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We hope to see you on August 18th 2026 For our annual BBQSO social hour is from 1700 meeting starts at 1830. Talk-in is on 147.180+ meeting. Our August meeting is the BBQSO at 135 Wareham St Middleborough please see the information below.

ON THE AIR Tuesdays Tom Luckman WA1TOM has been doing a great job and he has had a couple of great things going tune in and enjoy. We are looking for other net controllers please sign up with Tom WA1TOM we have a great format in case you haven't been on please sign in on Tuesdays at 2000 (8pm) and join the new conversation

Presidents Message Tom Luckman WA1TOM

Hello All, I hope everyone is taking advantage of the summer weather. As promised a location for our outdoor open house has been secured. the Portuguese Holy Ghost 352 Broad St. Bridgewater, MA. Members in attendance at our monthly meeting approved this location. We can set up anywhere in the large parking lot and put up a banner at the entrance. Anyone that has a canopy or other form of temporary shelter may want to bring it along just in case. The August meeting will be held in Middleborough at Rick's, KB1TEE, QTH. I'm looking forward to the BBQSO and am sure he will post more info in this News Letter. That's it for now.

Tom/WA1TOM

Secretary report By Phillip McNamara KC1JDN Phil McNamara N1XTB

July 21, 2026 MARA club meeting minutes:

Recorded by Phil N1XTB

Meeting called to order at 1829 by Tom WA1TOM, in the new Bridgewater theFirehouse meeting room.

Attendees:

N1XTB Phil

N1BSO John

N1IQI Loren

KM1TWL Jim

KB1WCK Joe via zoom

WAITOM Tom

KC1ZMJ John

KC1TLT Wendy

KC1DD Dennis

N1AS Alan

N1LYP Eric

AG1B Richard via zoom

Motion to accept the secretaries report as published on the website, accepted.

Treasurer's report. Presented. Accepted.

No recent "Touch Tone Charlie" occurrences. Repeater report Accepted.

Old business.

Fall Open House discussed with possible locations Date selected is Sept

26 from 11am to 1PM

Tom WA1TOM arranged Holy Ghost area 352 Broad St. location. No Building rental.

Eric can provide a 10x20 canopy. Library would help us advertise. Let

Connie know the details.

Possibly MARA may do field day next year. Committee needed to start the planning.

Plymouth club interested in joining us for field day.

From Tom WA1TOM - Good and Welfare items

Next meeting is BBQSO at Rick Emords, 135 Wareham St. Middleboro. 5PM

Tom needs a net control for the 28th. Jim will cover.

Tom showed his Tecsun Q3 radio.

Application received with dues from Dennis KC1DD

Meeting Adjourned

73,

Phil McNamara

Newsletter editor Rick Emord KB1TEE

Welcome to my home for the annual BBQSO party and meeting come over after 5pm bring a dish to share and bring whatever you wish to cook on the grill. Please let me know if you will be attending kb1tee@gmail.com 135 Wareham St Middleborough, MA. Talk in on 147.180 Bridgewater repeater MARA W1MV



Look for this sign at the end of my driveway

ARRL National Convention 2026



The 2026 ARRL National Convention will be hosted at the Huntsville Hamfest from August 21-23 at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama. It features ARRL training tracks, exhibits, and a special Friday night dinner under a Saturn V rocket at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center

HamXposition in 2026 miniCTU

Due to popular demand, miniCTU is coming back to <<https://hamxposition.org/>> HamXposition in 2026. Registration now is OPEN!

Mini-Contest University, or miniCTU, is based on K3LR's popular <<https://www.contestuniversity.com/>> Contest University, which has been featured at the Dayton Hamvention since 2007 and has been presented in 15 countries to over 10,000 participants. The miniCTU program held on Friday, August 14, 2026, at <<https://hamxposition.org/>> HamX in Marlborough, MA, is a local single-track version of the 4-track Contest University program held during the week of the Dayton Hamvention (see <<https://www.contestuniversity.com/>> Contest University for more details).

This will be the third year of miniCTU at HamXposition, and is organized this year by Doug Grant, K1DG, and Ed Parish, K1EP. The program will appeal to new and veteran testers alike who are looking to hone their skills. Presenters drawn from the Northeast area will cover general contest operations, testing skills, and will describe many resources and tools to allow you to have more fun in testing.

BBQSO 2026 Tuesday August 18, 2026



135 Wareham St Middleborough, MA Happy hour and gathering to start at 5pm meeting at 7pm. Bring your seat and what ever

you wish to cook or eat. Please bring an item to share with everyone. Talk in is on MARA 2 meter frequency 147 180 repeter.

