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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY I HOPE EVERYONE WELL BE SAFE

Our next meeting is July 21, 2026 We hope to see you 1800 meeting starts at 1830. Talk-in is on 147.180+ meeting. Our next meeting will be at the Bridgewater Fire Station 1185 Pleasant St Bridgewater, MA. Reminder of the **BBQSO** and meeting with a social hour 1700 meeting at 19:00pm. Talk-in is on 147.180+ The BBQSO is at **135 Wareham St the Town of Middleborough** from the center of town .9 miles from the four corners Parking is in the back of the yard entry through the side door we meet on the deck. Please RSVP to Rick KB1TEE at kb1tee@gmailcom please bring a side dish to share. Beverage of your choice is still open please be responsible and don't forget to bring what you are going to eat the grill will be open and hot during the event.

ON THE AIR Tuesdays First August 4th, Second August 11th and Third August 25th, Tom Luckman WA1TOM will be the net controller. Please sign in on Tuesdays at 2000 (8pm) and join the new conversation.

This notice appeared in the most recent issue of the ARRL Letter.

Earthquakes in Venezuela Prompt Request for Clear Emergency Frequency on 7135 kHz

https://www.arrl.org/arrlletterissue?issue=2026-06-25#Bookmark_A01778CD5

Please try to keep 7135 kHz clear for emergency traffic. And please forward this to any of your club members who might be operating from home or who might be planning their own Field Day operation.

Thanks Bruce, K1BG ARRL ACC / EMA

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Presidents Message: Tom Luckman WA1TOM

Hello All, summer is upon us and I expect smaller attendance at our in-person meetings during the summer season. I think our first meeting with the new board went well. We covered a lot of ground and had good discussion and even voted in a new member, welcome to John, KC1XMJ.

The date for our Open House/Radio event has been set for Sept. 26 th from 11-1 in Bridgewater. The exact location is still being worked on, the Stanley Iron Works Park (where we held it last year) will be the go too if the other options discussed don't work out. I will have a location locked in for approval at the July meeting. Enjoy the warm weather while we have it.

Stay safe.

Tom/WA1TOM

Secretary report: Philip McNamara KC1JDN, and Phil McNamara N1XTB

Meeting called to order at 1834 by Tom WA1TOM, in the new Bridgewater Firehouse meeting room.

Attendees:

N1XTB Phil, N1BSO John, N1IQI Loren, KA1YL Connie, KC1JDN Philip, KM1TWL Jim, KB1WCK Joe via zoom
WAITOM Tom, W1PM Larry, N4NMF Barry via zoom, N1UMJ John via zoom, KC1ZMJ John

Motion to accept the secretaries report as published on the website, accepted.
Treasurer's report. Presented for last two months. Accepted
Repeater report. Discussion about "touch-tone Charlie". Node and repeater are being periodically disabled to mitigate this interference. 440 repeater had to be power cycled. No other problems noted, Repeater report Accepted.

Donation of \$200 from Larry W1PM. Thank you Larry!
New member John Grace KC1XMJ voted in. John is a new ham. Technician licensed in May. Welcome John!

Old business.

Apparel - John N1BSO said that Jack would be willing to take orders. Minimum quantity needed.

John N1BSO brought some used equipment in his truck for sale. Proceeds to go to club.

New business:

Fall Open House discussed with possible locations Date selected is Sept 26 from 11am to 1PM

Likely location is Stanley IronWorks park in Bridgewater, but Tom WA1TOM will canvas some other possible locations. Library would help us advertise.

Possibly MARA may do field day next year. Committee needed to start the planning. Plymouth club interested in joining us for field day 2027. No plans for 2026 for field day currently.

WARC 2026 field day at E Bridgewater Y may have some issues.

Jim KM1TWL is willing to set up some additional social media outlets to help advertise MARA. Looking at Instagram and Tiktok. Phil N1XTB to get some graphic files to Jim. N1XTB will look at setting up a blog on the existing W1MV website and get the info to Jim. Discussion about putting something on youtube.

New meeting topic from Tom WA1TOM - Good and Welfare items
Pilgrim wireless - Borderlands State Park. Smith Farm House POTA operation in Easton for the June 20/21 weekend - 93 Bay Rd. Reminder that Field Day 2026 is a 24 hour event - Saturday through Sunday - the last full weekend in June
Pilgrim club will be operating at the Swansea Fire Station for Field Day. 5K at Wompatuck - WK1D looking for Volunteers.

