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MARA News



Next meeting April 21, 2015

Guest speaker Shawn Grajales Paramedic with Brewster Ambulance subject Burns Care and treatment

May 19 Steve Davidson HRO discussing go kits

June 16 Cal HRO D Star

Presidents notes N1EZH Barry Kennedy

Presidents Monthly Message for April 2015 from Barry – N1EZH:

It looks like Spring may finally be here! The temperature has been climbing above freezing for the past several days and all of our Snow “Mountains” are finally gone! I am thankful that my Cushcraft R7 and SPI-RO-D56 Dipole are still up in the air after all the Winter Storms and windy conditions we have had in the past several months. They will need some work in the near future now that we can get outside and will be able to work on them as time allows, so will see how it goes. Speaking of Ham Radio projects, if any of you have worked on a project this past year, or are planning on some for this year, please take some photos and submit them to Rick – KB1TEE@gmail.com so he can put them in our MARA Newsletter.

For those of you that are on Facebook, we have a *Massasoit Amateur Radio Association* Facebook Page! I have been updating the page with Club Events, photos, etc. so that it can be another resource for us in which to spark interest in our club and keep members informed of what we are doing outside of our Club Meetings and in our Community. One of the latest are some photos of Dick Towle, the FRA Inspector who came and gave a wonderful presentation as our guest speaker at our March 17 Meeting. Thanks to Bill – NR1FD for arranging this presentation! I am including a couple of photos from our March Meeting at the bottom of this page. Please send Rick – KB1TEE@gmail.com or myself – N1EZH@comcast.net any articles or photos you would like to see in, or on our MARA Newsletter, W1MV – MARA Website and Facebook Page.

New Members! We would like to welcome 3 new Hams to our Club that were voted in and accepted! Billy – K1UFO, Fred – KC1ACG and Paul – N1PEB. Welcome to you all and thanks for joining us!

Please Note: MARA Ball Caps and Polo Shirts have come in! If you ordered a MARA Ball Cap or Polo Shirt, and did not pick them up at our March meeting, they will be available at our April Meeting. Please pick them up if you can, as I will not be at our May meeting. Thanks to all

those that placed an order so that our club will be well represented as you wear them around our Communities or during any of our Special Events or Meetings!

Officer Nominations and Elections: Elections will be held at our June Meeting, and Nominations are to be presented at our May Meeting, so please keep in mind who you would like on our leadership team for the upcoming year. This will include the President, Vice president, Secretary and Treasurer, along with consideration of reorganizing our Repeater Advisory Board as some of the hams listed (On our W1MV – MARA Website) are no longer around to help support the work to our Repeater (Jeff–N1ZZN, Phil–N1XTB and Gary–W1GRC have mostly been the dedicated Hams keeping both of our Repeaters support and upgrades going for the past several years!); Any and all input is welcome!

New Net Controls? I have asked for some New Volunteers to help run both our weekly MARA Net (Tue – 8:00 PM) and South Shore Sky Warn Net (Sat 8:00 PM) at several of our past Meetings! This is *Your Club*, so please consider participating as Net Control for one of our Nets. Some of us (Roy – KB1CYV and myself) have been regular Net Control Operators for many years and speaking for myself, would like to see others step up and give it a try! I have a copy of our preamble and can customize it with your information! We could also use some help as various Special Events, Road Races, Etc., listed in our MARA Newsletter come up, so please consider helping out!

It's official! There will be an ARRL Convention in Boxboro on August 21, 22 and 23rd. Go to <http://www.Boxboro.org> for details and ticket information.

Please remember our 2015 Membership Dues are due and will be collected at our April Meeting!

In closing, I look forward to seeing all of you at our April Meeting!

73 de Barry – N1EZH
President – Massasoit Amateur Radio Association



Above and below: During our March 17th MARA Meeting, FRA Inspector Dick Towle our guest speaker, gives a wonderful presentation of Federal Railroad Safety Standards and Communication. Dick's presentation was enjoyed by all in attendance. Photos by Bill – NR1FD and Barry – N1EZH.



