



MARA News



February 2016
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Next meeting February 16, 2016 at the Bridgewater Library

February meeting Larry Kenney N1LJK Videos from

March will be a Smoke detector and Co detector information night By Rick Emord KB1TEE

Presidents notes N1EZH Barry Kennedy

Presidents Monthly Message for February 2016 from Barry – N1EZH:

Winter is here and so is the Snow; however we will be half way through it by our February Meeting! We will have an extra day of winter this year due to being a Leap Year though, so let's hope for the best!

One of my Ham Radio projects to be done is to connect my Kenwood MC-60A Desk Mic to my HF Transceivers so I can just switch the Mic to the Transceiver I am using at the time instead of the individual hand Mics. I have completed installing my Kenwood KES-3 Speakers to my Transceivers on the shelves (Please see the photos below), along with continuing the cleanup of my Ham Shack! If any of you have worked on a Ham Radio project recently, please take some photos and submit them to Rick – KB1TEE@gmail.com so he can put them in our Monthly MARA Newsletter.

New and Additional Net Controls: We now have a couple of new Net Control Operators to help us with our weekly MARA and Skywarn Nets. Richard – KC1EHG took over as our Net Control Operator on December 8th during our Bridgewater EOC Drill and did a great job! On Tuesday January 26, Denise – KC1CFO and Bob – N1RTS came by the Ham Shack of Barry – N1EZH and Denise was our Net Control Operator. (Please see the photo below) and did a great job as well! Thank you for stepping forward to help those of us that have been doing this for a while. Our plan is to come up with a rotation which we can discuss at our February Meeting! If others would like to try being a Net Control Operator, you are welcome to join us for either our Weekly MARA Net (Tue – 8:00 PM) or South Shore Sky Warn Net (Sat 8:00 PM)! This is *Your Club*, so please consider participating as Net Control for one of our Nets. I have a copy of our preamble and will customize it with your Name & Call Sign information and email it to you, and will be glad to answer any questions you may have!

MARA facebook Page: 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, Meeting photos, etc. so that it can be another resource for us in which to spark interest in our club, Amateur Radio and keep members informed of what we are doing outside of our Club Meetings and in our Community. Please send Rick – KB1TEE@gmail.com and Barry – N1EZH@comcast.net any articles or photos you would like to see in, or on our MARA Newsletter, W1MV – MARA Website and / or Facebook Page.

MARA Annual "Spring Fling" Potluck Dinner Party: We discussed having our MARA Annual "Spring Fling" Potluck Dinner Party to be held at our April MARA meeting from 1800-2000 Hours (6:00 – 8:00 PM) on

Tuesday April 19th at The Bridgewater Public Library (If available) or another location yet to be determined, however I am open to suggestions? This has been a fun event in the past and expect the weather will at least be warmer in April! I will be sending out a request for our Members and their Guests along with the Food or other items you would like to bring to our MARA Annual "Spring Fling" Potluck Dinner Party as we get closer to the event.

February 2016 Meeting Dues Collection: Please Note: Our Annual Dues for 2016 will continue to be collected at our February meeting. Thank you very much to our members that have paid their Annual Dues so far. This goes toward helping to keep our Repeater and Antenna Systems Operational due to the great efforts by Jeff – N1ZZN, Gary – AB1CQ, Phil – N1XTB and others!

In closing, I look forward to seeing all of you at our Tuesday, February 16th Meeting at 6:30 PM in our usual room downstairs at the Bridgewater Public Library!

