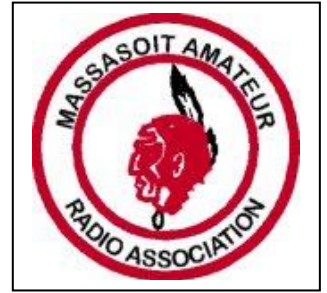




MARANews



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Secretary's Report

MARA meeting minutes for 7-17-2012

By Rick Emord KB1TEE for Bob N1LCY

Meeting was called to order by Barry N1EZH at 1837

The following members were in attendance

Barry N1EZH, Rick KB1TEE, Carl N1FY, Bruce NI1X, Pete N1NVV, Roy KB1CYV, Bill NR1FD, Jay N1FDX, Walt W1WCF, Loren N1IQI, Jeff N1ZZN and guest Jim Tynan KC1JET

Mara Minutes from June motion to accept except for date on top of May 15, 2012 by Bruce NI1X seconded by Walt W1WCF

Treasury report from Phil N1XTB read by Barry N1EZH accepted as read by Bruce NI1X seconded by Jeff N1ZZN

By Jeff N1ZZN: Repeater Report

Occasional feedback problems from humidity otherwise no other problems reported

By Carl N1FY: Road Races

Middleborough YMCA triathlon at camp Yomecas on July 2012 had 13 hams operate with Bill NR1FD at the Middleborough EOC Carl thanked Bill for his efforts an Ambulance was needed for a participant who got an object in the eye and needed care beyond the nurse on duty's capabilities. They had 235 Participants in the race.

On September 23, 2012 there will be a triathlon at W. D. Fields Park in Brockton all hams are requested to arrive at 7 am at the Oak St. entrance this is the start and finish line. The FOX frequency of 146.535 simplex is the primary and Bridgewater 147.180 pl 67 will be the backup frequency.

The fall race in East Bridgewater has not been updated as of this meeting.

At the Emergency council planning meeting he met a female from Signature health care Brockton Hospital who told him all radio equipment has been set up and has 10 -12 hams that need instruction on procedures.

Morton Hospital has nothing new to report.

Norwood Hospital is up and running.

St. Ann's nothing new to report.

South Coast hospitals-- Charlton, St Luke's and Toby are all set. Operators are inexperienced and being checked out on procedures.

There is a Saturday Hospital net that operates on 2 meters run by South Shore Hospital Hams.

EMA Wareham is having a Hurricane awareness on July 31 at 1800 check in and 1830 class starts the Wareham High School is off Viking Dr. Wareham, MA.

Connecticut ARES simulated Emergency test will be on July 20, 2012 should be on the Fairhaven repeater and the Hartford / Tolland repeaters

There will be a graded EMA exercise at Bridgewater State University August 11, 2012

Cape Cod Drill on Barnstable maybe Sandwich repeater run by Frank – WQ1O

In 2013 there is going to be a Boy Scout Jamboree at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds on Route 151 in Falmouth, MA. Jim Palmer KB1KQW will be in charge of Hams go to msradio.org for details

Boxborough: Skywarn will have a booth setup this is August 24 -26

By Bruce NI1X:

Whitman club will setup there exhibit at the Marshfield fair August 16 -26 looking for all hams to help out contact Bill Hayden for times.

There will be a Fox Hunt July 21, 2012 in the Plympton Kingston areas

By Jim KC1JET:

There will be a centennial celebration of the ARRL in 2013

There will be a World Radiosport Team Championship in 2014 there is 50 two person teams that compete this is held every four years you can go to WRTC2014.org for more information

The Taunton 220 is under way and should be operating soon.

By Bill NR1FD:

Bill will be in New Brunswick Canada in the area of Port Elgin near the PEI bridge from July 30 – August 12 he will email Rick KB1TEE and Rick will email all who want to try and contact Bill

By Rick KB1TEE:

There is going to be a BBQSO party and meeting of the Taunton Area Communications club at Rick KB1TEE's home 135 Wareham St. Middleborough, MA. On August 18 they will be on the radio from 1100 – dusk Greg W1VFB will be making QSO cards for the event.

The USS Wisconsin will be having 2 events on board the ship from 1000 -1630 on September 29, 2012 the decommissioning celebration and on December 8, 2012 for remembrance of Pearl Harbor. Rick KB1TEE plans to be on board in December for this event and operating he will text someone to email all who would like to contact him and or the ship

Application for membership received from Jim Tynan KC1JET he is a general class operator he lives in Taunton his email is kc1jet@gmail.com Bruce made the motion to accept Jims application voted in by all present.

