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MARA News



Membership \$\$\$ are now Due!

We are in need of a club secretary please contact Denise KC1CFO

Saturday night Skywarn net controllers needed please contact Denise KC1CFO

Next meeting January 17, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Bridgewater Public Library

Our February Meeting will be on the 20th 2018 6:30pm at the Bridgewater Public library

Presidents notes from KC1CFO Denise Sisson



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MARA facebook page: Our Massasoit Amateur Radio Association Facebook page with club events, meeting, photos, etc... is occasionally updated so that it can be another resource for us 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. If you go to the "about" tab on our page you can find our <http://www.w1mv.org/> web page for our present and past newsletters and other club information. Please send Rick – kb1tee@gmail.com and Denise KC1CFO denigs1@aol.com any articles or photos you would like to see in our MARA newsletter, W1MV –MARA Website and the facebook page. Jeff N1ZZN has created a link to twitter to help get the word out even more!

Happy New Year to all: Hoping everyone has a great start to 2018

There is a new class starting on January 14, 2018 for the technician's level license. It will be from 1-4 at the Middleborough Town Annex building 3rd floor, 20 Center St corner of South Main St and Center St enter off of the Center St side. Registration is required please contact the Middleborough Health Department at 508-946-2408 or bo633@aol.com or rbuker@middleborough.com

Any suggestions for guest speakers please contact myself Denise KC1CFO denigs@aol.com. So if you would like to let us know if you have any ideas please pass them along.

Roy Logan KB1CYV has retired from the net. We will miss him dearly. John Miller N1UMJ has picked up the second Tuesday net.

Also, Saturday night skywarn, is in need of operators to run the net. We are in need of someone people to volunteer to run the Saturday night Skywarn nets. Please let me know if you can help out Denise KC1CFO – denigs@aol.com I will get you the net script

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday January 16th at our new year meeting!

73 Denise KC1CFO

President-Massasoit Amateur Radio Association

SECRETARYS NOTES – MARA MEETING 11/21/17 – Larry Kenney, W1VP

OPEN: President Denise KC1CFO opened the meeting at 6:39 pm, 11/21/17.

ATTENDANCE: 10 members were present including 4 elected officers

W1VP Larry Kenney (Sec)

N1IQI Loren Pimentel

N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann (VP)

KB1TEE Richard Emord

N1XTB Phil McNamara (Treasurer)

KA1YL Connie Frauciosi

KC1CFO Denise Sisson (President)

WA1BEE Allen Hiltz

NR1FD Bill Burke

N1RTS Bob Sisson

MEETING MINUTES :

Motion to accept the October 2017 MARA Secretary's report as published in the October 2017 newsletter made by **Rick KB1TEE** with a second by **Allen WA1BEE** . Motion passed vote by attending club members.

Club Treasurer **Phil N1XTB** read the October 2017 treasurers report. Motion to accept as read made by **Rick KB1TEE** with a second by **Bob N1RTS**. Motion passed vote by attending club members.

Repeater Report:

Jeff N1ZZN provided a repeater report. Jeff reports the APRS computer had been down for a few weeks but now has been fixed. Jeff mentioned resetting the power and fan connections. **Phil N1XTB** mentioned still needing to acquire a replacement backup battery. **Jeff N1ZZN** mentioned he may have a source for this.

New Business:

Denise KC1CFO mentioned the need to fill the net control positions held by **Roy KB1CYV** as his new QTH currently does not support a 2 Meter station. Roy provided net control for the MARA Meeting on the Air the 2nd Tuesday of each month and the Saturday 8pm Skywarn net. Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact any one of the club officers. **Jeff N1ZZN** suggests asking the Whitman club for volunteers for this also. A general discussion took place regarding an offer to **Roy KB1CYV** for help installing a 2 meter antenna and station at his new QTH. **Larry W1VP** indicated he would notify Roy of this offer.

Denise KC1CFO was notified by **Barry N1EZN** regarding the passing of **N1MXH Alan Smallhoovers** wife. Denise sent a sympathy card on behalf of the MARA club to Alan. **Rick KB1TEE** indicated he also sent a sympathy card.

Denise KC1CFO mentioned the need to replace **Larry W1VP** as club secretary. Please consider volunteering for this position in support of the MARA club.

