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Secretary's Report

MARA Meeting Minutes for 05/15/12

By Barry – N1EZH for Bob – N1LCY

Meeting was Called to Order by Barry – N1EZH, Vice President of MARA at 1840.

The following Club Members/Guests were in attendance at our Meeting:

Carl – N1FY, Bruce – N11X, Jay – N1FDX, Pete – N1NVV, Barry – N1EZH, Jeff – N1ZZN, Walt – W1WCF, Loren – N1IQI.

MARA News Minutes: Motion made to approve the Minutes as published from 04/17/12. Motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurers Report: Was not read due to being unavailable and therefore not voted on for approval.

Repeater Report: Jeff – N1ZZN, Our Repeater is operating normally. Jeff – N1ZZN said there has been some malicious interference on the Whitman Repeater, then the MARA Repeater. Jeff – N1ZZN will send shutdown/reset codes to certain Club Members to discourage such behavior on our Repeaters.

Road Races, Miscellaneous Reports: Carl – N1FY:

Brockton Road Race, April 21st. Carl – N1FY Reported approximately 50 participants and 8 local area Hams helping with communications. The weather was cooperative for the event.

Bridgewater EOC operations: The plan was to put up new antennas, however the town is in the process of Renovating the Academy Building within the coming year and everything will have to be moved out to a Temporary (Possibly Permanent) location on Rte 28 at the old McElwin Elementary School. It will take 1-1/2 – 2 Years for completion once work begins. Carl – N1FY says he plans to put up an Antenna for our MEMA

Transceiver in the interim. At some point other Antennas and an HF Antenna will need to be installed once we know the time frame of the renovation project.

The Worcester State Interoperability Conference was held and was well attended.

The Hurricane Preparedness Conference was held in Devens (Formerly Ft. Devens) at the Marriott.

There will be a Hurricane Preparedness Drill held in the near future with a time to be announced soon.

There will be a Road Race at Camp Yomechas on June 2nd. Meet at the Dunkin Donuts at 8:00 AM.

There will be a Triathlon at Camp Yomechas on July 8th.

Brockton Hospital is interested in setting up Ham Radio Equipment and involvement with other area hospitals. There may be an Amateur Radio Class being set up to help get new people licensed for volunteering at the hospital.

Mass Medical Society is also interested in setting up an Amateur Radio Station to get involved with other area hospitals.

Brockton Medical Reserve Corp Training on May 23rd, May 24th in Duxbury.

Waiting on word from Boston Museum of Science for a Table/Display at the Wild Weather Weekend presentation on June 9th – 10th.

Carl – N1FY was approached by Media Outlets for a talk/presentation about the Tornadoes from June 1st 2011.

Pete – N1NVV mentioned that Channels 2 & 44 – PBS has Interesting Programs on Hurricanes.

Jeff – N1ZZN is working with Kevin – KB1MOC setting up Radio Equipment in the Hanson EOC.

MARA Club Officer Nominations:

Barry – N1EZH solicited Nominations for Officers from the Club Members in attendance. The following Nominations were made. These and any other Nominations can be submitted by Club Members prior to the June Monthly Club meeting to be voted on for the coming year as long as there is a quorum present for an official vote. All members are asked to be present for the meeting.

President: Barry – N1EZH
Vice President: (Vacant)
Secretary: Bob – N1LCY
Treasurer: Phil – N1XTB

Pete – N1NVV will take over the MARA Website, but may need to find out from Phil – N1XTB a way to access our Website for updates, etc.

Bruce – NI1X, There will be a Fox Hunt by the Whitman ARC South Shore Fox Hunters on Saturday May 19th at 10:00 AM within a 7 Mile radius of Whitman Center. Mike – N1ODS will be the Fox.

The Whitman ARC will hold their Memorial Day Weekend Flea Market at the Whitman K Of C (Located on Rte 18 near the Abington Town Line) on Sunday May 27th & Monday May 28th.

Bruce – NI1X also mentioned that John – KB1QEM, said that Volunteers are needed for a Road Race at Wampanoag State Park in Plymouth on June 16th. Contact John – KB1QEM for further details.

A motion to adjourn our Meeting was made, seconded and approved at 1913.