Next Meeting

MARA's next meeting will be held on August 21, 2012 at the Bridgewater Public Library. The business meeting will begin at 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

August 17-26—Whitman Amateur Radio Club Special Event at the Marshfield Fair

August 24-26 -- [ARRL New England Division Convention](#), Boxboro, Massachusetts

September 8 – Run To the Rock Plymouth MA

September 23—Brockton Triathlon D.W. Field Park

Support Requested for Run To The Rock Road Race

The South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club has been asked by the organizers of the Plymouth Boys & Girls Club "Run To The Rock Road Race" to assist them with their communications needs on September 8,2012.

Joining forces with the South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club members are members from the Whitman Amateur Radio Club and the Genesis Amateur Radio Society. This event is shaping up to be a fun and challenging event. If you've never had the opportunity to volunteer for such an event this is a worthwhile experience.

We are in need of both experienced and inexperienced Operators to assist us in manning positions along the 3 different routes the runners will be traveling throughout Plymouth. Standard 2 meter equipment is all that is required.

There is a cookout for the runners and volunteers at the conclusion of the race. Please volunteer to join us on September 8, 2012. Help us to demonstrate to the public the fellowship, spirit, and value of Amateur Radio.

Information about the race is available at

<http://www.runtotherock.webs.com/raceinformation.htm>

To volunteer, please send an email to SSHARC@GMAIL.COM.

Please include your name, call-sign, and phone number.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John O'Neill – KB1QEM

President South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club – W1SSH

FCC Denies Petition Seeking to Designate Nationwide Emergency Calling Frequency

Saying that it believes that the Amateur Radio Service "allows flexibility to provide emergency communications in a way that takes into account channel availability and other local conditions," the FCC denied a *Petition for Rulemaking* on July 31 that sought to create a nationwide emergency calling frequency. The *Petition* -- filed by Bryan Boyle, WB0YLE, of Morrisville, Pennsylvania, and Jim Dixon, WB6NIL, of Alhambra, California - - called upon the FCC to designate 146.550 MHz as a "non-exclusive nationwide Amateur Radio Service emergency communications channel using FM wideband modulation."

Special Event Stations in London and Wales On the Air for 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

07/24/2012

Beginning Wednesday, July 25, two special event call signs will be activated to celebrate the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: **2O12L** from London, England and **2O12W** from Barry, Wales. Both stations will be on the air for the duration of the Games -- July 25-August 12 -- and continuing through September 9. Organizers hope to make at least 80,000 contacts during the seven weeks that 2O12L and 2O12W are on the air.

- The London station -- [2O12L](#) -- will be active on 160-2 meters on all modes. The station is located at the Royal Greenwich District Scouts Activity Centre in Southeast London, in the borough of Greenwich, one of the six "host boroughs" for the Games. A list of planned frequencies is available [here](#). The station will be open to the public from 10 AM to 4 PM each day, and visitors may operate. Follow 2O12L on [Twitter](#).
- The Welsh station -- [2O12W](#) -- will be active on 160 meters-23 cm on all modes, including SSTV and satellite, will be based on the [seafront esplanade](#) at Whitmore Beach, Barry Island, Vale of Glamorgan. The site is located just a few miles south west of Cardiff and the Millennium Stadium, home to the first football match that will open the Games in Wales. The station will be open to visitors. Follow 2O12W on [Twitter](#).

"Amateur Radio operators everywhere will be able to share in the Olympic experience by making contact with the station and exchanging greetings messages with visitors and Games participants who visit the station," said [Project Echo](#) Publicity Officer John

Warburton, G4IRN. "The team aims to make contact with as many of the Games participating countries as possible. Special QSL cards will be available to stations contacted. The project aims to leave a lasting legacy by encouraging visitors to learn more about radio communications and the social, career and recreational benefits that it brings."

