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MARANews



Presidents notes N1EZH Barry Kennedy

Presidents Monthly Message for December 2014 from Barry – N1EZH:

Please Note: *There will NOT be a December MARA Monthly Meeting!*

Winter is almost upon us and judging from the weather, may be a long one this year! I was able to basically trade my Tipper Mount and masts that were for a 39' Rohn 25G Tower that I may only put up about 29' with a tilt over of some sort which I hope to be able to clean up, paint and put up in the Spring. With the additional Rotor and mast for the antennas will be about 36' or so tall when I am done. This will make it a few feet higher than my old one from a couple of years ago before the storm took it down. If anyone else in our club has done a project this year, or may be planning one either during the Winter or next Spring, then 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, I began a *Massasoit Amateur Radio Association* Facebook Page and have posted several items of interest on there. I have been updating the page with Club Events, photos, etc. from time to time in the hope that it will become another avenue 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. Please send Rick – KB1TEE@gmail.com or myself – N1EZH@comcast.net any articles, or photos you would like to see in our MARA Newsletter or on our Facebook Page.

New Net Controls – I did not get a chance to mention this at our October or November meeting, however some of us (Roy – KB1CYV and myself) have been Net Control for many years on our 2 Weekly Nets and speaking for myself would like to see others step up and give it a try! I have a copy of the preamble and am looking for volunteers. If you would like to be a Net Control, or at least fill in for one of us from time to time when we may be unavailable for our Weekly Tuesday Massasoit Amateur Radio Association meeting on the air, or our South Shore Skywarn Net on Saturday at 8:00 PM, please let Roy – KB1CYV, Rick – KB1TEE or Barry – N1EZH know at any time or at our MARA Monthly meeting in January.

We will have a Presentation in January by Cal from HRO who will be talking with us about D-Star, a Digital Mode that seems to be becoming popular in places around the globe. Hope to see you at our meeting in January.

Please do not forget ***we will NOT be having a MARA Meeting in December*** due to the close proximity of the holiday season!

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, or any Holiday you may be celebrating, and a Happy New Year!

Please be safe if you are travelling, and we will see you in January!

73 de Barry – N1EZH
President – Massasoit Amateur Radio Association

Secretary's Report

**SECRETARYS NOTES – MARA MEETING 11/18/14 – Larry Kenney,
K1LJK**

OPEN: President **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** opened the meeting at 6:35 pm, 11/18/14.

ATTENDANCE: 15 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

K1LJK Larry Kenney(Sec)	N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann (VP)	N1EZH Barry Kennedy(Pres)
N1XTB Phil McNamara (Treas)	AG1B Richard Metcalf	KB1CYV Roy Logan
KC1CQL Robin Akers	KB1TEE Rick Emord	KB1MTW Paul Moss
KC1CPS Ashley	W1WCF Walt Fitzgerald	N1UMJ John Miller
NR1FD Bill Burke Pimentel	N1FDX Jay Zappulla	N1IQI Loren

MEETING MINUTES :

Motion to accept the October 2014 MARA meeting minutes/secretary report as published in the October 2014 MARA newsletter made by **Roy KB1CYV**. Motion seconded by **Richard AG1B**. Motion passed vote by attending club members

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The September 2014 treasurer's report and the October 2014 treasurer's report were read by treasurer **Phil N1XTB**. Motion to accept both reports as read made by **Rick KB1TEE**. Motion seconded by **Bill NR1FD**. Motion passed vote by attending club members.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Barry N1EZH** reminded everyone of the upcoming Plymouth Plantation special event operation over Thanksgiving weekend by the Whitman Amateur Radio Club. **Paul KB1MTW** reviewed the operating times of the event and the Friday antenna party.

