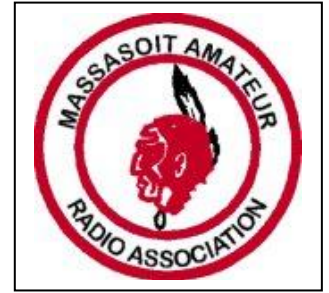




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Secretary's Report

SECRETARYS NOTES – MEETING 2/19/2013 – ROY KB1CYV

OPEN: President Barry N1EZH opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: 13 members/guests were present, including 3 elected officers.

N1EZH Barry Kennedy
N1FY Carl Aveni
NR1FD Bill Burke
KC1JET Jim Tynan

KB1CYV Roy Logan
N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann
N1NVV Pete Curley
N1UMJ John Miller
SWL Philip McNamara

NI1X Bruce Hayden
N1FDX Jay Zappulla
N1XTB Phil McNamara
W1WCF Walt Fitzgerald

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's reports for January and February were read by Phil N1XTB. Jeff N1ZZN made a motion seconded by Carl N1FY that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

MARA NEWS MINUTES: A motion was made by Bruce NI1X seconded by Bill NR1FD that the minutes published in the February newsletter be accepted. The motion was approved.

NEW MEMBER: A motion was made by Walt W1WCF seconded by Jim KC1JET that John Miller N1UMJ be accepted as a new member. The motion was approved. Welcome to MARA, John!

REPEATER REPORT: Jeff N1ZZN and Phil N1XTB reported all is well and utilization of EchoLink for running the Amateur Radio Newsline as part of the MARA meeting on the air has been cost effective.

SKYWARN: Carl N1FY and Jeff N1ZZN reported 23 checkins on the Skywarn net during the Blizzard of 2013. Participation in the Saturday night net has shown an increase in recent weeks.

EOC: Carl N1FY reported that Entergy had completed the relocation of the EOC to the Bridgewater Middle School. Wiring, etc. still need to be done before the new location is operational.

OLD BUSINESS: Barry N1EZH reviewed the February newsletter for the benefit of those unable to attend the January pot-luck supper at the Middleboro Fire Department. Great meeting-great food!

NEW BUSINESS: MARA has been asked to provide communications support for the second Brockton YMCA road race to be held on April 20th.

The Taunton EOC has a new 2-meter antenna installed.
Holbrook has erected a tower for their EOC.

The Boy Scouts will be holding a jamboree at the Barnstable Fair Grounds on October 12-14. More information will be forthcoming on HAM participation.

Bill NR1FD suggested CPR/First Aid and soldering classes as future club events.

CLOSE: On a motion by Jeff N1ZZN seconded by Jim KC1JET, President Barry N1EZH closed the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting

MARA's next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 19, 2012
at the Bridgewater Public Library

Membership Renewal

With the beginning of each year comes the time for membership renewal and the payment of dues. Since Washington did not fall off the cliff I guess it is alright to use US dollars to make payment. You can bring your check to the next meeting or send it along to our post office box at MARA P.O. Box 428 Bridgewater, MA 02324. Our smiling treasurer will be happy to see or hear from you.

Upcoming Events

Brockton YMCA Road Race

The Brockton YMCA will hold its 2nd Annual Road Race on April 20, 2013. Your participation as amateur radio communication support personnel is requested. Carl N1FY is coordinating this event. If you can attend please contact him at caave@peoplepc.com. We will meet at 8:15 a.m. at the abandoned gas station on Main Street which is about a block and a half south of the YMCA building.

Middleboro YMCA Camp Yomechas 5K/10K Woody's Walk /Race

June 1 2013 Radio support as in the past
This year the race is starting at 8:00 a.m. We will meet at 7:00 AM at Dunkin Donuts -- Rtes 28 & 105 Middleborough. Contact Carl N1FY if you can attend.

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 is you can attend.