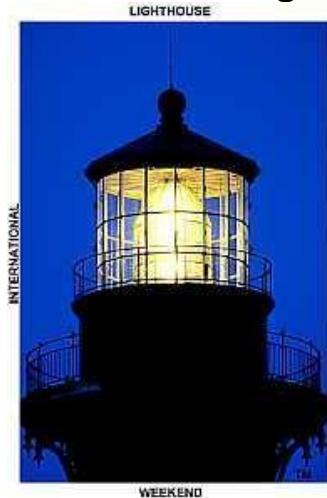
ITU Assigns New Prefix for Niue: E6A-E6Z

On August 3, the ITU updated its [Table of International Call Sign Series](#) to reflect a call sign change for Niue. The island will now have the entire E6 prefix block. Niue -- an island located approximately 1700 miles northeast of New Zealand -- is a self-governing island nation that has been in free association with New Zealand since 1974. Prior to the change, the island used ZK2. According to the [CIA World Factbook](#), Niue is about 1.5 times the size of Washington, DC, and has a population of almost 1300 people.

Vanity Call Sign Fee to Increase September 4

On August 3, the FCC announced via a *Final Rule* in the *Federal Register* that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 80 cents, from to \$14.20 to \$15. The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making September 4, 2012, the first day the new fee is in effect. Earlier this year, the FCC released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order*, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend 2012



More than 400 lighthouses in almost 50 countries and territories -- from Argentina to Wales -- will be on the air for 2012 International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend ([ILLW](#)), organized by Scotland's Ayr Amateur Radio Group ([AARG](#)). The event, held for the 15th year in a row, takes place Saturday, August 18 0001 UTC through Sunday, August 19 2359 UTC. While not a contest, the ILLW is more of a QSO Party and Amateur Radio demonstration. The ILLW aims to raise public awareness of lighthouses and lightships and the need for their preservation and restoration, promote Amateur Radio and foster international goodwill. Stations at more than 50 US lights are expected to be on the air for the event, and several stations will identify with special event call signs. Participating lighthouse/lightship stations do not have to be inside the structure or on the vessel itself; a Field Day-type setup at or adjacent to the light is sufficient. More information about the event, including a [registration form](#) and [list of all lights scheduled to be on the air](#), is available on the [ILLW website](#). The ILLW also has a [Facebook page](#).

New Japanese Cube Satellite

A tiny Japanese micro-satellite will soon be writing Morse messages in the sky: <http://tinyurl.com/c7dfd4h>.

NOAA Updates 2012 Hurricane Season Outlook

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season has been "busy," with six named storms since the season began June 1. In May 2012, NOAA forecasters originally indicated a 50 percent chance for a near-normal season in 2012, and predicted the chances for an above-normal season at 25 percent and a below-normal season at 25 percent. But on August 9, NOAA revised the chances for an above-normal season -- upping the odds to 35 percent -- while saying that the chances for a below-normal season have decreased to 15 percent.

Waterspouts on White Horse Beach in Manomet MA.

On July 24 2012 some intense weather moved across eastern Massachusetts and as it moved out to sea created three waterspouts on White Horse Beach in the Manomet section of Plymouth. One of the waterspouts moved onto the beach knocking over beach umbrellas and kicking up sand. This was later catergorized as a level EF0 Tornado. A friend of mine was at the beach and took the photo below.



NEW ENGLAND FLEA SCHEDULE – COURTESY W1GSL

New England Area Ham - Electronic Flea Market *** DATES *** 2012 All events are Ham Radio/ Electronic related except ~____~

2012	Contact	Source
19 August Cambridge MA	FLEA at MIT	Nick 617 253 3776 F
24-26 Aug Boxboro MA FEMARA NE Conv @HI		Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235 W
8 Sept Ballston Spa NY SCRACES @FG @7		Darlene N2XQG 518 587 2385
9 Sept Newtown CT CARA @TownHall \$5@8:30 \$10/TG \$15/T		Joe AB1DO 203 938 4880 W
15 Sept Forestdale RI RIAFMRS @VFW \$5/Sp@8		Rick K1KYI 401 864 9611
15 Sept Windsor CT VR+C Mus 115 Pierson LN @8AM Outdoor		John 860 673 0518
16 Sept Cambridge MA	FLEA at MIT	Nick 617 253 3776 F
22,23 Sept Wakefield MA Photographica @AmericallCtr ~photo~		John 781 592 2553
29 Sept Center Conway NH WMARC @RecCtr \$5@8:30		Thaire W2APF 603 447 2376 +
6 Oct Greenwoodd NS GARC @CommCtr \$4@10 S@8		Guy VE1NC 902 825 6151 R+
7 Oct Wallingford CT Nutmeg		John N1GNV 203 440 4973 T+
12,13 Oct Deerfield NH NEARFest XII @FG		Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235
14 Oct Queens NY HoSARC @HoS		Stephen WB2KDG 718 898 5599 A
20 Oct Longueuil PQ CRAR-SdeM \$7@9 +\$10/T@6		Guy VE2GGY 450 679 2318 R+
21 Oct Cambridge MA	FLEA at MIT	Nick 617 253 3776 F
Third Sunday April thru October		
27 Oct Gales Ferry CT TCARC Auction @FireCo @10		Darryl WA1DD 860 443 7799 T
28 Oct Hicksville NY LIMARC @LevitHall		Richard K2KNB 516 694 4937 A
2 Nov Feeding Hills MA HCRA Auction @CongCh @6:30PM		Jim KK1W 413 237 4666
3 Nov Bourne MA FARA @UpperCC VoTech \$5@9 \$10/S@7		Ralph N1YHS 508 548 0422 F