Jeff N1ZZN mentioned the Whitman club will again be holding their Thanksgiving weekend special event at Plimoth Plantation. Volunteers are welcome to operate on either Saturday or Sunday November 25th/26th. Help with station and antenna setup on Friday Nov 24th and takedown on Sunday afternoon is also welcome.

Rick KB1TEE asked about the Whitman clubs January 20th Winterfest flea market event. **Larry W1VP** confirmed the event is still taking place and details were added to the Whitman clubs website.

Denise KC1CFO recently asked for new thoughts/ideas for club activities and ways to draw new folks to the club. **Phil N1XTB** mentioned being approached to run a technician training class in January by the Middleborough MRC (medical reserve corp.) Bob Silva. Phil indicated the last time he did this, a number of new hams joined either the MARA or Whitman radio clubs. Phil is tentatively thinking of Sunday afternoon sessions for 6 weeks – pending headcount confirmation. Phil will continue to communicate w/Bob Silva regarding this. It's suggested we pass the word along to anyone wanting to attend a technician class.

Phil N1XTB is waiting for the draft of the newly designed business card/QSL he's been working on which is based on the current W1MV QSL card.

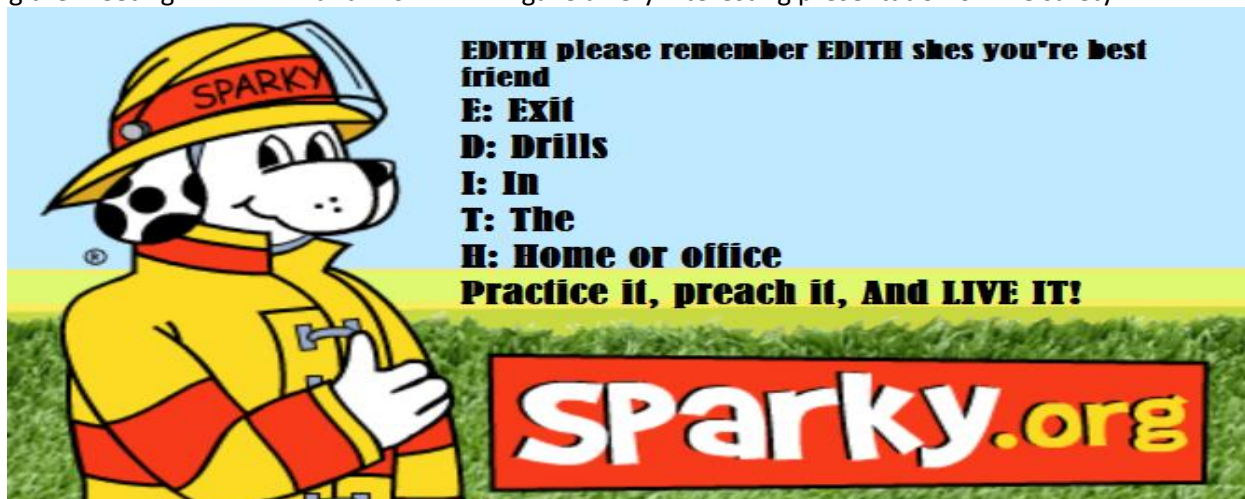
Rick KB1TEE provided details on a number of special events in the future:

- Rick will be looking for volunteers to join him on the USS Massachusetts with the Boy Scouts on Saturday April 28th from 9am-4pm using the **W1BSA** call.
 - Rick reminded everyone that the 1st weekend in June will be Museum Ships On the Air event and he'll be operating stations on the USS Massachusetts.
- Rick mentioned he's planning to have a BBQSO at his QTH in August most likely.
- Rick informed us of a birthday celebration/operations taking place on the USS Massachusetts on September 22nd.
- Rick will again be operating from the USS Massachusetts over the summer along with **John N1UMJ** and will update us on his schedule at that time. Volunteers are welcome. Rick explained he and **Bill NR1FD** are continuing to run coax within the ship to make station setup much quicker.

Rick KB1TEE asked about DMR (Brandmeister network) use in NH. **Jeff N1ZZN** provided details on this which led to a general discussion on the subject, Jeff indicated the Brandmeister DMR in part of the new 'multi-mode digital voice modules' or 'mmdvm' units experimentation has started on. Jeff currently has one on the W. Bridgewater UHF machine which formerly just supported NXDN. Now this repeater supports NXDN, DMR, P25, D-STAR and Fusion. The mmdvm is just a circuit board that attached to a Raspberry-Pi computer. Jeff plans to add an mmdvm to the .39 Marshfield repeater, the .25 Norwell repeater and probably more in the future. Rick mentioned owning a TYT2017 model radio which Jeff thought would be compatible.

