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## December 2018

### Upcoming Events

- Dec 8 Sat 8:00 am Breakfast, Denny's Pantry; 10 am
- Dec 10 Mon 6:00 pm Holiday Potluck, Shelburne Falls Senior Center
- Dec 17 Mon 6:00 pm E-Board, GCC Hammond Studio
- Dec 25 Tue Christmas
- Dec 31 Mon 11:50 pm New Year's Eve net on KB1BSS 2m repeater

## 2019

- Jan 1 Tue New Years Day; Sawmill River 10K Radio Ops report at 9:00 am.
- Jan 12 Sat 8:00 am Breakfast, Denny's
- Jan 14 Mon 6:00 pm E-Board; 7:15 pm General Meeting, GCC Hammond Studio

**The FCARC hopes to see everyone at our yearly potluck dinner on December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm. Please bring something to eat and share with everyone. We plan on having a small auction of ham related gear, so try to have a little money on hand so you can take home a new found treasure.**

November 2018

## Secretary's Report

### DRAFT

Minutes of e-board meeting on 12 November 2018

1. Anne announced new T and sweat shirts can be ordered in black or green.
2. Discussed whether to have more than one Fox Hunt per year. One idea is to have smaller scale hunts on the grounds of GCC. HCARA asked if we would make a presentation on our hunts at their meeting next October.
3. Question was raised about whether to accept contribution from Sugarloaf Mountain Club in October without making it appear as if it were in payment for the work our members did for the Green River Marathon in August. It would be an apparent violation of FCC regulations for us to accept anything of value "in payment" for activity involving our license privileges. Chris offered to write a simple thank you letter for the SMC "donation", then a separate letter offering to help next year.
4. There was a discussion on Ted Schiff's request to use the club logo on his QSL cards. Keith and others found examples where such use is allowed by other clubs. A motion was made "to allow FCARC logo for members to use for radio related purposes, such as for personal cards, so long as it is not for commercial use, and remains in good taste." The motion passed.
5. The club clerk for the past several years, Bob Dickerman, wants to resign that position. Any replacement has to maintain a residential street as opposed to a post office box number. The job entails filing an annual report to the Secretary of State's office, and a tax return to the IRS. A motion was made to accept Bob Dickerman's resignation. It passed. Erika Laforme volunteered to take the job. A motion was made for the e-board to appoint her, which passed. A final motion was made to send Bob a letter thanking him for his services.
6. Aaron made a motion to give Jeff Bail a one year complementary membership for his assistance in conducting the license test in October at the end of the class (is this correct?) The motion passed. The club's own VE team will conduct a test on Monday, November 26, at 7 PM in Room 110 of the East Building at GCC. Al mentioned that the previously scheduled test for February will go as announced, but that the ones for next May and August will have to be rescheduled for days when GCC is open.

Chris Myers,, KB1NEK

## News, Activities & Articles

### **Upcomming Ham Fests and conventions:**

#### **WinterFest 2019**

**Saturday Jan 19th 9am to 1pm**

***The First HamFest of the Year***

Whitman Amateur Radio Club  
K of C Hall Rt. 18 Whitman MA  
\$5 entry fee with Raffle Prizes (drawn at noon)

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### **Club meetings & VE sessions (listing stolen from the fine people at the HCRA radio club)**

#### **1st Friday of the month**

7:30 PM, HCRA Club Meeting, Holyoke  
Hospital Auxiliary Conference Center, 575 Beech St.  
Holyoke MA 01040 (no meetings held in July or August.)  
<http://www.hcra.org/meeting-location/>

**3rd Friday of the month** 7:30 PM, MTARA Club meeting,  
Red Cross building, 150 Brookdale Dr. Springfield, Mass.  
(no meetings held in July or August)

**4th Friday of the month** 6:00 PM, Technician, General, and  
Extra Class License Exams, Holyoke Hospital Auxiliary Conference  
Center, 575 Beech Street, Holyoke, Mass. Hosted  
by the Western Mass VE Team (WMVET). Contact: David  
Cote, w1fab@arrl.net

**2nd Monday of the month** 7:00 PM, Franklin County  
Amateur Radio Club meeting, Greenfield Community College,  
East Bldg. (no meetings held in July, August, December—check  
website) <http://www.fcarc.org/>

**4th Monday of February, May, August, November** 7:00  
PM, FCARC VE Exams, <http://www.fcarc.org/>

Our very own Jeanne Dodge KC1DCQ, honored in Boston this month, she shares with us the following.

I was recognized for 30 years as a BAA volunteer for the Boston Marathon. My outfit showed my two roles. For the first 28 years I was a medical volunteer at a First Aid Station along the route—the medical shirt and tiara are for that (the tiara was because I was the team diva—not only the oldest on the team but until my niece started coming the only woman on the team). The orange jacket was my radio operator jacket from this last year. I am also wearing my HT which is one of two radios that I used for the day. For the last two years I've been a radio operator. There are 300 medical volunteers and 280 radio volunteers for the Boston Marathon.



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## Big changes ahead for ARRL board

november 18, 2018 by dan kb6nu

Well, the results are finally in. No, I'm not talking about the national mid-term election results—some of those votes are still being counted. I'm talking about this year's ARRL board elections. ARRL members have spoken, and four new faces to the board in what was perhaps the most contentious election in a long time.

Three of the five incumbents, plus an incumbent vice director running for the Northwest Division director position, were defeated by candidates calling for more transparency and for changes in the way that the ARRL operates.

Here are the results:

Central Division Director

- Kermit Carlson, W9XA 1,898
- Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L 1,755

Hudson Division Director

- Ria Jairam, N2RJ 1,292
- Mike Lisenco, N2YBB 1,239

New England Division Director

- Fred Hopengarten, K1VR 1,432
- Tom Frenaye, K1KI 1,383

Northwestern Division Director

- Mike Ritz, W7VO 1,589
- Bonnie Altus, AB7ZQ 1,308
- Horace Hamby, N7DRW 495

Roanoke Division Director

- George Hippisley, W2RU 1,891
- Dr. James Boehner, N2ZZ 1,365

In the only two contested vice director elections, Mark Tharp, KB7HDX defeated Daniel Stevens, KL7WM and Delvin Bunton, NS7U in the Northwest Division and in the Roanoke Division, William Morine, N2COP defeated John Humphry, W4IM. All newly elected officials will take office at noon on January 1, 2019.

The only real surprise here is that Valerie, NV9L, failed to win in the Central Division. She has certainly made many contributions to amateur radio, both in the DX/contest community and on Ham Nation. Apparently, though, she made some statements that she was forced to retract, and that probably hurt her campaign.

Overall, though, I'm very pleased with the results. Although some of the margins of victory were small—K1VR won by only 49 votes and N2RJ won by 53 votes—I think it's pretty clear that the members want change. Now, it's up to the board, including its newest members to effect that change. As always, I'm ready to help in any way that I can.

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