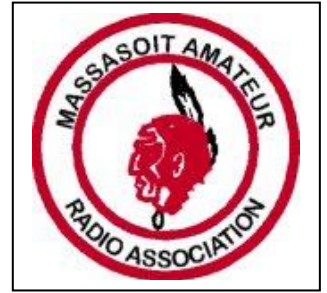




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## Secretary's Report

SECRETARYS NOTES – MEETING 5/21/2013 – ROY KB1CYV

OPEN: Vice President Rick KB1TEE opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: 10 members/guests were present, including 3 elected officers.

N1XTB Phil McNamara	KB1CYV Roy Logan	NR1FD Bill Burke
KB1TEE Rick Emord	N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann	K1LJK Larry Kenney
KB1GOF Martha Haskell	N1UMJ John Miller	W1WCF Walt Fitzgerald
N1IQI Loren Pimentel		

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for May was read by Phil N1XTB. Loren N1IQI made a motion seconded by Walt W1WCF that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

MARA NEWS MINUTES: A motion was made by Jeff N1ZZN seconded by Larry K1LJK that the minutes published in the May newsletter be accepted. The motion was approved.

REPEATER REPORT: Jeff N1ZZN reported that the repeater is still operational and that no word has been received regarding the start of repairs to the repeater site that will require a shutdown of operations.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no unresolved old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Rick KB1TEE reported on the many upcoming public service events and Club activities. Guest Martha Haskell KB1GOF is requesting anyone that can help with radio communication for the American Diabetes bicycle event on June 2 in Narragansett, RI contact her at [ladybug@comcast.net](mailto:ladybug@comcast.net) for additional information.

CLOSE: On a motion by Bill NR1FD seconded by Larry K1LJK, Vice President Rick KB1TEE closed the business meeting at 6:40 p.m., followed by an excellent presentation by Bill NT1FD on fire extinguishers and fire safety.

## Next Meeting

MARA's next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 18, 2013  
at the Bridgewater Public Library

## Upcoming Events

Middleboro YMCA Camp Yomechas Triathlon  
July 7 2013 Radio support as in the past  
We will meet at 7:00 AM at Dunkin Donuts --Rtes 28 &105 Middleborough.  
Contact Carl N1FY if you can attend.

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

## Repeater Will be Off the Air for Two Months

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. We have not been notified when the work on the tower is scheduled to begin. In the meantime the repeater is functioning normally. Once the schedule is known we will post a notice on the MARA website place a notice in MARANEWS

## Forecasters Calling for "Active or Extremely Active" Atlantic Hurricane Season

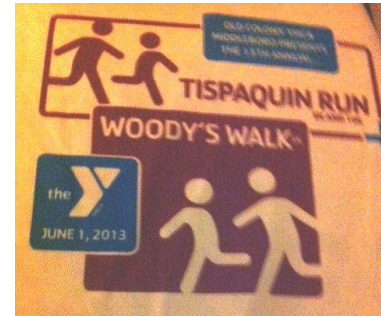


Forecasters with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are calling for an "active or extremely active" 2013 Atlantic hurricane season. In its initial outlook for the 2013 Atlantic hurricane season -- which begins Saturday, June 1 and runs through November 30 -- NOAA's Climate Prediction Center is forecasting a 70 percent likelihood of 13-20 named storms (winds of 39 miles per hour or higher), of which 7-11 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 miles per hour or higher), including 3 to 6 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5 with winds of 111 miles per hour or higher). These ranges are well above the seasonal average of 12 named storms, 6 hurricanes and 3 major hurricanes

## MIDDLEBORO YMCA - CAMP YOMECHAS

## 10K & 5K TISPAQUIN RUN AND 3 MILE WOODY'S WALK

The Massasoit Club volunteered to provide communication support for the Middleboro YMCA 10K & 5K Tispaquin Run Road Races and 3 mile Wood's Walk, held at Camp YOMECHAS in South Middleboro on Saturday, June 1, 2013.



**Carl Aveni N1FY** set up Net Control at the Start / Finish in Camp YOMECHAS and reported about 220 runners / walkers participating. The rest of the Radio Team were positioned at various intersections around the race course. The Radio Team used 147.200 MHz SIMPLEX - with the Bridgewater REPEATER as backup.