CLOSE: A motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Rick KB1TEE** with a second by **Loren N1IQI**. Motion passed by attending club members. **Denise KC1CFO** closed the meeting at 7:10 pm 11/21/17.

Following the meeting **Bill NR1FD** and **Rick KB1TEE** gave a very interesting presentation on fire safety.



ARRL news

Thousands Getting Their Grids On!

And they're off! New Year's Day January 1 (UTC) marked the opening day for the ARRL International Grid Chase 2018 (IGC). Among those hitting their grids running was newly minted General-class operator Katie Thompson, KI7HCX, of Mt. Vernon, Washington, who used the occasion to embark on the Chase *and* to get on HF for the first time using her own call sign. The 11-year-old comes from a ham radio family. Her dad, Todd, is W7TAO, while her older brothers are Mason, K7MWT, 15 -- who upgraded to Amateur Extra at the examination session where his sister upgraded to General -- and Tanner, K7TMT, 13.

"She called CQ Grid Square Chase on 20 meters and very quickly made 44 contacts," her dad told ARRL. "She was very excited to work her first pileup and even had two Japanese stations QSO with her. She's anxious to continue participating in the grid square chase." Todd Thompson said all three young radio amateurs are looking forward to participating in [Rookie Roundup](#) in April.



Katie Thompson, KI7HCX. [Todd Thompson, W7TAO, photo]

The IGC is off to a rousing start, with some 6,400 participants from around the globe already showing up on the [Leader Board](#) as of the morning of January 4. Point totals for the International Grid Chase are shown for confirmed contacts only, and, while the leader boards are not based on real-time data, they are updated several times a day. All contacts on all bands except 60 meters are valid for Grid Chase credit, provided both stations upload their logs to Logbook of The World ([LoTW](#)) and get a match.

The objective of the year-long event is to work stations in as many different Maidenhead grid squares as possible, and then upload your logs to [LoTW](#).



Each new grid square contact confirmed through LoTW will count toward your [monthly total](#). Stations do *not* have to exchange grid squares for a valid contact, although it's anticipated that many operators will do so. Some rare grid squares will be in demand. How about yours? Get on the air, and get behind *your* grid! If you can, get out there, and activate the scarce ones.

Members of the Marconi Cape Cod Radio Club [KM1CC](#) at the Cape Cod National Seashore will activate rare grid square FN51 January 18-19 for the International Grid Chase.

Radio Amateurs Track Major East Coast Winter Storm

[WX1BOX](#), the Amateur Radio Station at the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Taunton, Massachusetts, joined numerous [SKYWARN](#) nets across New England in activating for an early-January nor'easter that brought significant coastal flooding, damaging winds -- with hurricane-force wind gusts downing trees and power lines -- and heavy snow accumulations to the region. The eastern coast of New England experienced high snowfall rates, whiteout conditions, and WX1BOX was active for 16.5 hours, supporting data gathering for the NWS. Local and state emergency managers, broadcast media, and other agencies also used these reports for situational awareness during the storm and to assess the need for any later recovery efforts.

"A widespread 8 to 18 inches of snow fell across southern New England away from Cape Cod and the Islands. There were reports of thunderstorms with snowfall rates in the 2 to 3 inches per hour range," said Rob Macedo, KD1CY, Eastern Massachusetts Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator and NWS Taunton SKYWARN liaison. "Wind gusts between 70 and 76 MPH were recorded over Cape Cod and the Islands, and wind gusts in the 40-70 MPH range were common across the rest of southern New England."

Macedo said the severe and widespread coastal flooding in some eastern Massachusetts locations was at the higher end of coastal flood events experienced in the last 10 years or so.

Second Annual AM Rally Special Event Set for February 2-4 Weekend

The second-annual [AM Rally](#) is inviting operators to explore the original phone mode over the February 2-4 weekend. Co-sponsor Clark Burgard, N1BCG, said the event "is intended to be both fun and educational." It encourages all radio amateurs to get on AM, possibly for the first time.



