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MARA News



Membership \$\$\$ are now Due!

Next meeting May 16, 2017 at the Bridgewater EOC 166 Mt Prospect St Bridgewater, MA

This is our holiday party pot luck enter the EOC from the back of the building

Our next meeting is June 20, 2017 location TBA

Presidents notes from KC1CFO Denise Sisson



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Our next meeting will be held at the EOC from 6-9 pm, we will be having a pot luck. so please call me, or email me with what you would like to bring. In the past I have attended dinners like this and every one brought their own plates and utensils so I would like to try this for our get together. So please bring whatever you will need for those that are coming. Also it has been asked that we not park on the grass so we will need to walk from the parking lot to the EOC.

Presidents notes from KC1CFO Denise Sisson

Mara Facebook page: our Massasoit Amateur Radio Association Facebook Page with club Events, meetings photos, etc. is occasionally updated so that it can be another resource for us in which to spark interest of our club. Amateur Radio and keep members informed of what we are doing outside of our club Meetings and in our Community. If you go to the "About" tab on our page you can find our <http://www.w1mv.org/> Web page for our Present and Past Newsletters and other club information. Please send Rick- KB1TEE@gmail.com and Denise KC1CFO Denigs1@aol.com any articles or photos you would like to see in, or on our MARA Newsletter, W1MV- MARA Website and / or Facebook Page. Jeff N1ZZN has created a link to Twitter to help get the word out even more!

We do not have a guest speaker for this month as we will be at the EOC for our annual pot luck. Please call to let me know what everyone would like to bring.

We are planning on being at the Soule Homestead in Middleboro, for the Harvest weekend September, 16th from 9 to 5. We will be setting up to advertise for the MARA club and work a couple radios. Volunteers are needed as I will help with all aspects of the venture. Soule Homestead information; <http://www.soulehomestead.com/> 46 Soule Street Middleborough, Massachusetts 02346, info@soulehomestead.org, 508-947-6744

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting,
73 Denise - KC1CFO
President- Massasoit Amateur Radio Association

SECRETARYS NOTES – MARA MEETING 04/18/17 – Larry Kenney, W1VP

OPEN: President **Denise Sisson** opened the meeting at 6:30 pm, 04/18/17.

ATTENDANCE: 13 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

KC1CFO Denise Sisson (Pres)	W1VP Larry Kenney (Sec)	N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann (VP)
N1RTS Bob Sisson	K1VUT Dave Clemons	N1FDX Jay Zappulla
N1IQI Loren Pimentel	N1XTB Phil McNamara (treas)	N1LKJ James Ward
AG1B Richard Metcalf	WA1BEE Allen Hiltz	W1WCF Walt Fitzgerald
N1UMJ John Miller	Philip McNamara SWL	

MEETING MINUTES :

Motion to accept the March 2017 MARA Secretary's report as published in the March 2017 newsletter made by **James N1LKJ** with a second by **Walt W1WCF**. Motion passed vote by attending club members.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Club Treasurer **Phil N1XTB** read both the February and March treasurer's reports. Motion to accept as ready made by **Richard AG1B** with a second by **Jay N1FDX**. Motion passed vote by attending club members

Repeater Report:

Jeff N1ZZN provided a repeater report. Jeff noted the 2 meter repeater still has some pulsing noise from time to time. The source of this is unknown (possibly WiFi) but was stronger when there was ice & snow in the area. Several members also commented on the inability to start the Newsline report during the recent weekly net. **Richard AG1B** noted he was monitoring the **W1MV** repeater on EchoLink and there was nobody else connected at that time. Richard also mentioned he was able to connect to the Newsline report directly within Echolink so this was working. **Jeff N1ZZN** will investigate.

New Business:

Denise KC1CFO reminded everyone of the clubs plans to attend the Saturday September 16th Soule Homestead event. **Larry W1VP** reminded everyone of **Rick KB1TEE's** generous offer to use his portable tower for this event. **Denise KC1CFO** will communicate this to the Soule management folks. A general discussion regarding the event then followed..

Denise KC1CFO reminded everyone of the upcoming **W1BSA** special event on the USS Massachusetts, being run by **Rick KB1TEE**. Antenna setup will be on Thursday April 20th and operations will be on Saturday April 22nd. Volunteers for antenna setup and operations are welcome and needed.

