



# MARANews



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## Secretary's Report

SECRETARYS NOTES – MEETING 6/18/2013 – ROY KB1CYV

OPEN: President Barry N1EZH opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: 14 members/guests were present, including the 4 elected officers.

N1EZH Barry Kennedy	KB1CYV Roy Logan	NR1FD Bill Burke
KB1TEE Rick Emord	N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann	K1LJK Larry Kenney
N1FDX Jay Zappulla	K1DC Don Benecchi	W1WCF Walt Fitzgerald
N1XTB Phil McNamara	KC1JET Jim Tynan	N1NVV Pete Curley
N1EDM Bob Mandeville		SWL Philip McNamara

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for June was read by Phil N1XTB. Jeff N1ZZN made a motion seconded by Larry K1LJK that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

MARA NEWS MINUTES: A motion was made by Jim KC1JET seconded by Walt W1WCF that the minutes published in the June newsletter be accepted. The motion was approved.

REPEATER REPORT: Jeff N1ZZN reported that work is progressing at the repeater site and that the repeater is now off the air. In the meantime, thanks to the Whitman Amateur Radio Club, nets, etc. will be held on the 147.225 PL 67 WA1NPO repeater.

OLD BUSINESS: Phil N1XTB reported that much of the work at the new EOC location has been completed. No date for actual operational status has been announced. Roy KB1CYV discussed the recent road race held at the YMCA Camp Yomechas in Middleboro on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Walt W1WCF seconded by Jay N1FDX to accept changes to the Club Constitution and By-Laws as discussed by President Barry N1EZH. The motion was approved. A motion by Don K1DC seconded by Bob N1EDM

was approved to close nominations for the election of officers for 2013-2014. Secretary Roy KB1CYV cast the one vote required. The slate of officers is:

N1EZH Barry Kennedy	President
KB1TEE Rick Emord	Vice President
K1LJK Larry Kenney	Secretary
N1XTB Phil McNamara	Treasurer

Congratulations and thank you to all.

Rick KB1TEE announced there would be a BBQSO at his QTH 135 Wareham St., Middleboro on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A great time was had by those attending last year's event. Bob N1EDM donated cable and switches for use at the repeater site. Volunteers are needed to assist in providing communication support for the annual triathlon sponsored by the YMCA at Camp Yomechas on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Dunkin Donuts at Rtes 28 and 105 in Middleboro at 7:00 a.m. for assignments.

CLOSE: On a motion by Jeff N1ZZN seconded by Larry K1LJK, President Barry N1EZH closed the business meeting at 7:10 p.m., followed by an excellent presentation by Rick KB1TEE on safety issues related to grounding and wiring.

## **Next Meeting**

MARA's next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on July 16, 2013  
at the Bridgewater Public Library

## **Upcoming Events**

Brockton Road Race D.W. Field Park  
September 2013 Details to be announced

## **147.180 Repeater Will be Off the Air for Two Months**

As of June 18 2013

The 147.180 repeater will be off the air for about two months because of maintenance work being performed on the Bridgewater water tower where the antenna is located. The work began on June 17<sup>th</sup>. We will update the status when applicable on the MARA web page and in this newsletter.

## **MIDDLEBORO YMCA CAMP YOMECHAS TRIATHLON**

The Massasoit Amateur Radio Association volunteered to provide communication support for the Middleboro YMCA Triathlon held on Sunday, July 7, 2013. **Carl Aveni N1FY** had put out an open invitation for area HAMS to participate. Members of both the Massasoit Club and the Whitman Amateur Radio Club responded. The weather was clear, sunny and hot with the temperature over 90 degrees by the end of the Triathlon.

The Triathlon involved a 1 mile swim in Lake Tispaquin, a 24 mile bike race (four loops around the race course), and a 6 mile run. Some teams split up the swimming, biking and running.

The Triathlon started in waves with the elite participants entering the water at about 8 a.m. and the lead runner finishing in a little over 2 hours. The slower but determined participants took between 4 and 5 hours to finish.

The race started at 8:00 a.m. and because the start area is so crowded, the Radio Team met at 7:00 a.m. at the Dunkin Donuts. Rt. 105 and 28. to get assignments.

**Carl N1FY** set up Net Control at the Start / Finish line and all the other Radio Team members were located at various intersections around the 6 mile course.

**Carl N1FY** reports: "I don't have the exact numbers but race officials stated they were down probably because it was the 4th of July weekend plus it was so hot. No major incidents happened; just a few blisters and scrapes. Part way through the race, we were alerted by national weather of potential severe thunderstorms arriving as early as 1:00 p.m."

Pete Curley N1NVV

Carl Aveni N1FY

Bob Keene N1LCY



Roy Logan KB1CYV

Kevin Dykes KB1MOC

Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF



## **The Heathkit Phoenix Rises Again**

The venerable Heathkit Company may be making a comeback. A new website has appeared, and hams are being requested to complete an online survey so that they might learn more about "your kit-building interests, your thoughts about old vintage Heathkits, and your thoughts and ideas about Heathkit". You can participate in the survey at <http://tinyurl.com/kzahg2d>.