"Because of resurgent interest in AM, the event is also an opportunity for amateurs new to AM to learn about proper settings and get the most performance out of their station, whether it's modern, vintage, tube, transistor, software-defined, military, boat anchor, broadcast, home brewed, or commercially made," Burgard said.

The [AM Rally website](#) includes tips and suggestions for various transmitter types as well as links to additional information. Certificates will be awarded for most states contacted and most contacts overall made by stations in five power-output classes. Some "special recognitions" will be made on an ad hoc basis, Burgard said.

The AM Rally gets under way at 0000 UTC on Saturday, February 3, and concludes at 0700 UTC on Monday, February 5. Band include 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, and 6 meters.

The 2017 AM Rally, which was held in April, was deemed [a huge success](#), with nearly 1,500 contacts reported on the 72 logs submitted.

Winter Field Day is Just Ahead

Local club news and events

WA1NPO Whitman

Winter fest January 20, 2018 Flea Market at 9am until 1pm at the Whitman K of C hall Rt 18. Five dollar entry fee with raffle prizes drawn at NOON. VE testing visit [WA1NPO.org](#) for more information

January 2018: General class training, date starts January 9 at 7pm-9pm classes Tuesday and Thursday nights running now contact Ross W1EKG

Connecticut Valley FM Association Springfield VT

You are invited to a Springfield Amateur Radio Swap Fest. It is sponsored by the Connecticut Valley FM Association an ARRL affiliated Amateur Radio Club. **Door Prizes, 50/50**

Raffle. Coffee and donuts will be available to stave off those early morning hunger attacks.

Saturday February 10th, 2018 at the VFW Post 771, Springfield, VT is the date and place.

Setup starts at 7:00AM with the main event kicking off at 8:00AM. NOTE: The entrance to the VFW is to the right of the Mobile gas station at the junction of River Street and Route 11, across from the Springfield Shopping Plaza. **Free admission for all attendees!** Winning the 50/50 raffle could pay for that new handheld you always wanted or cover the cost of gas, snack, and possibly a table or two. There will be a \$5.00 per table charge for hams and vendors with a two-table maximum. Set up a table to make some room in your shack for that new radio you have been looking at and recycle some of your older equipment to another Ham. Maybe set up a table to show off your favorite aspect of the hobby. (Free tables will be available for anyone wishing to present only No selling!) Can you demonstrate your logging

program, do a satellite demo, showoff your home brew antennas? This day is for "us"(you), to socialize with each other, make new friends and catch up with old friend. Bring your favorite presentation and share it with others. There will be plenty of fun, good times and good friends to be had by all. **Reserve your table by contacting CVFMA at:** swapmeet@cvfma.org Additional information can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/cvfma/>

Saturday Morning Talk In from the top of Mt. Ascutney on the 146.760 CVFMA repeater (-) PL 110.9 and on DMR Vermont talk group.

Springfield VT VFW Post 771
191 River Road
Springfield, VT 05156

W1BSA event April 28 2018 1000-1500

The annual W1BSA event will take place April 28, 2017. I hope you will make it out to the USS Massachusetts ward room to operate for such a great event. We will be setting up the antennas on Friday April 20th and Friday April 27th at 0900-1300. Last year we set up three dipoles and two vertical antenna's. We set up four radios on Saturday thank you to all who participated in the past years and hopefully we can have another great event.