Nominations for Officers

The following nominations for officers of MARA were made at the May meeting

President: Barry – N1EZH

Secretary: Bob – N1LCY

Treasurer: Phil – N1XTB

Next Meeting

MARA's next meeting will be held on June 19, 2012 at the Bridgewater Public Library. The business meeting will begin at 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

June 23-24 Field Day- MARA is not setting up at the EOC this year. We suggest you visit the WARC site at **YMCA** 635 Plymouth St, East Bridgewater, MA or any of the other club sites listed at <http://fd.ema.arrl.org>

July 8—Camp Yomechas Triathlon-- Radio Support --7:00 AM Dunkin Donuts --Rtes 28 & 105 Middleborough

August 24-26 -- [ARRL New England Division Convention](#), Boxboro, Massachusetts

September—Brockton Road Race D.W. Field Park

MARA Website Update

I have added to my duties the maintenance of MARA's website <www.w1mv.org> The membership list and some broken links have been updated. Beginning with January 2012 the newsletter archive is now in .pdf format. The files were created with Acrobat 6 since some members may be still using Win98. Acrobat Reader 6 is the last version to work with Win 98. If you need a copy let me know. Later versions of Acrobat Reader will also read the files as well. If you have any suggestions please send them along to me at n1nvv@w1mv.org

Camp Yomechas Woody's Walk/Run 5K-10K Race Radio Team



FCC Expands Part 95 Med Radio Rules

FCC Expands Part 95 MedRadio Rules to Allow Devices in 2360-2400 MHz Band In a *First Report and Order* and a *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (ET 08-59) released on May 24, the FCC decided to expand the Part 95 Personal Radio Service rules to allow medical devices to operate on a secondary basis in the 2360-2400 MHz band. These devices -- called Medical Body Area Networks (MBAN) -- provide a way for health care facilities to monitor their patients via wireless networks. Because use of these frequencies will be on a secondary basis, MBAN stations will not be allowed to cause interference to -- and must accept interference from -- primary services, including radio amateurs who operate on a primary basis in the 2390-2395 MHz and 2395-2400 MHz bands.

Do You Like to Build Your Own Gear ?

Here is a link to a blog listing a number of ham construction kits available <<http://tinyurl.com/cx4eofh>>.

2012 SKYWARN Training Sessions

The following are SKYWARN Training Sessions booked for 2012. Further training sessions will be booked over the course of the year so check back frequently for updates.

Saturday June 16th, 2012: 1-4 PM:
Public Safety Complex Training Room
401 Main Street

West Newbury, Mass.
Taught by: Amateur Radio Coordinator
Registration: None required

Thursday June 21st, 2012: 7-10 PM:

Sturdy Memorial Hospital
Conference Rooms A, B and C
211 Park Street
Attleboro, Mass.

Taught by: NWS Taunton Forecaster

Registration: None Required

Note: Parking in the main lot. Walk up the hill to the Emergency Room entrance and walk through to the main hospital. Signs directing you to the conference room area will be posted.

Saturday July 28th, 2012: 10 AM-1 PM:

Leominster Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
37 Carter Street
Leominster, Mass.

Taught by: Amateur Radio Coordinator

Registration: Preregistration required. Email KD1CY-Rob Macedo at rmacedo@rcn.com

Friday August 24th, 2012: 1-4 PM:

Holiday Inn - Boxborough
242 Adams Place
Boxborough Mass.

Taught by: Amateur Radio Coordinator

Registration: None Required

Sponsorship: This training is being run in conjunction with the ARRL New England Division Convention and Ham Radio Show. This is being done prior to the Hamfest starting and no admission will be charged on Friday for those interested in attending this SKYWARN Training session.

New Amateur Extra Class Question Pool Effective July 1



The new [Amateur Extra class \(Element 4\) question pool](#) -- released by the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators ([NCVEC](#)) in January 2012 -- becomes effective on Sunday, July 1. The current Amateur Extra class pool expires on June 30, 2012 and cannot be used after that date. This new question pool - - including graphics and diagrams -- will remain valid until June 30, 2016. The new Amateur Extra pool contains 702 questions, from which

50 are selected for an Element 4 examination. As of June 13, three questions -- E1D09, E2A14 and E6E10 -- have been [removed](#) from the new pool. The [current Technician class question pool](#) that became effective July 1, 2010 is valid through June 30, 2014. The [current General class pool](#) that became effective July 1, 2011 is valid until June 30, 2015.