73 de Barry – N1EZH

President – Massasoit Amateur Radio Association





In the Photos – Top: Our January MARA Meeting where Jeff-N1ZZN and Rick – KB1TEE gave a Show & Tell of their Tape Measure Beam Antennas. Bottom: From L – R: Rick – KB1TEE , Denise – KC1CFO & Bob – N1RTS looking over the Antenna, Richard – AG1B, Paul – KB1MTW, Gary – AB1CQ. Loren – N1IQI, Richard – KC1EHG, Walt – W1WCF, Pete – N1NVV, John – N1UMJ. Photos by Barry – N1EZH





In the Photos at our January MARA Meeting – Top: From L – R: Walt – W1WCF, John – N1UMJ, Rick – KB1TEE, Paul – KB1MTW, Loren – N1IQI, Denise – KC1CFO, Joe – K1JMA, Bob – N1RTS, Richard – AG1B, Jay – N1FDX, Richard – KC1EHG, Catherine – SWL, Ed – KC1DWZ Bottom: Larry – K1LJK, Jeff – N1ZZN. Photos by Barry – N1EZH



Above: Denise – KC1CFO and Bob – N1RTS came by the Ham Shack of Barry – N1EZH on Tuesday, January 26th, 2016. Denise – KC1CFO ran the MARA Weekly Net as our Net Control Operator. It was her first time as Net Control Operator and she did a great job! Thanks Denise!



Two Above Photos: The Undershelf Kenwood KES-3 External Speakers and their Brackets: I used 3/8" OD x 1/2" Long Nylon Spacers with # 8 x 1-1/4" SS Pan Head Sheet Metal Screws and # 8 SS Flat Washers. This will hold the Brackets firmly in place and the Speaker quality is much better than the Transceivers' Internal Speaker. They are angled out into the room for better sound as well! Photos by Barry – N1EZH

SECRETARYS NOTES – MARA MEETING 01/19/16 – Larry Kenney, K1LJK

OPEN: President **Barry Kenney N1EZH** opened the meeting at 6:33 pm, 01/19/16.

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

N1EZH Barry Kennedy (Pres)
KC1DWZ Edward Custer
N1RTS Bob Sisson
N1FDX Jay Zappulla
KB1MTW Paul Moss
K1JMA Joe Amorelli

K1LJK Larry Kenney (Sec)
AG1B Richard Metcalf
KC1CFO Denise Sisson
N1UMJ John Miller
KC1EHG Richard Gagliardi
W1WCF Walt Fitzgerald

N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann (V.Pres)
N1IQI Loren Pimentel
KB1TEE Rick Emord
N1NVV Pete Curley
AB1CQ Garry Cumiskey

MEETING MINUTES :

Motion to accept the November 2015 MARA Secretary's report as published in the November newsletter made by **Bob N1RTS** with a second by **Pete N1NVV**. Motion passed vote by attending club members. (note: there was no December 2015 meeting)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Club Treasurer **Phil N1XTB** was not presented at the meeting. President **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** indicated the January treasurer's report would be read at the next club meeting in February.

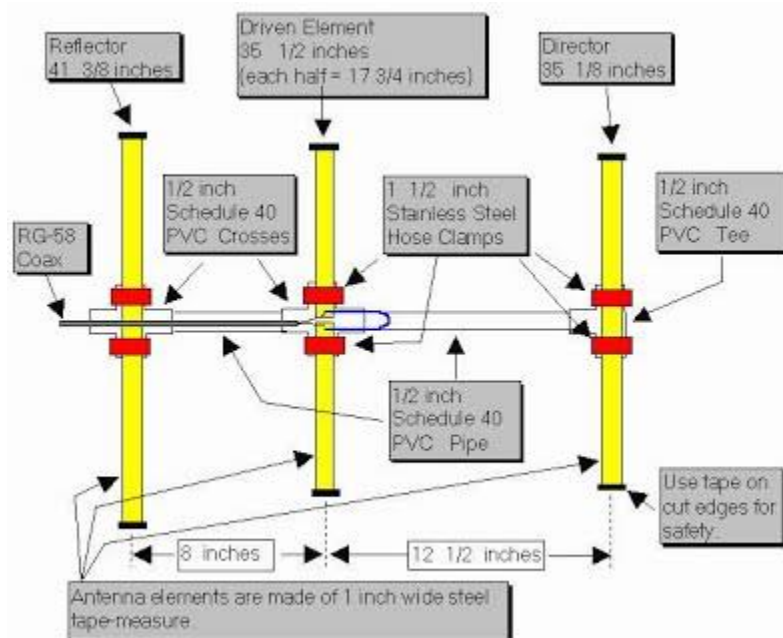
New Business:

