



# MARANews



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## Secretary's Report

Since there was no meeting in January there is no report from the Secretary.

## Next Meeting

MARA's next meeting will be held on February 21, 2012 at the Bridgewater Public Library. The business meeting will begin at 6:30 pm followed by a presentation by Bump W1BON on "The Ugly Balun" See you there.

## Membership Renewal

With the beginning of each year comes the time for membership renewal and the payment of dues. We make this reminder because some of us need to be jolted out of the winter doldrums You can bring your check to the next meeting or send it along to our post office box at MARA P.O. Box 428 Bridgewater, MA 02324.

## WHITE MOUNTAIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FLEA MARKET

AMATEUR RADIO, ANTIQUE RADIO, RADIO CONTROL, ELECTRONICS  
SATURDAY, March 10, 2012

8:30 AM-1:30 PM

(SET UP: 7:00 AM-8:30 AM)

AT

NORTH CONWAY COMMUNITY CENTER

2628 WHITE MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY

NORTH CONWAY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REFRESHMENTS

OUTLET SHOPPING FOR XYLs

VE SESSION AT 1:30 PM

(Registration anytime at Flea Market)

TALK IN: 145.450 PL 100Hz

Contact: Thaire Bryant, W2APF

603-447-2376, 508-245-3522

[W2APF@Hughes.net](mailto:W2APF@Hughes.net)

PO Box 1932, Conway, NH 03818

ADMISSION: \$5.00 TABLES: \$15.00

(limit: 100 lbs, per table)

## **New Rules for 5 MHz (60 Meters) To Go Into Effect March 5**

On November 18, the FCC released a Report and Order, defining new rules for the 60 meter (5 MHz) band. These rules are in response to a Petition for Rulemaking filed by the ARRL more than five years ago and a June 2010 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. In the February 3 edition of the Federal Register, the FCC announced that these new rules will go into effect on March 5, 2012. A copy of the Federal register publication is attached in .pdf format.

## **US District Court for Maine Issues Order Granting Summary Judgment against Glenn Baxter, K1MAN**

On January 10, the US District Court for Maine issued a ruling in the FCC's lawsuit to collect monetary forfeitures issued to Glenn Baxter, K1MAN, of Belgrade Lakes, Maine. The [FCC had assessed forfeitures in the amount of \\$21,000 against Baxter](#) on three asserted violations of the *Communications Act of 1934* and its regulations: Failure to respond to an FCC inquiry in violation of [Title 47, Section 308 of the US Code](#), willful or malicious interference with other radio transmissions in violation of [Section 97.101\(d\)](#), and engaging in communications in which he has a pecuniary interest in violation of [Section 97.113\(a\)\(3\)](#).

Chief US District Judge John A. Woodcock Jr, in writing for the Court, agreed with the FCC on the first two counts -- willful or repeated failure to respond to FCC requests for information, and willful or malicious interference -- and granted summary judgments to the FCC in the amount of \$3000 and \$7000, respectively. On the third claim -- communications in which an amateur station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest -- the Court declined to grant a summary judgment to the FCC, holding that there were issues of material fact to be litigated in the Court in later proceedings. Find a link to the complete decision [here](#).

## **Massachusetts House Bill H01817**

Proposed legislation that would impact how we use "mobile telephones" in automobiles in the Commonwealth has again surfaced in the current session of the legislature.

According to MA State Government Liaison Shawn O'Donnell, K3HI, the approved bill has two sections. One changes the term "mobile telephone" to "hands-free mobile telephone" in the law allowing cell phone use. It appears that this would not affect the exemption for "federally licensed two-way radios" that was inserted into the 2010 law. The second section, however, is vague and confusing:

"No operator of a motor vehicle shall use a mobile telephone or mobile electronic device, unless said telephone or device is being used as a hands-free mobile telephone.

K3HI believes that this language will be fixed at some point, but it's unclear what the eventual wording will be.

Shawn adds: "I don't think there's much for us to worry about--unless the bill goes forward and they start going crazy with amendments."

If and when the bill makes it to the full House and Senate, says K3HI, "then it will be the appropriate time to contact our friends who have helped us in the past to make sure they don't strike out the exemption we currently have."

A full text of the proposed bill can be viewed online at <http://www.malegislature.gov/Bills/187/House/H01817>.