Secretary report

SECRETARYS NOTES – MARA MEETING 03/17/15 – Larry Kenney, K1LJK

OPEN: President **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** opened the meeting at 6:36 pm, 03/17/15.

ATTENDANCE: 17 members and guests were present including 3 elected officers

N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann (V.Pres) Legrow	N1EZH Barry Kennedy(Pres)	KB1KVD Jason
NR1FD Bill Burke Pimentel	N1PEB Paul Bousquet	N1IQI Loren
K1UFO Billy Robinson Metcalf	KC1ACG Fred Birtwell	AG1B Richard
KB1CYV Roy Logan	N1NVV Pete Curley	N1EDM Bob Mandeville
N1FDX Jay Zappulla Carlson	KB1OAU Alice Carlson	N1POO R. Pete
KC1BJJ Rick Towle Custer	K1LJK Larry Kenney	SWL Ed

MEETING MINUTES :

Because the MARA club did not hold a February 2015 club meeting due to inclement weather, a motion to accept the January 2015 MARA meeting minutes/secretary report as published in the February MARA newsletter made by **Bob N1EDM**. Motion seconded by **Jay N1FDX**. Motion passed vote by attending club members

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Club Treasurer **Phil N1XTB** was not present at the meeting. President **Barry N1EZH** advised the treasurer reports will be read at the next club meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Barry N1EZH** congratulated Rick **KB1TEE** for arranging the USS Massachusetts/**W1BSA** event on March 7th. Thanks to all who helped Rick with station and antenna setup and takedown and all who participated on the air.
- **Barry N1EZH** presented three new member applications in good standing. Motion to accept as new members made by **Pete N1NVV** with a second by **Richard AG1B**. Motion passed vote by attending club members. Congratulations Fred, Billy and Paul !
 - **KC1ACG Fred Birtwell**
 - **K1UFO Billy Robinson**
 - **N1PEB Paul Bousquet**

- **Barry N1EZH** informed us the MARA club shirts and ball caps previously ordered are now in. See Barry to pickup your articles.
- **Barry N1EZH** requests more volunteers step forward to handle the net control operations for our Tuesday evening net and also for our Saturday evening Skywarn net.
- **Barry N1EZH** reminds us that 2015 club dues are now due.
- **Barry N1EZH** polled the club members regarding interest in a 'Spring Fling' Pot Luck dinner/meeting. A general discussion took place. The possibility of the April meeting (April 21st) was discussed. It's unclear if access to the Bridgewater EOC will be possible so holding the meeting in the Bridgewater library was discussed. In addition, it was pointed out 'Marathon Monday' is the day before our next meeting and this would also be a school vacation week. The Pot Luck dinner may have to be held at our May or June club meetings.
- **Bob N1EDM** asked about the clubs plans for participating in 2015 ARRL Field Day activities. A general discussion took place. It was mentioned the MARA club typically participates w/the Whitman Amateur Radio Clubs Field Day activities held at the East Bridgewater YMCA field.
- **Barry N1EZH** reminded everyone that nominations for club officers are coming up in April and May with elections in June.
- **Barry N1EZH** indicated **Rick KB1TEE** has created and purchased 500 commemorative QSL cards for the USS Massachusetts/**W1BSA** event. Barry estimates the cost to be about \$50. Motion to reimburse Rick for the cost of the QSL cards made by **Pete N1NVV**. Motion seconded by **Bill NR1FD**. Motion passed vote by attending club members.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Jeff N1ZZN** reports he's found high SWR on the Bridgewater 440Mhz repeater (approx 3:1) which he will look into as soon as possible, once the snow melts and access to the repeater is again possible.
- **Jeff N1ZZN** informed us that Arcom, the repeater controller we use has developed an interface for the Yaesu System Fusion repeater costing approx \$75 (kit form) and \$175 (fully assembled with cables). Jeff suggests we wait until **Phil N1XTB** can provide up to date club financial info before deciding to purchase this equipment. Jeff is also chasing the 10 free Yaesu t-shirts they owe us w/the System Fusion repeater purchase.