Please RSVP to kb1tee@gmail.com

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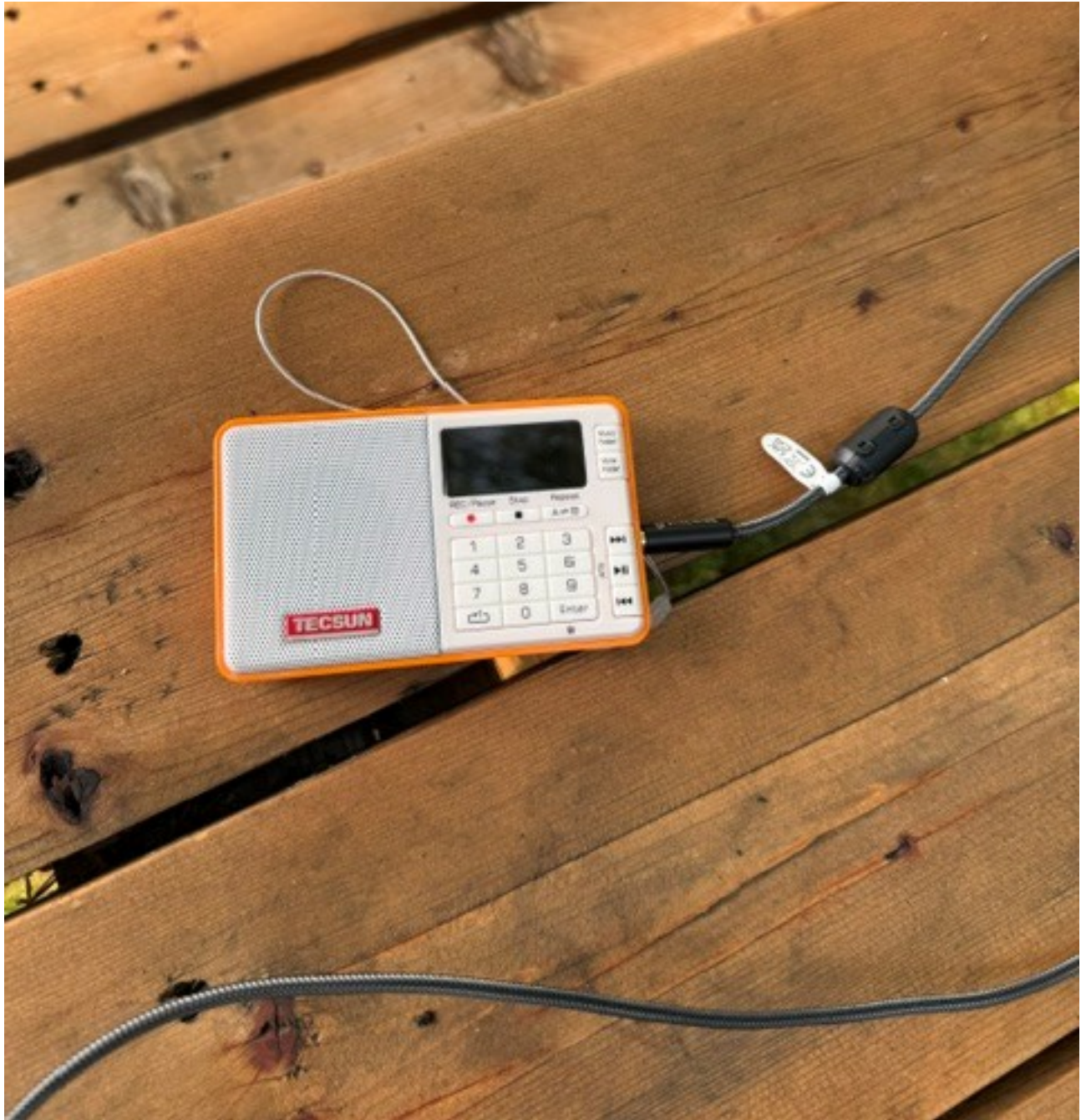
September 19 th 2026 remembrance of the launching of the ship. If you wish to come out and operate please contact me at kb1tee@gmail.com Allways looking for operators to come out and help out. We will be on the ship Saturday September 19th from 0800- 1600



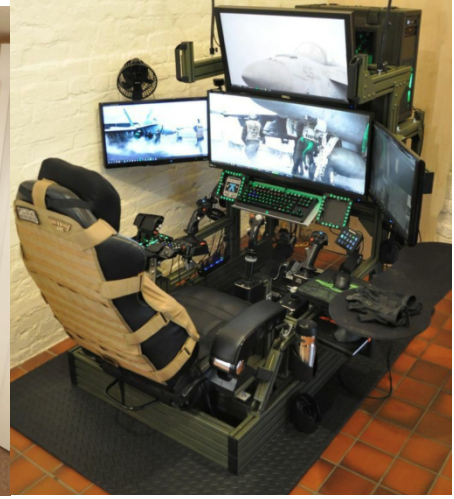
From Tom Luckman WA1TOM

This is a Tecsun Q3 FM radio, MP3 player and recorder. I use this to record my QSO's when activating POTA CW. This is a great external speaker with its own volume control and when using it as a speaker, just hit the record button and record a QSO or your whole activation. It's been a great addition to my POTA kit and works well with all my portable stations.