Denise KC1CFO reminded everyone of the Museum Ships on the Air event taking place June 3rd and 4th. **Rick KB1TEE** is organizing the effort and will activate the USS Massachusetts with multiple operators from Friday June 2nd at 8pm through Sunday at 4pm local time. Rick plans for 3 stations and possibly a go-kit setup outside on the ships deck weather permitting. Food (sandwiches) and water are being donated.

Denise KC1CFO mentioned **Ross W1EKG** from the Whitman club is starting an Extra training class tonight. It will take place at the Whitman Police Station. Please email **Ross W1EKG** if you would like to attend: bavarianradio@comcast.net)

Denise KC1CFO reminded everyone that **John N1UMJ** will be running net control operations for the Middleboro YMCA's Woody's Walk on June 10th and Triathlon on July 24th. Volunteers for radio operations are needed. **Phil N1XTB** emailed the YMCA to confirm the events and the need for radio communications support.

Denise KC1CFO started a discussion on having a 'spring-fling' pot luck meeting in the near future. It was suggested we have this at the May 16th meeting, if the Bridgewater EOC is available. **Phil N1XTB** agreed to check and confirm this. If confirmed, he'll ask **Rick KB1TEE** to send out an email to all club members. Denise agreed to coordinate who is bringing what food/supplies. A general discussion followed.

Denise KC1CFO started a general discussion on net control volunteers with **Barry N1EZN** moving to Florida soon. Denise offered to take Barry's 4th Tuesday net control slot. **Jeff N1ZZN** confirmed he will continue to handle net control if a 5th Tuesday exists in the month. **Rick KB1TEE** handles the first Tuesday and **Roy KB1CYV** handles the 2nd Tuesday.

Denise KC1CFO mentioned the Herring Run Festival at Oliver Mill Park in Maddleborough (a craft fair type event). A discussion took place regarding if the club would be interested in setting up a radio table/display at this event. Denise mentioned a table would cost \$50. A discussion followed regarding what would be gained by attending this event? Denise will check if the \$50 fee might be waived for us and what is the refund policy if we decide later not to participate. If we attend, we would need club flyers/brochures. **Phil N1XTB** remarked in the past, a license class was done to drive up membership.

Jay N1FDX donated an SDR receiver dongle (dvh-t, 25Mhz-2Ghz) to the club. The item was auctioned off, with it going to **Walt W1WCF** for a club donation of \$5.

Jeff N1ZZN reminded everyone of the upcoming NEAR-Fest on May 5th and 6th in Deerfield NH.

Phil N1XTB provided an update on emergency communications operations during the recent Boston Marathon. Phil also spoke about an emergency communications presentation he recently gave at the Abington Town Hall for area safety & health officials (example: he highlighted the expanding South Shore Hospital net which now includes 15 different hospitals). Phil also mentioned he'll be looking at re-building the relationship with the RedCross organization in the future.

A general discussion took place on club elections/nominations. Nominations take place in the April/May timeframe (approx). **Larry W1VP** indicated he would like to step down as club secretary and let someone else fill this roll. Anyone interested in this position or any other club officer positions please contact any of the current officers.

CLOSE: A motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Bob N1RTS** with a second by **Loren N1IQI**. Motion passed by attending club members. **Denise KC1CFO** closed the meeting at 7:06 pm 04/18/17.

Woody's Walk Middleborough YMCA

June 10th will be the 17th anniversary of Woody's walk a 5K, and 10K run, and a 5K walk Please contact John Miller N1UMJ if you can assist with this race

RACE INFORMATION

5K, 10K Run and 5K Walk at Camp Yomechas 375 Wareham Street, Middleborough, MA



GO KIT SIMPOSIUM WA1NPO

The Whitman club will be hosting a go kit symposium on June 17th

Where United Methodist Church 503 South Ave Whitman MA 9am – 12pm
[map](#)

Calendar Whitman Amateur Radio Club

Description Ross W1EKG is holding our first club Go-Kit Symposium. We should have a number of Go-Kits on display. More details to follow when available.