- **Barry N1EZH** reviewed our participation in the Entergy safety training recently held at the Bridgewater EOC. Barry informed us he also participated in a radioactive/biological training session held at the Taunton shelter.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Barry N1EZH** and **Rick KB1TEE** reminded us of the upcoming guest speakers to our MARA club meetings:
 - **Jay N1FDX** will discuss his QRP/Travel Go Kit operation at tonight's meeting.
 - **Kal** from HRO/Salem NH will be at our January meeting discussing D-Star
 - (tentative) **Dick Towle**, a Federal Railroad Inspector joins our February club meeting.
 - **Steve KB1CHU** will discuss APRS at a club meeting in the spring/2015
 - Also planned: the MARA 'Spring Fling' pot luck dinner party/meeting (tbd, possibly the May meeting would be the party)
- **Barry N1EZH** reminded us there will be NO DECEMBER 2014 club meeting. Our next meeting will be January 20th 2015.
- **Barry N1EZH** reminded us that **Pete N1NVV** brought to our attention at last months meeting the MRC group is holding a training session on communicable diseases on November 20th. **Rick KB1TEE** confirmed this would start at 7:30pm at the new Bridgewater Raynham high school.
- **Barry N1EZH** is still taking orders for MARA logo hats & T-shirts.
- **Jeff N1ZZN** reviewed our recent participation in the Yaesu Digital Fusion system operational testing. Jeff understands a new offer is available to those who tested this system which allows us to upgrade to the released Fusion system (which supports firmware upgrade ability and controller interfacing). The price for a new Fusion system is either \$300 if returning the pre-release Fusion repeater system (r1) we used for testing or \$500 and we keep the pre-release version and get the new released Fusion repeater system (r1x). Jeff believes we'll also get 10 Yaesu shirts w/this offer, which include name/callsign embroideries. Jeff recommends we keep the original Fusion system and purchase the new system. The original can be used as a backup repeater if needed for either our 2Meter or 400 repeaters. Jeff noted that part of the agreement w/Yaesu when purchasing the Fusion system is not to re-sell the system for at least 1 year. **Jay N1FDX** asked who else has this system in operation. **Jeff N1ZZN** indicated the South Shore Hospitals radio club (**W1SSH**) has a test unit online as well as a repeater in Johnston RI. and also a few in NH. Motion to keep the original Fusion test system and purchase the released Fusion repeater system for \$500 made by **Rick KB1TEE** with a second by **Roy KB1CYV**. Motion passed club vote. Jeff indicated he will submit the paperwork for purchasing this asap.
- **Barry N1EZH** introduced the idea of giving the Bridgewater library a donation as a thank you for our use of the library space for our meetings. A general discussion took place by club members. Motion to provide a \$200 donation to the Bridgewater library made by **Rick KB1TEE** with a second by **Bill NR1FD**. Motion passed club vote.
- **Rick KB1TEE** tells us he recently spoke to **Rob Macedo KD1CY** in regards to giving a SkyWarn training class in the spring. **Phil N1XTB** pointed out a Skywarn training class is taking place this Monday, Nov 24th 7-10pm at the Sandwich EOC. **Paul KB1MTW** indicated the 2014/2015 training schedule is available online. (2015 Skyward training

schedule can be found at: <http://www.wx1box.org/node/36>). A general discussion took place regarding the proper geographical locations targeted for SkyWarn training. **Rick KB1TEE** will peruse arranging a fall 2015 SkyWarn training class held (most likely/tbd) at the Bidgewater EOC.

- **Phil N1XTB** continues to look for EOC operators, especially in the event of bad weather situations. Phil also mentioned he's working on a Middleboro ICS205 (incident command service) plan. **Paul KB1MTW** reminded everyone of the shelter regionalization effort taking place as well. **Phil N1XTB** also working out plans for an April 2015 CERT and MRC training event with participation from a number of surrounding towns

CLOSE: A motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Rick KB1TEE**. Motion seconded by **Bill NR1FD**. Motion passed club vote. **Barry N1EZH** closed the meeting at 7:16 pm 11/18/14.

