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C.V.F.M.A. 25 Year History 1970-1995

This year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the CVFMA. I decided that it might be nice to put together a history of the club so I requested input from the long time members and did some research thru the minutes of the meetings and old copies of the newsletter. I did not find everything that I wanted to know, so there are some gaps. Another source of information was an earlier history written by Bunny, W1RFP, covering the first 7 years.

A lot of the old newsletters were undated and they did not list the officers as the present newsletter does. I have tabulated a list of officers and the years that they served. There are some blanks and some only served part of a year for various reasons. I did not track the newsletter editors and other appointees.

Bunny stated that on November 28th, 1970 the license for the repeater with the call WA1KGM arrived. The founders of our club were: John Papay, K8YSE; Dick Guyer, W1USK; and Blanchard (Bunny) Pratt, W1RFP. At that time the closest repeaters in operation were Killington, Mt. Mansfield, and Pembroke, NH. A repeater on Mt. Ascutney was needed to fill in gaps in coverage.

The first repeater was a modified Canadian Marconi mobile radio. The equipment was being built up during 1969 while awaiting the license. Dick Guyer and John Papay constructed a cw identifier using a plexiglas drum over which a punched-paper tape containing two rows of holes - one for dots and one for dashes - was stretched. Two lamps shone through the holes to illuminate photodiodes. This unit served for five years.

As it was winter and Ascutney was not too accessible, an attempt was made to temporarily locate the repeater on Moose Mt. This was rejected by NH ETV, the site operator. In negotiating with VT ETV, the operator of the Mt Ascutney site, an objection arose from the VT Office of Forests and Parks, the site owner. John Papay appealed to VT Governor Deane Davis to reverse the Forest and Parks decision. The Governor intervened and we were permitted to use the Public Safety radio room on the north peak. After some negotiation permission was also obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers the owner of the building.

The first meeting of the CVFMA was held in the spring of 1970. Early members were: W1RFP, W1USK, K8YSE, K1EEN, W1ELJ, K1ZLL, W1USJ, W1EFD, W1EIC, WA1CHF, K1NIW, WA1GRF, K1ZYU, W1CG. A Constitution and By-laws were adopted and some dues collected to build the repeater.

A listing follows giving some milestones.

February 5, 1971 : The Connecticut Valley FM Association was incorporated in NH. Object: The operation and maintenance of a frequency modulation radio transmitting (repeater) facility used in non-profit activities of amateur radio operators.

September 1, 1973: The callsign of the 76 repeater changed to WR1ACA.

1976: The last year that a secretary/treasurer was elected. The following year the offices were seperated.

October 3, 1976: from the minutes; "It was one of those secret ballots where nominations are opened, closed and voted on before the nominee knew what hit him"

1978: The new Moose Mt. repeater in operation.

August 19, 1979: The first meeting of "the emergency communications committee" called to order by WB1GXM.

1979: new Spectrum Communications SCR 1000 repeater purchased for Ascutney.

1981: 76 repeater moved from north peak to south peak of Ascutney.

Jan 30, 1982: approval of the purchase of "a small handheld" for use as a loaner for members in the hospital, walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, etc.

1984: VE team headed by WB1GXM with N1CB and KY1V, gave the first VE exams at a CVFMA King Ridge hamfest. This was the second VE exam to be given in New England.

1985: It was voted to purchase liability and equipment insurance for the club.

June 1, 1985: W1GUA special event station operated at Old Fort Number Four in Charlestown, NH.

August 1986: The membership voted to make the CVFMA a general purpose radio club and support the repeaters. Formerly it was a vhf repeater association.

1986: The CVFMA became an ARRL affiliated club.

October 4, 1987: The 76 repeater controller was named "Otto".

November 1, 1987: The CVFMA scholarship was proposed by WB1GXM. The first scholarships were given out in 1988.

1989: VE test sessions were moved to the Windsor House for 5 years. They were then moved to the present location, the Sugar River Savings Bank community room. Over 580 applicants have been served since 1985.

August 9, 1989: a tour of Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant was arranged for club members.

If anyone knows of something that I have missed, or has any corrections, please forward the information to me and I will have it in the next newsletter.