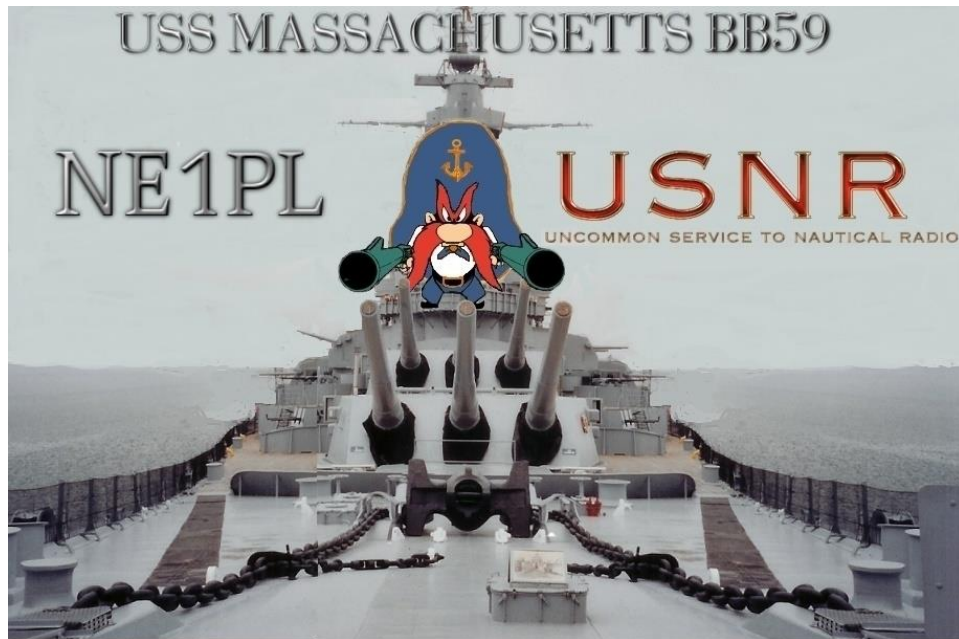


W1BSA QSL cards

NE1PL on the USS Massachusetts 2018

We are planning to be on the USS Massachusetts June 1-3 for Museum Ships On The Air anyone interested in coming out and operating please contact Rick KB1TEE. My email address is kb1tee@gmail.com we are looking for a lot of people not just radio operators. We need people to help log contacts speak to guests and for other duties.

Please check out the website www.ne1pl.org for updates on operations. Anyone wishing to come out and join us please come on down and have some fun, enjoy great views, amateur radio, and tour the ship for free.



NE1PL summer operations on the USS Massachusetts

We will be operating this summer on the ship again if you are interested please contact Rick KB1TEE



New England Area Ham - Electronic Flea Market DATES 2018

20 Jan Whitman MA WARC @KoC Rt18 \$5@9AM \$15/T Chris 781 523 5010 F+

10 Feb Springfield VT CVFMA @VFW @8 B/Free \$5/T@7 Dave K1ZS 603 446 7312

17 Feb Marlboro MA AARC @MidSch \$5@9 \$20/T@6:30 Tim KA1OS 508 919 6136 F+

24 Feb S Burlington VT RAoNV @HI 189x14 \$9@8 \$15@6 Mitch W1SJ 802 879 6589

24 Feb Augusta ME AARA @CibCalume Bill K1NIT 207 512 0312 A+

25 Feb Hicksville NY LIMARC @LevitHall\$6@9+\$22/T@7 Richard K2KNB 516-694-4937 W+

4 Mar Nashua NH NEARC RadioXLIX @CrtYdMarriott antique \$10@8 603 772 7516 F+

10 Mar Chicopee MA MtTomARA @Castle \$5@8:30 S@6:30 Brian KC1BDF 860 478 6790

18 Mar Southington CT SARA @HS \$5@8 \$20/T@6:15 John WA1JKR 860 621 8791 +

30,31 Mar Lewiston ME AARC ME Conv @Ramada @8 Ivan N1OXA 207 784 0350

7 Ap Hampton NH PCARC @Masonic \$5@8 \$10/T@7 Mark K1RX 603 231 8965

8 April Framingham MA FARA 9AM@KeefeHS \$25/T Andy KC1DMM at 508 310 5913 +

14 Ap Newton MA PHSNE Photographica Sat Only @AmLegion @9A John 781 592 2553

21 Apr Gales Ferry CT RASON @FireCo auction Tom WA2RYV 860 464 6555 A+

29 April Middletown NY OCARC @ CommCtr Bruce K2ULZ 845 391 3620 A+

4-5 May Deerfield NH NEARfest XXIII @FG Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235

12 May E Greenbush NY EGARA FireCo Tom KC2FCP 518 272 1494 A+

11 Aug St Albans VT STARC @VFW Arn N1ARN 802 309 0666

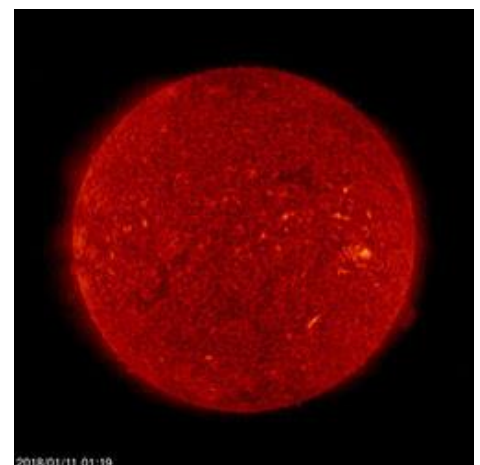
The K7RA Solar Update

Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, reports: The average daily sunspot number over the January 4-10 reporting week was 11.9, compared to zero (no sunspots) over the previous 7 days, but the average daily solar flux declined slightly, from 70.4 to 69.9. The average daily planetary A index went from 5.1 to 5.4, and average mid-latitude A index changed from 3.4 to 4.6.