CLOSE: A motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Roy KB1CYV**. Motion seconded by **Pete N1NVV**. Motion passed club vote. **Barry N1EZH** closed the meeting at 6:53 pm 03/17/15.

Following the meeting FRA inspector **Dick Towle** gave a great presentation on Railroad Safety and Operations.

From Bill Burke NR1FD

Dick Towle presentation

Dick conducted two power point presentations.

The first was a new program that he started this year, Railroad Training for 911 Dispatchers. This was set up for the Emergency Dispatching Personnel about reporting a R.R. incident, (IE) Railroad crossing gates or lights activated with no train nearby, or to report a leaking rail car. All this so the Emergency Dispatcher would know what to do or who to call for any emergencies involving railway property. Dick explained if there is an incident in an area how to call the correct railroad system, most likely the train engineer or conductor has already called into their dispatcher the incident and how important radio communications are from the Railroad to the relate EOC (Emergency Operations Center,) He also showed film footage.

The second power point was on Railroad Safety this was a 2.5 hour presentation. Dick did it in 45 minutes. He completed 4 chapters out of 9. Dick also had film footage of different incidents involving railroad equipment. Dick mostly talked about understanding the factors that could affect safety on and around the railway right of way. He described how long it takes for a train to stop at different speeds. He explained who is in charge at a Railroad incident and how important SAFETY is and why that is the KEY to SUCCESS!

Dick included talks about how often railway incidents occur.

According to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) ,, train incidents have dropped 67% between 1980 and 2002.

Approximately 1 % of train incidences result in a release of hazardous materials.

What makes up an area responsibility for the Emergency Responders?

Do you have a mutual or automatic aid agreement?

Do you belong to any special or regional response teams?

Dick showed a video on the Minnesota incident that when an air brake hose becomes obstructed (Kinked) the train crew was unable to control train speed and the dispatcher could not operate a track switch in time resulting in the train running into standing locomotives and railcars. The response found a man that was trapped the best way to rescue him a Firefighter with a shovel dug him out to rescue him (the person was on a smoke break, after his recovery he quit smoking) In the final's minutes with time running out Dick quickly summed it up with GENERAL SAFETY

Expect movement on any track at any time in any direction

Avoid walking between the rails.

There are two scenarios when you may need to stop a train

1, There is a problem with the train

2, There is an emergency on or near the tracks.

All in All Dick conveyed how safety and good radio communications are what makes it all come together,

NR1FD

Bill

My Recent trip by Rick Emord

Experience the Battleship New Jersey.

America's most decorated Battleship is now the area's most exciting museum, open for tours, events and overnight encampments. Exploring "BB62" is experiencing history in a whole new way. Not only do you see exhibits of artifacts from the ship's past, but you are put into the exhibit as you go through the tour route. Sit in the chair from which Admiral Halsey commanded the fleet. Stretch out on the bunks where the sailors slept. Climb into the 16" gun turret and learn how the projectiles were loaded.

From the moment you step across the ship's brow you will understand that this is a museum where visitors take an active role. From strolling across forecastle to climbing the original ladders up to the bridge, and beyond, each step in your journey brings you closer to understanding what life was like for a sailor on the Battleship New Jersey.

I visited the USS New Jersey BB 62 in Camden, NJ I took the self-guided tour of the ship there are other tour programs to do on the ship but I like to roam as I go and see what I wish to see. The Iowa

Class battleships to me are the most amazing thing to tour I have been on three of the four sisters they are really cities afloat there is everything from food to clothes cleaning services there is a store places to play games and mostly communications centers.

This ships communications have evolved many times she saw service in WW II, Korea, Vietnam, and the cold war. She has had many generations of sailors who served her and she brought them home safe. Her current radio room houses 1980's technologies and the home of NJ2BB her amateur radio club. They are the current deliverers of Museum Ships on the Air which is operated every June. I highly suggest you go out and tour many radio places it is fun to see different places and visit many different radio operators.