Brockton Road Race D.W. Field Park

September 2013 Details to be announced

FCC Denies California Man's *Petition for Reconsideration* and Upholds \$24,000 Fine

In June 2011, the FCC issued a *Forfeiture Order* in the amount of \$24,000 to Kevin W. Bondy of Encino, California for engaging in unlicensed radio operation and intentional interference to licensed radio operations and for refusing to allow an inspection of his radio equipment by FCC personnel. Following a *Petition for Reconsideration* filed by Bondy, the FCC issued a *Memorandum Report & Order* on February 15, upholding the \$24,000 fine.

In assessing the \$24,000 fine, the FCC noted that it was responsible for making and enforcing regulations to prevent interference and to maintain control over the use of the radio spectrum in a manner that promotes the public interest and convenience. "Bondy's acts cut at the heart of the Commission's responsibilities to protect the nation's airwaves and regulate use of the spectrum," the 2011 *Forfeiture Order* said. "Bondy operated a radio without a license on the specific frequencies assigned and licensed by the Commission to The Oaks Shopping Center for the explicit and expressed purpose of prohibiting The Oaks's use of its licensed frequencies. This type of conduct inhibits the Commission's ability to effectively regulate and maintain control over the use of the spectrum and will not be tolerated."

New England Walloped By Blizzard of 2013

SKYWARN across New England was active for a blizzard that pounded the region with very heavy snowfall, blizzard conditions, winds to hurricane force, and significant tree and power line damage and power outages over southeast Massachusetts and Rhode Island on Friday, February 9, extending into Saturday, February 10, 2013. WX1BOX, the Amateur Radio station at the National Weather Service in Taunton, Massachusetts, was active for 28 continuous hours of operations.

"Our hopes to escape the 2012-2013 winter with nothing more than routine winter storms ended when this blizzard came to New England, said Rob Macedo, KD1CY, ARES® SKYWARN Coordinator for NWS Taunton and Eastern Massachusetts ARES Section Emergency Coordinator. "Eastern Massachusetts ARES was placed on stand-by on Friday, February 9, and that standby continues as of this writing as we have ARES operators remaining active on Cape Cod providing communications support for active shelters and for the Barnstable County (Cape Cod) Mutual Aid Coordination Center (MACC)," Macedo said.

The WX1BOX Amateur Radio SKYWARN operation facilitated several hundred snow fall reports, wind and wet snow damage reports and coastal flood reports. These reports

were sent to multiple agencies including the National Weather Service in Taunton, the Massachusetts

Emergency Management Agency, Red Cross, other Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) as well as the media. This provided critical situational awareness and disaster intelligence information to all of these entities.

Snowfall totals of around 12-32" were recorded across Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut with lesser amounts on Nantucket Island. Boston Logan Airport recorded its fifth highest snowfall ever with this blizzard. Moderate to major coastal flooding was reported with the most significant coastal flood damage to roads and even shore structures recorded in Hull, Scituate, Sandwich, Gloucester and Salisbury, Massachusetts. Damaging to hurricane force wind gusts coupled with wet snow caused over 410,000 to be without power largely in southeast Massachusetts with over 170,000 without power in Rhode Island.

"The Amateur Radio mission in our region has really evolved into providing information on damage, power outages, and meteorological surface observations in situations such as this blizzard -- it isn't just about 'when all else fails' anymore," Macedo said. The New England Reflector system on Echolink *NEW-ENG* node: 9123, IRLP 9123 was active and at one time had over 65 connections from stations within the affected area of the blizzard. The VoIP Hurricane Net system on *WX_TALK* node: 7203/IRLP9219 system was used as a listen-only system for those amateurs who wanted to listen in on some of the blizzard operations. Many local VHF and UHF repeaters were active with roll-call SKYWARN nets setup at 2 or 3 hour intervals. In Connecticut, the Hartford-Tolland County SKYWARN Net alone had 8 nets and 181 total check-ins across those 8 nets including nets run during the overnight period per a report from Hartford-Tolland County Connecticut SKYWARN Coordinator, Roger Jeanfaivre, K1PAI.

