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The President's Column

Hello All, December was a busy month for all the regular reasons plus our class and the VE session. Elsewhere in the newsletter there should be some statistics on that exam. Now the class has resumed for the Technician part of the curriculum. We are also trying to accommodate those who had missed some part of the earlier session and were not able to take the Novice exam. Earl still needed an instructor or two to fill out the roster for these five classes. And if you find all those spots are filled, it still looks like we'll be starting another class from the beginning soon. So there's lots of opportunities to get involved. Give it some thought, it doesn't take a professional to teach a one hour segment out of "NOW YOUR TALKING". At the next meeting we need to select the nominating committee to come up with a slate of officers for the April elections. Don't be shy for either the committee or to step up as a candidate for one of the officers. Half our current slate was carried over from the previous year, so I'm sure they plan on "retiring". The December meeting had lots of goodies both electronic and snack wise, so I thank everyone who shared their abilities with us. I was surprised by the great club banner Jeanine N1QIT designed and produced for us. Now we will be able to display the club name and logo at all our activities. Check it out at the next meeting. I will be participating in the N.E. Cabinet Meeting of the ARRL January 15 and the Council of Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Clubs January 22. So if there's something that I can either bring to these meetings or something you would like me to try to find out there, let me know soon. Hope everyone had a good holiday season

Stan KD1LE

The Treasurer's Report

As of December's bank statement, the Club has about \$600.00 in the bank and about \$45.00 in cash. There are still several members past due with their membership dues.

With elections coming upon us at an alarming rate, I urge each of you to consider running for office for the upcoming year. Step up and assume one of the many leadership roles for the next 12 months then relax for a few years knowing you have done your part. Seriously, we need candidates. I do not intend to be the treasurer next year. This is one of the offices which will have to be filled. Two years is my limit. It's easy, there is not very much work to it, but it is time for someone else to carry the ball for a while. I have enjoyed this job for the last two years. NOW it is your turn!

73's, Ben, KB1FJ

This Month's Speaker

Or more correctly put "This Month's Speakers." January will have more than one speaker on more than one topic. Who? What? Be there and find out. And a little surprise is also in the works.

See you there

A Special Note

We, the Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club, have a new address. It is ---

The Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box # 900
Pepperell Mass
01463-0900

From the Editor

All too often, we hams deal with Mail Order Suppliers and end up with :

1. The wrong item or
2. The right item but at the wrong price or
3. The wrong item at the wrong price.

Well, I had the occasion to Call RadioWare in Andover Mass and order some RG-213 cable. I called at lunch time on a Tuesday and by Wednesday evening UPS had delivered the cable. It is good quality cable sold at a fair price and delivered quickly. It is a pleasure to know that there are still people doing business that deliver on their word.

You can reach RadioWare at 1-800-950-WARE.

Clint Talmadge
KD1OL

Test Session Results

The following is a summary of the Test Session held at the Groton-Dunstable Middle School on December 13, 1993.

We had a total of 16 candidates who took a total of 34 test, (three of the candidates took retests). There were 9 adults and 7 young adults with 18 years of age the dividing point.

Three of the nine adults earned new licenses. There were two novices and one Technician Plus . (33.3%)

Two of the nine adults upgraded to Technician Plus. (22.2%)

One of the nine adults passed one element but did not earn a license or upgrade. (11.1%)

Five of the seven young adults earned their Novice License. (71.4%)

One of the young adults passed one element but did not earn a license or upgrade. (14.3%)

Summarized.. A 66.3% success rate for the adults and an 85.7% success rate for the young adults.

Of the sixteen candidates who were examined, seven earned their Novice License and 3 earned their Technician Plus License.

The test elements broken down follow:

1A	14 Tested	9 Passed	64.3%
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2	15 Tested	10 Passed	66.7%
3A	5 Tested	2 Passed	40.0%

On behalf of the Nashoba Valley Volunteer Examining Team we want to congratulate all those who passed the tests and look forward to hearing you on the air. Welcome to one of the world's greatest fraternities. For those who came close but did not quite make it, let one of the team members or club members know if we can help you. We would be more than willing to help you work towards getting your license. Don't give up! Good Luck.

I also wish to express my thanks to the VE Team members who were such valuable help and for giving of the their time.