UPCOMING EVENTS

From Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG

General ham upgrade classes

Hi Rick, Next class will be at the Whitman-Hanson High School, room 270 at 7PM. The following week,(23rd) we'll be at the Whitman Police station at 7 PM. I'll be at NEARFEST on the 30th and back to the police station on the 7th of May. I'll keep you posted if there's any change. Thanks and 73 Ross W1EKG

The CHNARC (Central New Hampshire Amateur Radio Club) is hosting a special event on May 3, 2015. The call sign is N1H to commemorate the fall of our famous "Old Man Of The Mountains". It will be from 10 am till 5 pm. QSO cards available. We will be broadcasting from my camp QTH in Littleton, NH.

CW 7.053. 14.053. 21.053

Phone. 7.153. 14.153. 21.153

For more info visit CNHARC.org

APRIL 14-15: MARITIME RADIO DAY

The Southeastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association (SEMARA) web page <http://semara.org/maritime-radio-day-april-14th-15th/> contains news about Maritime Radio Day. Whitey, K1VV, is expected to sign using K1VV/NJPJ since he served aboard that ship.

APRIL 17-18-19, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

41st ANNUAL EASTERN VHF/UHF/MICROWAVE CONFERENCE BAYMONT INN & SUITES, 20 Taylor St., Manchester, CT 06042 (Just a few miles northeast of Hartford, CT off I-84, at Exit 63) Registration web page at <http://www.newsvhf.com/vhfconf.html>

SUNDAY, APRIL 26: RUN OF THE CHARLES

The Run of the Charles is a suite of canoe and kayak races for all different group sizes and course lengths. The event draws all kinds of participants, and they all rely on hams to help keep the event running safely and smoothly. Volunteers for this event must have a dual-band (2m and 70cm) handheld radio and an antenna with improved gain over the stock rubber duck. For more information, visit the race web site at <http://www.crwa.org/run-of-the-charles>.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26: GROTON ROAD RACE

This is a major event for Amateur Radio in North Central Massachusetts traditionally supported by several amateur radio clubs. The Groton Road Race is a low-stress event and a great way to gain more experience with the public service aspect of amateur radio. Please consider joining us on the 26th. If you are interested in helping at these events but unsure of what is expected of you or what equipment you may need, please contact Ralph Swick, ralph@kd1sm.net

SUNDAY, MAY 3: PROJECT BREAD SERVICE EVENT

Project Bread Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 3rd, 2015 is looking for people to provide communications support for the Project Bread staff and volunteers along the 20 mile walk. This will be the 47th running of the event. Signup at <http://www.mmra.org/wfh/>. If you have questions please send an email to: wfh15@mmra.org. (Info via Wellesley ARS newsletter).

MAY 1-2, NEARFEST in DEERFIELD, NH

The twice annual New England Amateur Radio Festival in Deerfield NH is coming soon. Both Friday and Saturday are packed with interesting forums on varied topics such as "Buddipole in the Field",

“Introduction to Radio Contesting”, “Introduction to Software Defined Radio using inexpensive USB TV Tuner Sticks”, “More R390A Fun”, and a “DMR Update”. It’s a very full program. Full details can be found at < <http://www.near-fest.com:8084/nearfest/>>.

June 20th 2015 The 54nd Annual Mountain Washington Road Race, (foot race). (Information contact Cliff Dickinson at n1rcq@amsat.org).

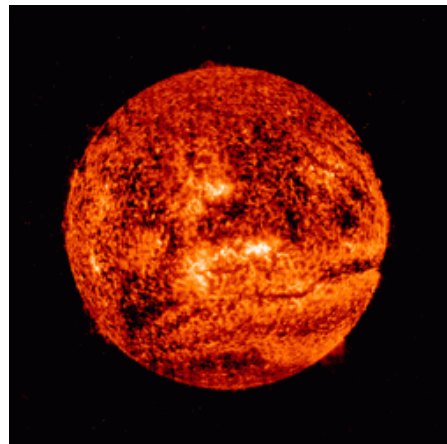
June 27rd & 28th 2015 Amateur Radio Field Day our club will be with WA1NPO club or check other clubs at <http://www.arrl.org/>

Charlie Learoyd, K1PUB, Massachusetts 13 Colonies Coordinator is seeking clubs and amateurs to support operating K2H during the 13 colonies special event between June 30 and July 5.