Meeting Adjourned at 1921

Post meeting

\$20 received from equipment sales

Dues received from John KC1ZMJ

Newsletter Editor: Rick Emord KB1TEE

Not much going on I have a SK to report my uncle Artemis (Lee) Latham N1ALL passed away his home caught fire and he did not make it out. He had been a member of MARA, LARK, and USTNR clubs



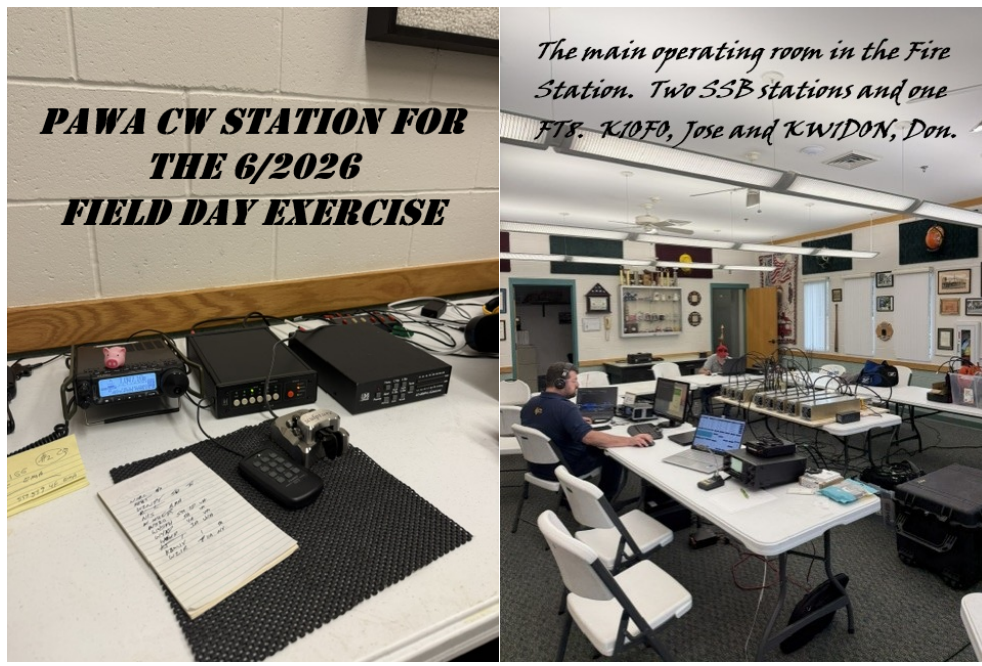
Pilgrim Amateur Wireless Association

The Pilgrim Amateur Wireless Association (PAWA) held it's Field Day activation at the Swansea Fire Departments Station #4 on Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th.

Two stations were set up for SSB, one for digital ops (FT8) and one for CW. A meshtastic repeater was set up by Bob, WC1N and Matt, W7AAF was trying some satellite comms with his IC-705. The group also had a visit from WJAR 10 in Providence for a news story. The Pilgrim group gets better and better with their Field Day setup and organization each passing year. Great Job PAWA.

Tom/ WA1TOM





Pictures from Tom WA1TOM of the PAWA set up 06/27-28/2026 @ Swansea Fire station

MARA OPEN HOUSE

The MARA open house event set for Sept. 26th from 11-1 in Bridgewater. The location is being worked on. Please come out and set up or chat with guests to but please come out we could use help.



BBQSO 2026 Tuesday August 18, 2026



135 Wareham St Middleborough, MA start at 5pm meeting at 7pm. Bring your seat 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. The address is 135 Wareham St Middleborough, MA. I will have the gas grill fired up and the wood grill will be burning. You must provide whatever you wish to eat (**you will cook your own**) and please bring something for the pot luck for everyone to share.

Cooking utensils and plastic knives, forks, and spoons with paper plates will be available. Coffee will be on I use Dunkin Donuts I will have hot and cold drink cups

cream milk sugar and sugar substitutes. Adult beverages are allowed please do so responsibly.

