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September 11, 2001

September 11, 2026, marks the solemn 25th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks in the United States. Observed as [Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance](#), communities nationwide will hold moments of silence, flag-lowering ceremonies, and memorial services to honor the victims and first responders.



I am sure most of us remember dates and things that happened. I was at the Fire Academy in Stow, MA when the attack happened. My Mom always remembered the day Kennedy was

shot. My Dad always remembered the Sunday the Pearl Harbor tragedy took place. We should never forget the attacks that happened in our lifetimes.

PLEASE Remember the thousands of lives lost because of petty differences!!!

Our next in person and video meeting will be at the Bridgewater Fire Department training room. Station location is 1185 Pleasant St Bridgewater, MA. at 6:00pm for social hour and the Meeting starts at 6:30pm.

Presidents Message Tom Luckman WA1TOM

Hello All, Welcome to September and the changes the new season brings. I hope many of you were able to accomplish your summer goals. I want to thank Rick and Patty for hosting the August meeting/BBQSO at their home in Middleborough, we had a good turnout and I enjoyed the get together. We've had some new members join the club over the summer and some members have extended their privileges with license upgrades. Our September meeting will be on the 15 th where we can wrap up the planning for our outdoor open house at the Portuguese Holy Ghost 352 Broad St. Bridgewater, MA. Looking forward to see everyone on the 15 th .

73

Tom/WA1TOM

Secretaries report Phil N1XTB

No minutes from the gathering at your house. There was a discussion between the women to get more women involved in amateur radio. And a discussion on the upcoming open house event in Bridgewater location is Stanley IronWorks park in Bridgewater, but Tom WA1TOM will canvas some other possible locations. Library would help us advertise.



Next year I will put up the big canopy

Newsletter editor Rick Emord KB1TEE

2026 BBQSO attendance list

Tom Luckman WA1TOM

Phil McNamara N1XTB

Phillip McNamara KC1JDN

Jon Laiosa N1BSO and Pam

Wendy Messaline KC1TLT unfortunately Joe Messaline had to miss out

Loren Pimental N1IQI

John Miller N1UMJ his sons James and John JR

Rick Emord KB1TEE and Patty with Spring and Evie checking on everyone

I forgot to take pictures during the BBQSO but here is two of the signs set up for the event. Next year I will be setting up my big tent to make more room for people. I was so happy that so many people were able to come out and enjoy this annual event.



NEXT YEAR

Women in Ham radio how to get them involved



To get more women into ham radio, focus on creating a welcoming environment, highlighting real-world community impact, and connecting newcomers with existing female mentors. Local clubs often skew heavily male and older, which can feel intimidating without deliberate outreach.

Women remain a distinct minority in amateur radio, making up a small percentage of total licensees. While active operators contribute heavily to emergency services, Parks on the Air, and leadership, many women note cultural hurdles like male-dominated club spaces, old-fashioned terminology, and occasional patronizing behavior on the air.

Women make up about 15% of all ham radio operators in the United States. Out of roughly 750,000 total licensed operators nationwide, this equals an estimated 112,500 female operators. Exact global counts do not exist, but most countries report similar or lower percentages.

Key organizations, nets, and scholarship programs support women (traditionally referred to in the hobby as YLs, or "Young Ladies") in amateur radio, offering dedicated global communities, on-air check-ins, and educational financial aid.



International Women's Day 2027 will be on Monday, March 8, 2027. It is a global day that celebrates the social, economic, and political achievements of women while calling for total gender equality International Women's day, and while lying in bed last night, I had a thought about all the times I've seen women at my local radio clubs....

1. WA0FYA had a female treasurer, a female secretary, and the secretary's daughter would frequently attend, and that was it.
2. Occasionally a female would show up to WOEEE events and/or meetings, usually a friend of one of the male members, but we never had a solid attendance or interest by females
3. At SLSRC, the current president's wife is on a number of committee chairs, and the secretary is female, and about 10% of the 200 or so members are women, usually there are one or two per meeting
4. At one particular club meeting, a twenty-something non-licensed woman showed up, and was hounded at the end of the meeting by a few club members lambasting about how there aren't enough "YLS in ham radio" and that this person should help us figure out why... he didn't realize he was a part of the problem, and the impetus for this post.

And that's about it. Every hamfest, convention, meeting, field day, contest, and contact I've made, I've always seen a massive disparity in female involvement and inclusion. I won't explain why here, just because STEM

think tanks have beaten that horse nearly dead . Ham radio is a STEM hobby after all, and shares a lot of characteristics with the industry..

We know ham radio is a male dominated hobby. There aren't good numbers on it, but [one ARRL article](#) mentioned women represent 15% of the US ham population, with N8RMA's [2017 State of Amateur Radio survey](#) showing the average ham has had a license for 32 years!! (also go take [this year's](#) if you haven't already!)

This is the first barrier to interest from both young people, and women. Why would any young person, woman or not, want to spend their time with a bunch of snoring geriatrics[1]?

Ham radio has some work to do to help take on the induction of women into STEM (now that parents are becoming less like their parents and so on, encouraging and exposing their daughters to do traditionally boyish, nerdy, and sciencey things, and that schools and governments are heavily pushing STEM initiatives to the current generation), so here's a list of things what we as ham radio leaders should avoid, and should do.