The Pilgrim Amateur Wireless Association (PAWA), located in Taunton completed its fourth and final Amateur Extra Mentoring class followed by a VE session conducted by N1UEC and his crew from the Canton/Norwood area. PAWA is very pleased to report that all four students who completed the class also passed the Extra Class exams. The PAWA is now considering a General mentoring class for next winter. Dates and times will be announced this fall. Congratulations to John, N1OTY, and the gang at PAWA for a fine accomplishment.

The K7RA Solar Update

Solar activity continues to weaken. Average daily sunspot numbers dropped 27.8 points to 50.1 over the April 2-8 period, compared to the previous 7 days.



Average daily solar flux declined 17.3 points to 118.4 over the same period.

The latest prediction has solar flux at 110 on April 9, 115 for April 10-16, 145 for April 17-19, 135 on April 20, 130 for April 21-22, 125 on April 23, 120 on April 24, and 125 for April 25-26. Solar flux drops to 115 for April 30 through May 2, then rises to 145 for May 7-10.

The same prediction has planetary A index at 20, 15, and 8 for April 9-11, 5 for April 12-14, then 12, 20, and 15 for April 15-17, 20 for April 18-19, 12 for April 20-21, 8 for April 22-24, 25 on April 25, and 29 for April 26-27.

These predictions are revised daily, and come from [45-day forecasts](#) from NOAA. My archives of these predictions, with [planetary A index](#) and [solar flux](#) now are available as Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. I hope to update these often. They show how the solar flux forecasts have been weakening over time.

At 2346 UTC on April 8, Australia's IPS Radio and Space Services issued a geomagnetic disturbance warning for April 9-10, due to a CME and solar wind from a coronal hole. Geomagnetic conditions may be at active levels over the 2-day period.

This weekly "Solar Update" in *The ARRL Letter* is a preview of the "Propagation Bulletin" issued each Friday. The [latest bulletin and an archive](#) of past propagation bulletins is on the ARRL website. Look for reports from readers in Friday's bulletin. [Send](#) me *your* reports and observations. -- *Tad Cook, K7RA*

Special events

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND EVENT **sponsored by** **The Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station**

June 6-7, 2015

0000Z June 6, to 2359Z June 7, 2015

ARRL EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS SECTION

ARRL Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR).

Marcia Forde, KW1U, reports the following EMA amateurs qualified for the ARRL PSHR and will be recognized in QST: N1UMJ, KW1U, N1IQI, N1TF, and KB1CIC

Congratulations to our club members John Miller and Loren Pimentel for their achievements

EMA Section Field Day Locator Map <<http://fd.ema.arrl.org/>>.

This invaluable tool, skillfully managed by Bill Ricker, N1VUX, is for anyone searching for information about Field Day in Eastern Massachusetts. Bill has managed to capture an amazing wealth of information on the history of past field days, current plans, travel plans, etc. Please see his note to club officers and FD chairs.

Looking for a Field Day near your home, visit the Directory. All clubs and other Field Day sites should send in their plans and locations to Bill just as soon as possible at <n1vux@arrl.net>.

Section Manager Field Day Travel planning.

Would your club appreciate a visit from the Section Manager during the field day weekend? If so, please contact me at <k1tw@arrl.org> and I'll see if I can make arrangements. I will be concentrating on the northern area of the section this year and hope to respond in kind next year for our southern locations.

ARRL News

HR-1301

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 -- H.R.1301 -- has been introduced in the US House of Representatives. The measure would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land use restrictions. US Rep [Adam Kinzinger](#) (R-IL) introduced the bill on March 4 with 12 original co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle -- seven Republicans and five Democrats.

HR 1301 would require the FCC to amend its Part 97 Amateur Service rules to apply the three-part test of the PRB-1 federal pre-emption policy to include homeowners' association regulations and deed restrictions, often referred to as "covenants, conditions, and restrictions" (CC&Rs). At present, PRB-1 only applies to state and local zoning laws and ordinances. The FCC has been reluctant to extend the same legal protections to include such private land-use agreements without direction from Congress.