- **Jeff N1ZZN** provided a repeater update. Jeff indicated the newer Station Master antenna (used for receiving and APRS) is having issues- possibly water related. The antenna used for transmitting is now located on top of the shed. Jeff questioned how we can gain access to the tower and antennas to investigate the issues (what town rules apply and how do we get approval for this?). Jeff will speak w/**Phil N1XTB** who can help with this. **Jeff N1ZZN** further explained his rebuild of the IRLP node using a Raspberry Pi micro-computer. Costs incurred total \$137.63 for the Raspberry PI, cable, USB 12v adapter and other accessories. Motion to reimburse Jeff \$137.63 made by **Rick KB1TEE** with a second by **Denise KC1CFO**. Motion passed vote by attending club members.
- **Rick KB1TEE** updated everyone on plans to operate on the **USS Massachusetts** in 2016. Rick notes the former curator has left and contact with the new curator has not been possible yet. Hopefully 2016 operations can continue as planned.
- **Barry N1EZH** reminded everyone that club dues are now due.(\$25 individual, \$20 senior). Members can pay **Barry N1EZH** or **Phil N1XTB** at the club meetings or mail in their dues to P.O. Box 428 Bridgewater MA 02324. Please indicate this is a member's dues payment and include your name and callsign to assure it's correctly recorded for you.

- **Barry N1EZH** reminded everyone to check the MARA club facebook page often for new updates: <https://www.facebook.com/Massasoit-Amateur-Radio-Association-301368416677713/>
- **Barry N1EZH** reminded everyone of the new General class being run by **Ross W1EKG** from the Whitman club on Tuesday nights, 7-9pm at the Whitman police station. Club members **Denise KC1CFO** and **Bob N1RTS** indicated they will be attending the class.
- **Barry N1EZH** proposed we have the April meeting be our spring Pot Luck dinner meeting. A general discussion took place on where to hold the dinner meeting. Most thought the Bridgewater EOC would be the best place if available and accessible.
- **Paul KB1MTW** updated everyone of the medical state of **Al Craddock WA1ZKK** and his new QTH at the Oak Point community in Middleborough. Paul suggests there is a possibility that an amateur radio club could be started at Oak Point. Their local newsletter will mention this to see how much interest there is. **Jeff N1ZZN** researched this and found 4 to 5 amateur operators currently live at Oak Point. He'll forward this list to Al so he can inform these operators of the club idea.

CLOSE: A motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Pete N1NVV** with a second by **Rick KB1TEE**. Motion passed by attending club members. **Barry N1EZH** closed the meeting at 7:08pm 01/19/16.

Following the meeting, **Jeff N1ZZN** and **Rick KB1TEE** gave a very interesting Show & Tell presentation on their homemade 2 meter tape measure beams used for Fox Hunting. Thanks Jeff and Rick!



http://theleggios.net/wb2hol/projects/rdf/tape_bm.htm

ARRL Signs New Memorandum of Understanding with the American Red Cross

The ARRL and the American Red Cross have signed a new *Memorandum of Understanding* ([MoU](#)). The document, signed in January, succeeds the one agreed to in 2010; it will remain in place for the next 5 years. The *MoU* spells out how League Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers will interface with the Red Cross in the event that ARES teams are asked by the Red Cross to assist in a disaster or emergency response.

"Whenever there is a disaster requiring the use of Amateur Radio communications resources and/or facilities, the local Red Cross region or chapter may request the assistance of the local ARES organization responsible for the jurisdiction of the scene of the disaster," the *MoU* provides. Such assistance would include mobilization of ARES personnel in accordance with a prearranged plan, and the establishment of communication as necessary during a disaster or emergency.

Generally, the *MoU* sets the parameters of the partnership between the ARRL and the Red Cross to provide assistance to communities affected by disasters. It calls upon both organizations to encourage and maintain open lines of communication at the state and local levels, sharing current data regarding disasters, situational and operational reports, changes in policy or personnel, and any information pertaining to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.