Following the meeting **Jay N1FDX** showed us his QRP Go/Travel kit and discussed his QRP experiences.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

THERE IS NO DECEMBER MEETING SEE YOU IN JANUARY ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS 73 Rick KB1TEE

Cal from HRO will be at our January 20th will talk about D STAR
An FRA inspector will come talk about railroad communications in April

November meeting photos

Go kit presentation by Jay Zappulla N1FDX his QRP station sparked interest of many member so he was asked to return and show his wears



The main station is,
Yaesu Ft-817 Elecraft T1 QRP antenna tuner Par Electronics EF-10-20-40 end fed antenna or wire dipoles verticals etc. Depends on the site and what I can fit in the bag. Sola 2.5a power supply or battery. Connectors cables etc. For the digital portion

Signalink USB interface. Acer Aspire Switch 10 Tablet/laptop Hamscope software with MTTY Rtty software add-on

Thank you Jay awesome project

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARA Members needed from Rick KB1TEE

USS Massachusetts Boy Scout QSO event on March 7th from 0900 to 1630 in the ward room annex we are looking for operators to come down to operate all day long if you can donate 10 minutes or any part please come out help us possibly get some new hams by teaching the Scouts. I have contacted Carl Sawejko WA1PQT he is the President of the Battleship cove group he is all for it. I will be setting up the GR5 dipole and a mag mount 2 meter antennas before this date I will have my go kit with me other go kits will be needed HF or 2 meter I am hoping someone can bring a CW practice device to teach the kids. Please let me know if you will come down to operate kb1tee@gmail.com I would like to make this an annual event. We will need laptop computers with the same logging program to make logs easier to upload so I can send out QSO cards.



Jeff N1ZZN

our application for the Yaesu DR-1X program has been approved, but the repeaters are on back order. I also received a plaque thanking the club for our participation in the program, but they misspelled Massasoit terribly. I'll contact them and see if I can send it back for a proper replacement. See below

Hello,

Thank you for choosing YAESU! Your application has been approved! Unfortunately the DR-1X are currently on backorder. They are tentatively scheduled to arrive to our location mid-January 2015. I will email you as soon as your repeater is shipped. You will not get charged until the repeater is in stock and ready to ship.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

Jose G. Perez

Yaesu Sales Representative

Roy KB1CYV

From Brandon he calls in from Iowa to Ashley on our repeater here is his numbers in Iowa

Roy, Thanks for calling the net tonight on your w1mv repeater, home of the new ham, Ashley, kb1cps, and your local club
Here are the node numbers
irlp 3328, k0bvc
3548, ab0vx
7536, kg0s
173074 echo, ka0ijy
Local echo to pc, 275158
central region reflector, 9330
handiham reflector, net at 12 pm eastern time, 9008
Thanks,
Brandon

SKYWARN

The SKYWARN Training 2015 Schedule can be seen via the following links:

<http://www.wx1box.org/node/36>

<http://www.weather.gov/box/skywarnprogram#tab2>

N4WIS USS Wisconsin BB 64

My trip to the Battleship was fun I boarded at 0945 meeting up with the N4WIS crew the space was chilly I got on the 40 meter station set up on 7,264 then stepped out to text those wishing me to contact them of my frequency. I made lots of contacts with area hams and locals the furthest person I remember talking with was from Wisconsin I got relieved of the station at 1130 and back on at 1215 until 1600 I was on an Icom 765



ARRL EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS SECTION

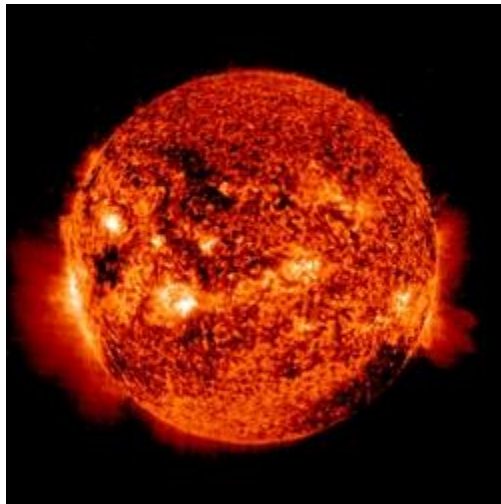
Marcia Forde, KW1U, has announced she is stepping down as Chair of the NTS Eastern Area Staff effective December 31--a position she has held for 14 years. Says Marcia, "I'm hoping to have more time to devote to section-level activities." KW1U currently serves as Eastern MA Section Traffic Manager.

