

Southern VT Amateur Radio Club

SOVARC REPORT

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The SOVARC club meets on the fourth Wednesday evening of the month at 7pm local (2300 UTC) for the purpose of ham radio fellowship and technical discussion. Anyone with interest in the hobby is welcome to attend. **Please note that we will have a new meeting location shortly**- Bill, W1BVT will be providing details on the new location in an upcoming email sent to all recipients of this newsletter.

Membership dues of \$25 are collected at the beginning of the calendar year, and officer elections also occur at the January meeting. You do not have to be a dues paid member to enjoy meetings, but you must be to vote.

About this newsletter issue- Our usual editor and Secretary, Bob, KB1NFQ is currently dealing with a health issue and is not up to creating this edition. Randy, N1SP is substituting as editor. I am using a somewhat “chunky” software that I am still learning, so please bare with me. I can assure you that any complaints will be directed to the complaint department to be filed appropriately.

We wish Bob a speedy recovery and hope to see him back soon.

July Meeting Minutes:

The July 2026 meeting was held at the Bennington Vets Home park gazebo- which was a very pleasant evening with many important topics to discuss. 3 officers, 6 members and 1 guest were present.

Topics discussed were:

1) Club Status as a “Not for Profit”

Some time ago we had established not-for-profit status, but over the years maintaining the paperwork was neglected so our status became invalid.

Being listed as a Not-for Profit is beneficial for the club as it makes banking easier, helps us obtain access to locations for meetings and radio operating events, and lastly makes us a more viable club in the public view.

A motion was made and voted approved to once again establish our club’s Not- for-Profit status.

Several members have offered suggestions and help, and I’m happy to say that our Prez- Bill and Treasurer Nathan have already taken up the ball and done a lot of legwork and it is proceeding well. Great job and teamwork to all involved- THANK YOU!

2) Club Equipment

The issue of club equipment being stored at various locations, and the need to address it has been on the table a very long time. It has been mentioned in club minutes for at least two years. We are now in a position where we must clear out one location fairly quickly.

The membership present voted to approve the sale and/or liquidation of the items stored at this one location.

I have offered to post these items at local hamfests, on QRZ, The New England Swap Meet on Groups io, and to the Yankee Clipper Contest Club and the NFMRA as items for local pickup. But at the time of this writing, I do not yet have a detailed list or sought after prices to do any posting.

This topic will be revisited at or next meeting. Time is running out for local hamfest advertising.

3) Club Funds for SK or Ill Members

Randy- N1SP proposed for consideration the use of club funds for small floral arrangements and cards for members in good standing who pass away or are seriously ill.

This seemed like a popular idea, but was not formally voted upon. Perhaps before going to vote, we should discuss a cap on what may be spent. That way, officers may move quickly after an unfortunate situation.

4) Neighbor Relations

N1SP also mentioned an idea for SOVARC to reach out to neighboring clubs, (especially NOBARC and West River ARC) to welcome them to our meetings and activities- as well as to support theirs.

This also seemed popular, so I will be making contact with them.

Some Dates from the (substitute) Editor's Calendar



August 8- SOVARC operation and demonstration at Curtis Lumber in Hoosic

August 16- Skeeter Hunt QRP Contest

August 16- North American QSO Party-- SSB

August 20- MRC Drill at SVMC

August 23- NOBARC Hamfest in Adams, MA

August 26- SOVARC Meeting- location to be announced.

September 12- SARA Hamfest in Ballston Spa, NY