### Field Day: 2012 Field Day Packet Now Available

It's that time of year again -- time to start gearing up for ARRL Field Day, June 23-24, 2012! ARRL's flagship operating event -- always held the fourth full weekend in June -- brings together new and experienced hams for 24 hours of operating fun. Field Day packets are now [available for download](#) and include the complete rules, as well as other reference items such as forms, ARRL Section abbreviation list, entry submission instructions, a Frequently Asked Questions section, guidelines for getting bonus points, instructions for GOTA stations and a kit to publicize your event with the local press. A brief one-page flyer with basic "What is Field Day" information has also been included in this year's Field Day packet. Amateur Radio clubs and individuals are encouraged to reproduce this flyer as a handout for information tables.

### NEW ENGLAND FLEA SCHEDULE – COURTESY W1GSL

New England Area Ham - Electronic Flea Market \*\*\* DATES \*\*\* 2012 P 1 of 2  
All events are Ham Radio/ Electronic related except ~\_\_\_\_~

2012	Contact	Source
4 Feb Augusta ME AARA @Club Calumet		Bill K1NIT 207 623 9075 A
11 Feb Windsor CT VR+C Mus 115 Pierson LN @8AM Indoor		John 860 673 0518
11 Feb Springfield VT CVFMA Free @VFW River St		Dave K1ZS 603 446 7312 +
18 Feb Marlboro MA AARC @MidSc \$5@9 \$20/T@7		Timothy KA1OS 508 919 6136
19 Feb Westford MA NEARC RadioXLIII Antique @Regency\$10@8		Bruce 603 772 7516 W
25 Feb S Burlington VT HAM-CON @HI I89x14 \$8@8 \$15@6		Mitch W1SJ 802 879 6589
4 Mar Hicksville NY LIMARC @LevitHII \$6@9+\$20/T@7		Richard K2KNB 516 694 4937 W

10 Mar Feeding Hills MA MtTARA @TurnverneinCib Mary N1TOY 413 222 1990

10 Mar N Conway NH WMARC @ComCtr Thaire W2APF 603 447 2376 A+

17 Mar Daville CT ECARA @StJoseph \$3@8 \$10/T Paul KE1LI 860 928 2456 W+

18 Mar Southington CT SARA @HS \$5@8 \$20/T@6:15 Norm W3IZ 860 584 1403 F

18 Mar Henniker NH CVRC @ComSch Don N1ZIH 603 651 8000 W+

23-24 Mar Lewiston ME AARC ME Conv @Ramada Ivan N1OXA 207 784 0350 A

24 Mar Montreal PQ LLARC \$5@9 \$10/T@7 Normand 514 708 8033 R+

25 Mar Framingham MA FARA @KeefeTech Bev N1LOO 508 626 2012

14 Ap Montreal PQ MARC @RCL Hall \$5@9 \$10/T@8:15 James 514 990 1965 W

14,15 Ap Wakefield MA Photographica @AmericalCtr ~photo~ John 781 592 2553 +

15 April Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776 F  
Third Sunday April thru October

21 Ap S Portland ME PAWA @AmLegion John W1JLB 207 776 2288 A+

28 Ap Gales Ferry CT RASON Auction @FireCo Gary WT1SND 860 884 4218

4,5 May Deerfield NH Nearfest XI @FG Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235

12 May E Greenbush NY EGARA @FD \$6@8 +\$6/sp@6 Glenn W2BK 518 482 5584

19 May Goshen CT SoBARC @FG \$4@8 Lee K1LEE 860 435 0051 W  
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20 May Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776 F  
Third Sunday April thru October

2 June Windsor CT VR+C Mus 115 Pierson LN @8AM Outdoor John 860 673 0518

10 June Queens NY HoSARC @HoS Stephen WB2KDG 718 898 5599 A

16 June Newington CT NARL @StMarySch Steve WV1X 860 594 0265

17 June Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776 F

15 July Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776 F

12 Aug Adams MA NoBARC @BoweFld \$5@9 \$10/T Tim KE3HT 413 822 7075

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

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 @AmericaCtr ~photo~ John 781 592 2553 +

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

21 Oct Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776 F

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

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

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

- February 17 -- NCCC Sprint Ladder
- February 17-18 -- Russian PSK WW Contest
- February 18 -- Feld Hell Sprint
- February 18-19 -- [ARRL International DX Contest \(CW\)](#); AWA Amplitude Modulation QSO Party
- February 20 -- Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
- February 22 -- SKCC Sprint
- February 22-23 -- CWops Mini-CWT Test