Marcia notes that message-handling skills are a key Amateur Radio skill. In fact, FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate stressed the importance of NTS and the training it provides, at this year's ARRL National Convention. Marcia adds, "December presents an opportunity to practice those message handling and net operation skills by sending holiday greetings to friends, families and colleagues."

ARRL News

The K7RA Solar Update

Tad Cook, K7RA, in Seattle, reports: Compared to the previous 7 days, solar activity dropped over the December 4-10 period, with average daily sunspot numbers down 63.6 points to 88.4, and average daily solar flux off 32.5 points to 139.6.



The latest forecast has solar flux at 155 and 165 on December 11-12, 170 on December 13-17, 175 on December 18-19, then 170, 165, and 150 on December 20-22, 155 on December 23-27, 150 on December 28-29, 145 and 140 on December 30-31, 135 on January 1-4, then 140, 145, 150, 155, and 160 on January 5-9, and 165 on January 10-12. It then is predicted to reach a peak of 175 on January 14-15.

Predicted planetary A index is 6 and 5 on December 11-12, 12 on December 13-15, then 6, 10, and 12 on December 16-18, 10 on December 19-20, 5 on December 21-27, 8 on December 28-30, 10 on December 31 through January 1, then 12, 25, 15, and 10 on January 2-5, 8 on January 6-7, 10 on January 8-9, 8 on January 10-12, 10 and 12 on January 13-14, and 10 on January 15-16.

This weekend is the annual [ARRL 10 Meter Contest](#), a really fun event that, due to the nature of 10 meters, always holds many surprises. The Geminids meteor shower also peaks this weekend, so ionized meteor trails could enhance propagation at the high end of the HF spectrum.

My prediction is that conditions during the ARRL 10 Meter Contest should be slightly better than they were for last year's event, with solar activity somewhat higher and geomagnetic instability about the same. In other words, not bad.

In 2013 the solar flux for the contest weekend averaged 154. This weekend, the predicted solar flux averages out at 168.3, about 9 percent higher. Last year the planetary A index averaged 8.7. This year's forecast calls for an average of 9.7. To compare propagation predictions for last year's contest weekend, see 2013 bulletins [ARLP051](#) and [ARLP052](#).

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.

Just Ahead in Radiosport

- December 15 -- Run For the Bacon (CW)

- December 17 -- NAQCC Milliwatt Sprint (CW)
- December 18 -- Russian 160 Meter Contest (SSB, CW)
- December 20 -- Feld-Hell Rudolf Hell Sprint
- December 20-21 -- OK DX RTTY Contest
- December 20-January 4 -- Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party (CW, SSB, Digital)
- December 20-21 -- Croatian CW Contest
- **December 21 -- [ARRL Rookie Roundup \(CW\)](#)**

Upcoming ARRL Section, State, and Division Conventions and Events

- December 12-13 -- [West Central Florida Section Convention](#), Plant City, Florida
- January 4 -- [New York City/Long Island Section Convention](#), Bethpage, New York
- January 10 -- [TECHFEST](#), Lawrenceville, Georgia
- January 23-24 -- [Mississippi State Convention](#), Jackson, Mississippi
- January 23-25 -- [Puerto Rico State Convention](#), Hatillo, Puerto Rico
- February 7 -- [South Carolina State Convention](#), North Charleston, South Carolina
- February 7 -- [Virginia State Convention](#), Richmond, Virginia