Tom/WA1TOM



Desk ideas



Portable desks







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FROM BEGINNER TO EXPERT

Jack Campbell

CW and Lucille Ball and spy's



Lucille Ball told [Dick Cavett](#) in a 1974 interview that her dental fillings picked up Morse code during World War II, which she claimed led to the discovery of an underground Japanese spy ring

During World War 2 Lucille said this happened

The Incident: Ball said that while driving her car through Coldwater Canyon in California, her mouth picked up a radio broadcast sounding like Morse code. She reported the location to MGM security. She stated that authorities later investigated and uncovered an underground Japanese radio transmitter. Historians and biographers have found no official records or proof to support this wild Hollywood legend, suggesting it was likely an exaggerated or entirely fictional anecdote.

The ARRL Solar Update

08/01/2026

Solar activity has remained at low levels. Region 4494 exhibited decay in its trailing spots as its flare activity subsided. Region 4498 rotated into better viewing positioning, revealing mixed polarity just behind its large leading spot, and was responsible for a handful of low-level C-class flares.

Region 4499 underwent evolution, gaining additional spots and producing a low-level C-class flare. Region 4501 rapidly emerged this period, developed rudimentary penumbra on its leading and trailing spots, produced a low-level C-class flare and was thus subsequently numbered. The remaining numbered active regions were unremarkable in relation.

No Earth-directed CMEs were observed in available coronagraph imagery.

Solar activity is expected to be low with a chance for M-class flares (R1-R2, minor-moderate) through August 1.

Solar wind parameters were at nominal levels. Solar wind speeds roughly ranged from 310 km/s to 401 km/s. A disturbed solar wind environment will likely return July 30 due to the prospect of combined positive polarity coronal high speed stream (CH HSS) effects and coronal mass ejection (CME) arrivals from events that left the Sun on July 26 – 27. An additional disturbance is likely on August 1 with the arrival of an additional CME that left the Sun late on July 27.

Weekly Commentary on the Sun, the Magnetosphere, and the Earth's Ionosphere, July 30, 2026, by F. K. Janda, OK1HH:

During the last third of July, solar activity initially rose, while remained at a higher level until the end of the month. Although solar flares occasionally reached moderate intensity, while were exceptionally accompanied by coronal mass ejections, the Earth was not affected by them (though this could still happen by the end of July or early August, partly because there is a coronal hole in the southwestern part of the disk). There is only one active region on the far side of the Sun. Therefore, as the nine regions currently being observed fade, overall activity will decline shortly after the beginning of August.

Shorter periods of increased geomagnetic activity may still occur in late July and at the beginning and end of the first third of August. Following the expected decline in solar activity, these will be followed at irregular intervals by shorter periods of deteriorated ionospheric conditions for shortwave propagation.

The predicted Planetary A Index for July 31 to August 6 is 8, 5, 5, 5, 12, 15, and 10, with a mean of 8.6. The predicted Planetary K Index is 3, 2, 2, 2, 4, 3, and 3, with a mean of 2.7. Predicted 10.7 centimeter flux is 135, 130, 125, 125, 125, 120, and 125, with a mean of 126.4.

For more information concerning shortwave radio propagation, see <http://www.arrl.org/propagation> and the ARRL Technical Information Service web page at, <http://arrl.org/propagation-of-rf-signals>. For an explanation of numbers used in this bulletin, see

<http://arrl.org/the-sun-the-earth-the-ionosphere> . Information and tutorials on propagation can be found at, <http://k9la.us/> .

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Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Zoom will be available before the meeting starts at 6:30..

Our Meetings-On-The-Air are held all other Tuesday evenings at 8PM on 147.180+

The South Shore Skywarn Net is held every Saturday evening at 8PM local time on 147.180+ and is open to all hams.

VE Exams are held the 2nd Saturday of every month, in Braintree contact Steve

Cohen, W1OD via email w1od@arri.net. Walk-ins are no longer permitted. We will be hosting VE exams at 8:45 at the Watson building.

If you know of anyone

planning to take an exam, please have them drop a note to Steve to confirm a reservation