3 Nov Londonderry NH IRS @Lions \$3@8 S@6 Chris KB1QVM 603 434 6137 F+

1 Dec Windsor CT VR+C Mus 115 Pierson LN @8AM Indoor John 860 673 0518

2013	Contact	Source
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16 Feb Marlboro MA AARC @MidSc \$5@9 \$20/T@7 Timothy KA1OS 508 919 6136 T+

2 Mar Feeding Hills MA MtTARA @TurnverneinClb Mary N1TOY 413 222 1990 +

1 June Hermon ME PSARA @HS \$5@8 Jerry K1GUP 207 848 3400 +

15 June Newington CT NARL @StMarySch \$5@8 \$15/T Vinnie W1VJA 203 987 2108 +

### **This Week on the Radio**

- August 17 -- NCCC Sprint Ladder
- August 18-19 -- [ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest \(local time\)](#); SARTG Worldwide RTTY Contest; North American QSO Party (SSB)
- August 19 -- [ARRL Rookie Roundup \(RTTY\)](#)
- August 20 -- Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
- August 22 -- SKCC Sprint
- August 22-23 -- CWops Mini-CWT Test

### **Next Week on the Radio**

- August 24 -- NCCC Sprint Ladder
- August 25 -- QRP ARCI Welcome to QRP
- August 25-26 -- Hawaii QSO Party; Kansas QSO Party; Ohio QSO Party; SCC RTTY Championship; YO DX HF Contest; CVA DX Contest (SSB)
- August 26 -- SARL HF CW Contest

### **DX NEWS**

PAKISTAN, AP. Tariq, AP2TN has been active on 30 meters around 2000z. QSL via DJ9ZB.

COMOROS, D6. A group of operators will be QRV as D64K from Ngazidja Island, IOTA AF-007, from August 8 to 21. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters, and possibly 60 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY with five stations. QSL via IV3DSH.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, DA. Special event station DR50DTANGO is QRV until the end of 2012 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Swabia district. QSL via bureau.



ENGLAND, G. Special event station GB2012OSP is QRV until September 9 during the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Sailing events from Portland Heights. QSL direct.

ST. LUCIA, J6. Bill, K9HZ will be QRV as J68HZ from Labrelotte Bay/Castries from August 4 to 19. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL direct to home call.

LEBANON, OD. Special event station OD5ARMY is QRV during August in celebration of the founding of the Lebanese Army. QSL via OD5NJ.

BENIN, TY. Patrice, TY2BP has been active on 15 meters using CW around 1330z. QSL via IK2IQD.

EUROPEAN RUSSIA, UA. Special event station R1812SM is QRV during August from various battlefields in the Smolensk region to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the French invasion. QSL via RV3LZ. In addition, special event station R10RLHA is QRV during August to celebrate the 10th jubilee of the Russian Lighthouses Award program. Activity is from several lighthouses. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via RA1QY.



MASSASOIT AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION



## *Monthly Newsletter*

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**2M Repeater** 147.180+ (Tone 67.0)

**440 Repeater** 444.550+ (Tone 88.5)

**APRS Node** Node 144.39 W1MV-1

**Packet BBS** 145.09 N1XTB-4

**Packet Node Brockton** 145.09 W1JOE-7 (BROCK)

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**Skywarn** [www.powersrvcs.org/w1gmf/skywarn.htm](http://www.powersrvcs.org/w1gmf/skywarn.htm)

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**Monthly meetings** are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 every other Tuesday evening 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month, in Braintree. Contact Bill Needham, K1WN, at 781-843-4400 or via email at [k1wn@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:k1wn@aol.com) to confirm a reservation.