WQ1E	Don Armstrong
KD1LE	Stan Pozerski
KD1PI	Jim Ford
W1XP	Bob Reif
WR1Y	Earl Russell
KB1FJ	Ben Akins

Finally, the time it takes to process all the paper work and to receive the license the waiting period is now running between eight to ten weeks from the test date. Based upon this, your license should arrive sometime between Mid-February and the first of March.

73 es TNX de K1JKR
Ken Atkins VE Team Liaison

A Note to the New Hams

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW "HAMS"

December 13 1993 will be one of your pleasant memories. You invested the time to learn the elements of Amateur Radio and become licensed or passed elements leading to a license. The Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club which sponsored the class and the testing is proud of you. You will find "HAM" radio both challenging and rewarding. The community will benefit from your efforts.

PROUDLY ACCLAIMED

James Sivak
Scott Sivak
Carla Langdon Sivak
Glenn Horton Sr.
Glenn Horton Jr.
Andrew Horton
Dan Shulman
George Gogas Jr.
Peter Gogas

Kerry McConnell
Edwin Charney
David French

Earl Russel WR1Y

Club Member in QST

NVARC's own Gwen Wallens, N1OJV/AG, made the January 1994 issue of QST. Gwen is on page #63 shown holding her CSCE for her General class upgrade.

Way to go Gwen !

ARRL Notes

In recognition of the importance of the pursuit of higher education and the costs associated with that effort, the ARRL Board of Directors has raised the maximum age for youth membership discounts from 17 to 21. If you have a young Ham in your family who is headed for college, why not consider an ARRL membership as a Christmas present?

The Future of the Novice Ticket ?

As the number of new Technician licenses continues to climb each month, the Novice license seems to be slowly fading away. In August 1989 (FCC data), approximately 1400 Novice license and about 200 Technician licenses were issued. In August 1993, approximately 500 Novice licenses and about 3500 Technician licenses were issued. This data is typical for the first seven months of 1989 and 1993.

This trend is continuing as more people opt for the Technician license. We need to think about the future of the Novice license in view of this dramatic and continuing drop in Novice licensing. Comparisons of recent Novice Roundup results show a similar, dramatic drop in Novice participation.

What is the future of the Novice license? Should we look at ways to make it more attractive or should its future be left to the "market" forces? In a previous ARRL New England Division survey, members indicated no support for enhancing the Novice license benefits to make it more attractive. What do you think about the future of the Novice license?

Your opinions are important. Send them to the New England Division Director

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or the New England Division Vice Director

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Mark Your Calender

April 10 is the scheduled date for the Groton 10K Road Race. Erik is looking for volunteers. I've heard from folks in the past that it was a fun time while showing the community who we are. Interested ? Call Erik at 508-488-5536

The Swap Shoppe

1. Wang/Sola voltage stabilizing xfmer 95-130 in 120 vac out 500va
2. Topaz line noise suppressing Ultra Isolator.
3. Microspooler 64k serial printer buffer.
4. 24v 1.2 amp open frame power supply.
5. IBM XT type Metrabyte A/D board.
6. IBM XT type Metrabyte digital output board. IBM XT type prototype card.
7. Heathkit H8 computer/terminal/printer
8. MFJ 962 1.5 kw tuner.
9. Wang/Diablo 630 daisy wheel printer.
10. Okidata microline 93 wide page printer.

Call Stan KD1LE with offers

FOR SALE or TRADE:

1. 2 each Regency 25 Watt 2 Channel 130 - 150 MHz Transceivers. Tunable to 2 Meters (Dave will tune them) \$75 each
2. 3 each Regency 25 Watt Programmable 10 Channel 130 - 150 MHz Tunable to 2 meters. (Dave will tune them) \$150 each
3. Alinco DJ120 2 Meter HT. 10 Memories and a Call channel \$140
4. Alinco Dual Band 2 Meter/440 MHz Mobile. 21 Memories and will Cross band Repeat. All CTSS tones. \$300
5. 2 each 3 to 5 Amp 12 Volt Power supplies. 1 is \$10 the other is \$25 .
6. A Rohn 25 Top Section \$25

For the above call Dave N1MNX at 433-2577.

WANTED:

A Kenwood MC50 desk mike and a Heathkit SB220. Call Jim at 508-772-4375



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Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Pepperell VFW hall.

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