Camp Yomechas Triathlon June 24th

Please contact John Miller N1UMJ if you can assist with this race at Camp Yomechas 375 Wareham Street, Middleborough, MA

Swim 1 Mile, Bike 24 Miles, Run 6.5 Miles

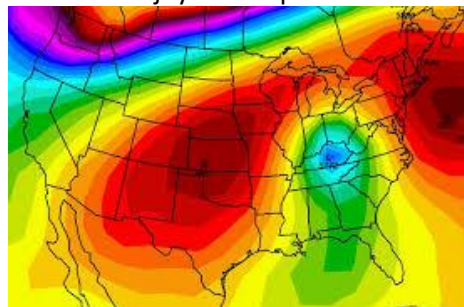
Sprint Triathlon

Swim .50 mile, Bike 12 miles, Run 3 miles



Skywarn net every Saturday night 2000 (8:00) on the 180

Please jump in and give your weather reports on the Skywarn net we meet at 8:00 on 147.180. If you want to be a Net controller contact Roy KB1CYV I am sure he would enjoy the help



Amateur Radio Volunteers Support 2017 Boston Marathon

On April 17, nearly 280 Amateur Radio communication volunteers participated in the 2017 Boston Marathon, the 121st running of the event organized by the Boston Athletic Association (BAA). Warmer-than-typical temperatures for the Patriots' Day race raised concern for increased medical issues, but lower humidity and some cloud cover later in the afternoon mitigated the potential for problems.

Amateur Radio's primary communication role involved logistics. Operations included relaying medical resupply requests, picking up runners via medical sweep buses, conveying medical statistics as required by the Red Cross and Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and providing situational awareness as needed along the entire 26-mile route. Amateur Radio also backed up EMS communications, and the team relayed several ambulance requests along the route. Brett Smith, AB1RL, one of the BAA Organizational Committee representatives, said Marathon organizers were very pleased with the efforts of Amateur Radio operators.

"Congratulations to everyone on a job very well done," Smith said afterward. "We were braced for a busy day, and our preparation helped see us through to make sure it was never anything we couldn't handle." Smith said that many volunteers enjoyed spending their day supporting the Marathon this year.

"We're already seeing e-mails from our volunteers thanking us for our work too. So the work was appreciated not only by organizers from the BAA, but the

volunteers as well," he said.



Course volunteer Matt Knowles, KC1AEI, was among them. "I feel like Amateur Radio plays an important role in the safety and security of the Boston Marathon," he said. "Our net operators were succinct, clear, and very patient as we took care of our individual responsibilities on the course. All of the communications volunteers put forth a unified effort on Monday, which made for another successful race."

Rob Macedo, KD1CY, the other BAA Organizational Committee representative, reported that state emergency managers were very pleased with the logistics and situational awareness support from Amateur Radio operators. He was stationed at the Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC), located at the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Framingham.

"At one point mid-afternoon, one of the two finish line medical tents was filled to capacity," Macedo recounted. "The BAA and EMS representatives at the MACC were impressed at receiving the on- and off-diversion reports in a timely fashion from Finish Segment Coordinator Matt Brennan, NM1B." Start Segment Coordinator Mark Richards, K1MGY, said all of the planning and setup at the race's starting point of Hopkinton paid off. "We provided BAA organizers at the start with an analysis that looks to correlate the planned and actual times of the start of the race very well," he said.

Course Field Operations/Course Net Control Segment Coordinator Jim Palmer, KB1KQW, said he was pleased with the performance of the Amateur Radio teams throughout the event. "Numerous course Amateur Radio volunteers have already expressed their appreciation for a well-run, highly organized event, and are already looking toward volunteering at the 2018 Marathon," he said. Course volunteers logged an estimated nearly 1,000 volunteer hours, and Palmer said their support was instrumental to the success of the communication support mission.



Amateur Radio operators assisted in the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC). [Jim Palmer, KB1KQW, photo]



At the Course Net Control Operations Center in Brookline, students from Dexter-Southfield School provided support to net control operators during the event. Numerous nets cover the Marathon course, and all are run from this single location. Students regularly updated status boards, informing both local net control operators and the other net control operations centers of each ham radio volunteer's location. Veteran net control operators dedicated some time to work with the students to teach them how marathon nets operate, providing a robust ham radio learning experience in an educational setting.

