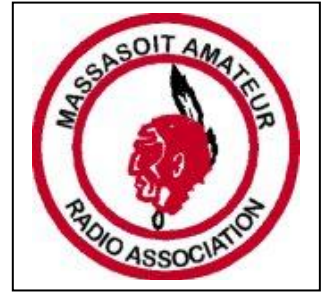




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Secretary's Report

SECRETARY'S NOTES - MEETING 11/20/2012 - ROY KB1CYV

OPEN: President Barry N1EZH opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. using the NEW president's gavel presented by Bob NR1FD which was made by his cousin in New Brunswick. This finely crafted item will be passed on to future Club presidents as part of Club tradition. Come to the next meeting and see just how great it is!

ATTENDANCE: 13 members were present, including the 4 elected officers.

N1EZH Barry Kennedy	KB1TEE Rick Emord	N1XTB Phil McNamara
KB1CYV Roy Logan	KA1JBE Joe Casieri	N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann
N1FY Carl Aveni	N1FDX Jay Zappulla	NR1FD Bill Burke
N1NVV Pete Curley	N1X Bruce Hayden	KC1JET Jim Tynan
W1WCF Walt Fitzgerald		

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for November was read by Phil N1XTB. Jim KC1JET made a motion seconded by Jeff N1ZZN that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

MARA NEWS MINUTES: A motion was made by Pete N1NVV seconded by Jay N1FDX that the minutes published in the October newsletter be accepted. The motion was approved.

REPEATER REPORT: Jeff N1ZZN and Phil N1XTB reported that the IRLP and EchoLink quality should be greatly improved with the relocation to the repeater site.

SKYWARN: Carl N1FY reported SKYWARN recognition day will be celebrated Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1. Repeaters to be used as published.

EOC: Carl N1FY discussed the relocation plans for the Bridgewater EOC to the Bridgewater Middle School. Assistance will be needed at that time to move equipment to the new location.

NARROWBAND: Joe KA1JBE gave an update of who might be affected by the allocation of bandwidth.

PLIMOTH PLANTATION: Bruce NI1X extended an invitation by the WARC to participate in the Whitman Amateur Radio Club's special event on Thanksgiving weekend.

USS WISCONSIN: Rick KB1TEE gave an excellent powerpoint presentation on the history of the USS Wisconsin. Rick is a member of their radio club and will be operating during this special event from the ship on Saturday, December 8.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: There will not be a meeting in December, being so close to the holidays. The January 15th meeting will be held at the Middleboro Fire Department, 58 Bedford Street, Middleboro and will include a demonstration of equipment. A pot-luck supper will also be featured. Let Barry N1EZH know what you plan to bring.

CLOSE: On a motion by Bill NR1FD seconded by Walt W1WCF, President Barry N1EZH closed the business portion of the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting

MARA's next meeting will be held on January 15, 2012 6:30 pm at the Annual Potluck Dinner to be held at the North Fire Station, 58 Bedford St Middleborough just north of the rotary on Routes 18 & 28

Upcoming Events

Our Annual Pot Luck Dinner

will be held on January 15th at the Middleborough North Fire Station, 58 Bedford St Middleborough just north of the rotary on Routes 18 & 28. There will be a tour of the state ISU and rehab units unless they are out on a mission for the state.

Please contact Barry N1EZH (n1ezh@comcast.net) to let him know what you are bringing and how many will be attending.

Holiday Greetings

I would like to extend to you my wishes for a happy and joyful Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Solstice or other holiday you celebrate and a happy and peaceful New Year.

ARRL Files *Petition for Rulemaking* with FCC to Create New MF Band at 472-479 kHz

At the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12), delegates approved a means of satisfying Agenda Item 1.23: a 7-kilohertz-wide secondary allocation between 472-479 kHz for the Amateur Radio Service, with a power limit of 5 W EIRP (or 1 W EIRP, depending on location). Before this portion of spectrum is made available to radio amateurs in the US, the FCC must first approve its use and amend its rules to reflect the change. As such, the ARRL filed a *Petition for Rulemaking* on November 29, asking the

FCC to amend Parts 2 and 97 of its rules and create a domestic Amateur Radio allocation at 472-479 kHz, conforming to the allocation status and limitations set forth in the international Radio Regulations.

FCC Reduces New Jersey Ham's Forfeiture from \$20,000 to \$16,000

After unsuccessfully appealing to the FCC to cancel his \$20,000 forfeiture, Joaquim Barbosa, N2KBJ, of Elizabeth, New Jersey must pay \$16,000 for "willfully and repeatedly violating Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by operating a radio transmitting equipment on the frequency 296.550 MHz without Commission authorization."