Bring your own seat

Thank you Rick KB1TEE



HamX - *The Northeast* **HamXposition**
August 13-16, 2026

Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Road W, Marlborough, Massachusetts

[Get your tickets online!](#)

Book your special rate hotel room. Reserve a vendor space. Apply to give a talk. Sign up to volunteer

HamX draws nearly 1,800 attendees from across the region and beyond each year — and for good reason. Here's what your members can look forward to:



THURSDAY NIGHT: MAGIC SHOW

Kick things off Thursday evening with a performance by Jack Miller, whose brand of close-up and parlor magic has been described as "Gomez Addams meets Wile E. Coyote." Jack's whimsical, chaotic style delivers equal parts smiles, laughs, and genuine gasps — a perfect way to start the convention on a fun and memorable note.



SATURDAY KEYNOTE: Everton Henriques, KD2ZZT

Everton is a technology teacher at Staten Island Technical High School who has woven amateur radio into his engineering classroom in creative and inspiring ways. A graduate of two levels of the ARRL Teacher's Institute and co-founder of his school's ham radio club WS1THS, Everton's passion for getting students licensed and on the air is contagious. His keynote is sure to leave you energized about the future of our hobby.

FRIDAY DX/CONTEST BANQUET: Max Freedman, N4ML

Max was first licensed at age 12 and has wasted no time making his mark. He's a 2026 WRTC competitor, DXpeditioner (including the rare 3Y0K Bouvet Island activation), active contester, and member of YCCC, NCDXF, INDEXA, and the Caribbean Contesting Consortium — and he's still in his early twenties. Max has

turned his passion into his profession, working full-time at the ARRL's Education and Learning Department. A rising star in every sense.



SATURDAY GRAND BANQUET: Katie Campbell, KE8LQR

Katie was licensed at age ten and has since become one of the most impressive young operators in the country. An active CW operator, contester, member of the North Coast Contesters and Bavarian Contest Club, former youth instructor for the Long Island CW Club, and Youth on the Air PR manager for the Americas — Katie brings an extraordinary breadth of experience and enthusiasm to everything she does. She's heading off to college this fall, and the future of amateur radio couldn't be in better hands.



OUTSTANDING SESSIONS & FORUMS

HamX is known for the sheer number and quality of its educational sessions, covering:

- Antennas & Propagation
- Emergency Communications & EMCOM/ARES
- Contesting & DXing
- VHF/UHF/Microwave & Mesh Networking
- POTA, SOTA & On-The-Air Activities
- Technology, SDR & AI in Amateur Radio
- STEM & Youth Outreach
- Club Management (dedicated "Club Track")
- SKYWARN & Public Service
- NEQRP Symposium, Open Mic Story Hour, YL Meet & Greet, and much more

License exam sessions are also available for those working toward upgrades.



INDOOR FLEA MARKET & VENDOR EXHIBITS

Browse a wide selection of equipment, accessories, antennas, cables, test gear, and hard-to-find parts from top vendors.



HamX features an ARRL-sanctioned prize program with exciting drawings at each banquet and the Sunday Closing Ceremonies. This year's convention is especially significant as the official 2026 ARRL New England Division Convention — the premier amateur radio gathering in our region. We encourage you to forward this message to your full membership, post it on your club's website or reflector, and mention it at your next meeting. Full details and ticketing are at <https://hamxposition.org>. We look forward to seeing you on the air and in Marlborough this August!

2026 ARRL National Convention hosted by the Huntsville Hamfest

August 21 - 23. Register now!

Step 1: Register for the National Convention Program on Friday, August 21.

Step 2: Get your Huntsville Hamfest tickets for Saturday & Sunday, August 22 – 23.

ARRL, in partnership with Huntsville Hamfest, is offering the free [ARRL Events](#) app to help attendees navigate the large-scale event. The app includes Huntsville Hamfest's full program, so attendees can browse and schedule forums, find affiliated events, and preview the extensive list of exhibitors. During the event, attendees can use other app features to follow the hourly prize drawings populated by the Huntsville Prize Committee, and browse building and site maps. Attendees are also encouraged to tap on the MyProfile icon in the app to add their name and call sign, email address, and any additional information they would like to share with other Huntsville guests.

