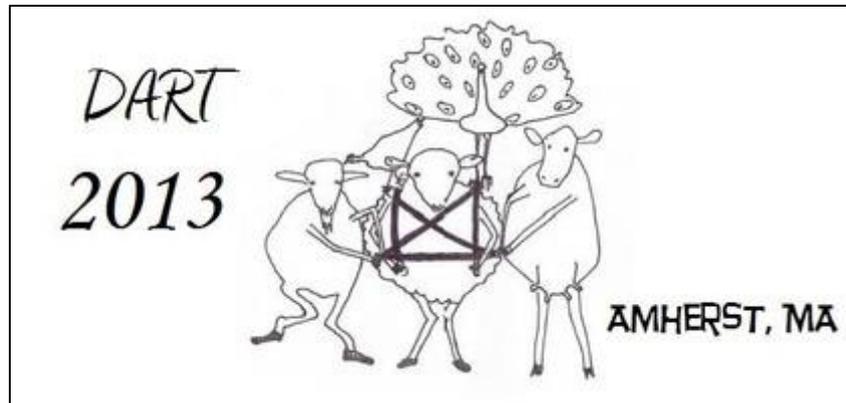




**DART in AMHERST, OCTOBER 24th-25th, 2013** from Rhett Krause

Seemed doubtful it would come off for a while but ended up working very well: town well set up for it with good venues close together. Smaller than in Cambridge, Boston, but still good.



I was worried that moving out of Boston might have been the death of DART, but it has now survived two years and it will move into Toronto for 2014.

I was emcee, and could not resist boring the majority with a bit of history, as this year is really 100 years of rapper in US and 97 years ago C# et al began teaching rapper just down the road from here in Elliot, Maine.

In the end a somewhat surprise winner in the Pocket Flyers team from Great Meadows. They did a couple of non-traditional things that would have required having one of those automatic defibrillators around if there had been a tradition-conscious UK judge about.

2<sup>nd</sup> place to Half Moon and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Bubble Rapper – a teen team from Boston NOT part of Great Meadows.

1st overall: Pocket Flyers  
2nd overall: Half Moon Sword  
3rd overall: Bubble Rapper

Candy Rapper, DERT favourites a few years ago and then the most likely to get to the top, made a good show even though they are now a different team, being a very green and young set of rookies in a rebuilding year, as 4 of 5 of the previous year's winning team have graduated and moved on.

Near disaster averted: Boston Red Sox top baseball team, were unexpectedly contesting the final of the World Series Baseball which they won over the same weekend.

By pure luck, the pub stands – two of which in were sports heavy bars with many TVs in a college town – fell on the day in between games.

Otherwise, it would have been equivalent of England in the World Cup and you turning off all the televisions to dance! DERT Organisers beware!!

On to Toronto next year....It is rumoured that more than one UK team is planning to compete.