

KEY KLICKS

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COURSE - MAY 17-18

Dave Colter WA1ZCN and Deb Clark NN1C will be offering a Level 1 Emergency Communications class on Saturday, May 17, and Sunday, May 18. The course will be held in Killington, VT. The two-day course will consist of one eight-hour session each day. There will be a final exam at the end of the second day. Successful completion of this class will result in Level 1 certification.

Fee schedule: ARRL members will be expected to pay a course fee of \$20. The fee for non-members is \$50. Text books cost \$10 and the final Certification Examination will cost \$10. (Quick addition: including text, course fee and final exam, ARRL members would pay \$40 and non-members would pay \$70). Unlike the on-line or "hybrid" classes this fee is non-refundable.

Anyone joining the ARRL to participate in this class is eligible for a free printed Level 1 course book - they need to ask for it when they join.

The classes will be held in Killington, VT, at the Sherburne (Killington) Library which is located on River Road just off of Route 4 a mile or so East of the Killington access road. Directions and a map will be available to those who register.

The deadline for registration will be May 2. This deadline will give us time to order enough texts, training materials and exam materials to have on hand for registered students.

If you have any questions you may contact Deb Clark, NN1C, at NN1C@arrl.net. Please be sure your Subject line contains reference to the Level 1 course so that your message doesn't get deleted by mistake. If you are unsuccessful reaching Deb by e-mail, and this is a possibility especially with those who have Hotmail accounts, please call 802-438-5457. You may also contact Dave Colter, wa1zcn@arrl.net.

We look forward to this opportunity to offer Level 1 certification to hams in a convenient two-day format and in a central location. We hope to see you there.

LETTER FROM BERNIE ORCUTT, AA1MG

Ed. Note: The following letter was received by GMWS Secretary Jeff Freeman who passed it along to the club. I have removed the amount of money mentioned in the club treasury.

Dear Jeff,

I could not think of a better person than Frank to take over the club call. It was my pleasure to serve as the club trustee for the club call WG1Q.

I now belong to the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc. I am teaching CW for the club's license class. The club here runs a class for 14 weeks. When they finish and have their VE session (which I am part of) they start a new class, so they run them back-to-back year around. In addition they have a VE session monthly. So I guess I will be busy.

Our club has a treasury of \$\$ so I guess they could say that they are well off. I was told that I could have anything I want for my CW class. They did not have anyone teaching code. So lots of the hams that have Tech licenses want to go on for General, etc. So I will have a large class to start. This will keep me out of trouble hi hi. The club is in the Lee county emergency communication room, which is a very large room with all kinds of computers.

Well, I had better close for now. Tell everyone hi for me and I do miss you folks. Will be up in VT next spring for my son's college graduation.

73, Bernie 1425 SW 6th Place, Cape Coral, FL 33991 574-2387

NEW CALL SIGNS IN THE AREA

The following is a list of the hams who successfully completed this year's GMWS license class. Please make them welcome on the air as well as at club activities. We hope to see them at upcoming club meetings as well as club events like Field Day in June. Congratulations to all!

KB1JOO Kayle Miller, Middlebury
KB1JON Wayne F. Kelley, E. Dorset
KB1JOM Morgan Kelley, E. Dorset
KB1JOL Timothy Cornell, Pittsford
KB1JOJ Dorothy Oldford, Castleton
KB1JOK David Skidmore, Castleton
KB1JOI Bob Firpo, Castleton
KB1JOH Joe Menoff, Castleton
KB1JOG Jules Griffing, Rutland
KB1JOF Ken Maltese
KB1JMG Burr Sprague, Danby
KB1JMD Pat DeCosta, Danby

And congratulations to two club members who upgraded recently:

Upgrade: Luke McQuillan K1EI

Upgrade and call sign change: Ann Mary Rosenbrock, AB1CH, ex-KB1HZG

GMWS Ten Years Ago compiled by Jeff N1YTY

The full transition to a new Key Klicks had not been accomplished. But there were "Meeting Announcements" which were mostly minutes mailed out. Still events at and in the Club are evident. John N1HLG was treasurer and, as we have done, he noted how the rent for the repeater site, the electricity, and telephone bills were paid. These then, as now, are the major bills along with insurance.