### **Next Week On the Radio**

- February 24 -- NCCC Sprint Ladder
- February 24-26 -- CQ 160 Meter Contest (SSB)
- February 25-26 -- Mississippi QSO Party; North American QSO Party (RTTY); REF Contest (SSB); UBA DX Contest (CW)
- February 26 -- High Speed Club CW Contest; SARL Digital Contest
- February 26-27 -- North Carolina QSO Party
- February 27 -- CQC Winter QSO Sprint

## **DX NEWS**

MAURITIUS, 3B8. Slavo, SP2JMB and Dorota, SP2TO will be QRV as 3B8GY from February 5 to 25. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. This includes being an entry in the upcoming ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via SP2JMB.

BHUTAN, A5. Shin, A52SV continues to be active on 20 meters using CW around 1200z. QSL via JA2PSV.

AZORES, CU. Hermann, HB9CRV will be QRV as CR2V in the Mexico International RTTY Contest. QSL to home call.

WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS, FW. Laci, HA0NAR and Susanne, HA0SR are QRV as FW0NAR from Wallis Island, IOTA OC-054, until February 20. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY with two stations active. They plan to also be active as TW0F from Futuna Island, IOTA OC-118. QSL both calls via HA0NAR.

SOLOMON ISLANDS, H4. Noel, W1XB will be QRV as H44XB from Guadalcanal from February 7 to 28. Activity will be on 20, 15 and 10 meters using CW and SSB with QRP power. QSL to home call.

THAILAND, HS. John, ZB2JK is QRV as HS0ZIQ from Phuket, IOTA AS-053, until mid April. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters. QSL direct to home call after mid April. In addition, Eddy, ON4AFU will be QRV as HS0ZJF/8 from Koh Butang, IOTA AS-126, from February 5 to 14. QSL to home call.

BELIZE, V3. Alex, DO5ALX and Torsten, DG7RO will be QRV as V31RU and V31TF, respectively, from Corozal from February 4 to 26. Activity will be on all HF bands using SSB and RTTY. This includes being active in the upcoming CQ WPX RTTY contest as a Multi/2 entry. QSL to home calls.

LAOS, XW. Alex, NM5A is now QRV as XW3DT. His length of stay is unknown. Activity of late has been on 30, 12 and 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via operator's instructions.

RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9. Erich, OE4AAC will be QRV as 3B9/OE4AAC from February 14 to 21. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using only CW. QSL to home call.

TOGO, 5V. Franco, I1FQH is QRV as 5V7V from Kpalime Village until February 17. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters. QSL to home call.

BHUTAN, A5. Iain, G4SGX will be QRV as A52JF from February 11 to 15. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and PSK. QSL direct to home call.

BAHAMAS, C6. Operators Drew, N2RFA, Gene, K2KJI and Ivars, KC4PX

will be QRV as C6ABB, C6ALC and C6APX, respectively, from Cable Beach on New Providence Island, IOTA NA-001, from February 13 to 23. Activity will be on 80, 20, 15, 12 and 10 meters using SSB, RTTY, SSTV, PSK31 and JT65. QSL direct to home calls.

MOROCCO, CN. Members of IARU Society Association Royale des Radio-Amateurs du Maroc are QRV with special callsign 5C2P until February 14. This includes being an entry in the CQ WW WPX RTTY contest. QSL via IK2PZC.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. John, N5JB will be QRV as E51NJB from February 13 to 21. Activity will be in the HF bands using mostly CW. This includes being a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry in the upcoming ARRL DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON, FP. Al, W6HGF is QRV as FP/W6HGF from Miquelon, IOTA NA-032, until February 20. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters. This includes being an entry in the CQ WW WPX RTTY contest and the upcoming ARRL DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

TEMOTU PROVINCE, H40. Sigi, DK9FN and Peter, DG1FK will be QRV as H40FN and H40FK, respectively, from Nendo, IOTA OC-100, from February 11 to 24. Activity will be on CW and various digital modes, respectively. QSL H40FN via HA8DD and H40FK via DG1FK.

SVALBARD, JW. Torkel, LA6VJA will be QRV as JW6VJA from Spitsbergen, IOTA EU-026, on February 11 on the low bands. QSL to home call.