DECEMBER 2014 SECTION NEWS

New England Area Flea Schedule– Courtesy of W1GSL

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

15 Feb Westford MA NEARC RadioXLVI 8AM@Regency antique Bruce 603 772 7516 F+

28 Feb S Burlington VT RAoNVt @ HI I89 x14 Mitch W1SJ 802 879 6589 W+

7 Mar Chicopee MA MtTomARA @MooseLodge @8:30 S@6:30 Mary KB1ME 413 222 1990

14 Mar Dayville CT ECARA @StJosephCh \$3@8A \$10/T Peter K1LNX 401 603 1485 +

15 Mar Southington CT SARA @HS \$5@8 John WA1JKR 860 621 8791 F+

27,28 Mar Lewiston ME AARC ME Conv @Ramada @8 Ivan N1OXA 207 784 0350

Area net list

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

Barnstable, Barnstable County, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Chilmark, Dennis, Dukes County, Eastham, Edgartown, Falmouth, Gay Head, Gosnold, Harwich, Mashpee, Nantucket, Oaks Bluff, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Tisbury, Truro, Wellfleet, West Tisbury, Yarmouth

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

Monthly Newsletter

Club Officers and Committeemen

President: Barry Kennedy N1EZH

Vice President: Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN

Treasurer: Phil McNamara N1XTB

Secretary: Larry Kenney K1LJK

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)

MARA Web page <http://www.w1mv.org/>

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WARC Web Page <http://www.wa1npo.org>
Qsl via www.eqsl.cc
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 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

Please send posts to kb1tee@gmail.com

One of our member's stations



Jay Zappulla N1FDX NOW AND THEN

Monthly post of TV /movie pictures using radios

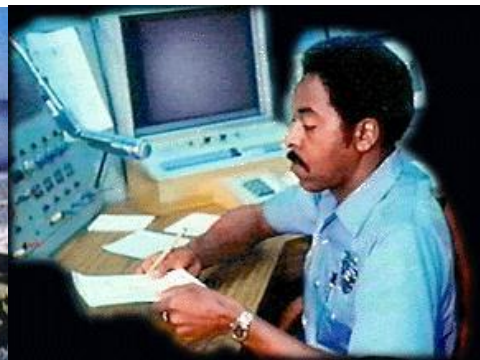
Emergency



The Biophone Model 3502 and FF/Paramedic John Gage



Squad 51 FF/Paramedic Gage and Desoto and FF Roy Desoto on the Handie talkie



Emergency! was an American television series that combined the medical drama and action-adventure genres. It was produced by Mark VII Limited and distributed by Universal Studios. It debuted as a midseason replacement on January 15, 1972, on NBC, replacing the two short-lived series *The Partners* and *The Good Life*, and ran until May 28, 1977, with six additional two-hour television films during the following two years.

Emergency! was created and produced by Jack Webb and Robert A. Cinader, both of whom were also responsible for the police dramas *Adam-12* and *Dragnet*. Harold Jack Bloom is also credited as a creator; Webb does not receive screen credit as a creator in the show's original TV-movie pilot, being only credited as its director.

The series starred Randolph Mantooth as FF/Paramedic Jonny Gage and Kevin Tighe as FF/Paramedic Roy Desoto as two specially-trained firefighters who formed Squad 51, part of a then-innovative field known as paramedics who were authorized to provide initial emergency medical care to victims of accidents, fire and other incidents in the field. (The plot of the initial pilot film described the passing of state legislation, By Governor Ronald Reagan and was called the The Wedsworth-Townsend Act. It allowed the creation of paramedic units. Squad 51 worked in concert with the (fictional) Rampart General Hospital medical staff (portrayed by Robert Fuller Dr Kelley Bracket, Julie London RN Dixie McCall, and Bobby Troup Dr Joe Early, who took over each patient's case from the paramedics who worked in the field.

Los Angeles County Fire Dispatch

Footage of a dispatcher used during the show appears to have been filmed at the LACoFD dispatch center in East Los Angeles. The screen he looked at to see the street maps is a rear projection from a Kodak Carousel projector built into the console. The man was actual LACoFD dispatcher Sam Lanier, who also lent his voice as the dispatcher for the show's entire run.

The familiar tones that called Station 51 into service were initiated by dispatch using a Motorola Quik Call 1 unit, a radio listening on a common paging frequency for a pair of special audio tones assigned to that station. For a large incident, one could often hear many sets of tones calling many stations, but only a specific pair would sound the buzzer for Station 51.