

# New England QRP Meeting Minutes

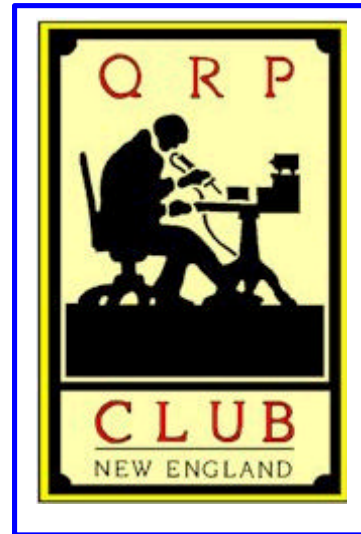
February 4, 2001

12:30 – 3:00 PM

Killarney's, (Holiday Inn) Nashua, New Hampshire

## Attendees:

01. Dennis	K1LGQ	<a href="mailto:K1LGQ@arrl.net">K1LGQ@arrl.net</a>
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## Items of Business:

1. Paul - W1CFI wanted Dennis – K1LGQ to announce that there was some cash in the club's account. Paul will also be adding CDs that will be maturing in May. A good move on the club's part.
2. Chuck - K1CL showed his home brew "teeny" single key paddle as featured in March 2000 **OST**. Exceptional job!
3. Jim - W1FMR showed his home brew single key with case. Compact and ideal for portable use.
4. A suggestion was made to offer a contribution for Silent Key Joel - K1QM on behalf of the club or provide a trophy in his name for an upcoming contest.
5. John - K1RC asked if he could use the club call for the upcoming CW WPX contest in which he intended to work as a QRP operator. No objections.
6. Chuck - K1CL showed his new Yaesu FT-817 with switching power supply. Chuck also tested his homebrew paddles with it and sure enough...it worked fine. He has a CW filter but had not installed it as of the meeting.
7. Dennis - K1LGQ reminded everyone of the upcoming New England annual QRP meeting at ARRL Headquarters in Newington, CT March 31 at 9:00 A.M. The meeting would be followed by lunch and operations from W1AW.

8. There was much discussion regarding a club project. Charlie Kitchen has expressed an interest in leading a group in a hands-on 4-hour project, possibly a simple radio. It was determined that the club needed to put out “feelers” to assess the interest in something such as this. For those who would not be able to attend the Saturday assembly gathering, extra project kits could be assembled (bag-o-parts). If simple enough, the project could be put on the web (listing parts and assembly instructions). Discussion followed.
9. Other possible project ideas discussed were: a color-burst transmitter similar to the club’s first home brew project; Stanley measuring metal tape for antenna work, bottom load antenna; and a booklet of ideas to publish and sell (as a fun-raiser).
10. Dennis - K1LGQ reminded the membership of the LobsterCom meeting hosted by Rex – W1REX Portland, ME last July, 2000. There is no word yet as to whether this will be an event planned again for this year. It was hoped that it would.
11. **QRP AFIELD** was discussed and it was suggested that the club offer to help Dave Benson – NN1G with the contest paperwork. Possible alternatives for contesting would be to make QRP AFIELD a 3 contest scoring event – Saturday scores, Sunday scores, and over-all 2-day scores (Saturday/Sunday combined).
12. It was mentioned that NorCal’s **QRP-to-the-Field** is interested in working together with the NE QRP club for a combined event. Jim - W1FMR said he would put a notice on the reflector regarding this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m. until the annual meeting at ARRL headquarters, Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. coffee time, 10:00 a.m. meeting, noon lunch, 1 p.m. operating of W1AW.

Submitted by:  
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