Amateur Radio is one of three radio communication systems used for the Boston Marathon. Eight Amateur Radio representatives, including segment coordinators, sit on the BAA Communications Committee with BAA officials and representatives of the Massachusetts State Police and a commercial communications contractor. Boston Marathon Medical Coordinator Chris Troyanos, who chairs the Communications Committee, has let the Amateur Radio community know that it is -- and will remain -- a vital component of Marathon communication support. -- *Thanks to Rob Macedo, KD1CY*

W1BSA event April 22 2017

I wish to thank the following volunteers for their help setting up and operating for the third annual W1BSA event which took place April 22, 2017.

Mike Davis WA1MAD, John Miller N1UMJ, Richard Metcalf AG1B, Jim Wolf N1JCW, Bob Azanow KA1KIJ. and Gil.

We set up the antennas on Thursday April 20th. This year we set up one dipole and three vertical antennas. We had four radios Saturday operating thank you to all who participated in this year's event and hopefully we can have another great event next year. Conditions were horrible I was informed by several people of issues in space 40 meters was not usable, 17 meters was out, 20 meters was sporadic. We had fun a lot of cub scouts came in and learned about radio operations. We met a brand new ham she had her ticket for two weeks and never got on the air I put her on 20 meters she made her first contact. The repeater we were using would hang on after a transmission the owner is looking into the issues.



Set up crew Thursday Gill, Mike, Richard, and Rick / KB1TEE at his go station kit



Jim N1JCW



Bob KA1KIJ



John N1UMJ



Jim N1JCW



Lots of scouts stopped by to chat and see / back to Mike WA1MAD, John N1UMJ, and Jim N1JCW

Explore Rochester Foxhunts

Foxhunt, mobile

Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 10:00 am. Rochester Center Rt 105 shopping plaza parking lot.

Fox starts transmitting at 10:30 am to noontime. Fox transmitting mobile from a conservation area parking area.

Frequency 146.535 simplex. Foxfinders entered in prize drawing.

Fox-box hunt, on foot (optional)

Saturday, May 13, 10:30 am- Sunday, May 14, 3:00 pm The user-activated Foxbox will be hidden at the conservation area. **Frequency 146.565** simplex. Transmit tone "2" too activate for 10 minutes.

A tree marked with flagging tape has a plastic bag at its base that contains a sign-in sheet and one prize certificate. The first finder can take the certificate for redemption. Must be licensed ham to receive prize.

For Rochester MA conservation area PDF maps, <http://rochestermaconservation.com/pdf/explore-rochester-trail-guide.pdf>

Thank you

Richard AG1B

South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club

We have 3 5k races coming up. 2 at Wompatuck State Park in Norwell and 1 at Bear Cove Park in Hingham.

1) Healthy Heart 5k Road Race. June 10 Wompatuck State Park Hingham. Race Start time 9am. This event runs about 2 hours.

This 5K race raises funds for the Cardiovascular Rehabilitation Department at South Shore Hospital. It helps the Department purchase new equipment and provide services.

2) We have been asked to once again provide communications for the Weymouth Food Pantry Race / Walk at Wompatuck State Park. We received the following email.

We have had a lot of fun doing this in the past and they are very appreciative of our volunteering. The Event starts around 8:30 - 9 am is only a couple of hours. It's a very worthwhile cause and a beautiful way to start a Saturday Morning.

3) SSHARC received the following note about the Coop's Troop 5K for this year.

I wanted to let you know that we will be hosting the second annual Coop's Troop 5K this year and would love your assistance, if you are able to provide it. The HAM team was Great last year and helped us tremendously!

This year, Southfield is undergoing construction so we have to move our race to Bare Cove Park in Hingham, MA.

It will be held on Sunday, July 16th at 8:30.

Thanks,
John O'
K1JRO

To New England radio clubs:

I'd appreciate your help in publicizing the upcoming New England QSO Party on May 6th and 7th. Please mention it at your next club meeting and in your newsletter.

The NEQP is a great time to check out antenna systems and offers a moderately paced opportunity to work new states and countries. You'll find a wide variety of participants, from newcomers to experienced contesters, all interested in making contacts with New England stations.

We're working to make sure that all of the New England counties are active again this year and would appreciate your help. Get on for at least an hour or two and join in on the fun. Please let me know if you can put in any time at all so we can work on activity from the rarest counties. **Will you be QRV? Let us know which county you'll be on from with a message to info@neqp.org**

Oh yes, the NEQP is also **lots** of fun when mobile. Every time you cross a county line the action starts over again. It's amazing what a 100w radio and mobile whip can do.