Connecticut State SKYWARN Coordinator Steve Williams, K1SJW, commended and thanked all of Connecticut's SKYWARN spotters and coordinators for the fantastic job everyone did reporting weather information and storm damage during the blizzard. Connecticut ARES Section Emergency Coordinator Wayne Gronlund, N1CLV, and Connecticut ARRL Section Manager, Betsey Doane, K1EIC, echoed these comments. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Region 1 WC1MAA Amateur Radio station, and Region 2 WC1MAB Amateur Radio station were staffed with RACES operators. Having operators in place to perform their functions at these served agencies helped to provide auxiliary communications. When power outages became so severe that the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in Plymouth, Massachusetts had lost power, a roll-call was initiated on the state's VHF network. The Region 2 office did not hear the roll-call and was notified by the ARES sub-regional command center at the Acushnet EOC in Acushnet, Massachusetts, WA1EMA, that the roll call was taking place and notified Pilgrim that they would assist in making sure Region 2 contact was made. "Amateur Radio remains the ultimate back-up and has a significant place in providing situational awareness information for various served agencies," said Ed Caron, KA1RSY, District Emergency Coordinator for Southeast Massachusetts and Acushnet Emergency Management Communications Officer. John Miller, N1UMJ, was operating at WC1MAB to handle this traffic.

Cape Cod ARES was active and put in over 72 hours of continuous operation during and after the blizzard. They provided SKYWARN reports of coastal flooding, snowfall reports, wet snow and wind damage from around their area. In Hyannis, George Correiro, W1GLC, recorded a wind gust to 84 MPH and in the Marstons Mills section of Barnstable, Massachusetts, Cape Cod ARES District Emergency Coordinator Frank O'Laughlin, WQ1O, measured a 75 MPH gust. Wind gusts to hurricane force also occurred on Nantucket Island. Cape Cod ARES staffed multiple shelters and EOCs within their region, as well as the Barnstable County Mutual Aid Coordination Center (MACC).

"Cape Cod ARES rotated shifts to staff the shelters and the MACC. "I'm very proud of all my people who have put in very long hours," said O'Laughlin. Assistant District Emergency Coordinator Dan Howard, K1DYO, spent most of the 3-day period at the MACC. Eastern Massachusetts ARES was on stand-by to support Cape Cod ARES. - *Source: Rob Macedo, KD1CY, Eastern Massachusetts SEC, and NWS Taunton SKYWARN Coordinator*

American Red Cross to Phase Out Emergency Communication Response Vehicles

The American Red Cross has made the decision to phase out and decommission its Emergency Communication Response Vehicles (ECRVs), due to changes in technology, as well as a new satellite system and other factors regarding the vehicle fleet.

"Retrofitting the decade-old vehicles with new equipment is not a good use of donated funds, as the long-term strategy is to move to more portable systems," American Red Cross Disaster Services Technology Manager Keith Roberory, KG4UIR, told the ARRL. "This is consistent with the trends in the telecom and technology industries."

The American Red Cross will be removing the Amateur Radios out of the ECRVs as part of the decommissioning process. These radios will either become part of the deployable inventory or provided to the chapter to build the local capacity. Equipment that can be used by the American Red Cross will not be phased out with the vehicle. According to Roberory, every communication capability of the ECRV already exists -- or will soon -- as a rapidly deployable kit that can be loaded on *any* vehicle that is owned or rented by the American Red Cross, providing more flexibility in shaping its response to match the disaster.

"From a radio perspective, the American Red Cross has a variety of different kits for amateur, business and public safety bands covering HF, VHF and UHF with portable radios, mobile units and base stations," he explained. "Two-way radio remains a valuable tool, providing communications in the initial days or weeks of a disaster, until normal communications is restored. Each American Red Cross chapter should continue with -- and improve -- the relationship with their local Amateur Radio operators. In a disaster, Amateur Radio will be the fastest deployed radio network because operators already live in the impacted communities."

Roberory called the ECRV operators "the key to the success of the ECRV program through the years. Their skills, dedication and flexibility have made the ECRV one of the most visible aspects of the American Red Cross Disaster Technology team. The ability to establish connectivity and communications remains vital to the American Red Cross, and their skills will continue to be needed as the American Red Cross implements new

technology strategy and tactics. The commitment and flexibility of technologists -- including radio operators -- is what makes technology on a disaster successful. Building our future path based on the lessons we have learned is important to keep us all successful."