For its part, the League will encourage ARES units to engage in discussions with local Red Cross entities to develop plans for local response or disaster relief operations. The Red Cross will encourage its field units to engage in discussions with the ARRL Field Organization to develop plans for local response or disaster relief.

Facilitating this is a *Statement of Cooperation* to provide methods of cooperation between the two organizations on the local level in providing services to communities during or after a disaster event, "as well as other services for which cooperation may be mutually beneficial." The ARRL signatory is either the appropriate ARRL Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator.

The new *MoU* also clarifies that ARES volunteers assisting the Red Cross but not registered as Red Cross volunteers do not have to undergo a prior background check. Radio amateurs who register as Red Cross volunteers, though, must abide by the Red Cross's background check requirement.



"Official" P5/3Z9DX North Korea Activation Now Set for this Summer

Following an unexpected "demonstration" operation from North Korea -- officially the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) -- just before Christmas, Polish DXer Dom Grzyb, 3Z9DX, now expects to be back in the DPRK -- the most-wanted DXCC entity -- for his "official" activation by late this summer, according to [The Daily DX](#). He initially had anticipated returning this month or next.



Dom Grzyb, 3Z9DX, in Pyongyang, DPRK.
to copy weaker signals in Pyongyang.

P5/3Z9DX showed up on the air from the most-wanted DXCC entity on December 20 and 21 to demonstrate Amateur Radio for North Korean officials. Over the course of that activation -- the first in more than a decade -- P5/3Z9DX made nearly 785 SSB contacts, most of them on 15 meters. Nearly 600 of the contacts were with stations in Asia; P5/3Z9DX worked just 26 stations in North America. He has [posted](#) his log on ClubLog.

Grzyb recently contacted *The Daily DX* Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, to update his situation. During his visit, authorities were friendly and polite, McClenny reported, noting that he was also surprised that they allowed him to operate in December. P5/3Z9DX was severely hampered by extremely high noise levels on all HF bands, not to mention a geomagnetic storm. Noise, he said in a [video](#) posted on his website, made it "almost impossible"

When he goes back to the DPRK this summer, he will be operating from a far quieter location in a rural area, Grzyb told *The Daily DX*. While operating from North Korea in December, P5/3Z9DX was running 100 W to a vertical antenna mounted on a metal fence post some 7 feet above the ground among government high-rise buildings. His equipment was left behind in Pyongyang, as was agreed to before his December visit. The P5/3Z9DX preview was the first activation from North Korea since the 2001-2002 operation by Ed Giorgadze, 4L4FN.

High noise levels in Pyongyang hampered the ability of P5/3Z9DX to copy weaker signals. [3Z9DX video clip]

ARRL National Parks on the Air" Event to Mark National Park Service Centennial

In 2016, the National Park Service ([NPS](#)) will celebrate its 100th anniversary, and radio amateurs will be able to help mark the occasion with the ARRL National Parks on the Air ([NPOTA](#)) event. The event kicks off at 0000 UTC on January 1, 2016.

"As ARRL just celebrated our own Centennial, and Amateur Radio is often enjoyed in the great outdoors, it seemed fitting to devise a program to help NPS celebrate their own 100th birthday," said ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X. NPOTA will run throughout 2016, with activity promoted and encouraged from each of the more than 430 official NPS administrative units and affiliated areas across the US. This includes all 59 National Parks as well as National Battlefields, Historic Sites, Memorials, Preserves, Reserves, Rivers, Seashores, National Scenic Trails, and other units.

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ARRL 2016 Field Day Packet Now Available, New Bonus Point Categories Announced

It's not too early to be thinking about [Field Day](#) 2016 and planning your club's strategy for a bigger score and greater participation than last year. Field Day is June 25-26 -- always the 4th full weekend in June -- and the 2016 ARRL Field Day Packet now is available to [download](#) as a PDF file. This year's Field Day introduces two new ways to score bonus points -- Social Media and Safety Officer.