International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend – ILLW



Normally held on the 3rd full weekend in August

it will run from 00:01 UTC on Saturday, August 23rd, to 24:00 UTC on Sunday, August 24th

For some reason or other August seems to have become the international weekend for lighthouses. Countries all over the world have become involved in one for or another of lighthouse activity. Some years ago the United States Congress declared August 7th as their National Lighthouse Day and during that first week in August amateur radio operators in America set up portable stations at lighthouses and endeavour to make contact with each other. This event is known as the US National Lighthouse Week.

In Britain the Association of Lighthouse Keepers, [ALK](#), conducts International Lighthouse Heritage Weekend on the same weekend as the ILLW in August. Their objective is to encourage Lighthouse managers, keepers and owners to open their lighthouse or lightstation and related visitors centres to the public with a view to raising the profile of lighthouses, lightvessels and other navigational aids, and preserving our maritime heritage.

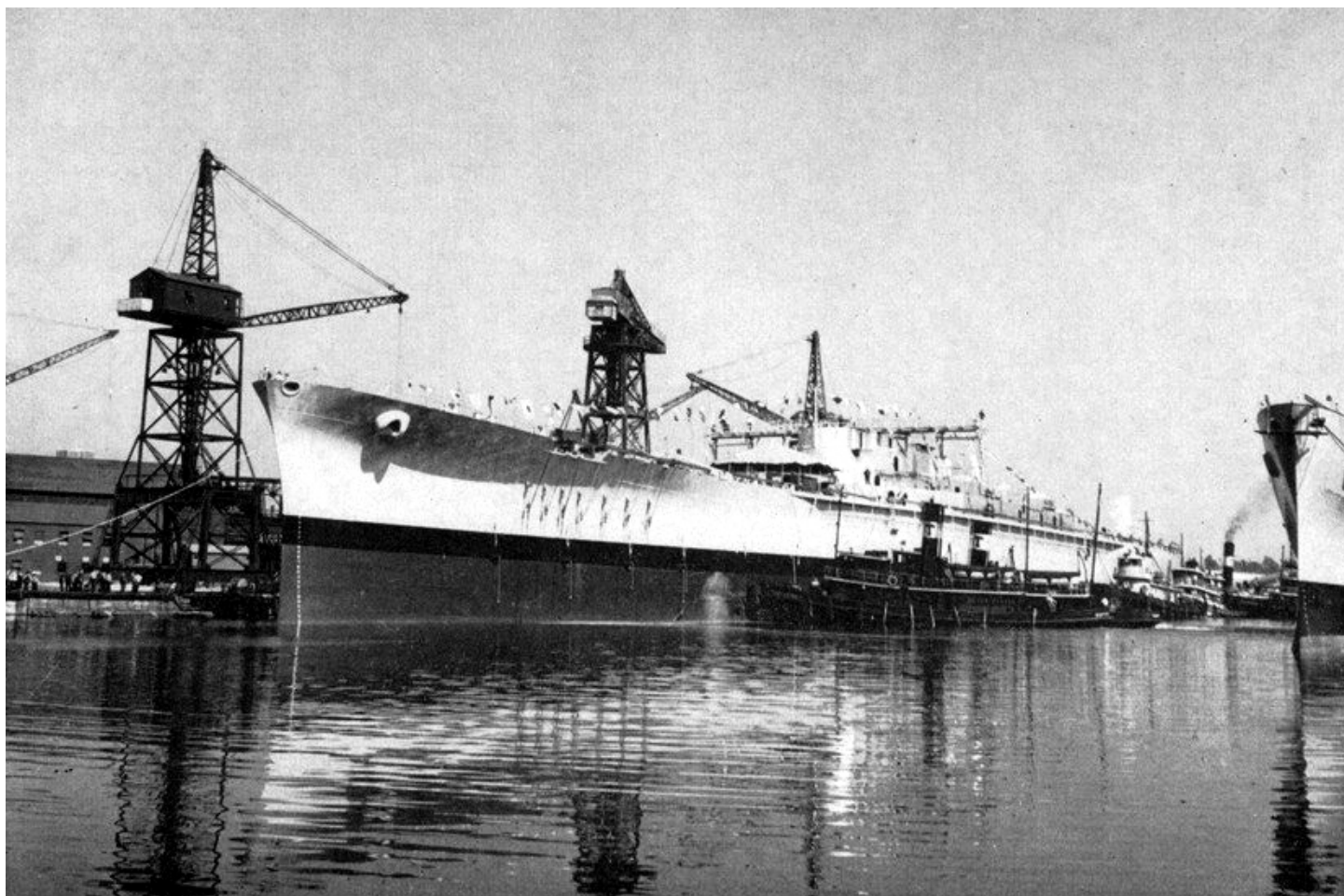
However, the major event which takes place in August is the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend, [ILLW](#), which came into being in 1998 as the Scottish Northern Lights Award run by the Ayr Amateur Radio Group. The history of this event can be found elsewhere on this site. The ILLW usually takes place on the 3rd full weekend in August each year and attracts over 500 lighthouse entries located in over 40 countries. It is one of the most popular international amateur radio events in existence probably because there are very few rules and it is not the usual contest type event. It is also free and there are no prizes for contacting large numbers of other stations. There is little doubt that the month of August has become "Lighthouse Month" due largely to the popularity and growth of the ILLW.