Don'ts:

1. Avoid divisive behavior
 1. Reduce or remove the use of the terms YL and XYL when speaking to women (or anyone), especially to newcomer
 2. Don't call attention to the fact she is a woman in a room full of men
 1. This is seconded by Jesten (my fiancée)...seriously, women already know they're in the minority, so avoid mentioning that.
 3. Don't assume that a woman joining your club will be immediately interested in driving for other female membership
 4. Avoid sexist humor in public groups on the internet
2. Rescind traditional gender expectations and stereotypes
 1. Understand and avoid the double bind stereotype – the stereotype that women are nice, kind and compassionate, which are contrarian to tough and decisive stereotypes about leadership. We think as female leaders are controlling, aggressive, and mean, whilst male leaders are ambitious and strong.
 2. As leaders, have zero tolerance of stereotypes from membership

Dos:

1. Be welcoming and friendly to all newcomers
2. Be a storyteller
 1. Anecdotal evidence points to women having a strong interest in the *connections* between engineering (ham radio) and how it helps the world, so talk about how ham radio saves lives and how hams invented today's wifi and cellular systems.
 2. All astronauts are strongly encouraged (maybe even required) to get amateur radio licenses, including female astronauts. This makes a good talking point.
3. Introduce the Young Ladies' Radio League and talk about history of women in ham radio
4. Start a female focus group or committee within your club

This article was in NØSSC's Ham Radio Blog

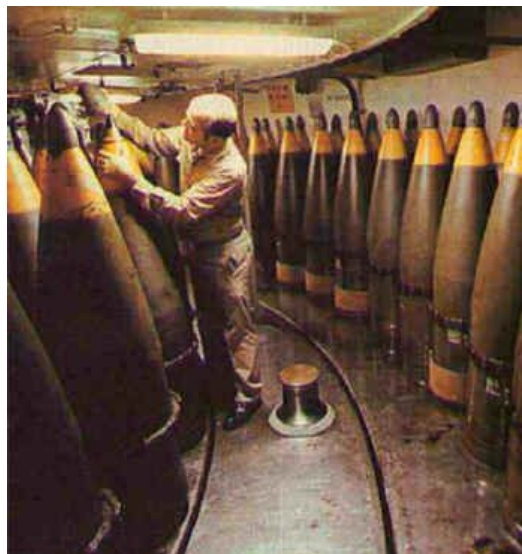
MARA OPEN HOUSE

The MARA open house event set for Sept. 26th from 11-1 in Bridgewater. It is an outdoor open house at the Portuguese Holy Ghost 352 Broad St. Bridgewater, MA. Please come out and set up or chat with guests to but please come out we could use help.



USS Massachusetts NE1PL USTNR group

The NE1PL USTNR group will be on the air Saturday September 19th 0830-1400 on the air at 1000-1530 celebrating the launch anniversary of the ship. We are looking for anyone who would like to come down to operate from the ship. She was launched on September 23, 1941, at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts.



LARC Celebrates 40 Years at the 2026 ARRL Field Day



During the last weekend in June, the Lenoir Amateur Radio Club (LARC), N4LNR, in Gamewell, North Carolina, participated in the 2026 ARRL Field Day, welcoming the community to experience amateur radio in a public setting. Held at the Grace Chapel Fire Department, the event showcased how amateur radio serves the public through emergency preparedness, public service, and worldwide communications.

Visitors had the opportunity to see and operate a variety of stations, including the local Lenoir 2-meter radio, HF stations covering 10 through 80 meters, a QRP station, a CW station, and an FT8 station. One of the greatest highlights was watching many of our young visitors under the age of 18

“On the Air Live” Offers Learning Opportunities for ARRL Members

What is your family’s backup plan when cell phones or internet are not available?

Join ARRL’s Education Specialist Wayne Greene, KB4DSF, for the next “On the Air Live,” as we explore the P.A.C.E. (Primary, Alternate, Contingency, and Emergency) plan and how it can help families build a practical communications plan before a crisis happens. We’ll talk about where amateur radio fits, how to layer your options, and how to make the plan simple enough for the whole family to use.

“OTA Live”: The P.A.C.E. Plan for Family Communications

Tuesday, July 28 | 8 PM Eastern ARRL Learning Center: [learn.arrl.org](https://www.arrl.org/learn)

Pre-registration is required at [learn.arrl.org](https://www.arrl.org/learn).



2026 is the ARRL Year of the Club

2026 has been designated by the ARRL Board of Directors as the Year of the Club, recognizing that radio clubs are the backbone of ARRL. The growth and development of amateur radio rely on our vibrant community of radio clubs. All ARRL Affiliated Clubs are invited to participate!

Please check back here as we post more information about the ARRL Year of the Club:

- Innovative programs to support club growth and bolster club activities
- Opportunities to celebrate and recognize clubs on the air
- Recognition and incentives for clubs that help increase ARRL membership
- Recognition for clubs celebrating significant milestones, including 100 years of ARRL affiliation

...and more!

Important Links

ARRL Home: www.arrl.org

Find an ARRL Affiliated Club: www.arrl.org/clubs

Find your ARRL Section: www.arrl.org/sections

Find a license class in your area: www.arrl.org/class

Find a license exam in your area: www.arrl.org/exam

Find a hamfest or convention: www.arrl.org/hamfests

Email ARRL Clubs: clubs@arrl.org



Unfortunately 4 of these members passed away we miss them

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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