Rule 7.3.16 Social Media offers 100 bonus points for promoting your Field Day activation to the general public via an active, recognized, and utilized social media platform, such as Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. This bonus is available to bona fide Amateur Radio clubs and Field Day groups that welcome visitors to their operations. These bonus points are not available to *individual* participants, and club websites do not qualify as social media for this bonus. The bonus points are available to all Field Day entry classes meeting the criteria.

Rule 7.3.17 Safety Officer offers 100 bonus points by designating someone to serve as a Safety Officer for groups setting up Class A stations. This person must verify that all safety concerns on the Safety Check List -- found in the [ARRL Field Day Packet](#) -- have been adequately met. This is an *active* bonus. Simply designating someone as Safety Officer does not automatically earn the bonus points. In order to claim this bonus, participants must include a statement verifying the completion of the Safety Check List in the supporting documentation sent to ARRL Headquarters.



Last year, 2720 stations submitted ARRL Field Day entries. Nearly 1.3 million contacts were logged during FD 2015 -- an increase of just over 1 percent. Nearly 35,400 individuals took part in Field Day last year.

The 2016 ARRL [Field Day](#) logo makes a connection to the League's year-long National Parks on the Air ([NPOTA](#)) operating event. NPOTA celebrates the centennial of the National Park Service ([NPS](#)).

The design's featured hiking boot footprint anticipates that many 2016 Field Day groups and individual operators may want to combine FD and NPOTA, setting up at national parks, historic sites, or at any of the hundreds of official National Park Service units throughout the US. [Pick your park](#), get the okay from park officials, get out and get on the air, and leave *nothing but footprints*!

W1BSA ON THE USS MASSACHUSETTS OPERATIONS



Billy K1UFO with Mike WA1MAD and Fred KC1ACG in the back is John N1UMJ

April 23, 2016 0900-1600

Setup on Friday April 22 0830 at the ship no climbing easy walking running wires about the superstructure

Please come out and help us operate from the ship last year we had a grand time hoping for more operators to come out and participate this year

Contact Rick KB1TEE please email so I will not forget you kb1tee@gmail.com



Jay N1FDX at Rick KB1TEE's go kit station working 20 meters

Wisconsin QSO Party



March 13, 2016 - 1800Z to 0100Z March 14
(1:00PM CDT to 8:00PM CDT on Sunday, March 13)

NEAR-Fest XIX April 29 & 30, 2016 Deerfield, New Hampshire



New England Area Ham - Electronic Flea Market

13 Feb Marlboro MA	AARC	\$5@9A @MS	Tim KA1OS	508 916 6136	F
27 Feb S Burlington VT	RANV	@HI x14 I89	Mitch W1SJ	802 879 6589	W
27 Feb Augusta ME	AARA	@Club Calumet	Bill K1NIT	207 512 0312	A+
28 Feb Hicksville NY	LIMARC	@LevitHall	Richard K2KNB	516 694 4937	A
5 Mar Chicopee MA	MtTomARA	@MooseLdge @8:30 S@6:30	Brian KC1BDF	860 478 6790	+
6 Mar Westford MA	Radio	@Regency Antique	Bruce	603 772 7516	
13 Mar Henniker NH	CVRC	@Comm Sch	Donald N1ZIH	603 707 7996	A+
19 Mar Dayville CT	ECARA	@StJosephCh \$3@8A \$10/T	Peter K1LNX	401 603 1485	
20 Mar Southington CT	@HS	\$5@8 \$20/T	John WA1JKR	860 621 8791	
25,26 Mar Lewiston ME	AARC ME	Conv @Ramada @8	Ivan N1OXA	207 784 0350	
2 Ap Newton MA	PHSNE	Photographica Sat Only @AmLegion @9A	John	781 592 2553	+
9 Ap Windsor CT	VR+C	Mus 115 Pierson LN @8AM Indoor/Out	John	860 673 0518	+
9 Ap Hampton NH	PCARC	@MasonLdg \$5@8 \$10/T@7	Mark K1RX	603 775 0220	F+
9 Ap LaSalle PQ	MARC	@RC Legion \$5@9 \$10/T@8:15	Jim	514 990 1965	W+
10 April Framingham MA	FARA	@KeefeTech @9 \$25/T	Eric KB1PJN	508 310 5913	
16 April Gails Ferry CT	RASON	Auction \$5@9 S@8	Stan KT1SS	860 376 3770	
16 Ap S Portland ME	PAWA	@Am Legion \$6@8 \$10/T@6:30	Bryce K1GAX	207 415 0498	W+