The FCC noted in the *Forfeiture Order* that based on the examination process involved in pursuing an amateur license, "amateur licensees are expected to have an understanding of radio operations and pertinent FCC regulations, including Part 97 of the FCC's rules governing the Amateur Radio Service. Licensed amateur operators know that they are authorized to operate only on the frequencies listed in Section 97.301 of the rules, as designated by their operator class and license. Pursuant to the Table of Allocations, the 267-322 MHz band -- the band that Barbosa was operating in -- is allocated solely for federal government use, which we continue to believe Barbosa knew (or should have known) was not authorized for non-government use."

IARU Welcomes Two New Member Societies

Earlier this year, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) notified its Member Societies that two new national Amateur Radio organizations wished to join the IARU and would need to be voted in: the Federation of Radio Sport of Azerbaijan (FRSA) and the St Vincent and Grenadines Amateur Radio Club (SVGARC). Ballots from all the Member Societies that responded were counted on November 1 and adopted. Based in Baku, Azerbaijan, the FRSA was formally organized on December 30, 2001. There are 50 licensed members of the FRSA out of a total amateur population of approximately 50 in Azerbaijan. The SVGARC is based in St Vincent, St Vincent and the Grenadines and was formally organized in 1951. There are 21 licensed members of the SVGARC, out of a total amateur population of approximately 134 in the country. Both organizations have confirmed to the IARU that they have the ability to meet financial obligations as members of the IARU, are legally able to act in the furtherance of IARU objectives within their respective countries and will adhere to the Constitutions of both the IARU and its respective Regional Organization.

Logbook of The World Web Page Now Features Daily and Hourly Status Updates

The ARRL has created a new informational [page](#) to issue daily status updates and information of interest to the Logbook of The World ([LoTW](#)) user community. These updates will include planned downtime and changes that will impact LoTW operations. In addition, LoTW's processing queue is now [updated hourly](#), telling how many logs and QSOs have been uploaded to the LoTW system and are awaiting processing. New hardware that will improve LoTW's throughput is on order and is expected to be running in six to eight weeks.

Rick Murphy, K1MU, and Dave Bernstein, AA6YQ, have been charged with rebooting the Trusted QSL open source project. If you have demonstrably strong C++

development skills that you're interested in applying toward improving LoTW's usability and efficiency, please contact Bernstein via e-mail aa6yq(at)ambersoft(dot)com.

NEW ENGLAND FLEA SCHEDULE – COURTESY W1GSL

New England Area Ham - Electronic Flea Market *** DATES *** 2013 All events are Ham Radio/ Electronic related except ~____~

2013	Contact	Source
9 Feb Springfield VT CVFMA @VFW 8AM B Free sell\$5/T	Dave K1ZS 603 446 7312	+
16 Feb Marlboro MA AARC @MidSc \$5@9 \$20/T@7	Timothy KA1OS 508 919 6136	T
17 Feb Westford MA NEARC RadioXLIV @Regency @8 Antique	Bruce 603 772 7516	F+
23 Feb S Burlington VT HAM-CON @HI I89x14 \$8@8 \$15@6	Mitch W1SJ 802 879 6589	
2 Mar Feeding Hills MA MtTARA @TurnverneinClb	Mary N1TOY 413 222 1990	
3 Mar Hicksville NY LIMARC @LevitHall	Richard K2KNB 516 694 4937	A+
29,30 Mar Lewiston ME AARC ME Conv @Ramada	Ivan N1OXA 207 784 0350	+
7 April Southington CT SARA @HS \$5@8 \$20/T@6:15	Norm W3IZ 860 584 1403	+
7 April Framingham MA FARA @KeefeTech \$5@9 \$25/T@7:30	Bev N1LOO 508 626 2012	+
13,14 Ap Wakefield MA Photographica @AmericalCtr ~photo~	John 781 592 2553	+
21 April Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Third Sunday April thru October	Nick 617 253 3776	F+
3,4 May Deerfield NH NEARFest XIII @FG	Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235	T+
19 May Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT	Nick 617 253 3776	F+
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	
16 June Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT	Nick 617 253 3776	F+
21 July Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT	Nick 617 253 3776	F+
18 Aug Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT	Nick 617 253 3776	F+
7 Sept Ballston Spa NY SCRACES @FG @7	Darlene N2XQG 518 587 2385	+

8 Sept Newtown CT CARA @TownHall \$5@8:30 \$10/TG \$15/T Joe AB1DO 203 938 4880 +
 15 Sept Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776 F+
 21 Sept Forestdale RI RIAFMRS @VFW \$5/Sp@8 Rick K1KYI 401 864 9611 +
 13 Oct Meriden CT Nutmeg @Sheraton was Wallingford John N1GNV 203 440 4973 +
 20 Oct Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776 F+
 19,20 Oct Wakefield MA Photographica @AmericalCtr ~photo~ John 781 592 2553 +
 26 Oct Gales Ferry CT TCARC Auction @FireCo @10 Darryl WA1DD 860 443 7799 +

