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DUES ARE DUE FOR 2025

I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season see you January 21st KB1TEE Rick

Next meeting is January 21st, 2025 Social hour 1830 meeting at 19:00pm. Talk-in is on 147.180+ Meetings are at the Bridgewater Public library on the square St Bridgewater MA. Entry left side door it's the main entry.

ON THE AIR Tuesdays 7th 14th 28th 2025 new program and conversation

Presidents Notes: John Laiosa N1BSO

I hope everybody had a good holiday and happy new year. The first meeting for the new year is Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 PM at the Bridgewater Public Library. The dues for the coming year are due at this meeting, they are \$25. We start to planning for the coming year: the annual open house and potential speakers, etc. Any apparel orders to me. Hope to see everyone there.

Secretary notes Phil McNamara N1XTB

No report for December. No meeting.

DUES are due please pay in person or send your check or money order to Massasoit Amateur Radio Association, P O Box 428 Bridgewater MA. 02324

Newsletter editor Rick Emord KB1TEE

Nothing new to report. Lots going on over the next couple of months. Please forward to me any amateur radio clubs information to me please



NE1PL Uncommon Service To Nautical Radio

We will be on the USS Massachusetts April 19th 2025. We will be remembering The Doolittle Raid, also known as the Tokyo Raid. It was an air raid on 18 April 1942 by the United States on the Japanese capital Tokyo and other places on Honshu during World War II.

NE1PL



Great Hill Gang

Great Hill Gang / K1USN Swap Net Fridays at 20:00 hours (8pm) On the Marshfield repeater, 145.39 MHz with PL 67.0 EchoLink NEW-ENG 2 node on 9127 — IRLP Reflector 9127 Net Controllers: NA1XX -Mike & K1UVH-Mike

Algonquin Amateur radio HAMfest

Saturday February 15th 2025 1LT Charles W. Whitcomb School 25 Union Street Marlborough, MA 01752 0900-1300 \$5.00 general admission Talk in MMRA 147.27 PL 146.2

CQ World Wide 160-Meter Contest, CW

The [CQ World Wide 160-Meter Contest, CW](#) begins at 2200 UTC on Friday, January 24, and runs through 2200 UTC on Sunday, January 26. See the [website](#) for rules and other contest details.

ARRL Audio News

Listen to [ARRL Audio News](#), available every Friday. ARRL Audio News is a summary of the week's top news stories in the world of amateur radio and ARRL, along with interviews and other features.

The On the Air podcast and ARRL Audio News are available on blubrry, iTunes, and Apple Podcasts.

Winter Field Day



Winter Field Day, sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association, is the last full weekend of January. It starts at 1900 UTC on Saturday, January 25, and concludes at 1859 UTC on Sunday, January 26. Any mode that fully supports the exchange is allowed during the contest. Operation on all bands HF, VHF, and UHF, with the exception of 12, 17, 30, and 60 meters is allowed. For more information, visit the [Winter Field Day](#) website.

Connecting Youth with Ham Radio in the Classroom

Connecting Youth with Ham Radio in the Classroom” is a first-hand look from two students, Ashley Li and Olivia Wojtczak, at how a School Station Grant from the ARRL Education & Technology Program helped to enhance the engineering curriculum at Staten Island Technical High School. More than 250 students have earned a ham radio license and are engaged in building antennas and learning electronics theory. [Read QST](#)

Slow TV: Portable POTA Hunting at Home

[December 24, 2024 Thomas Witherspoon](#) This afternoon, instead of venturing out to a local park, I decided to do a little POTA hunting from home—QRP portable style. It was a fun experience and felt a bit like an at-home activation, except, of course, there was no actual activation since I wasn't at a POTA site. Fair warning: the video is very long and practically designed to defy YouTube's algorithm, which favors short, highly-edited videos optimized for engagement. My hope for this video is simple: that it is what it is—a slow TV ham radio adventure. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride. Since it's Christmas Eve, I'm keeping things low-key and won't be publishing a full field report—just this little intro! You'll find gear links in [the video description](#). Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or Joyous Winter Solstice. No matter how you celebrate, I hope it's filled with love and joy!

Best & 72,
Thomas (K4SWL)



ARES® Briefs, Links

An [AUXCOMM class will be conducted in Orlando, Florida, February 3-5, 2025](#), prior to the Orlando HamCation®. This is one of the best classes to take to foster understanding of where we fit into the overall NIMS/ICS structure. For Florida licensees interested in deployment outside of your county, this course is mandatory, per the Florida Department of Emergency Management. — *ARRL Northern Florida Section Emergency Coordinator Arc Thames, W4CPD*

New emergency communications courses are now available from the ARRL that are aligned with the new *ARES Task Book*. [Take the courses](#). [Study the task book](#).