Just Ahead in Radiosport

- February 13 -- Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint (CW)
- February 13 -- FISTS Winter Unlimited Sprint (CW)
- February 13 -- RSGB 1st 1.8 MHz Contest (CW)
- February 13-14 -- CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest
- February 13-14 -- SARL Field Day Contest (CW, phone, digital)
- February 13-14 -- Dutch PACC Contest (CW, phone)
- February 13-14 -- KCJ Topband Contest (CW)
- February 13-14 -- SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (CW)
- February 13-14 -- OMISS QSO Party (phone)
- February 13-14 -- New Hampshire QSO Party (CW, phone, digital)
- February 14 -- PODXS 070 Club Valentine Sprint (digital)
- February 14-17 -- Classic Exchange (phone)
- February 17 -- AGCW Semi-Automatic Key
- February 18 -- RSGB 80 Meter Club Championship (CW)

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, Scituate
Pilgrim Amateur Wireless Assoc. 10 Meter Net, 7:30 PM, 28.375.0 USB
Cape & Island Traffic Net, Every Night at 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9
Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685 – PL 82.5
Eastern MA 2 Mtr Traffic Net, Every Night at 8:00 PM, Boston W1BOS Rptr, 145.230 – PL 88.5
Norfolk County Radio Association Net, 8:00 PM, Walpole Rptr, 146.895 – PL 123.0
- Monday:** **Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Mon – Sat, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5**
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Norfolk County Emergency Preparedness Net, 8:00 PM, Walpole Rptr, 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!)**
Genesis ARC 2 Mtr Rag-Chew Net, 7:30 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685 – PL 82.5
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Norwood Amateur Radio Club Net, 8:00 PM, Norwood Rptr, 147.210 + PL 100.0
220 MHz Day! Try to find a 220 Repeater near you and give a call out!
- Wednesday:** **Taunton ACG, KC1TAC, 2 Mtr Simplex Net, 8:30 PM, 145.770**
Whitman ARC 10 Meter Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 28.333.0 USB (Except 1st Wed!)
Blackstone Valley ARC, 2 Mtr Simplex Net, 7:00 PM, 146.565
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Cape and Islands ARES Net, 8:00 PM, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5
Waltham Wranglers Swap Net. 9:00 PM, Waltham W1MHL Rptr, 146.64 – PL 136.5
- Thursday:** **Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0**
Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685 – PL 82.5
10 Mtr General Class Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 29.470.0 FM
Sturdy Mem. Hosp. ARC ARES Practice Net, 8:30 PM, K1SMH Rptr, 147.195 + PL 127.3
900 MHz Day! Try to find a 900 Repeater near you and give a call out!
- Friday:** **Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0**
- Saturday:** **South Shore Skywarn Net, 8:00 PM, Bridgewater W1MV Rptr, 147.180 + PL 67.0**
***VKEMCOMM* Echolink Conference node: 270177/IRLP 9508 (due to *WX-TALK* Echolink conference node: 7203/IRLP 9219 outage) Refer to: <http://www.voipwx.net/>**

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/>

Newsletter Editor kb1tee@gmail.com

WARC Web Page <http://www.wa1npo.org>

Qsl via www.eqsl.cc

Skywarn www.powersrvcs.org/w1gmf/skywarn.htm

Mailing Address P.O. Box 428 Bridgewater, MA 02324

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.

