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# MARANews



## Secretary's Report K1LJK Larry Kenney 4/15/2014

Last minute storm warning changed the location and planning of the meeting Carl N1FY was called into National Weather to man the SKYWARN system and could not open the EOC

OPEN: Vice President Rick Emord opened the meeting at 6:37 pm, 04/15/14.

ATTENDANCE: 8 members were present including 2 elected officers. In addition, 2 guests were present.

KB1TEE Rick Emord	K1LJK Larry Kenney	N1FDX Jay Zappulla
N1NVV Pete Curley	N1IQI Loren Pimentel	W1WCF Walt Fitzgerald
AG1B Richard Metcalf	KB1CYV Roy Logan	SWL Denise Sisson
SWL Rob Sisson		

### MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to accept the March 2014 MARA meeting minutes/secretary report as published in the March 2014 MARA newsletter made by Pete N1NVV. Motion seconded by Loren N1IQI. Motion passed vote by attending club members.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rick KB1TEE read the treasurer's report provided by Phil, N1XTB. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as read made by Loren N1IQI. Motion seconded by Pete N1NVV. Motion passed vote by attending club members.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Rick KB1TEE announced the Middleborough Elks are sponsoring a Military Vehicle Display Day (a veteran's fund raiser for the Wounded Warriors charity) on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 11am-3pm at the Middleborough Armory. Anyone w/a military vehicle (running or not) is welcome to bring this to the event. Contact Rick for more details at [kb1tee@gmail.com](mailto:kb1tee@gmail.com)
- Rick KB1TEE on behalf of Barry N1EZH reminded everyone of the new MARA club Facebook page. Please visit the page and checkout the club

pictures: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Massasoit-Amateur-Radio-Association/301368416677713>

#### UPCOMING LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS:

Rick KB1TEE reviewed the following public service events.

- June 7<sup>th</sup> @9am :**Woody's Walk/5K/10K road race at YMCA Camp Yomechas** Rt28 in Middleborough. Meet before the race at 8am at the Dunkin Donuts at Rt105 and Rt28. Please contact Carl N1FY (email: [caave@peoplepc.com](mailto:caave@peoplepc.com)) for more info and to volunteer.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> @8am: **Triathlon at YMCA Camp Yomechas** Rt 28 in Middleborough. Please contact Carl N1FY (email: [caave@peoplepc.com](mailto:caave@peoplepc.com)) for more details.

#### UPCOMING AMATEUR RADIO EVENTS:

- The South Shore Hospital radio club needs volunteers to help w/a road race taking place at Wompatuck State Park on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Please meet at 8am at the visitors center. More info will be passed along when available.
- Field Day is coming up on June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>. The MARA club decided to again join the Whitman Amateur Radio Club this year at their East Bridgewater YMCA location. The contest runs from 2pm Saturday through 2pm Sunday.
- The Taunton Area Communications Group is holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual BBQSO on August 6<sup>th</sup> at the KB1TEE QTH in Middleborough. Rick will setup his portable tower and will make available is permanent tower as well so up to 6 operators can plug in at once. Bring your radios and bring your food!!! This will officially be called the ***NI1X BBQSO Celebration*** in honor our friend & silent key, The Bruce, NI1X.
- The July 17-19<sup>th</sup> ARRL National Centennial Convention in Hartford Connecticut. More details can be found at <http://www.arrl2014.org> or call the ARRL at 860-594-0200.

### MARA CLUB OLD BUSINESS / REPEATER UPDATE:

- Next months MARA club meeting on Tuesday May 20th will be held at the Bridgewater EOC and will be our Pot Luck Holiday dinner meeting postponed from earlier this year due to bad weather. Please email Barry N1EZH ([n1ezh@comcast.net](mailto:n1ezh@comcast.net)) with the items you'll be bringing. We also have a guest speaker from the Coast Guard coming as well: OS2 Jonathan Carbone will give us a presentation on the Boston districts Coast Guard radio operations. Note: if weather is an issue on May 20<sup>th</sup> (or if Carl N1FY is not available), the meeting will be held at the Middleborough North Fire Station.
- Neither Carl N1YF nor Jeff N1ZZN were present at the meeting to provide an update on repeater operations but it is still hoped the 2meter and 440Mhz repeater antennas are re-installed by the end of the month. (Note: after our April meeting, the MARA 2meter and 440Mhz antennas were installed back atop the water tower at Bridgewater State College! Tremendous thanks to the team managing this project and restoring the MARA repeaters to full operation again).
- Anyone wishing to submit articles or general info for the MARA club newsletter, please send this to RICK at [KB1TEE@gmail.com](mailto:KB1TEE@gmail.com)

### NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

CLOSE: A motion was made by Jay N1FDX to adjourn the meeting. Pete N1NVV seconded the motion. Rick KB1TEE closed the meeting at 7:32 pm 04/15/14.



