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We hope to see you on June 16th 2025 Social hour is from 1800. Meeting starts at 1830. Talk-in is on 147.180+ meeting. Our next month's club meeting will be in at the Bridgewater Fire Station 1185 Pleasant St Bridgewater, MA.

ON THE AIR Tuesdays First July 7th, Second July 14th and Fourth July 28th. Tom Luckman WA1TOM will be the net controller. Please sign in on Tuesdays at 2000 (8pm) and join the new conversation

Presidents Message: Tom Luckman WA1TOM

Hello All, thank you for electing me as the Massasoit Amateur Radio Association President for the coming year. I do wish to thank John, N1BSO for his service to the club as President and I'm sure I will rely on him for advice as I learn the ropes. Thank you also to Jim, KM1TWL for stepping up to become the VP, and to the Phil's, N1XTB and KC1JDN for staying on as Treasurer and Secretary. Can't go on without thanking Rick, KB1TEE for his continued efforts on putting together the MARA news, he also reminded me that I'm now responsible to put this message together, (Thanks Rick). Looking forward to our next in person meeting.

Tom Luckman WA1TOM

Secretary report: Philip McNamara KC1JDN, and Phil McNamara N1XTB

May 19, 2026 MARA club meeting minutes: Recorded by Philip KC1JDN and Phil N1XTB

Meeting called to order at 1830 by John N1BSO, in the new Bridgewater Firehouse meeting room.

Attendees:

N1XTB Phil via zoom, N1BSO John, N1IQI Loren, KA1YL Connie, KC1JDN Philip via zoom, N1AS Alan, N1LYP Eric, KM1TWL Jim, KB1WCK Joe via zoom, KC1TLT Wendy, WAITOM Tom, W1PM Larry, N4NMF Barry via zoom, N1UMJ John via zoom, KC1SJS Allen, KC1TNH Adam

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

Treasurer's report. Not prepared. Electric bill was not received. Deposit to account noted. Repeater report.

No problems, Motion Accepted.

New member Tom Nelson AC1TZ voted in.

Old business.

New business:

Elections held:

Tom WA1TOM voted in as President

Jim KM1TWL voted in as VP

Phil N1XTB stays on as Treasurer.

Philip KC1JDN stays on as Secretary

John has been a club officer for 7 years!

Plymouth club interested in joining us for field day. No plans for field day currently.

Tom is soliciting ideas from the club membership

Funding ideas - raffle at meetings, random equipment sales. John N1BSO has some items still to bring to the meetings

WARC Open house was mentioned

MARA open house likely in September at the Stanley Iron works park

Bridgewater public library would help us advertise.

Discussion of growing the club membership - Outreach to Scouts

Outreach to BSU radio club mentioned by Wendy

Looking for ways to raise visibility using radio's

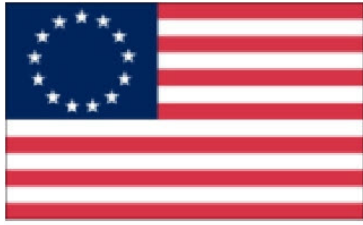
K1USN is a good example of a group providing Elmer services

John requested N1XTB pass along the new slate of officers and contact info to ARRL so periodic emails get routed correctly.

Meeting adjourned at 1852

Newsletter Editor: Rick Emord KB1TEE

Congratulation to Tom Luckman our new club President and Jim Ashley KM1TWL . I am still looking for other clubs event information thank you to the messages for other event information.