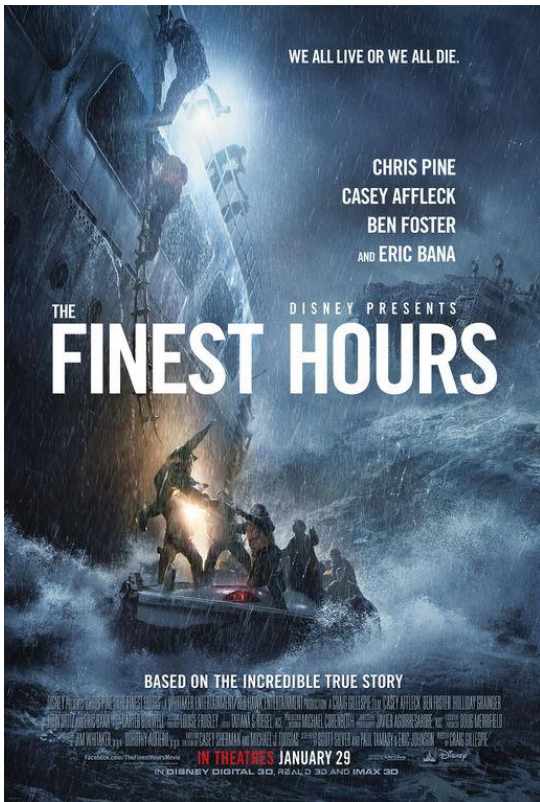
The **South Shore Skywarn Net** is held every Saturday evening at 8PM local time on 147.180+ and is open to all hams.

VE Exams are held the 2nd Saturday of every month, in Braintree contact Steve Cohen , W1OD via email w1od@arrrl.net. Walk-ins are no longer permitted. We will be hosting VE exams at 8:45 at the Watson building. If you know of anyone planning to take an exam, please have them drop a note to Steve to confirm a reservation.

Editor Rick Emord KB1TEE



Monthly post of TV /movie pictures using radios



The Finest Hours

Starring Chris Pine as Bernie Webber, Casey Affleck as Ray Sybert, Ben Foster as Richard Livesly, Josh Stewart as Tchuda Southerland, Graham McTavish as Frank Fauteux, Kyle Gallner as Andy Fotzgerald

The Finest Hours is an American disaster drama film directed by Craig Gillespie and written by Eric Johnson and Paul Tamasy, based on the 2009 novel of the same name by Casey Sherman and Michael J. Tougas. The film is about a true story of Pendleton rescue mission attempt by Coast Guard ships. A storm hit and split two T2 oil tankers in February 1952 SS Fort Mercier and the SS Pendleton

On the night of February 18, 1952, during a raging 70-knot nor'easter snowstorm, four Coast Guardsmen (coxswain Bernard C. "Bernie" Webber, Andrew Fitzgerald, Ervin Maske and Richard Livesey) set out on the 36500 to rescue crewmen on the tanker Pendleton that had broken apart in a storm. Incredibly, they returned to the Chatham Live-Saving Station with 32 survivors—on a boat designed to carry half that number safely. All four "Coasties" received the Gold Life-Saving Medal for their bravery under these almost impossible conditions.

Motor Lifeboat CG36500 was built in 1946 at Curtis Bay, Maryland Coast Guard Yard, as all 36 footer's were, stationed at the Chatham, Massachusetts Coast Guard Lifeboat Station. Like most 36's, it had an active and glorious career with many rescues. It was taken out of service in 1968 after being re-engined from a Sterling gas engine to diesel. It was replaced by the new and improved 44 foot twin diesel, all steel Motor Life Boat. It, like the other 36's, had outlived its usefulness. There isn't much fanfare when this occurs, even though to many Coasties, it is a sad day. Most were destroyed, but some got saved for display at museums and historical societies.

Decommissioned in 1968, the boat was donated to the Cape Cod National Seashore for a display at their Coast Guard exhibit in Eastham. This move was never completed because of a shortage of funds for restoration. CG36500 was left to deteriorate until Bill Quinn and the Orleans Historical Society intervened, acquired ownership, and executed a comprehensive restoration. The vessel was eventually restored by OHS volunteers to her present mission; a floating museum dedicated to the memory of the Life Savers of Cape Cod. The Lifeboat now once again travels the waters on Cape Cod and beyond.