## **Antique Radio Collector?**

Are you an antique radio collector? Or, would like to be but not sure how to begin? Prof. Mike Adams from San Jose State Univ. has a fascinating collection of videos he's posted on the subject for your viewing pleasure, at <http://tinyurl.com/mkc6zwz>.

## **HAM Hijinks**

Have you heard of that great satirical web site called The Onion? Well, I'm pleased to report there's a ham radio equivalent called "Ham Hijinks" replete with great satirical ham humor, at <http://www.noiseblankers.com/hijinks/>.

## **New Logbook of The World Software Eases Uploading**

The recently released version of *Trusted QSL (TQSL)* software for

Logbook of The World ([LoTW](#)) makes it much easier for users to upload logs to the worldwide contact repository. *TQSL* v. 1.14.1 may be downloaded from the LoTW page. The new software lets users upload log files to LoTW *directly* from *Trusted QSL*, saving steps. It also will automatically check for updates, prompting users to download and install. Among other new features, any QSOs that have been successfully uploaded to LoTW or saved to a file are registered in a database, and exact duplicates are automatically stripped from future logs (this feature may be disabled).

More than a half-billion contact records have been posted in LoTW since it began operation in 2003, resulting in some 72 million contact confirmations. Upgrading to version 1.14 is not mandatory. [Full information](#) on the advantages of upgrading is available on the LoTW website.

## **Field Day With Rick KB1TEE**

We were set up on Forest Hill Rd. Franconia, NH our call was K1EME 2A NH we had 5 different radio set ups one for CW one for Data and 3 for phone

We worked off of 2m 70cm 6m 10m 20m most of our contacts were from 20 m





**My set up with my tower in the back ground and Eli SWL soon to be testing and Lee N1ALL**





**My portable rig Yaesu 7800 dual band 2m 70cm sec 1200 power supply my gateway computer with Squil field day logger**



**Me, Eli SWL and Lee N1ALL**

## New England Area Flea Schedule– Courtesy of W1GSL

New England Area Ham - Electronic Flea Market \*\*\* DATES \*\*\* 2013 All events are Ham Radio/ Electronic related except ~\_\_\_\_~

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2013	Contact	Source
21 July Cambridge MA	FLEA at MIT	Nick 617 253 3776 F
3 Aug St Romuald PQ ARESDQ @9 @Arena X318 Rt20		France VE2AFC W+
18 Aug Cambridge MA	FLEA at MIT	Nick 617 253 3776 F
25 Aug N Adams MA NoBARC @BoweFld \$5@9 \$10TG@8		Tim KE3HT 413 822 7075 F+
7 Sept Ballston Spa NY SCRACES @FG @7		Darlene N2XQG 518 587 2385
7 Sept Windsor CT VR+C Mus 115 Pierson LN @8AM Outdoor		John 860 673 0518
8 Sept Newtown CT CARA @TownHall \$5@8:30 \$10/TG \$15/T		Joe AB1DO 203 938 4880
15 Sept Cambridge MA	FLEA at MIT	Nick 617 253 3776 F
21 Sept Forestdale RI RIAFMRS @VFW \$5/Sp@8		Pete AA1PL 401 639 4484 +
21 Sept Manchester CT PVRA @MarcusComm		George AB1GL 860 716 3367
28 Sept Brookline NH NEARC Antique \$10@7:30 \$4@8:30		Bruce 603 772 7516 F
6 Oct Queens NY HoSARC		Stephen WB2KDG 718 898 5599 A+
11,12 Oct Deerfield NH NEARFest XIV @FG		Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235 T+
13 Oct Meriden CT Nutmeg @Sheraton was Wallingford		John N1GNV 203 440 4973
19,20 Oct Wakefield MA Photographica @AmericalCtr ~photo~		John 781 592 2553
19 Oct Longueuil PQ CRAR-S \$7@9 \$10/T@6 Martin		VE2DNF 450 466 2810 R+
20 Oct Cambridge MA	FLEA at MIT	Nick 617 253 3776 F
26 Oct Gales Ferry CT TCARC Auction @FireCo @10		Darryl WA1DD 860 443 7799
27 Oct Hicksville NY LIMARC @LevitHall		Richard K2KNB 516 694 4937
9 Nov Bourne MA FARA @UpperCC VoTech \$5@9 \$10/S@7		Ralph N1YHS 508 548 0422
30 Nov Windsor CT VR+C Mus 115 Pierson LN @8AM Indoor		John 860 673 0518



## SkyWarn Announcement

The annual ARRL Hurricane Season Webinar will be Monday July 15th, 2013 from 8-930 PM and registration is still open. Details and Registration Information can be seen via the following link:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/registration-still-open-for-arrl-hurricane-season-webinar>

Representatives from WX4NHC, the Amateur Radio Station at the National Hurricane Center, Hurricane Watch Net and VoIP Hurricane Net will be giving presentations during this webinar. This webinar has been an annual event since 2011. We encourage people that live in the region to participate in this webinar.