"This should not be seen as a setback for those radio amateurs who are working with the American Red Cross," said ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U. "In disaster response, adaptability is critical and keeping up with new technology is essential. This all must be done with a mind toward an effective and efficient response. Amateurs have played an important role in assisting the American Red Cross with their mission and I know we will continue to do so in the future."

Information about how to purchase these vehicles will be shared at a later date when the details are firm.

US Postal Service Introduces Global Forever Stamp

In addition to an [increase](#) in postal rates in January 2013, the US Postal Service introduced a new [Global Forever First-Class Mail International stamp](#). Priced at \$1.10 each and offered in a pane of 20, the *new* stamp offers a single price for any First-Class Mail International 1-ounce letter to any country in the world, as well as 2-ounce letters to Canada. The stamp is available [online](#), at post offices in the US or by calling 1-800-782-6724.

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 ~____~

2013	Contact	Source
16 Mar Dayville CT ECARA 8A @StJosephCh		Paul KE1LI 860 928 5147 W+
23 March Laval PQ CRAL-L @VanierHS B\$6@9 S!0/T@7		514-708-8033 R+
29,30 Mar Lewiston ME AARC ME Conv @Ramada		Ivan N1OXA 207 784 0350 +
7 April Southington CT SARA @HS \$5@8 \$20/T@6:15		Norm W3IZ 860 584 1403 +
7 April Framingham MA FARA@KeefeTech \$5@9\$25/T@7:30		SteveKB1NIV 508 872 9336 +
13,14 Ap Wakefield MA Photographica @AmericalCtr ~photo~		John 781 592 2553 +
14 Ap Middletown NY OCARA @CommCtr		Neil AC2O 914 490 2001 A+
20 April Gales Ferry CT RASON Auction@ FireHS		Gary WT1SND 860 884 4218 A+
21 April Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Third Sunday April thru October		Nick 617 253 3776 F+

3,4 May Deerfield NH NEARFest XIII @FG Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235 T+

11 May Dartmouth MA SEMARA \$2@9

19 May Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776 F+

1 June Hermon ME PSARA @HS \$5@8 Jerry K1GUP 207 848 3400

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

15 June Newington CT NARL @StMarySch \$5@8 \$15/T Vinnie W1VJA 203 987 2108

16 June Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776 F+

21 July Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776 F+

18 Aug Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776 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 Rick K1KYI 401 864 9611 +

13 Oct Meriden CT Nutmeg @Sheraton was Wallingford John N1GNV 203 440 4973 +

20 Oct Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776 F+

19,20 Oct Wakefield MA Photographica @AmericalCtr ~photo~ John 781 592 2553 +

26 Oct Gales Ferry CT TCARC Auction @FireCo @10 Darryl WA1DD 860 443 7799 +

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 +

This Week on the Radio

- March 15 -- NCCC Sprint
- March 16 -- Feld Hell Sprint; AGCW VHF/UHF Contest
- March 16-17 -- Virginia QSO Party; Russian DX Contest
- March 16-18 -- BARTG HF RTTY Contest
- March 17 -- North American Sprint (SSB)
- March 18 -- Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
- March 21 -- NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint

Next Week on the Radio

- March 22 -- NCCC Sprint
- March 24 -- UBA Spring Contest (SSB)
- March 27 -- SKCC Sprint
- March 27 28 -- CWops Mini-CWT Test

DX NEWS

DOMINICA, J7. Rick, KK4GV will be active as J79GV from Calibishie between March 8 and 17. His activity will be holiday style and SSB only. QSL via his home call sign, direct or via the Bureau.

ST. LUCIA, J6. Rob, N7QT, will be QRV as J6/N7QT between April 5 and 16. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY or PSK, as well as operating field portable (battery only) either from the St. Lucia beaches or scenic mountain tops. During field portable operations, they will sign /P. QSL J6/N7QT via LoTW, eQSL, by the Bureau, or direct to his home call sign with SASE. J69DS will only accept direct QSLs with a SASE. No Bureau QSLs.