Use January contests and operating events as communications exercises (COMMEXs)—Preparedness and professionalism are what local and state authorities are expecting when they reach out to VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) groups like ARRL ARES® that offer services no matter the season or temperature. Operating events such as Winter Field Day, the ARRL January VHF Contest, and POTA (Parks on the Air®) allow exercising one's equipment and winter weather personal protection equipment (PPE) during the colder months of the year. — *Blair ARES Alert!*, January 2025 issue, Blair County, Pennsylvania ARES

The Civil Air Patrol, an ARRL partner and MOU stakeholder, will offer emergency radio training to residents of Homer, Alaska, and surrounding areas. [\[Read the ARRL/CAP MOU\]](#). The Alaska Wing of the CAP, a U.S. Air Force Auxiliary organization, is working to prepare communities throughout the state for emergency situation response by providing radios and the training to use them in the event of catastrophic events. Homer-area community members with any level of radio experience, including no prior experience, are invited to take part in training sessions that began in December. This radio communication training opportunity is open to community members of all ages, including youth and adults, though they must register to become part of the Homer CAP squadron in order to participate. The project, also known as "Twenty Seconds More," is part of an ongoing effort to improve Alaska's ability to respond to a disaster, according to 1st Lt. Michele Bremer. — *FEMA Disaster Emergency Communications News Clippings and Topics of Interest Vol. 14 Issue 23, December 1-15, 2024*

[Take the new \(as of April, 2024\) Emergency Support Function \(ESF\) #2—Communications course](#) on the FEMA Emergency Management Institute site.

The Robert E. and Patricia Schmidt Foundation has provided a \$13,100 grant to the Ellis County (Texas) Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ECARES). The money will be used to purchase equipment. The group hopes to have the equipment up and running by the end of the month. ECARES is dedicated to providing volunteer support communications for public safety in Ellis County. The group provides communication capabilities as requested by the Ellis County Fire and Emergency Management Department in situations in which local communications are compromised. ECARES also provides local SKYWARN spotters during times of severe weather and reports to the National Weather Service office in Dodge City. — *FEMA Disaster Emergency Communications News Clippings and Topics of Interest Vol. 14 Issue 24, December 16-31, 2024*

[Hurricane Watch Net Remembers Long Time Volunteer Terry Redding, W6LMJ, Silent Key.](#) – *ARRL News*, 01/09/2025

Not to be Missed: Next Month's Orlando HamCation

Orlando FL February 7-9 2025 Central Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Park 4603 West Colonial Drive Orlando, Florida 32808 February 7, 2025 | 9AM to 5PM, February 8, 2025 | 9AM to 5PM, February 9, 2025 | 9AM to 1PM.



The K7RA Solar Update

ARRL Propagation Bulletin 2, for Friday, January 10, 2025.

Solar activity was a bit weaker over the past week. The average daily sunspot number was 159.1.

Predicted solar flux for the near term is 170 on January 9 - 10; 165 on January 11 - 12; 160 on January 13 - 15; 180, 190, 200, 210 and 220 on January 16 - 20, then 230 on January 21 - 25. Predicted planetary A index is 8, 5, 5, 8, 8, 5, 5 and 12 on January 9 - 16; 10 on January 17 - 20 and 5 on January 21 - 30. Sunspot numbers for January 2 through 8, 2025, were 173, 190, 193, 178, 154, 113, and 113, with a mean of 159.1. The 10.7 - centimeter flux was 212.4, 199.9, 209.3, 168.6, 171.9, 167.7, and 160.2, with a mean of 184.3. The planetary A index was 22, 9, 32, 20, 12, 15 and 8 with an average of 16.9. The middle latitude A index was 14, 7, 21, 12, 13, 8, and 6, with a mean of 11.6.

To observe and report hams play key role for National Weather Service

In 1977, Misiewicz, then a volunteer firefighter in Dawson, Fayette County, went to Johnstown to respond to the devastation from a flood. He remembered picking bodies out of trees. Fazekas, of Winfield, recalled the tornado outbreak of 1985, while he was camping in Burrell Township. There were about 18 or 19 tornadoes confirmed in the area with fatalities in the Saxonburg area. They both remember the historic Blizzard of 1993. Hurricane Ivan followed in 2004. Read more at [Tribe Live January 17th 2025](#) Kellen Stepler

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440 Repeater 444.550+ (Tone 88.5)

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www.powersrvcs.org/w1gmf/skywarn.htm

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Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month, for time being, Tuesday Night Zoom meeting will be at 6:30pm.

Our Meetings-On-The-Air are held all other Tuesday evenings at 8PM on 147.180+ and is working well with our new format.

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

Trying a new feature radio and communications on TV movies and other venues try to figure out what the picture was from and who is in the picture. Contact me at kb1tee@gmail if you figure it out. Next month I will publish who it was and which venue it was from



QSL card of the month

