

## PREZ SEZ <br> DE WA1MBA

I am really looking forward to the picnic this year. As usual, we will be having MDS (minimum discernible signal) tests for 10 GHz , and probably 24 GHz as well. Some of us will be bringing our 47 GHz radios, and even the pieces we are putting together for 78 GHz for show and tell (no measurements for these bands yet). We have never to my recollection actually published a time for the picnic - but people start showing up around 11 AM to set up, and there is a pretty good crowd by noon. It really isn't scheduled exactly, so food and testing just happen whenever they are ready. The club sponsors the event, but to help defray some of the expense, passes the hat. So, don't forget to bring along a few bucks to help cover the burgers, dogs and soda. Also, if you want to bring along a dish to share, please do! Salads (pasta, potato, casserole, garden, etc.) are always welcome. If you haven't been before, come join the fun. We have it even if there is threat of rain because it is all under a pavilion (and I've been told that the roof has recently been repaired). We will hold a very brief meeting to cover any pressing old and new business.

Meanwhile, get on the air! There has been some enhancement on two meters, and with that darn Bermuda high parked in place we should get plenty of nighttime and early morning lift. I'm not active on six meters, but I have heard about some E skip there too. Anyway, see you at the picnic.

73s for now,
Tom WA1MBA

## SECRETARY'S REPORT OF THE NEWS BOARD MEETING OF 10 MAY 2003

President Tom Williams, WA1MBA, called the Board Meeting to order at 11:35 AM at the Radisson Hotel in Enfield, CT. All current officers and Board members were present except Stan, KA1ZE. The first order of business was the election of Club officers for the year 2003, that had not been elected during the prior election process. There were two 2-year Board slots and one 1-year Board slot that had to be filled. The 1-year slot opened up when Stan, WA1ECF, was elected Vice-president. Also, Fred, N1DPM, indicated that he would like to have someone else take over the Treasurer position. There was also some discussion about moving the election of officers from the first meeting (January) of the year. Nominations and other discussions would be taken up during the main meeting.

Next, the cost of running the NEWS Group and income from dues was brought
up. A little known fact about operating expenses was that Stan, KA1ZE, had been paying the Hotel bills for each meeting out of his own pocket. Now that the club was ten years old, the feeling was that we should be paying our own bills. NEWS currently spends $\$ 700$ for meeting space and over $\$ 800$ for six NEWS Letters per year. Ten dollars per year in dues will not cover our expenses. Ways of raising dues and cutting expenses will be covered at the main meeting.

It was reported that the K of C Hall in Enfield had been reserved for the July meeting.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT OF THE NEWS MEETING OF 10 MAY 2003

The regular meeting of the NEWS Group was called to order by President Tom Williams, WA1MBA, at 1:05 PM. Election of officers for the year 2003 was opened with nominations for the 1-year Board of Directors slot. Mark Casey, K1MAP was nominated and agreed to accept the nomination. There were no other nominations, so Mark was voted into office unanimously. Nominations for the two 2-year Board of Directors slots were taken and Bob Leiper, W1COT and Art Needham, W1TDS, the current officeholders, were renominated. Since no other nominations were received, Bob and Art were elected unanimously. Next, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer were discussed. George, N1GJ, and Fred, N1DPM, agreed to continue in office as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, until the next regular election. They were voted into their respective offices, unanimously. There was much discussion about the date for yearly elections in the future, and the possible use of paper ballots. The use of paper ballots was dropped. It was moved and seconded that the next election of officers be held at the Annual Conference in 2004 and yearly thereafter. After further discussion, it was moved and seconded to amend the original motion to change the date to the July meeting of 2004 and yearly thereafter. The amended motion was approved unanimously.

Funding of NEWS activities was taken up next. We (NEWS) have to come up with funds to replace those currently very generously supplied by Stan, KA1ZE. We will continue to use our current meeting places for the six planned meetings every year. To save some money, we will supply our own audiovisual equipment rather than rent them from the Hotel. Raffles and other money raising activities will also be considered in the future. It was moved and seconded to change the NEWS Group yearly dues from $\$ 10$ to $\$ 15$. The measure was approved unanimously. We (NEWS) will continue to look for ways to reduce the cost to produce and distribute the six NEWS Letters sent out each year.

There was some discussion about reducing the number of yearly meetings from six to five by eliminating the January meeting. The general feeling was to leave the number of meetings at six for now. Each member was asked to do whatever he or she could do to bring in more new members. It would reduce individual workload and increase dues income.

The next meeting of the NEWS Group will be held at the K of C grounds in Enfield, CT. There will be a cake to celebrate the 10 'th birthday of NEWS and we will have the usual field operation and test of 10 GHz and possibly 24 GHz rigs.