*** submitted for the CVFMA newsletter by Carl Snyder, N1JRA,
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CVFEMA HISTORY - FIRST 25 YEARS 1970-1995

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	DIRECTOR/PLENARY	TRUSTEE 76	TRUSTEE
1911						WIRFP BLANCHARD PRATT	
1912	HARVEY MERRICK WITIM ✓	SIDNEY LETTER WAI PFK ✓		WIRSK DICK GUYER		WIRFP	
1913	WAI PFK ✓ SIDNEY LETTER	KIRGM ✓ ROV SIMONTAN		WIRSK		WIRFP ✓	
1914	KILEC ✓ LAWDY HUBRICH	WIRN ✓ GORDON STEARNS		KIZELL		WIRFP ✓	
1915	KILEC ✓ LANNY	WIVLL ✓	Feb 200: KIZELL WAUVEY ✓	KIZELL ✓		WIRFP ✓	
1916	WIVLL ✓ BARRY SMITH ✓	WICMV ✓ CARL BREUNING ✓	WIRVEY ✓ DON HARLOW	WIELZ ✓ DON HARLOW		WIRFP	
1917	WIVLL ✓	WAIUTA ✓ DAVID BRISIE	WIRVEY ✓ CHERYL B.	WIELZ ✓ DON HARLOW		NICB (you) CARL BREUNING	
1918	DAVID ✓ BELISIE ✓ WAUSA	HAL THOMPSON	WAIWEY	ELZ ✓		NICB	KIG
1919	ABLO ✓ DICK OLINSTEAD	WIFRE ✓ JERRY BRICKSON	WAIWEY ✓	WIELZ ✓		NICB ✓	KIGOS RICHE BRISTON
1980	WBIAXM ✓ CONRAD EKSTROM	Same WIFRE	Same WAIWEY	WIELZ ✓		NICB ✓	WBI11
1981	WAIWEY ✓ CHERYL B.	WIFRE ✓ JERRY BRICKSON	KRIBAT ✓ JEANNE WOOD	WIELZ ✓ DON HARLOW		NICB ✓ CARL B.	WBI1D MIKE RESCHW
1982	KAIKOG ✓ PHIL WOOD	WBIERE ✓ LEIGH DAMREN	KAI BAT ✓ Same.	WIELZ ✓		NICB	WBI11
1983	KAIKOG ✓	WBIERE ✓	WAUVEY	WIELZ ✓		WIRFP WIRFP	WBI1 MIKE
1984	WBIERE ✓ LEIGH DAMREN	KAIID ✓ DAVID BEVOIT	WATHF ✓ DORIS ADLER	WIFRE ✓ JERRY BRICKSON		WIRFP ✓ NICB TEMP	WBI1 WBI1
1985	WBIERE ✓	KAIID ✓ residence	KAIKAS ✓ SHANDRA KOSSEW	WIGUA ✓ RUDY		WIRFP ✓ NICB	WBI1 WBI1

1983	KALOKA ✓	WEBER ✓	WALTER	WELT ✓				CBROOKS WIKUSK HIL	WB1GR MIKE
1984	WBIERAE ✓ LEIGH DAMREN	KALID ✓ DAVID BEUGIT	WATHE ✓ DORIS ADLER	WIFRE ✓ TERRY BRICKSON				W1UGS NICBTEMP	WB1GR
1985	WBIERAE ✓	KALID PROCT RESIGNED	KALIKAS SHERRA GOSSELM	WIGUA ✓ RUDY ✓				NTBBP NIGB	WB1GR
1986	NICB ✓	KTIR ED ✓ WHITCOMB WISK RICHARD GUYER	KYIU ✓	WIGUA ✓				NB1K2 ✓ NIGB	KALOKA
1987	KIVNE ✓ TOM HARRRE	KALBAT ✓ JEREMY WOOD	WILLIAM WALTER ✓	KALIXT ✓ LAURENCE SHAW				NB1K ✓	KALOKA
1988	RIVNE ✓	KALBAT ✓ JEANNE	KYIU ✓	WIGUA ✓ RUDOLPH ADLER					KALOKA
1989	KL7DN ✓	KALPVS ✓ HAMILTON WEBB	KYIU ✓	WIGUA ✓					KALOKA
1990	KL7DN ✓	KALPVS ✓	KALIII ✓ PULLY	WIGUA ✓					KALOKA
1991	KALPVS ✓ HAMILTON WEBB	WIGUA ✓ RUDOLPH ADLER	KALITW ✓ EMINE SCOTT	KL7DN ✓ DORREL DAILY					WIGUA
1992	KALPVS ✓	WIGUA ✓	KALIII ✓ PAULINE ELIS	KL7DN ✓					WIGUA
1993	NUIA ✓ FRANK FINCER	WIGUA ✓	KYIU ✓	KL7DN ✓					WIGUA
1994	KALISM ✓ MARLOW WOOD	NITRA ✓ CHARL SWYDER	NINPP ✓ STEVE HOPKINS	KALORB ✓ BRUCE BEFFORD					WIGUA
1995	NITRA ✓ CHARL SWYDER	NIP2P ✓ JAMES RESCHWINDER	NINPP ✓	WB1GR ✓ GARRILL EKSTROM					WIGUA

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