NEW ENGLAND FLEA SCHEDULE – COURTESY W1GSL

New England Area Ham - Electronic Flea Market *** DATES *** 2012 All events are Ham Radio/ Electronic related except ~____~

2012	Contact	Source
16 June Newington CT NARL @StMarySch \$5@8 \$15/T	Vinnie W1VJA	203 987 2108 W+
16 June Brookline NH NEAntqRC@EvtCtr\$10@7:30\$4@8:30\$0@10	Bruce	603 772 7516 W+
17 June Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Third Sunday April thru October	Nick	617 253 3776 F
15 July Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT	Nick	617 253 3776 F
11 Aug St Albans VT STARC @VFW \$5@8	Arn N1ARN	802 309 0666 F+
11 Aug Milo ME PARC @AmLegion	George WA1JMM	207 441 6112 A+
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
9 Sept Newtown CT CARA @TownHall \$5@8:30 \$10/TG \$15/T	Joe AB1DO	203 938 4880 W
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 Third Sunday April thru October	Nick	617 253 3776 F
22,23 Sept Wakefield MA Photographica @AmericallCtr ~photo~	John	781 592 2553
29 Sept Center Conway NH WMARC @RecCtr \$5@8:30	Thaire W2APF	603 447 2376 +
6 Oct Greenwoodd NS GARC @CommCtr \$4@10 S@8	Guy VE1NC	902 825 6151 R+
7 Oct Wallingford CT Nutmeg	John N1GNV	203 440 4973 T+

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

20 Oct Longueuil PQ CRAR-SdeM \$7@9 +\$10/T@6 Guy VE2GGY 450 679 2318 R+

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

3 Nov Londonderry NH IRS @Lions \$3@8 S@6 Chris KB1QVM 603 434 6137 F+

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

16 Feb Marlboro MA AARC @MidSc \$5@9 \$20/T@7 Timothy KA1OS 508 919 6136 T+

2 Mar Feeding Hills MA MtTARA @TurnverneinClb Mary N1TOY 413 222 1990 +

LAST UPDATE 5-29-12 de W1GSL <http://swapfest.us>

This Week on the Radio

- June 15 -- NCCC Sprint Ladder
- June 16 - [ARRL Kids Day](#); Feld Hell Sprint; SARL Youth Day Sprint; AGCW VHF/UHF Contest
- June 16-17 -- West Virginia QSO Party; All Asian DX Contest (CW); Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest
- June 17 -- WAB 50 MHz (Phone)
- June 18 -- Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
- June 21 -- NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint

Next Week on the Radio

- June 23-24 -- [ARRL Field Day](#); His Majesty King of Spain Contest (SSB); Marconi Memorial HF Contest; Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest
- June 27 -- SKCC Sprint
- June 27-28 -- CWops Mini-CWT Test

DX NEWS

PHILIPPINES, DU. Dandy, K6ZRH will be QRV as K6ZRH/DU1 from Palawan Island, IOTA OC-128, from June 10 to 30. Activity will be on 40, 20

and 15 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

ST. MARTIN, FS. John, K9EL is QRV as FS/K9EL until June 24.
Activity is holiday style on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY.
QSL to home call.

JAPAN, JA. Special event station 8N6JAPAN is QRV from Okinawa, IOTA
AS-017, until July 31 in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the
return of Okinawa to Japan. QSL via bureau.

LEBANON, OD. Gaby, OD5NJ has been active on 15 meters around 1430
to 1600z. QSL via EA5BYP.

BELGIUM, ON. Special event station ON500MERCATOR is QRV until the
end of the year in celebration of the 500th birthday of Gerhard
Mercator, the cartographer named for the Mercator projection world
map. QSL via ON7KO.

EUROPEAN RUSSIA, UA. Members of club station RK3VWA are QRV as
R1150V until August 31 in celebration of the 1150th anniversary of
Russian statehood. QSL via RK3VWA.



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Monthly Newsletter

Club Officers and Committeemen

Vice-President: Barry Kennedy N1EZH

Treasurer: Phil McNamara N1XTB

Secretary: Bob Keene N1LCY

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/>

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

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 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 2nd Saturday of every month, in Braintree. Contact Bill Needham, K1WN, at 781-843-4400 or via email at 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 to confirm a reservation.