After seeing the plaque presented to GMWS for participation in 1992, there was talk about the April 25 March of Dimes walk this year. Bill Burden WB1BRE was visiting and noted two new ARRL affiliate clubs, Bennington and Brattleboro. Also that HR73, the spectrum protection bill, was dead for that year.

There was a nominating committee assembled to work on officers for the following year. It was in May 1993 that a new Key Klicks appeared so stay tuned.

Regular Meeting of the Green Mountain Wireless Society. Russell Red Cross Building, 117 Strongs Ave., Rutland, Vermont March 11, 2003.

1A. President Albert W1AJP called our meeting to order at 7:05 PM with 15 people present along with Ron KA1RMY and Art Haytko K2IIR from SOVARC here for their program on RF safety.

1B. The February 11, 2003 minutes were approved as printed in Key Klicks by vote.

1C. Treasurer Bob W1HGC reported Club cash balance to be in order and filed report with the secretary.

1D. John N1HLG noted that the licensing course is completed. Each Monday he opened the EOC and operated with the Monday 147.045 ARES Net and was available to participants in the course and others. Antenna repairs still await favorable weather due any ime. There is a need to discuss new Red Cross needs, having more radios, change equipment around, rearrange some antennas outside, plan for another tower, relocate dipole, and develop a familiarization process for those who wish to use the equipment.

2A. Old Business: President Albert W1AJP noted that Deb NN1C will be finishing up as editor of Key Klicks by December 31, 2003. We are seeking someone to take this on, learn the ropes, and make it their thing.

3A. New Business: Vice president Cindy KB1EYN was off at the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meeting which brings together RRPC, Dept. of Health, Regional Ambulance, EMT's, Fire Departments, local corporations, airport, Red Cross, police, and Homeland Security. Grants could help in planning and implementing training. LEPC has been around for years but has intensified its efforts recently. To be part of this hams need EC training and Red Cross training.

3B. Licensing course had 15 persons pass their exams. Deb NN1C mentioned that the next VE session would be June 14, 2003. Soon after that the Novice question pool will change.

3C. A live Emergency Communication course will be conducted, May 17-18 at Sherburne (Killington) Library in two, 6-hour days. The book is available and the course can be had on line as well.

3D. John N1HLG urged that there be a training session and a protocol for how to use the EOC, how to work with the Red Cross, and avoid damaging the equipment.

3E. Field Day. Gary W1ECH took some time to begin to get some commitments for doing what is needed for Field Day. His own write up in Key Klicks benefited from the report written in 1976 by Terri Bates W3ZCE listing who did what, when, and how. Gary W1ECH brings many years of successful Field Days to this effort. It is a good time to learn more about ham radio under a bit of pressure. After some discussion there was a MOTION: That GMWS continue to observe Field Day in the no-commercial-power format away from any building. Motion passed.

Gary noted how important CW contacts were (double the points) and covering the bonus tasks. Persons wishing to operate at certain times should call Gary Foskett (802-438-5181) to sign up. This will help avoid disappointment arising from people just showing up and finding that a rig is not available for their use. Better to be operating than just standing around.

4A. Program: Art Haytko K2IIR and Ron Ritchie KA1RMY were with us to discuss Radio Frequency Safety (RF Safety). RF safety appears on the licensing exams and we as hams are expected to check out our own setups and to comply with guidelines for adequate RF safety especially on 10 m and 2 m. Art had prepared a 10 page (5, 2-sided) hand out and went over some examples for us. There will be an RF safety book soon available at the EOC (RF Exposure and You by Ed Hare 1RFI). We appreciate Art's efforts to step us through the worksheet he provided. We appreciate his efforts.

4B. Adjournment at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Freeman N1YTY, secretary GMWS.

Ed note: an excellent Web site for further information on how to calculate station compliance is located at: <http://n5xu.ae.utexas.edu/rfsafety/>

MEETING NOTICE

The next business meeting of the Green Mountain Wireless Society will be held on

Tuesday, April 8, 2003
Red Cross Building
Howe Center, 117 Strongs Ave.
Rutland VT
TALK-IN 147.045 (+/-)
(100 Hz PL-optional on minus side)