NEARfest participants Rick KB1TEE and Jim N1JCW photo courtesy of Larry K1LJK



Mark KC1ACF and back pack operator Carl WA1ZCQ at NEARfest photo courtesy of Larry K1LJK

**Next Meeting**  
SEE BELOW!

## **May Meeting (Holiday Party)**

The May meeting of MARA will be held on Tuesday May 20, 2014 at the Bridgewater EOC at 6:30 pm. This will be our Holiday party please bring something to add to the food presentation please contact Barry N1EZH with what you would like to bring

USCG OS2 Johnathan Carbone will be at the meeting

## **SKYWARN**

The SKYWARN Training 2014 Schedule can be seen via the following links:

<http://www.wx1box.org/node/36>

<http://www.weather.gov/box/skywarnprogram#tab2>

## **Upcoming Events**

### **From Carl N1FY**

Mark your calendars for later this year. I have three support events where your help is needed. We received this request to support this event as we have in the past Carl, N1FY **Woody's Walk and 5K/10K Road Race on June 7, 2014 at 9:00 am**. The third is **The YMCA Triathlon on July 13, 2014 at 8:00 am**. Both events are to be held at **Camp Yomechas Rte 28 in Middleboro**. If you can help contact **Carl N1FY**. As we get close to each event Carl will announce details of when and where we will meet.

### **900 MHz**

Mark your calendars for 900 Night at Plane Jane's held each fourth Thursday at 5:30 PM at the Plymouth Airport, South Meadow Road, in Plymouth. Talk-in is on the Marshfield 900 MHz repeater, analog or P25 Digital.

### **ARRL Centennial**

In conjunction with the ARRL Centennial Party, W1AW/1 will be QRV from Western MA beginning April 4. And in October 2014, W1EBI will coordinate a W1AW/1 effort from Eastern MA. Says George: "It would be great to have more ops willing to sign W1AW/1 from their home stations during that week. All bands and modes are in play, although most of the activity so far has understandably been on the HF bands via CW, SSB and RTTY. Continuous operation is not expected, but more ops means more action." If interested in participating, contact W1EBI at [<george.harlem@gmail.com>](mailto:george.harlem@gmail.com)

### **Massachusetts to Host USA ARDF Championships June 5-8**

The USA ARDF (Amateur Radio Direction Finding) Championships return to the Northeast this year. ARRL ARDF Coordinator Joe Moell, K0OV, said on-foot foxhunting fans of all skill levels will gather near Boston in early June for 4 days of intense competition. Registration to participate in the event has been extended to June 1.



Activities begin on Thursday, June 5 with a 10-transmitter short-course [sprint competition](#) on 80 meters. The following day is the [foxoring event](#), a combination of RDF and classic orienteering on 80 meters in which participants navigate to marked locations on their maps where very low-power transmitters can be found nearby. Saturday morning will be the classic full-course 2 meter main event, with five transmitters in a very large forest. The banquet and awards presentation follow that evening. A similar full-course 80 meter main event takes place Sunday morning, with awards presented afterward.

The USA ARDF Championships are open to anyone who can safely navigate the woods solo. A ham radio license is not required. Each participant competes as an individual.

### **MSOTA 2014**

**MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND 2014 0000Z June 7 through 2359Z June 8, 2014**

<http://www.nj2bb.org/museum/>

### **South Shore Hospital Radio club**

June 14, 2014 Wampatuck State Park Hingham race starts at 9am and we gather at 8 am in the Visitors Center Parking lot. We usually use a 2 meter simplex frequency.

We will send out more info as the date gets closer.

Contact

John O'Neill

K1JRO

### **Field Day 2014**

Clubs and groups across Eastern Massachusetts are gearing up for this year's ARRL Field Day on June 28-29. As you may know, Field Day is much more than a contest or an operating event. For most clubs, it is part social event, camp-out, teaching exercise, publicity stunt, and part emergency operations exercise.

The EMA Field Day page, <<http://fd.ema.arrl.org>>, maintained by Bill Ricker, N1VUX, is a wonderful compendium of resources: directories of clubs and groups operating in the section, past scores, maps, locations, GPS coordinates, tools, and contact numbers. It also includes a full description of the Field Day rules.

Check out the site and confirm your club's information. And while you're at it, be sure to also visit the ARRL Headquarters Field Day Locator, at <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator> and add your station to the map.

**MARA** voted last month to operate with the WA1NPO Whitman club at the YMCA in East Bridgewater on route 106  
635 Plymouth St, East Bridgewater, MA 02333

### **Taunton Area Communications Group**

The TACG club is announcing the third annual BBQSO this year we are changing the name of the BBQSO to the NI1X BBQSO celebration to be held on August 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 1000 – 1600 at KB1TEE's QTH in Middleborough

### **World Radiosport Team Championship(WRTC)**

Excitement is building for the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) to be held in Massachusetts July 12-13, 2014. Like the Olympics or the Boston Marathon, this event draws the "best of the best" from around the world. Fifty-nine two-operator teams will be set up with Field-Day-style stations on 16 properties around the Route 495 corridor, from Pepperell in the north to Plymouth and Taunton in the south.