The QSO Party is 20 hours long overall, in two sections with a civilized break for sleep Saturday night. It goes from 4pm Saturday until 1am Sunday, then 9am Sunday until 8pm Sunday. Operate on CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-40-20-15-10 meters. For each QSO you'll give your callsign, a signal report and your county/state. Top scorers can earn a plaque and everyone who makes 25 QSOs and sends in a log will get a certificate.

Last year we had logs from 179 New England stations and 300 more from around the country and world.

The full rules are here -> <http://www.neqp.org/rules.html>

The 2016 results were posted over the weekend and the results since 2002 are also available -
> <http://www.neqp.org/results.html>

It's just about a month until the 2017 NEQP. Please make some QSOs even if you don't want to send in a log.

Thanks!

73 Tom/K1KI

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS SECTION NEWS

General License Class: May 13 and 20, 2017 Genesis ARS Plymouth Airport, Genesis ARS meeting room

Contact: Chris N1IR, <chrisjohnson2003@gmail.com>

Dayton Hamvention

Hamvention will be held May 19, 20 and 21, 2017 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center.



MUSEUM SHIPS ON THE AIR WEEKEND NE1PL on the USS Massachusetts 2017

We are planning to be on the USS Massachusetts June 2-4 for Museum Ships On The Air anyone interested in coming out and operating please contact Rick KB1TEE. My email address is kb1tee@gmail.com we are looking for a lot of people not just radio operators. We need people to help log contacts speak to guests and for other duties.

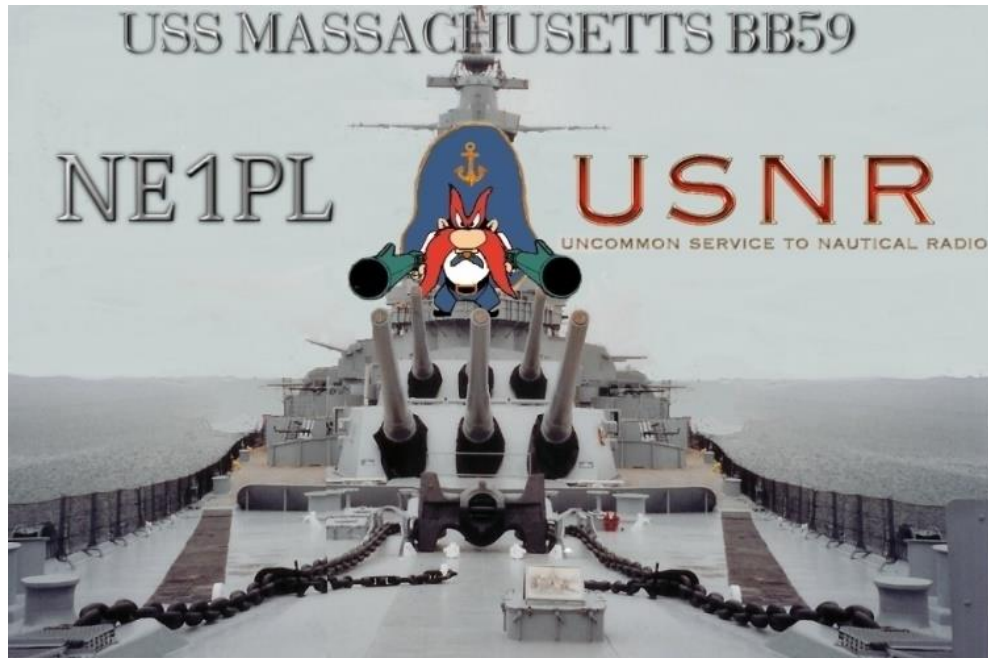
Please check out the website www.ne1pl.org for updates on operations. Anyone wishing to come out and join us please come on down and have some fun, enjoy great views, amateur radio, and tour the ship for free.