<https://illw.net>

The objective is to promote public awareness of ham radio and lighthouses; to contribute to the recognition that lighthouses, lightships, and their keepers deserve; to foster camaraderie within the ham fraternity; and to provide fellowship among the members of the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society.

NE1PL USS MASSACHUSETTS RADIO OPERATIONS

September 19th 2026 remembrance of the launching of the ship



The U.S. Navy battleship USS *Massachusetts* (BB-59) just after her launch at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation Fore River Shipyard

WRTC, the “World Radio Team Championships”

WRTC is almost here! ?

WRTC is essentially the Olympics of Amateur Radio Contesting - and is almost upon us! On 8th July 2026, competitors that have qualified to represent their Qualification Area (unlike the Olympics, which has participants competing for their country) will arrive in the United Kingdom to prepare for this once every 4 year event. The host nation changes each time and, this time, for the 10th WRTC, it's being held in the UK! There will be 50 teams of two, each with an assigned referee. Each will be allocated an HF operating site in South East England, where they will take part in a 24 hour SSB/CW contest (the IARU HF Championship) over the

weekend of 11th/12th July. So, WRTC is kind of a contest within an existing contest.

This is your opportunity to work these special stations and apply for your award!

The WRTC contest will be live on a dedicated online platform provided by World Radio League. This is a live scoreboard where you can track your favourite team in real time. Also, when you contact one of the special WRTC stations, you can see it on the WRL platform. What's more, you can check which of the 50 WRTC stations you still need to contact. Can you work all 50 of them? If you're an SSB operator, there are 250 possible QSOs across 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. Similarly, there are 250 possible QSOs if you are a CW operator. If you are both an SSB and CW operator, 500 QSOs are possible with WRTC stations alone!

Certificates will be downloadable after the contest, which will display your total number of QSOs made with these special callsigns. There are different award tiers depending on how many you contact. Check out the following webpage for full details of the award programme: <http://www.wrtc2026.org/wrtc-2026-competition-awards> www.wrtc2026.org/wrtc-2026-competition-awards

So, what are the special callsigns? Well, we can't say just yet! These will be announced on Thursday 9th July. You will find this on the WRTC website – <http://www.wrtc2026.org/> www.wrtc2026.org – and also on our social media platforms by searching WRTC2026. You can be sure that these 50 callsigns will be all over the bands during this contest! See how many you can find!

A look at the World Radio League platform is a must. Visit <http://www.worldradioleague.com/> www.WorldRadioLeague.com and sign up early for free to stay tuned when the live scoreboard page for WRTC goes live!

So, if you have the capability to be on the HF bands over the weekend of 11/12th July (from 12:00Z Sat – 12:00Z Sun), why not try to work as many of these special stations as you can! Many of the WRTC sites should be easy to work on the HF bands. The teams will be using yagi antennas on 10/15/20 meters and dipoles on 40 and 80 meters. They will run just 100 watts of output power, so they may not always be really loud... but, hopefully the propagation will be favourable. The

exchange is signal report and ITU zone (so, if calling from the east of the USA, for example, "59, 8" on SSB and "599, 8" on CW would work).

We also want to promote the YouTube daily TV shows at 16.30z (17.30 BST) daily from 8th July, plus the contest livestream. This is the link to follow. Ask to subscribe to the channel.

WRTC 2026 <https://www.youtube.com/@WRTC2026/streams>

WRTC information provided by:

Bruce, K1BG

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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@arrl.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