The Annual 13 Colonies Special Event

GB13COL

TM13COL

WM3PEN

VA - K2B
RI - K2C
CT - K2D

DE - K2E
MD - K2F
GA - K2G

MA - K2H
NJ - K2I
NC - K2J

NH - K2K
SC - K2L
PA - K2M



18th Annual 13 Colonies Special Event



- ★ K2A/NY
- ★ K2B/VA
- ★ K2C/RI
- ★ K2D/CT
- ★ K2E/DE
- ★ K2F/MD
- ★ K2G/GA



- ★ K2H/MA
- ★ K2I/NJ
- ★ K2J/NC
- ★ K2K/NH
- ★ K2L/SC
- ★ K2M/PA



GB13COL



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TM13COL

Benjamin Franklin - W3BRF

Specimen

THE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR NOTED ABOVE HAS PARTICIPATED IN THIS ON-AIR AMATEUR RADIO EVENT COMMEMORATING THE THIRTEEN COLONY STATES, OUR INDEPENDENCE, & OUR ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERANS.

THIS YEARS EVENT IS HELD IN TRIBUTE OF KEN VILLONE (KU2US/SK); WHO CREATED THE 13 COLONIES SPECIAL EVENT IN 2009.



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 repetaer.

National convention



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.

Washington Governor Recognizes Amateur Radio Volunteers Ahead of ARRL Field Day

Washington Governor Bob Ferguson has issued a video message recognizing the important role amateur radio operators play in supporting communities across the state and encouraging residents to learn more about amateur radio during [ARRL Field Day](#) later this month.



“During emergencies and natural disasters in Washington state, [hams] may provide one of the only forms of available communications,” said Governor Ferguson. “Field Day is a day for the public to see this communication in action with presentations and activities for all ages.”

To Watch the video go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhBR9z7Q14k

The video was developed and produced by the [Olympia Amateur Radio Society](#) (OARS), an ARRL Special Service Club serving the Olympia and Thurston County area. Club leaders said the goal was to create a message that radio clubs throughout Washington can use to help educate the public about amateur radio and encourage participation in Field Day activities.

“Several months ago, we set out to partner with Governor Bob Ferguson to produce a short but meaningful video highlighting the vital contributions amateur radio operators make to Washington residents every day,” said OARS Director of Marketing and Communications Doug Grover, N7POV. “We believe Field Day provides an excellent opportunity to amplify the message of amateur radio and emergency communications across our state.

Get Ready for ARRL Kids Day 2026

ARRL Kids Day is about a week away! Kids Day 2026 will be on Saturday, June 20, from 1800 to 2359 UTC (2:00–7:59 PM Eastern Time).

Kids Day is held twice a year, in January and June, to let young people experience hands-on amateur radio and encourage their interest in obtaining a license. The event also allows active hams to share their stations and the hobby with children, scouts, church groups, or the public in as many ways as you can imagine.

Some amateurs set up their equipment in a park or at a library, encouraging prospective hams to stop by, talk on the radio, and even experience Morse code. The rules are simple:

- **Operation:** Operate as much or as little as you like. You can invite kids and their parents to your station, explain how it works, and let them take turns on the air.
- **Frequencies:** Use any frequency from 10 – 80 meters, or your favorite repeater (with permission).
- **Third-party rules:** Follow restrictions when making DX contacts.
- **Suggested exchange:** First name, age, location, and favorite color.

And the fun doesn't stop there! Take pictures and share your experience on the [ARRL Kids Day Soapbox page](#) or email to contests@arrl.org with a signed [youth photo release form](#) for publication in *QST* and other ARRL publications. Tell us their story, tell us your story.

All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate and there is no waiting! You can [download a certificate](#) and complete it on-site with the participant's name and date of the contact.

Museum Ships Weekend was June 5-7 2026

From : Matthew Brown via mswe-ships
to MSWE

The Museum Ships Weekend Facebook group has grown to more than 600 members! You're invited to join us to share photos and operating reports from Museum Ships Weekend, along with your other amateur radio activity aboard museum ships throughout the year. It's also another great way to stay in touch, exchange ideas, and keep the museum ship radio community connected between events.