Next Week on the Radio

- December 21 -- NCCC Sprint; AGB Party-Contest
- December 22-January 1 -- Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party
- December 23 -- RAEM Contest
- December 26 -- SKCC Sprint; DARC Christmas Contest
- December 27 -- NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint
- December 28 -- NCCC Sprint
- December 29 -- RAC Winter Contest
- December 29-30 -- Stew Perry Topband Challenge
- January 1 -- [ARRL Straight Key Night](#); SARTG New Year RTTY Contest; AGCW Happy New Year Contest
- January 4 -- NCCC Sprint Ladder
- January 5 -- PODXS 070 Club PSKFest
- January 5-6 -- [ARRL RTTY Roundup](#); EUCW 160 Meter Contest
- January 11 -- NCCC Sprint Ladder

DX NEWS

NETHERLANDS, PA. Christmas special event stations PA12XMAS, PB12XMAS and PD12XMAS are QRV until January 1, 2013. Activity is mainly on 12 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL via PB5X.

NETHERLANDS, PA. Fred, PA0FAW will be QRV as PG100NOM from December 1 to 28 from the De Hoge Veluwe National Park. Activity will be on 20, 15 and 10 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL to home call.

KENYA, 5Z. Roger, LA4GHA is QRV as 5Z4/LA4GHA from Nairobi for the next two years while on work assignment. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes as time permits. QSL to home call.

SEYCHELLES, S7. Werner, DC8QT will be QRV as S79QT from Mahe, IOTA

AF-024, from December 19 to January 7, 2013. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL to home call. In addition, Tom, DL5NEN and Claudia, DO5NEN will be QRV as S79NEN from La Digue from December 15 to 28. QSL via DO5NEN.

EUROPEAN RUSSIA, UA. Special event station R20BIS QRV until December 31 in celebration of the silver jubilee of the telecommunication company Bashinformsvyaz. QSL via RU9WZ.

MEXICO, XE. Special event station 4A0MAYA will be QRV from December 19 to 23 to commemorate the beginning of a New Maya Age that begins every 5125 years. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via XE3RCC.

VIET NAM, XV. Heli, DD0VR and Bigi, DE3BWR are QRV as XV0VR until January 4, 2013 from various islands. Activity is on 20 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via DD0VR.

INDONESIA, YB. Leo, YC9MLL will be QRV from Maumere on Flores Island, IOTA OC-151, from December 15 to January 15, 2013. Activity will be on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK31. QSL direct via DW1OXL.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA AND GOUGH ISLANDS, ZD9. Gerard, ZS1KX is QRV as ZD9KX from Gough Island, IOTA AF-030, until October 2013. He is active on the specific frequencies of 14175, 18145, 18155 and 21210 KHz. This may soon include being active on 7078 KHz. QSL via ZS6KX.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HI. Alex, RO5D will be QRV as HI7/RO5D from December 15 to 25. Activity will be on 20, 15 and 10 meters, and possibly 40 meters as well. QSL to home call.

JAPAN, JA. Special event station 8J6HAM is QRV from Kyushu, IOTA AS-077, from the 12th West Japan Ham Fair until March 3, 2013. QSL via bureau.

FINLAND, OH. Operators Marko, OH8KVY, Juha, OH9MM and possible others are QRV with club call sign OF3I from the Arctic Circle. They are active until December 16. This includes being an entry in the OK DX RTTY Contest. QSL via operators' instructions.

BELGIUM, ON. Special event stations OR200HC and OP200HC will be QRV from December 1 to 31 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Belgian writer Hendrik Conscience. QSL OR200HC via ON3AIM and OP200HC via ON2CYV.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Norman, 5B4AIF will be QRV as E51E on Aitutaki, IOTA OC-083, from December 10 to January 5, 2013. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using SSB, RTTY and possibly CW. QSL via EB7DX.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Andrea, IK1PMR and Claudia, PA3LEO are QRV as EA8/home calls from Tenerife, IOTA AF-004, until February 12. Activity is on the HF bands, including 6 meters, using mainly CW and RTTY, respectively. QSL to home calls.

Monthly Newsletter

Club Officers and Committeemen

President: Barry Kennedy N1EZH
Vice President: Rick Emord KB1TEE
Treasurer: Phil McNamara N1XTB
Secretary: Roy Logan KB1CYV
Call sign Trustee: Phil McNamara N1XTB

Repeater Trustees: Carl Aveni N1FY., Lou Harris N1UEC, Bob Mandeville N1EDM

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

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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 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 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.