The following items will be included in the webinar:

- Opening remarks and introduction of presenters.
- Meteorological Overview of the Upcoming Season, presented by VoIP Hurricane Net Director of Operations and ARRL Eastern Massachusetts Section Emergency Coordinator and NWS Taunton SKYWARN Coordinator - Rob Macedo, KD1CY.
- Amateur Radio WX4NHC at the National Hurricane Center: Who We Are and What We Do and How to Contact WX4NHC and Submit Surface Reports During a Hurricane along with WX4NHC Weather Initiatives, presented by WX4NHC Assistant Coordinator Julio Ripoll, WD4R
- ARRL Coordination and Interface, presented by ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U
- VoIP Hurricane Net, presented by Rob Macedo, KD1CY
- Hurricane Watch Net, presented by Hurricane Watch Net Manager Bobby Graves-KB5HAV
- Q&A Session and Closing Remarks

We hope many folks will have the opportunity to join this webinar on the upcoming Atlantic Hurricane Season. Thanks to all for their support!

Respectfully Submitted,

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## **DX News**

ISRAEL, 4X. Members of the Israel Amateur Radio Club (IARC) will activate 4X19MG in honor of the 19th Maccabiah Games from July 18 to 30. QSL via 4Z1TL.

CYPRUS, 5B. Tony, RT9T will be QRV as 5B4ALB from July 6 to 16. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via RT9T direct only. Tony will also participate in the IARU HF Championships as a member of the P3N team.

RWANDA, 9X. Operators Allan, G3XAQ, Nick, G3RWF and possibly others will be active as 9X0XA and 9X0NH, respectively, during the CQWW DX CW Contest. QSL both call signs via G3SWH.

UKRAINE, UR. Members of the Ukrainian Radioamateur QRP Club are celebrating their 15th anniversary and will activate special call sign EO15QRP from July 12 to August 12. QSL via UT2AB, via the Bureau or direct.

FERNANDO DE NORONHA, PY0F. Leo, PP1CZ will be QRV from July 25 to 30. He will be active as PY0F/PP1CZ and taking part in the RSGB IOTA Contest. Before and after the contest Leo will be on the newer bands, mostly CW and RTTY with some SSB.

ECUADOR, HD. Members of the Quito Radio Club (HC1QRC) will be operating as HD082QRC from July 13 to 23 to celebrate its 82nd anniversary. Activity will be on 160 to 2 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via HC1JQ direct.

CHINA, BA. Ma, BA4MY will be active as BA4MY/4 from Jiming Island from July 21 to 29. Activity will be on the HF bands. He will also be an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest. QSL via BA4EG direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or eQSL.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY. Ulf, DL3UB will be QRV as OY/DL3UB from July 29 to August 9. Activity will be holiday style, primarily using CW on 30, 17 and 12 meters. QSL via this home call sign, direct or via the Bureau.

CHILE, CE. A group of operators will be QRV as XR77RG during the month of July to commemorate the 77th anniversary of the Radio Club Rancagua. Activity will be on all bands using SSB and PSK. QSL via CE4RG. In addition, a group of operators will be QRV as XR3PN during the month of July to commemorate the birth of Chilean poet and diplomat Pablo Neruda. Activity will be on all bands using SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via CE3OEV.

SWEDEN, SJ. Eric, SM1TDE will operate as SJ1SOP for the "Sea Of Peace" (SOP) award until July 31. Activity will be CW only on 160 to 6 meters. During the RSGB IOTA Contest, Eric will be signing SA1A from Gotland Island (SM1), IOTA EU-020. QSL via SM1TDE, preferably by the Bureau.

MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. Mike, KJ6MZ (ex-V73/KJ6BBP) is active as V73MZ from Kwajalein Island (OC-028) for the next few months. QSL via Mike Szelazek, P.O. Box 22409, San Diego, CA 92192, USA.

LAOS, XW. Larry, AG6OU is active as XW6OU. It is not known how long he will be there. Activity is on 20 meters. QSL direct (see QRZ.com) or via E21EIC.

ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON, FP. Eric, FP/KV1J will be QRV from July 6 to 16, using mostly SSB and RTTY with some CW and PSK31, on 160 to 10 meters. QSL direct or via bureau to his home call, LoTW or eQSL.

HAITI, HH. Tom, HH5/KC0W will be active from the northern tip of Haiti from July 6 to 25, using CW only, on 160 to 6 meters. QSL direct only via KC0W.

## ***Monthly Newsletter***

Club Officers and Committeemen

President: Barry Kennedy N1EZH

Vice President: Rick Emord KB1TEE

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)

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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 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 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.