H.R. 1301 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), chairs that panel's Communications and Technology Subcommittee, which will consider the measure.

ARRL members are urged to contact their US House members and ask them to sign on to the bill as a co-sponsor. We recommend sending the letter to your member of Congress to:

ARRL

Attn HR 1301 grassroots campaign
225 Main St
Newington CT 06111

ARRL NEW ENGLAND DIVISION HAMFEST - BOXBORO! 2015

Boxboro! 2015 will be held from August 21-23 at the Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA. The website, <<http://www.boxboro.org>>, is up and running with new material added regularly. If you are interested in becoming a convention speaker, volunteer, exhibitor, or you have any other questions the website shows who to contact.

Just Ahead in Radiosport

Upcoming ARRL Section, State, and Division Conventions and Event

- April 17-19 -- [International DX Convention](#), Visalia, California
- April 17-19 -- [Eastern VHF-UHF-Microwave Conference](#), Manchester, Connecticut
- April 24-25 -- [Southeastern VHF Society Conference](#), Morehead, Kentucky
- April 25 -- [Aurora Conference](#), White Bear Lake, Minnesota
- May 1-3 -- [Nevada State Convention](#), Verdi, Nevada
- May 2 -- [South Carolina Section Convention](#), Spartanburg, South Carolina
- May 15-17 -- [Dayton Hamvention®](#), Dayton, Ohio
- June 5-7 -- [Northwestern Division Convention](#) (SeaPac), Seaside, Oregon

- June 6 -- [Georgia State Convention](#), Marietta, Georgia
- June 12-13 -- [West Gulf Division Convention](#) (Ham-Com), Irving, Texas
- June 13 -- [Tennessee State Convention](#), Knoxville, Tennessee

New England Area Flea Schedule– Courtesy of W1GSL

Area net list

14 Mar Dayville CT ECARA @StJosephCh \$3@8A \$10/T	Peter K1LNX 401 603 1485
15 Mar Southington CT SARA \$5@8A @HS \$20/T@6:15 A	John WA1JKR 860 621 8791
22 Mar Henniker NH CVRC @CommSch \$3@8 \$10/T@7 F+	Don N1ZIH 603 707 7996
27,28 Mar Lewiston ME AARC ME Conv @Ramada @8	Ivan N1OXA 207 784 0350
11,12 Apr Wakefield MA Photographica @AmericalCtr ~photo~	John 781 592 2553
11 Apr Windsor CT VR+C Mus 115 Pierson LN @8AM	John 860 673 0518
12 Apr Framingham MA FARA @KeefeTech \$5@9 \$25/T +	Steve KB1NIV 508 872 9336
18 Apr S Portland ME PAWA @Am Legion A+	Bryce K1GAX 207 415 0498
19 April Cambridge MA Flea at MIT F	Mitch 617 253 3776
Third Sunday April thru October	
25 Apr Brookline NH NEARC Antique \$5@8:30 \$10@7:30 W	Bruce 603 772 7516
25 Apr Gales Ferry CT RASON Auction @FireHs \$2@10 +	Gary WT1SND 860 884 4218
1,2 May Deerfield NH NEARfest XVII @FG R	Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235
9 May E Greenbush NY EGARA @FireCo \$6@8 \$6/T@6 W	Tom KC2FCP 518 272 1494
17 May Cambridge MA Flea at MIT F	Mitch 617 253 3776
30 May Goshen CT SoBARC @FG \$5@8 W+	Stan W2VID 518 398 7003
31 May Fishkill NY MtBARC \$5@8 S\$5@7 @QWL DnSTCorr W+	Adam KC2DAA 845 849 3666

HAM RADIO LOCAL AREA NETS

If you know of a Ham Radio Local Area Net that is not listed here, a typo on the information, or a Net listed which is no longer active, please contact Barry – N1EZH at: N1EZH@comcast.net, so this list can be updated. All Frequencies are in MHz and 6 Meters (50.0 MHz and up.), are FM Mode unless otherwise noted. Thanks!

