the bank and \$82.16 in cash. I believe all current outstanding bills have been paid.

73's, Ben, KB1FJ

This Months Speaker

Don't miss the April 21, meeting. Especially if you just graduated from the Radio Class or just got your license, waiting for it or if you're looking to change radio's. **Mr. Paul L. Randazzo, NW1U**, from Ham Radio Outlet in Salem, NH will be this months speaker. Paul is very knowledgeable about what to look for when you are shopping for a radio. He is **Mr. Inside Track** on **Hot new products** soon to be released to the market. Come to the meeting on Thursday the 21st. Bring your list of questions and best of all, bring a friend!

In May get ready for Amateur Satellites, an introduction. In June it's DX-Pedition time off the coast of Yucatan (XE Land).

Elections

Don't forget that we will be having elections this month. There's still a spot for anyone who would like to help lead or guide the Club.

Groton Road Race

We provided communications again this year and were very busy in that role. Fortunately, we had support from a large number of local and some not so local Hams. I hope I have not forgotten anyone in the following list:

KA1JVU, KA1RV, KA1TTZ, KB1ATH, KB1AXF, KB1BGI, KB1BGL, KB1BGO, KB1FJ, KD1JY, KD1LE, KD1PI, KD1SM, KD1TD, N1DKZ, N1DVC, N1HTS, N1LDL, N1LLG, N1MOR, N1NIX, N1NXQ, N1OMM, N1PBL, N1PIP, N1PUI, N1QDZ, N1QIT, N1RLM, NZ1B, WA1TAC, WA1TBY, WQ1E. The success for this part of the activity is due to the efforts of KA1RV who did the preliminary planning, liaison to the race officials, and calling for volunteers.

In addition to the direct race support WR1Y and W1XP set up our booth, Unfortunately, the weather this year was not the best so the non-running crowd was down and conditions did not permit demonstrating the equipment.

There are quite a few call signs you may not recognize in that list, I don't either, just one I'll point out to you. WA1TBY Jim, manned a race checkpoint with one of his grandsons. Jim is the ARRL East Ma. Traffic Manager. Thanks for making the trip up from Brighton Jim.

Many thanks to all who participated, in any aspect of the event....Stan KD1LE

A Note to the New Hams

Hello all, and especially for all those new hams Novices' and or Technicians'. I am thinking of making up a net on 2m ,440 and or on 10meters for all the new hams and for everyone. If anybody wants to join me or has any questions please either send me a packet\TCP/IP message to me or call me at my home number (508)-433-5101 in Pepperell MA. Thnx Jeremy---KB1AWE (Age is 14) Packet: KB1AWE@KB4N.#NH.USA.NA TCP/IP: KB1AWE@SWITCH.LMNSTR.AMPR.ORG

ARRL Notes

From ARRL Field Forum April 1994. The Governor of Missouri recognized 45 Hams for their efforts during the 1993 floods. There were many more involved, but a limit was set at two per county.

Foundation for Amateur Radio Scholarships available to licensed radio amateurs for the 1994-1995 academic year.

ARRL-FCC Census for Mass.

Section	Licensed	ARRL MEM
EMASS 11124	3260	
WMASS	3530	1085

NVARC QSL Bureau

I have been collecting cards for a while and will be sending them out right after the meeting. If you need info or have some last minute cards to add to what you have given me bring them to the meeting....Stan

Mark Your Calendar

RACES discussion by FEMA rep at the Groton

Emergency Service Bldg. APR 20 7:30 contact Dan Daigneault 448-2994 for information and reservations.

The Rochester Flea Market -- May 6,7
Boxboro Convention -- Oct. 1,2

Trivia

This month starts a new feature of The newsletter. You are invited to answer questions and submit them too. Send your answers on a post card to Newsletter Quiz, NVARC P.O. Box 900 Pepperell, MA 01463. Answer will appear in the Next issue of **Signals**.

Records indicate that a British vessel used radio as early as 1899 to summon aid. And in 1909 radio operator Jack Binns made headlines when he stuck to his radio post on the stricken steamship REPUBLIC to send the distress signal then used in morse code. In 1912, the TITANIC sent the same distress call. What was that distress call? (Hint, It is 3 letters but not SOS. It was widely used before and for a while after SOS was adopted.)

The Swap Shoppe

2 serial printer buffers, A/B switch box, 1200 baud ext. and 2400 baud internal modem, 2 daisy wheel and 1 wide carriage dot matrix printers. Stan KD1LE



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