The predicted solar flux is 70 on January 11-13; 69 and 68 on January 14-15; 70 on January 16-21; 72 on January 22-27; 70 on January 28-February 17; 72 on February 18-23, and 70 on February 24.

The predicted planetary A index is 5 on January 11-12; 14, 10, and 6 on January 13-15; 5 on January 16-19; 12, 10, 8, and 6 on January 20-23; 5 on January 24-27; 10 on January 28; 5 on January 29-February 3; 12, 8, 5, and 8 on February 4-7; 5 on February 8-9; 10, 15, and 10 on February 10-12; 5 on February 13-15; 12, 10, 8, and 6 on February 16-19; 5 on February 20-23, and 10 on February 24.

Sunspot numbers for January 4-10 were 13, 11, 11, 11, 13, 13, and 11, with a mean of 11.9. The 10.7-centimeter flux was 69.5, 69.3, 69.4, 69.9, 70.3, 70.8, and 70.4, with a mean of 69.9. Estimated planetary A indices were 4, 5, 3, 3, 9, 9, and 5, with a mean of 5.4. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 3, 5, 2, 2, 9, 7, and 4, with a mean of 4.6.



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
NE Cracker Barrel Net, **7:00 PM Daily** (Matt – W1AEM, NCO on Sun), 3.921.00 MHz LSB
Pilgrim Amateur Wireless Assoc. 10 Meter Net, 7:00 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, 7:30 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/>

Massasoit Amateur Radio Association Executive board

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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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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 Steve Cohen , W1OD via email w1od@arrl.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



Sea Hunt is an American action adventure television series that aired in syndication from 1958 to 1961 and was popular in syndication for decades afterwards. The series originally aired for four seasons, with 155 episodes produced. It stars Lloyd Bridges as former United States Navy frogman Mike Nelson, and was produced by Ivan Tors.

Lloyd on the radio ,



Lloyd and Larry Hagman on the boat,



Underwater radio tests Lloyd



Series executive producer Ivan Tors conceived the idea for *Sea Hunt* while working on the 1958 film *Underwater Warrior*.^[1] Tors tried in vain to sell the series to all three major networks, but each network passed on the show because they felt a series set underwater could not be sustained. Tors then decided to sell the series into the first-run syndication market. Tors teamed up with Ziv Television Programs and was able to sell the show to over 100 syndicated markets before the series debuted in January 1958.

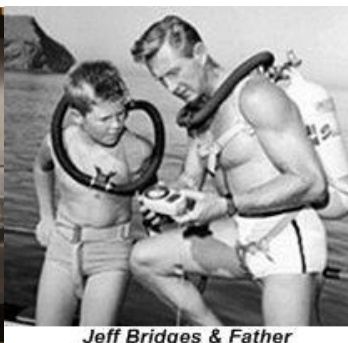
Below Lloyd Bridges on the radio, Lloyd tapping out Morse code to trapped sailors, Scientist testing underwater comm's



Lloyd Bridges was soon cast as lead character Mike Nelson. *Sea Hunt* was intended as a comeback vehicle for Bridges due to his brief blacklisting from acting. Bridges was blacklisted after admitting to the House Un-American Activities Committee that he had been a member of the Actors' Laboratory Theatre, a group that was tied to the Communist Party.

Firefighters working a dock fire talk with units involved,

Police Chief uses radio to contact head quarters



Jeff Bridges & Father



The boat used in the series was named after the mythological Greek heroes who sailed with Jason on the quest of the Golden Fleece, the Argonaut. While several cabin cruisers were utilized in filming, one notable model was the Trojan Express custom built by Trojan Yachts in 1960 with mahogany planking and teak decks and trim, measuring 33 feet long and 12 feet wide. Diving equipment was supplied by Voit and Sportsways/Waterlung, wetsuits were made by a small Los Angeles shop, *Dive N' Surf*, which was the genesis for the company that became known as Body Glove.