Sunday: **WA1NPO – WARPSN Net, 8:30 AM, Whitman ARC Rptr, 147.225 +, PL 67.0**

6 Mtr AM Net, 5:00 PM, 50.400.0 AM

Pilgrim Amateur Wireless Assoc. 10 Meter Net, 7:30 PM, 28.375.0 USB

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ 146.685 – PL 82.5

Norfolk County Radio Asso. Net, 8:00 PM, Walpole Rptr, 146.895 – PL 123.0

Monday: * MEMA / RACES Region II Monthly Tests (***Please see below for Sector Frequencies & Time.***)

Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

Fairhaven Weather Net, every night @8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0

Norfolk Cnty Emergency Preparedness Net, 8 PM, Walpole 146.895 – PL 123.0

Falmouth ARA Net, 8:30 PM, Falmouth K1RK Rptr, 146.655 – PL 88.5

Boston ARC Rag Chew Net, 9:00 PM, Boston W1BOS Rptr, 145.230 – PL 88.5

Tuesday: **Massasoit ARA Net, 8:00 PM, Bridgewater W1MV Rptr, 147.180 + PL 67.0**
(***Except 3rd Tue!***)

Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

Genesis ARC 2 Mtr Rag-Chew Net, 7:30 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ 146.685 – PL 82.5

Norwood Amateur Radio Club Net, 8:00 PM, Norwood Rptr, 147.210 + PL 100.0

220 Day! Try to find a 220 Repeater near you and give a call out!

Wednesday: **Taunton ACG, KC1TAC, Simplex Net, 8:30 PM *Note New 7/14 145.770***

Whitman ARC 10 Meter Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 28.333.0 USB

Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Dennis K1PBO 146.955 – PL 88.5

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

Blackstone Valley ARC, 2 Mtr Simplex Net, 7:00 PM, 146.565

Cape and Islands ARES Net, 8:00 PM, Dennis K1PBO 146.955 – PL 88.5

Waltham Wranglers Swap Net. 9:00 PM, Waltham W1MHL 146.64 – PL 136.5

Thursday: **Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Dennis K1PBO 146.955 – PL 88.5**

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ 146.685 – PL 82.5

10 Mtr General Class Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 29.470.0 FM

Sturdy Mem. Hosp. ARC Practice Net, 8:30 PM, K1SM 147.195 + PL 127.3

900 Day! Try to find a 900 Repeater near you and give a call out!

Friday: **Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5**

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

Saturday: **South Shore Skywarn Net, 8:00 PM, Bridgewater W1MV Rptr, 147.180 + PL 67.0**

Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Dennis K1PBO 146.955 – PL 88.5

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

***VKEMCOMM* Echolink Conference node: 270177/IRLP 9508 (due to *WX-TALK* Echolink**

conference node: 7203/IRLP 9219 outage) Refer to: <http://www.voipwx.net/>

New Repeater! The 145.390 - PL 67.0 Repeater has been relocated and is now on the air from the WATD Transmitter Site "We're At The Dump" in Marshfield! Give it a try.

*** *Please Note:*** The below MEMA / RACES Monthly Tests are conducted on the first Monday of the Month unless it is a Holiday, which will then be conducted on the 2nd Monday of the Month. If there is no one on the Net representing your City or Town, the Net Control would Appreciate your participation and you can tell them that you are operating from your Home Station if not at an EOC. This could be a real help in an actual **Emergency!**

Frequency and Sector:Area Served:

147.000-Dartmouth PL: 67.0 Hz: Sector 2A, 7:30 PM

Acushnet, Attleboro, Berkley, Dartmouth, Dighton, Fairhaven , Fall River, Freetown, Mansfield, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, North Attleboro, Norton, Plainville, Raynham, Rehoboth, Rochester, Seekonk, Somerset, Swansea, Taunton, Wareham, Westport.