Stan, WA1ECF, reported that the ARRL has raised the cost of most VUCC activities to $\$ 10$. Be sure to consult your VUCC card checker for the new cost of your next VUCC award. The membership was concerned that the ARRL was not looking at the whole problem before raising prices. It was moves and seconded that Stan, WA1ECF, send a letter to the ARRL on behalf of the NEWS membership, giving our views on their pricing policy. The vote was unanimous.

Paul, W1GHZ, discussed his latest Sequencer board and its associated circuit. He offered to supply boards to anyone interested. Check with Paul for price and delivery.

Tom, WA1MBA, ran a Duct Tape Auction which everyone enjoyed. Ron, WZ1V, offered a free callbook CD to each buyer.

After a short break, the main speaker of the day, Mike, N1JEZ, gave a great talk on 24 GHz equipment and the problems and joys of working through the AO-40 satellite.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 PM.

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## 29TH ANNUAL EASTERN VHF/UHF CONFERENCE

Date: August 22, 23 \& 24, 2003
Location: Radison Hotel
1 Brightmeadow Boulevard
Enfield, CT 06082 Phone: (860) 741-2211
This years conference will kick off with a Friday evening Hospitality suite followed on Saturday with Technical Sessions, Band Rap Sessions, Lab Sessions, homebrew equipment displays and a small vendor display area. The evening will culminate with a banquet dinner, trivia quiz and door prize drawings. Sunday will begin bright and early with an outdoor flea market and antenna measuring session.

A block of hotel rooms is reserved under the "NEWS GROUP" for Friday and Saturday nights, call (860) 741-2211 for room reservations. Double rooms rates are the same $\$ 89$ rate as a single room, non smoking rooms are available upon request. Conference registration is $\$ 25$ and includes a Conference Proceedings and flea market admission for either a buyer or seller. Banquet dinner is $\$ 26$. Flea market entrance for those not registered for the Conference is $\$ 5$ for buyers and $\$ 10$ for sellers. Bring your own tables if required, no electricity available.

Registration forms will be mailed shortly and are available for downloading on the NEWS group web site:
www.newsvhf.com.
Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of the conference.

See you there - Bruce Wood - N2LIV Conference Chairperson \& Proceedings Editor bdwood@eols.com for further info or special requests.