Ship to Ship confirmation certificate

NE1PL / MARA summer operations on the USS Massachusetts

We will be operating this summer on the ship again if you are interested please contact Rick KB1TEE. Check our website www.ne1pl.org for operating dates and QSL information at ne1pl.org



USNR NE1PL QSL card designed by Joe KA1JBE



Battleship Cove the world's largest museum fleet 3 ships on sub, and two PT boats
And lots of great displays come on down and enjoy a day on the bay Mt Hope Bay

MARA Soule Homestead harvest fest 2017

MARA club to setup a table featuring amateur radio communications at the Harvest Fest on the Soule Homestead Education Center (100 acre farm, family 4H activities, etc.) in Middleborough taking place Saturday & Sunday September 16th-17th



Volunteers will be needed to set up and operate radios for this event contact Denise KC1CFO for more information

Field Day 2017

ARRL Field Day June 24-25, 2017 we need to decide if we are going to operate on our own or weather to join the Whitman club as always it's a grand time



New England Area Ham - Electronic Flea Market DATES 2017

20 May Goshen CT SoBARC \$5@8 @FG Stan W2VID 518 398 7003 W+

21 May Cambridge MA Flea at MIT Mitch 617 253 3776 F
Third Sunday April thru October

3 June Brookline NH NEARC Antique@EvntCr \$10@7:30 \$5@8:30 Bruce 603 772 7516 W+

4 June Fishkill MtBARC @DwnStCorr Adam KC2DAA 845-849-3666 A+

4 June Staten I NY CPARA @ScoutCamp Gary KB2BSL 718 504 0030 W+

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

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

18 June Cambridge MA Flea at MIT Mitch 617 253 3776 F

16 July Cambridge MA Flea at MIT Mitch 617 253 3776 F

20 Aug Cambridge MA Flea at MIT Mitch 617 253 3776 F

27 Aug Adams MA NoBARC @BoweFld 6:30sell 7:30buy Eric KA1SUN 413 743 9975

27 Aug Newtown CT CARA @Town Hall John W1JGM 203 417 0160 A

8,10 Sept Boxboro MA FEMARA NE Conv Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235

9 Sept Windsor CT VR+C Mus 115 Pierson LN @8AM Outside John 860 673 0518

10 Sept Ballston Spa NY SCRACES @FG \$6@7 Jim KG2H 518 703-9558 F

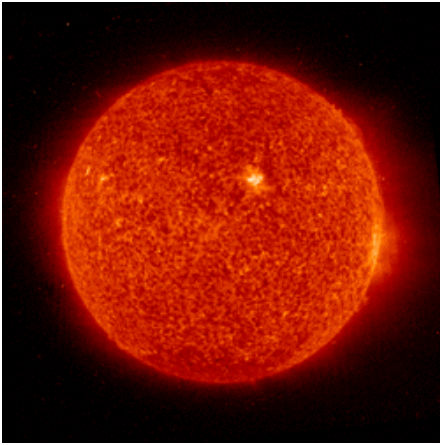
16 Sept Alexander ME StCVARC @EISch Roger W1LH 207 454 2174 A



Bill Burke NR1FD and his portable dipole

The K7RA Solar Update

Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, reports: Each of the weekly solar and geomagnetic indicators that we track were lower this week. The average daily sunspot number dropped 10.6 points to 25.1, and the average daily solar flux was 4.5 points lower than the previous week at 76.9.



We have not witnessed a day with zero sunspots since April 17. The average planetary and mid-latitude A indices were both 5.6, down from the previous week, when the numbers were 26.4 and 18.4, respectively.

As of May 3, the predicted solar flux is 75 on May 4-7; 74 on May 8; 75 on May 9-11; 73 on May 12; 75 on May 13-14; 80 on May 15-18; 85 on May 19-21; 80 on May 22-23; 77 on May 24-27; 75 on May 28-30; 73 on May 31-June 8; 75 on June 9-10; and 80 on June 11-14.

Predicted planetary A index is 12, 8, 8, 5, and 10 on May 4-8; 5 on May 9-14; 8, 15, 30, and 25 on May 15-18; 45, 50, 15, 10, and 8 on May 19-23; 5 on May 24-27; 12 and 8 on May 28-29; 5 on May 30-June 1; 8 on June 2-4; 5 on June 5-10; 8, 15, 30, 25, 45, and 50 on June 11-16.