145.390-Norwell PL: 67.0 Hz: Sector 2B, 8:00 PM

Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, Carver, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Lakeville, Marshfield, Middleboro, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rockland, Scituate, West Bridgewater, Whitman

146.955- Dennis PL: 88.5: Sector: 2C, 8:00 PM

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146.865-Sharon PL: 146.2: Sector: 2D, 7:30 PM

Avon, Bellingham, Braintree, Canton, Cohasset, Dedham, Dover, Franklin, Foxboro, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Milton, Needham, Norton, Norfolk, Norwood, Quincy, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, Westwood, Wellesley, Wrentham, Weymouth

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Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM at the Bridgewater Public Library in Bridgewater Center. Talk-in is on 147.180+

Our **Meetings-On-The-Air** are held all other Tuesday evenings at 8PM on 147.180+ and includes the Westlink News Report with the latest news about happenings in the world of Amateur Radio.

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 Bill Needham, K1WN, at 781-843-4400 or via email at k1wn@aol.com Walk-ins are no longer permitted. We will be hosting VE exams at 8:45 at the Watson building. This is the new exam location for the Braintree Radio Club sponsors. If you know of anyone planning to take an exam, please have them drop a note to Bill - k1wn@aol.com to confirm a reservation.

Editor Rick Emord KB1TEE

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One of our member's stations

NR1FD (Bill) located in Spring Hill Florida, my ham shack is located in the rear pouch under cover , In the photos on the afternoon April 6 2015 I am on 20 meters making a contact to Italy and Spain. Bill has a solder gun in his hands doing something not sure thats a good thing !! The antenna I am using is 80 meters OFC windom, which points North to South direction. The radios shown (from left to right) Yasue FT - 767 GX, Palomar 350Z amplifier,(only del. 250 to 300 watts on a good day) SWR meters, and the 3 radio's, on top are a Yaesu 817 radio that I use it for 2 meters and 70 cm next Yaesu FT-900 (which goes with me Canada as well as my home QTH) it's use for my back up. and finally. My FT 897 that I keep here in Florida (This is the radio I had repaired in Tampa Florida in February of this year)

So this is my Florida station

"73"

NR1FD

Bill



Monthly post of TV /movie pictures using radios

McHale's Navy is an American sitcom that aired 138 half-hour episodes over four seasons, from October 11, 1962, to April 12, 1966, on the ABC network. The series was filmed in black and white and originated from an hour drama called *Seven against the Sea*, broadcast on April 3, 1962. Universal commissioned the colorization of the series in the 1980s for syndication in hope of reviving its popularity. Currently reruns of the series can be seen on American television through Antenna TV.

The series spawned three movies *McHale's Navy* 1964, a sequel *McHale's Navy Joins the Air Force* 1965 and a follow up movie also titled *McHale's Navy* 1997.

The basic plot revolves around McHale's crew's wacky schemes to make money, get girls and have a ball, and the efforts of Captain Binghamton (McHale's superior) to rid himself of the *PT-73* crew for good...either by transfer or court martial. Although they are forever getting into trouble they (almost always unwittingly) get out of trouble. Despite their scheming, conniving, often lazy and unmilitary ways, McHale's crew are always successful in combat in the end. The entire show is based on only two locations, one in the South Pacific at a fictional base called Taratupa (the inferred location is in the Solomon Islands) and an equally fictional town in Italy called Voltafiore. The first few episodes merely indicate that it is "Somewhere in the South Pacific 1943". While in the South Pacific McHale's crew lives on "McHale's Island", which is described as across the bay from Taratupa. It keeps them away from the main base where they were free to carry out their antics and even fight the war. In the final season Binghamton as well as the entire *PT-73* crew move to the liberated Italian theater to the town of Voltafiore "in Southern Italy" "in late 1944".

Cast:

Lieutenant Commander Quinton McHale Ernest Borgnine

Ensign Charles Beaumont Parker Tim Conway

Captain Wallace "Wally" Burton Binghamton Joe Flynn

Lieutenant Elroy Carpenter Bob Hastings

Quartermaster George "Christy" Christopher Gary Vinson
Radioman Willy Moss John Wright
Torpedo man Lester Gruber Carl Ballantine
Motor Machinist Mate Harrison James "Tinker" Bell Billy Sands
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