MARIANA ISLANDS, KH0. Soshu, JA4JWD will be QRV as KH0/JA4JWD from February 12 to 16. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using SSB, digital modes and some CW. QSL to home call.

BRAZIL, PY. A group of operators will be QRV as PX7C from Itamaraca Island, IOTA SA-046, in the CQ WW WPX RTTY contest as a Multi/Single entry. QSL via PY7CRA.

MOUTH ATHOS, SV/A. Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A has been active using RTTY on 15 meters between 1400 and 1600z. QSL to home call.

PALAU, T8. Takeshi, JH1WGP is QRV as T88WG from Koror Island, IOTA OC-099, until February 15. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL to home call.

LAOS, XW. Bruce, XW0ZJZ plans to be QRV in the CQ WW WPX RTTY contest as a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry from Vientiane. Before the contest he will be active on a few HF bands. he is here until February 20. QSL via E21EIC.

TUNISIA, 3V. Ash, 3V4-002 will be QRV as 3V8SS from the Radio Club Station of Tunisian Scouts in Sousse in the ARRL DX CW contest as a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry. QSL via LX1NO.

SENEGAL, 6V. Vladimir, RK4FF will be QRV as 6V7S from Le Calao in Ngaparou until February 22. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

JAMAICA, 6Y. Yuri, VE3DZ is QRV as 6Y2T until February 21. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. He will also be active in the ARRL DX CW contest as a Single Op/All Band entry. QSL via VE3DZ.

BAHAMAS, C6. Tom, N1GN and Bill, NE1B will be QRV as C6ANM from Nassau in the ARRL DX CW contest as a Multi/Single entry. QSL via WA2IYO.

CUBA, CO. Luis, CO6LP will be QRV from Santa Clara, IOTA NA-015, as a Single Op/Single Band entry on 160 meters in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL direct to EA5GL.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Luis, EA8AY will be QRV as EF8USA from Tenerife, IOTA AF-004, in the ARRL DX CW contest as a Single Op/All Band entry. QSL via operator's instructions.

ENGLAND, G. Special event station M5E will be QRV from the historical site of Marconi's original trans-Atlantic tests in Cornwall during the ARRL DX CW contest as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via G0CKV.

SVALBARD, JW. Operators Mitko, LZ1UQ and Andy, LZ2HM are QRV as JW/home calls from Longyearbyen until February 21. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. This includes being entries in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL to home calls.

LUXEMBOURG, LX. A group of operators will be QRV as LX7I in the ARRL DX CW contest as a Multi/Single entry. QSL via LX2A.

ALAND ISLAND, OH0. Tomi, OH6EI will be QRV as OH0Z in the ARRL DX CW contest as a Single Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL via W0MM.

BONAIRE, PJ4. A group of operators will be QRV as PJ4X in the ARRL DX CW contest as a Multi/2 entry. QSL direct to W1MD.

SURINAME, PZ. Members of the Rochester DX Association are QRV as PZ5RO from Paramaribo until February 21. This includes being an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via AI2N.

ICELAND, TF. Sigg, TF3CW will be QRV in the ARRL DX CW contest from Seltjarnarnes, IOTA EU-021, as a Single Op/Single Band entry. QSL direct to LX1NO.

COSTA RICA, TI. Marty, K2PLF, Joe, K8FC, Phil, N0KE and Gary, N0SXX will be QRV as TI5N in the ARRL DX CW contest. Outside the contest



they are active as TI5/home calls. Activity is mainly on the newer bands and using RTTY. QSL via operators' instructions.

BELIZE, V3. Operator AA4NC is QRV as V31RR until February 25. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and RTTY. He will be active in the ARRL DX CW contest as a Single Op/All Band entry and also in the upcoming North American RTTY QSO Party. QSL direct via AI4U.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, VP5. Operators N7OU, W7YAQ, K7AR, and NE7D are QRV as VP5/home calls until February 22. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will be active as VP5OU in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL VP5OU via N7OU and all others direct to home calls.

LAOS, XW. Bruce, XW4XR will be QRV as a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via E21EIC.

ASCENSION ISLAND, ZD8. Operators Jim, N6TJ and Rick, N6ND are QRV as ZD8Z and ZD8R, respectively, until February 28. Look for ZD8Z to be active in the ARRL DX CW contest as a Single Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL ZD8Z via AI4U and ZD8R via N6ND.



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## ***Monthly Newsletter***

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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.