Hallicrafter S38 was used by the fishermen listening to the rescue mission. The commander of Chatham station used a D 104 microphone. The Life boat had a radio onboard but I could not find out what it was below is Chris Pine on the boat the radio to his right and Eric Bana as Commander Daniel Cluff at the Chatham station

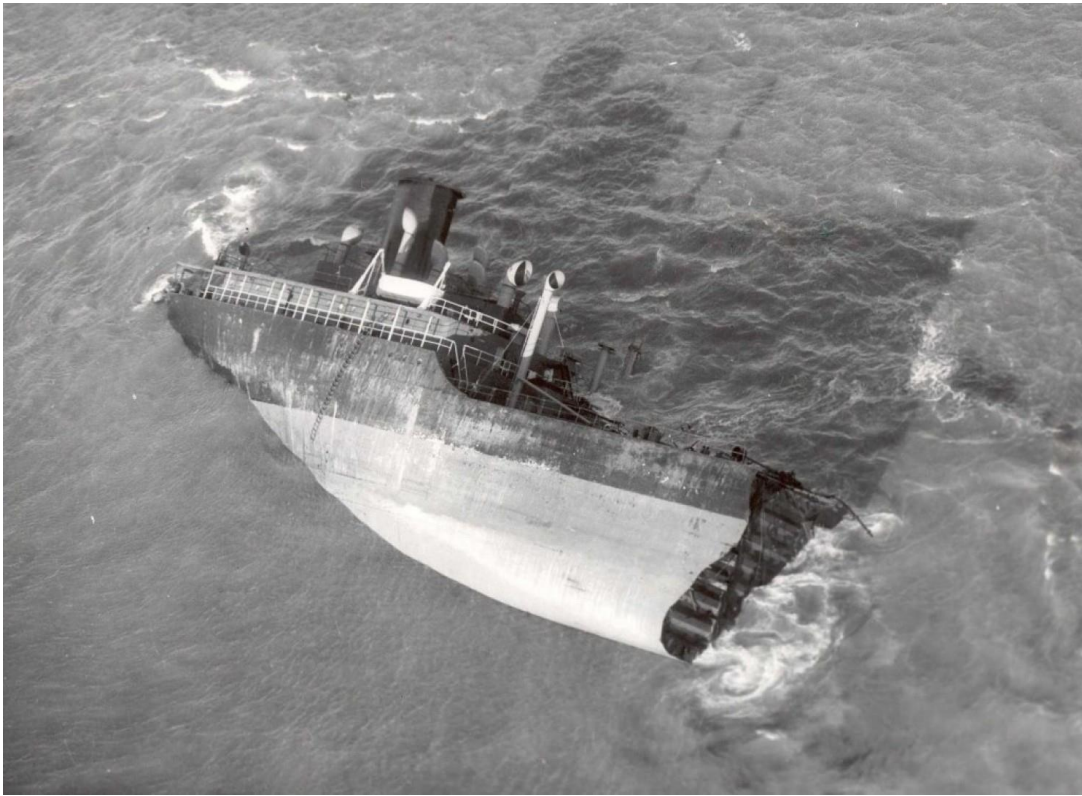




This is the lifesaving boat CG 36500 all restored today she can be visited at Orleans Rock Harbor inlet



This is the actual tankers bow section that broke free from the ship. This section was later refloated and taken to be scrapped in Delaware



This is the actual tanker engine room and propeller section from the back of the tanker SS Pendleton this is where 32 men were saved during the storm. Located along this side of the ship is the Jacobs ladder that the crew climbed down and jumped to the boat.



This is a photograph of the tankers crew on the CG36500 rescue boat the boat was built to hold twelve persons counting the crew of four. The CG36500 ended up with thirty six men on board and crossed the Chatham bar.



Chris Pine as Bernie Webber and Ben Foster as Richard Livesey