Bob Kile, W7RH, of Las Vegas, Nevada, took advantage of a 6-meter sporadic-E opening on May 3, working stations in Texas, Wyoming, Idaho, and Colorado. Two Wyoming stations were "solid copy for several hours" before the band closed. (Bob also has a 160-meter remote base in the Northern Arizona desert. [More information](#) is on his website.)

Sunspot numbers for April 27 through May 3, 2017 were 23, 35, 34, 33, 11, 25, and 15, with a mean of 25.1. The 10.7-centimeter flux was 78.2, 78, 77, 77.4, 75.3, 77.2, and 74.9, with a mean of 76.9. Estimated planetary A indices were 7, 6, 6, 6, 5, 5, and 4, with a mean of 5.6. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 10, 6, 6, 6, 5, 4, and 2, with a mean of 5.6.



September 8, 9, & 10

At the Boxboro Regency Hotel & Conference Center in Boxborough, Massachusetts

HAM RADIO LOCAL AREA NETS

If you know of a Ham Radio Local Area Net that is not listed here, a typo on the information, or a Net listed which is no longer active, please contact Barry – N1EZH at: N1EZH@comcast.net, so this list can be updated. All Frequencies are in MHz and 6 Meters (50.0 MHz and up.), are FM Mode unless otherwise noted. Thanks!

- Sunday:** **WA1NPO – WARPSN Net, 8:30 AM, Whitman ARC Rptr, 147.225 +, PL 67.0**
6 Mtr AM Net, 5:00 PM, 50.400.0 AM, Scituate
NE Cracker Barrel Net, **7:00 PM Daily** (Matt – W1AEM, NCO on Sun), 3.921.00 MHz LSB
Pilgrim Amateur Wireless Assoc. 10 Meter Net, 7:00 PM, 28.375.0 USB
Cape & Island Traffic Net, Every Night at 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9
Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685 – PL 82.5
Eastern MA 2 Mtr Traffic Net, Every Night at 8:00 PM, Boston W1BOS Rptr, 145.230 – PL 88.5
Norfolk County Radio Association Net, 8:00 PM, Walpole Rptr, 146.895 – PL 123.0
- Monday:** Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Mon – Sat, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Norfolk County Emergency Preparedness Net, 8:00 PM, Walpole Rptr, 146.895 – PL 123.0
Falmouth ARA Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth K1RK Rptr, 146.655 – PL 88.5
Boston ARC Rag Chew Net, 9:00 PM, Boston W1BOS Rptr, 145.230 – PL 88.5
- Tuesday:** Massasoit ARA Net, 8:00 PM, Bridgewater W1MV Rptr, 147.180 + PL 67.0 (**Except 3rd Tue!**)
Genesis ARC 2 Mtr Rag-Chew Net, 7:30 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685 – PL 82.5
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Norwood Amateur Radio Club Net, 8:00 PM, Norwood Rptr, 147.210 + PL 100.0
220 MHz Day! Try to find a 220 Repeater near you and give a call out!
- Wednesday:** Taunton ACG, KC1TAC, 2 Mtr Simplex Net, 8:30 PM, 145.770
Whitman ARC 10 Meter Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 28.333.0 USB (**Except 1st Wed!**)
Blackstone Valley ARC, 2 Mtr Simplex Net, 7:00 PM, 146.565
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Cape and Islands ARES Net, 8:00 PM, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5
Waltham Wranglers Swap Net. 9:00 PM, Waltham W1MHL Rptr, 146.64 – PL 136.5
- Thursday:** Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685 – PL 82.5
10 Mtr General Class Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 29.470.0 FM
Sturdy Mem. Hosp. ARC ARES Practice Net, 8:30 PM, K1SMH Rptr, 147.195 + PL 127.3
900 MHz Day! Try to find a 900 Repeater near you and give a call out!
- Friday:** Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
- Saturday:** South Shore Skywarn Net, 8:00 PM, Bridgewater W1MV Rptr, 147.180 + PL 67.0
VKEMCOMM Echolink Conference node: 270177/IRLP 9508 (due to *WX-TALK* Echolink conference node: 7203/IRLP 9219 outage) Refer to: <http://www.voipwx.net/>

Massasoit Amateur Radio Association Executive board

President Denise Sisson KC1CFO
Vice President Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN
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)

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 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.