# JUNE 2003 VHF QSO PARTY, NEWS GROUP RUMORED SCORES 



| CALL | GRID |  | CLS. | POINTS | 6M | 2M | 222 | 432 | 903 | 1.2G | 2.3G | 3.4G | 5.7G | 10G | 24G | 47G | 75G | 120 C | 45 | 40G | LAS |
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| W1PM | FN41 | Y | S | 48262 | 148/63 | 64/18 | 30/13 | 37/14 | 8/5 | 13/5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WA3EOQ | FM09 | N | S | 47851 | 63/20 | 94/29 | 43/22 | 56/24 | - | 28/14 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| N9ISN | EN44 | N | S | 46222 | 212/99 | 66/13 | - | 52/9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KB2FTX | FN22 | N | S | 46256 | 162/65 | 75/21 | 9/3 | 49/20 | - | 13/9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| N8UM | ROVE | N | S | 45095 | 87/48 | 63/39 | 27/20 | 29/22 | 7/7 | 8/8 | 1/1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VP9/N0JK | FM72 | N | S | 43036 | 371/116 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| AA1YN | FN43 | Y | S | 40392 | 135/54 | 65/15 | 27/10 | 41/12 | 9/5 | 11/6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KC6ZWT | CM98 | N | S | 38259 | 73/53 | 92/24 | 41/15 | 52/17 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| K4RTS | FM08 | N | S | 37900 | 58/29 | 52/21 | 28/15 | 36/16 | 15/7 | 20/8 | 9/4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| NT6K | CN91 | N | S | 37536 | 272/138 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| W8PAT | EN81 | N | S | 30160 | 109/60 | 52/26 | 19/14 | 26/13 | - | 3/3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KO2R | EN52 | N | S | 30195 | 132/63 | 59/17 | - | 36/12 | - | 14/7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Al3Z | FM19 | N | S | 28454 | 92/33 | 74/18 | 32/12 | 45/15 | - | 9/4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KG6GIQ | DM04 | N | S | 26705 | 141/79 | 26/11 | 16/9 | 23/10 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KC4AUF | FM17 | N | S | 22532 | 101/45 | 57/17 | 25/12 | 27/12 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| K7ZD | DM33 | N | S | 17557 | 169/93 | 12/4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VE3SMA | EN93 | N | S | 16200 | 31/15 | 52/20 | 18/11 | 26/12 | 7/6 | 7/5 | 3/3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| AD6A | CM97 | N | S | 12915 | 61/35 | 55/14 | - | 33/10 | - | 1/1 | - | - | - | 5/3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| K1WTK | FN42 | N | S | 11020 | 71/37 | 41/10 | 26/7 | 13/4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| NX7U | DM43 | N | S | 9153 | 113/81 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| K1LPS | FN34 | Y | S | 8305 | 20/10 | 29/14 | 15/10 | 15/9 | 4/4 | 6/5 | - | - | - | 2/2 | 1/1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| N1OFZ | FN31 | N | S | 7446 | 79/32 | 45/14 | - | 11/5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| K8WW | EM75 | N | S | 7326 | 47/33 | 16/13 | 11/9 | 13/11 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| N2MCY | FN30 | N | S | 7009 | 43/15 | 66/20 | - | 27/8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VE3CVG | FN25 | N | S | 6762 | 47/23 | 27/10 | 3/2 | 19/5 | - | 7/4 | 1/1 | - | - | 1/1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| N2YEV | FN34 | Y | S | 5600 | 47/29 | 31/11 | - | 17/10 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VA3KA | FN15 | N | S | 5535 | 36/20 | 25/11 | 13/7 | 15/6 | - | 2/1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VA3NFA | FN25 | N | S | 5488 | 50/28 | 30/15 | 6/3 | 10/3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KG4BMH | EM76 | N | S | 5400 | 10/9 | 98/41 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VE3VZ | FN03 | N | S | 5130 | 36/16 | 36/17 | 3/3 | 18/9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VE9CB | FN25 | N | S | 4559 | 35/22 | 23/13 | 6/4 | 12/7 | - | 1/1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| W5DN | EM20 | N | S | 3337 | 68/45 | 3/2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KB1CJ | FN42 | N | S | 3002 | 48/28 | 29/9 | - | 1/1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| K5LLL | EM10 | N | S | 2204 | - | 20/12 | 9/5 | 10/8 | 1/1 | 1/1 | 2/1 | 1/1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WV1K | FN41 | N | S | 875 | 35/25 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| K1VU | FN42 | N | S | 612 | 17/11 | 9/4 | - | 4/3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| N3RA | EN90 | N | S | 504 | 14/13 | 6/6 | - | $2 / 2$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KCOIMN | EM28 | N | S | 360 | 20/18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| W3IY | ROVE | N | R | 267400 | 156/56 | 179/23 | 86/17 | 111/20 | 52/12 | 57/12 | 35/6 | 28/5 | 23/5 | 30/7 | 2/2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| N6NB | ROVE | N | R | 116290 | 230/73 | 95/17 | 58/14 | 82/16 | 8/4 | 39/10 | $7 / 2$ | 7/1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WB6NTL | ROVE | N | R | 88382 | 123/39 | 312/39 | - | 157/24 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| W4VHF | ROVE | N | R | 86172 | 250/60 | 192/31 | 46/18 | 67/14 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| N2MH | ROVE | N | R | 56160 | 172/50 | 118/22 | 49/12 | 66/13 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| N5RZ | ROVE | N | R | 52608 | 302/111 | 34/10 | - | 24/5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| AA2YG | ROVE | N | R | 43442 | 135/46 | 89/23 | 42/15 | 49/19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KB1EAA | ROVE | Y | R | 31200 | 150/34 | 98/17 | 24/8 | 52/14 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KB8VAO | ROVE | N | R | 18034 | 10/8 | 50/18 | 6/5 | 12/9 | - | $2 / 2$ | 9/5 | 8/4 | 7/5 | 9/6 | 5/3 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WA4JA | ROVE | N | R | 11704 | 97/51 | 27/11 | - | 15/6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KIOSK | ROVE | N | R | 10065 | 72/40 | 51/9 | - | 21/3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KFOM | ROVE | N | R | 8960 | - | 53/25 | 12/8 | 27/19 | - | 3/3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KT1VT | ROVE | N | R | 6726 | 52/14 | 55/11 | - | 35/7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KC2HIZ | ROVE | N | R | 3108 | 20/5 | 24/3 | - | 17/3 | 5/1 | 5/1 | 5/1 | 5/1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| N6ZE | ROVE | N | R | 960 | 16/8 | 24/9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| N7IR | DM44 | N | Q | 77331 | 364/147 | 31/10 | 4/4 | 16/8 | - | 4/4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| K9AKS | EN43 | N | Q | 60166 | 144/76 | 69/21 | 37/14 | 51/15 | - | 20/8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| W9Sz | EN50 | N | Q | 1323 | - | 10/6 | 6/4 | 7/4 | 3/3 | 6/4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| KQ6NO | EM95 | N | Q | 30 | 2/2 | 4/3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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* Y= NEWS group member


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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE A PICNIC WITH MINIMUM DISCERNIBLE SIGNAL TESTS ON JULY 19TH AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PAVILION IN ENFIELD, CT.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR DIRECTIONS

## DONT FORGET

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