(Photo by RoyKB1CYV)

Radio Team Participants

**Pete Curley N1NVV**

**Jessica Miller KB1ZWZ**  
holding son James SWL

**John Miller N1UMJ**

**Roy Logan KB1CYV**

**Walter Fitzgerald**  
**W1WCF**



**Carl N1FY** reports:  
“The hot weather was really of concern. We did have one runner who was overcome a bit and needed to be cooled down with ice. They recovered fine”.

(Photo by Doug Forbes)

**Doug Forbes Jr. SWL** (the MEMA Local Coordinator for amateur radio at the MEMA Region II Headquarters in Bridgewater reports: “On Saturday I participated in the 5K Tispaquin Run in Middleboro with many family members.

I was able to visit with **Carl Aveni N1FY** and talk to the other HAMS by radio before the race started. I am proud to say that my grandson **Duncan**, age 14, won the entire 5 K race.

The HAMS did a super job keeping track of the runners on a very hot day. They are to be commended for their efforts”.



**Carl Aveni N1FY –**  
**Doug Forbes**



## FCC Seeks Small Vanity Call Sign Fee Increase



The FCC released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* on May 23, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs by 20 cents. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$15 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if approved, will go up to \$15.20 for 10 years. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term.

The ARRL VEC will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals continue to be free of charge for ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as the ARRL VEC

## Amateur Radio and Hurricanes

Rick Palm, K1CE, editor of the ARRL's [ARES E-Letter](#), warns that now is the time for ARES members to assess their portfolio of communications equipment and disaster response knowledge. Palm gives several tips for radio amateurs who are involved with hurricane operations:

- Monitor major HF hurricane networks during events this season. The Hurricane Watch Net ([HWN](#)) on 14.325 MHz is one of several key players. It serves either the Atlantic or Pacific during a watch or warning period and coordinates with the National Hurricane Center ([NHC](#)) in Miami. Frequent, detailed information is issued on nets when storms pose a threat to the US mainland. In addition to hurricane spotting, local communicators may announce that residents have evacuated from low-lying flood areas. Other amateurs across the country can help by relaying information, keeping the net frequency clear and by listening. See the HWN's [website](#) for more information. The net works closely with [WX4NHC](#), the Amateur Radio station at the NHC.
- The [SATERN Net](#) (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) provides emergency communication support to the Salvation Army and populations at large. They also handle health and welfare traffic. SATERN holds high profile nets on 20 meters (14.265 MHz) during major hurricanes and has a long history of excellence, discipline and service. Refer to the SATERN [website](#) for more information.
- The Maritime Mobile Service Net ([MMSN](#)) meets on 14.300 MHz and is composed of hams who serve and assist those in need of communications on



**Hurricane Sandy as seen from NOAA's GOES-13 satellite on October 28, 2012. [Photo courtesy of NOAA]**

the high seas. According to its [website](#), the primary purpose of the net is for handling traffic from maritime mobile stations. The network is recognized by the United States Coast Guard and has an excellent working relationship with that agency. The MMSN has handled hundreds of incidents involving vessels in distress and medical emergencies in remote locations, as well as passing health and welfare traffic in and out of affected areas. They also work closely with the NWS and NHC by relaying weather reports from maritime stations.

- The [VoIP SKYWARN and Hurricane Net](#) operates by combining both the EchoLink and IRLP linked repeater networks, while handling critical wide area communications during major severe weather and tropical events. These operations have gained national stature in recent years and are a critical partner with WX4NHC. Whenever tropical weather is imposing a threat to the US mainland and certain other areas of interest, the VoIP WX net will be fully operational. See the VoIP SKYWARN [website](#) for more information.

Palm said that during hurricane events, there are usually two or three regional nets (usually on 40 or 20 meters) that are key assets to the disaster response on an ad hoc basis. "Watch for these nets, as well as the nationally recognized networks described above, this season," he advised. "Don't transmit on their frequencies unless you are absolutely sure you have something substantive to add, and then only under the direction of the net control station."

ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U, added that when ARES activates in response to any tropical event, it is crucial that information flows up through the ARRL Section and is reported to ARRL Headquarters. "These reports allow us



to develop the situational awareness and disaster intelligence that is required for us as an organization to support the Sections that are impacted." he explained. "In this way, we are able to respond to relevant requests from the media and finally to coordinate with the governmental and non-governmental organizations. This information also allows us to make the decision at Headquarters on whether to activate the ARRL HQ Emergency Response Team to support and coordinate the operations."