The WRTC2014 organizers need volunteers to help with this once-in-a-lifetime event. The biggest need at the moment is for people to help set up and keep an eye on the stations and provide local transportation for the teams between the headquarters hotel in Westborough and the sites.

Please visit <<http://www.wrtc2014.org/volunteer>> to sign up and tell us how you would like to help make this exciting event a success.

### **May Meeting Speaker**

USCG Johnathan Carbone OS2 will be at the meeting to discuss what radio communications is doing now between the USCG and the public

Change of location we will be meeting at the Bridgewater EOC on Mt Pleasant St  
Bridgewater

Directions:

From Route 24 take the Route 104 exit towards Bridgewater. About 1.5-2 miles down Route 104 you will come to the new Bridgewater police station at a set of traffic lights. Keep going straight. Take the third left (Union St) from the police station. Go to next stop sign and turn left. The school is about 200 yards on left. Go in first driveway to back parking lot.

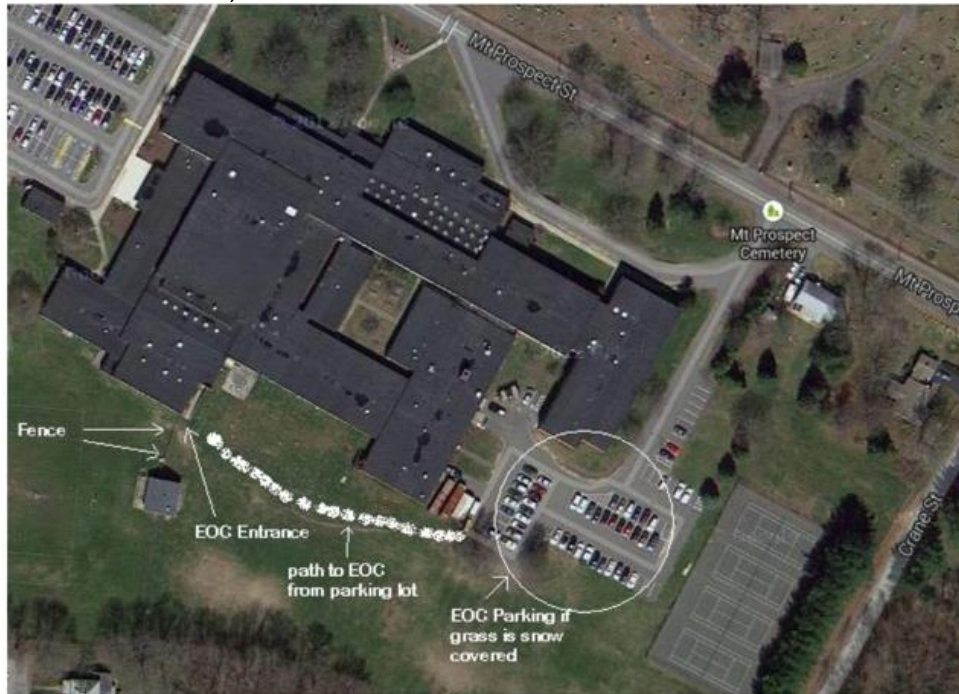
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## New England Area Flea Schedule– Courtesy of W1GSL

31 May Goshen CT SBARC @FG Rt63 Marc K1CTT 860 672 2659

1 June Bethpage NY LIMARC@Briarcliffe Dave AK1NS 516 312 8745 A+

7 June Hermon ME PSARA @8 @HS TG@6:30 Jerry K1GUP 207 848 3400 W

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

8 June Queens NY HoSARC Stephen WB2KDG 718 898 5599 A+

15 June Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Mitch 617 253 3776 F

21 June Newington CT NARL @StMarySch Quentin KB1EWM 860 383 8203 A+

18,19 July Hartford CT ARRL Nat Conv 100th Anv. 860 594 0200 W

20 July Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Mitch 617 253 3776 F

## Just Ahead in Radiosport

- May 30 ---Jun 1 [Nevada State Convention](#), Virginia City, Nevada
- June 6-8 -- [Northwestern Division Convention](#) (SeaPac) -- **Regional ARRL Centennial Event**, Seaside, Oregon



- June 7 -- [Georgia Section Convention](#) (Atlanta Hamfest), Marietta, Georgia
- June 13-14 -- [Ham-Com](#) -- **Regional ARRL Centennial Event**, Plano, Texas
- June 14 -- [Western Pennsylvania ARES Emcomm Conference](#), Johnstown, Pennsylvania
- June 14 -- [Tennessee State Convention](#) (Knoxville Hamfest), Knoxville, Tennessee
- June 27-29 -- [HAM RADIO International Exhibition for Radio Amateurs](#), Friedrichshafen, Germany
- July 5 -- [Eastern Pennsylvania Section Convention](#), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- July 9-12 -- [Mobile Amateur Radio Awards National Convention](#), Visalia, California
- **July 17-19 -- [ARRL National Centennial Convention](#), Hartford, Connecticut**

## ***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.

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