BONAIRE, PJ4. Operators Janusz, SP9FIH and Kazik, SP6AXW will be active as PJ4/home calls between April 8 and 20. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL via SP9FIH: Janusz Wegrzyn, P.O. Box 480, 44-100 Gliwice, Poland.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, VP2V. Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/W9DR from the north shore of the Island of Anegada (NA-023) between June 14 and 28. Activity will be on 50.115 MHz (SSB) and 50.115.6 MHz (CW). He will also be running a beacon on 50.115.6 when the band is not open. QSL to home call.

GREECE, SV. Rich, M5RIC will be active as SV8/M5RIC from Zakynthos Island (EU-052) from July 23 to 30. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL via M5RIC.

MIQUELON ISLAND, FP. Eric, KV1J will be QRV as FP/KV1J from July 6 to 16. He plans to be on 160 through 6 meters, primarily on SSB and RTTY but some CW, PSK-31 and Feld Hell. QSL via KV1J either direct, via the bureau or LoTW.

SPRATLY ISLANDS. Members of the Borneo Amateur Radio Club are QRV as 9M4SLL from Pulau Layang Layang, IOTA AS 051, until March 18. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY with five stations active. QSL via M0URX.

ISRAEL, 4X. Dimitry, UT5UGR is QRV as 4X/UT5UGR until March 18. This includes being active as 4X0W in the Russian DX contest. QSL both calls to home call.

SENEGAL, 6W. Hans, PB2T will be QRV as 6W/PB2T from March 17 to 21. QSL to home call.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Noel, F6BGC will be QRV as 8Q7NC from Rihiveli, South Male Atoll, IOTA AS-013, from March 19 to 29. Activity will be holiday style on 40 to 6 meters using mostly SSB with some CW and RTTY. QSL to home call.

THE GAMBIA, C5. Pedro, ON7WP will be QRV as C5WP from the Kololi area and also from the inland Buntu village from March 20 to 27. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL direct to home call.

SPAIN, EA. Members of Team Cartagena will be QRV with special event call sign EH5SIP from March 17 to 31 to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the launching of the submarine Isaac Peral. Activity will be on the HF bands using SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK31. QSL via EA5HRD.

IRAN, EP. Mohsen, EP3SMH has been active on 20 and 15 meters between 1500 to 1600z using RTTY. QSL direct to home call.

JERSEY, GJ. Kazu, M0CFW is QRV as MJ0CFW until March 17. This includes entries in the Russian DX and BARTG HF RTTY contests. QSL to home call.

TEMOTU PROVINCE, H40. A group of operators are QRV as H40T from Nendo Island, IOTA OC-100, until March 23. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via DL7DF.

LITHUANIA, LY. Special event station LY63S is active during the month of March in remembrance of the 150th anniversary of the Polish-Lithuanian uprising against Russia. QSL via LY3BY.

HUNGARY, HA. Special event station HG52FC is QRV until May 31 during the 52nd FIRAC Congress event being held in Hungary. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via HA5BSW.

ECUADOR, HC. Rick, NE8Z will be QRV as HC1MD from March 21 to April 11. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via K8LJG.

ARGENTINA, LU. Members of the Radio Club Ushuaia will be QRV as LT5X from Isla Redonda, IOTA SA-049, on March 23 and 24. Activity will be with three stations on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL via LU8XW.

TURKEY, TA. Special event station TC18M will be QRV from March 16 to 18 in remembrance of the Naval Victory of March 18, 1915. QSL via bureau.

MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. Ted, JF1CCH will be QRV as V73TS from March 21 to 26. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using mostly CW. QSL to home call.

CANADA, VE. David, VE3VID is QRV as VY0/VE3VID from Igloolik Island, IOTA NA-174, for the next three weeks. Activity is on the HF bands using SSB, RTTY, PSK31, Olivia and Feld-Hell. QSL to home call.

AUSTRALIA, VK. Members of the Canberra Region Amateur Radio Club are QRV as VI100ACT during the 100th anniversary celebration of Canberra. QSL via VK1ACA.

ASCENSION ISLAND, ZD8. Mick, G1EUZ plans to be QRV as ZD8RAF from March 18 to 22. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

Monthly Newsletter

Club Officers and Committeemen

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Secretary: Roy Logan KB1CYV
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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

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Packet Node Brockton 145.09 W1JOE-7 (BROCK)

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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.