73,
Matt Brown, K2EAG

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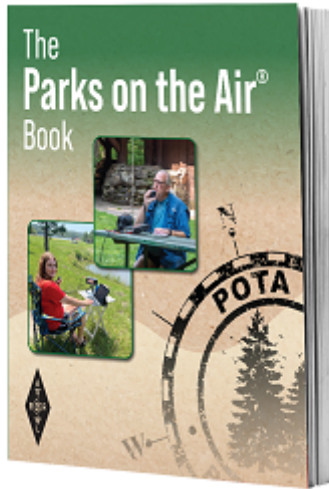
A young prospective ham is presented with a certificate from ARRL Kids Day last year. [Photo courtesy of and used with permission of the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club in Johnson County, Indiana]

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mswe-ships mailing list
mswe-ships@nj2bb.org

POTA

The Official Parks on the Air® Book



The Parks on the Air® Book explores the process of activating a park unit and hunting those activations. Through the experiences of 14 operators, it offers advice and motivation for taking your radio out to the park and becoming active in the growing POTA community.



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MARA OPEN HOUSE DEMONSTRATION

The club is planning to do an open house ham radio demonstration in the fall. We are hoping to get the word out early and often to get the public down to see what is possible. Our event last fall was a great experience we are hoping to get more of us involved this year. From big to small set ups everyone can get involved.



Last fall's gathering Connie, John, Joe, Phil, and Wendy operating

Last Call: 2026 ARRL Field Day Merchandise



There's still time to get ready for amateur radio's largest on-air operating event. Shop the official 2026 ARRL Field Day collection, featuring [shirts](#), [hats](#), [pins](#), [patches](#), [mugs](#), and [stickers](#) showcasing the theme, "**Amateur Radio: A National Resource.**" The theme highlights the vital role amateur radio plays in public service, emergency communications, and connecting communities. This is your last chance to own a piece of history. [Shop](#) while supplies last!

The ARRL Solar Update

06/12/2026

Solar activity has been at low levels this past week with most of the C-level activity originating from Region 4465, including the largest flare of the week, a C2.6 observed on June 10. There are currently 7 numbered sunspot regions on the disk with Region 4467 decaying to plage.

There was a Type-II radio sweep detected by the Radio Solar Telescope Network (RSTN) on June 10. That radio emission was associated with a coronal mass ejection (CME) first observed at the NE quadrant by ground-based coronagraph imagery from HAO/MLSO coronagraph late June 10, and later by space-based coronagraph LASCO/C2. Modeling indicates there is no Earth-directed component.

Other CME activity was observed in the coronagraph imagery later in the period, but preliminary analysis indicated no Earth-directed component. Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels, with a chance for M-class flares and a slight chance for X-class flares. NOAA's SOLAR-1 satellite became operational early on June 11, becoming the Space Weather Prediction Center's primary source of solar wind data.

Solar wind speeds continued to decrease after the passage of a weak transient, reaching 374 km/s at the end of the period. Background solar wind conditions are expected through midday June 11 when a coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) is anticipated to become geoeffective through June 13.

Weekly Commentary on the Sun, the Magnetosphere, and the Earth's Ionosphere, June 11, 2026, by F. K. Janda, OK1HH:

Overall solar activity is rather low, while is expected to continue declining through mid-June. Most active regions are relatively small, typically with a simple magnetic configuration. Nevertheless, class C flares are occasionally observed, sometimes accompanied by CMEs.

Currently, CMEs from June 9 and 11 are expected to arrive, leading to an increase in geomagnetic activity from June 12 to 14. A period of several days of calm activity is predicted to begin on June 16. Shortwave propagation has begun to be significantly affected by the sporadic E layer, while its increased activity can be expected to continue over the next few days.

The Predicted Planetary A Index for June 13 to June 19 is 6, 6, 8, 8, 5, 5, and 5 with a mean of 6.1. The Predicted Planetary K Index is 2, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2, and 2 with a mean of 2.3. 10.7 centimeter flux is 128, 120, 118, 120, 122, 122, and 125 with a mean of 122.1.

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.

Our Meetings-On-The-Air are held all other Tuesday evenings at 8PM on 147.180+ and has a new format.

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.