Corey noted that in July, the ARRL will host a webinar on the 2013 Atlantic hurricane season. Details will be posted on the ARRL website and in the June issue of the [ARES E-Letter](#), as well as here in *The ARRL Letter*. All those interested in public service and disaster communications are invited to participate.

## 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
15 June Newington CT NARL @StMarySch \$5@8 \$15/T		Vinnie W1VJA 203 987 2108
16 June Cambridge MA Third Sunday April thru October	FLEA at MIT	Nick 617 253 3776 F
30 June Queens NY HOSARC \$5@9 +\$10S@7:30		Stephen WB2KDG 718 898 5599 W+
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

## **DX News**

**BOTSWANA, A2.** Roger, ZS6RJ, will be QRV as A25RJ from Tuli Block beginning June 15 and be here for 4 or 5 days. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW and RTTY. QSL direct to home call.

**BHUTAN, A5.** Yuki, JH1NBN is QRV as A52W until June 19. Activity is mainly on 40, 20, 17 and 15 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

**CHILE, CE.** Members of the Chilean Pacific DX Group are QRV as XR80PDI during June to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Chilean Investigation Police. Activity is on all bands using SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via XQ7UP.

**ST. MARTIN, FS.** John, K9EL is QRV as FS/K9EL until June 28. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters. QSL to home call.

**SOLOMON ISLANDS, H4.** A group of operators will be QRV as H44IOTA from Stewart Island, IOTA OC-285, from June 17 to 24. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via NR6M.

**HONDURAS, HR.** Look for a group of operators to be QRV as HQ8S from Swan Island, IOTA NA-035, from June 16 to 25. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL direct via KD4POJ.

**THAILAND, HS.** Members of the Radio Amateur Association of Khon Kaen are QRV as HS4AK until June 17 in celebration of the association's 22nd anniversary. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. This includes being a Multi/Single entry in the All Asian DX CW contest. QSL via E20YLM.

**MINAMI TORISHIMA, JD1.** Take, JG8NQJ is QRV as JD1NQJ/JD1 from Marcus Island, IOTA OC-073, while on work assignment at the local weather station. Activity is in his spare time on 17 to 10 meters using mainly CW with some SSB. QSL direct via JA8CJY.

**SVALBARD, JW.** Svein, LA9JKA may be QRV as JW9JKA from Bear Island, IOTA EU-027, from June 16 until mid December. Activity will be in his spare time on the HF and VHF bands. QSL direct to home call.

**MARIANA ISLANDS, KH0.** Tony, JA6CNL will be QRV as KH0N from Saipan, IOTA OC-086, during the All Asian DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

**ALAND ISLANDS, OH0.** Pete, OH2BEE and Raimo, OH2BCI are QRV as OG0W until June 17. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using only CW. This includes being active in the All Asian DX CW contest. QSL via OH2BEE.

**BELGIUM, ON.** Ivo, ON7IVO will be QRV from the castle Zandvliet

during the World Castles Weekend. QSL to home call.

BRAZIL, PY. Special event station PS2013CCB will be QRV from June 15 to 30 during Brazil's hosting of this year's FIFA Confederations Cup. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via PS7AB.

POLAND, SP. Special event station SN675B is QRV until June 30 in commemoration of the town of Blonie gaining city rights under the Magdeburg Law back in 1338. QSL via SP5KOG.

EGYPT, SU. Vlad, UA4WHX is now QRV as SU9VB. Of late he has been active on 17 meters. QSL to home call.

TURKEY, TA. Kadri, TA1D will be QRV in the IARU Region 1 50 MHz contest from grid locator KM39bp. QSL to home call.

CORSICA, TK. Ale, IW5ELA will be QRV as TK/IW5ELA from June 15 to 19. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands, QSL via bureau.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, VP2V. Dave, W9DR is QRV as VP2V/W9DR from the north shore of Anegada Island, IOTA NA-023, until June 28. Activity is on 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

LAOS, XW. Champ, E21EIC will be QRV as XW0YJY from June 15 to September 14 while on work assignment. Activity will be on 160 to 2 meters. This includes being a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry in the All Asian DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

## ***Monthly Newsletter***

### Club Officers and Committeemen

President: Barry Kennedy N1EZH

Vice President: Rick Emord KB1TEE

Treasurer: Phil McNamara N1XTB

Secretary: Roy Logan KB1CYV

Call sign Trustee: Phil McNamara N1XTB

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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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**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.