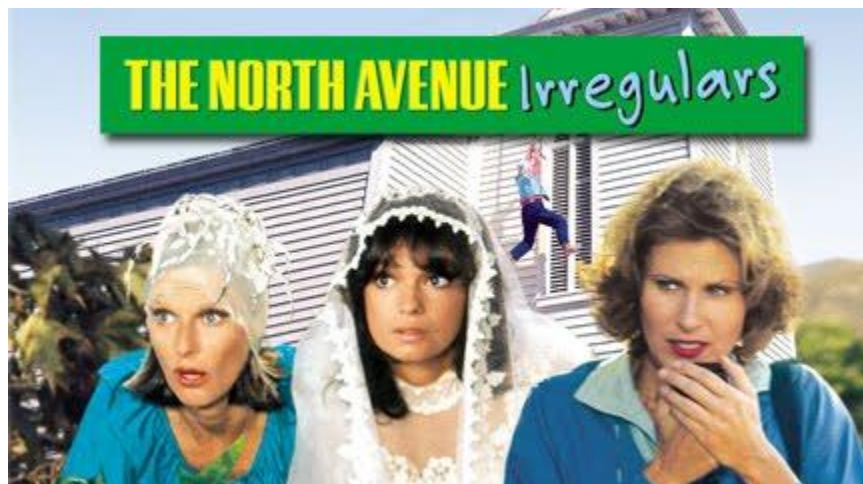
The **South Shore Skywarn Net** is held every Saturday evening at 8PM local time on 147.180+ and is open to all hams.

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The North Avenue Irregulars is a 1979 American comedy crime film produced by Walt Disney Productions, distributed by Buena Vista Distribution Company, and starring Edward Herrmann, Barbara Harris, Karen Valentine and Susan Clark. It was based on an original work by Albert Fay Hill, as adapted by Don Tait. Reverend Michael Hill (Edward Herrmann) and his two children arrive in a fictional California town. He is there to serve as the new minister at the North Avenue Presbyterian Church. The secretary/music director for the church, Anne (Susan Clark), is wary of the changes Hill intends to implement. Hill wants to get people involved, and asks Mrs. Rose Rafferty (Patsy Kelly, in her final movie role) to handle the church's sinking fund.



On his first Sunday, Hill learns from Mrs. Rafferty that her husband Delaney (Douglas Fowley) bet all the sinking fund money on a horse race. Hill delivers a sermon less than 15 seconds long, then rapidly escorts Mrs. Rafferty out the church as astonished worshippers watch. She leads him to the bookie, hidden behind a dry-cleaning shop, and meets Harry the Hat (Alan Hale, Jr.), who recommends that Hill let the bet ride. Hill's horse loses and he is thrown out of the betting parlor. Hill summons the police, but the booking joint has been skillfully removed.



That evening, Hill delivers a tirade against the organized crime in the city during a local television broadcast. He is chastised by his presbytery superiors for the tirade, and is urged to go out and build church membership in the area. His only success is with a rock band called Strawberry Shortcake, who he recruits to "jazz up" the music at church; Anne resigns as music director. Then, two treasury agents for the US government arrive: Marvin Fogleman (Michael Constantine) and Tom Voohries (Steve Franken). They want Hill to help them close down the gambling racket by recruiting some men from the church to place bets that the agents will watch. Hill cannot find any men to help, but hits upon the idea of using women. Five women from his congregation (and Delany, whose wife does not drive) attempt to place bets in the company of the Treasury agents, but with disastrous clumsiness.



The team changes tactics to try to go after the "bank" that the gangsters use, tailing the mob's deliverymen through town while Hill coordinates using a map at the church office. Two gangsters subsequently appear at the church during services and identify the women.



Anne discovers the operation, even as Hill defends the Irregulars as keeping the gangsters off balance. Anne resigns from the secretary position, and soon after, the gangsters bomb the church.



CB Handles for the movie

- [Edward Herrmann](#) as Rev. Michael Hill "Home plate"
- [Barbara Harris](#) as Mrs. Vickie Sims "Kiddie Car"
- [Karen Valentine](#) as Jane "June Bride"
- [Susan Clark](#) as Anne Woods, Church Secretary "Rookie"
- [Cloris Leachman](#) as Claire Porter "Phantom Fox"
- [Douglas Fowley](#) as Mr. Delaney Rafferty "Blarney Stone"
- [Patsy Kelly](#) as Mrs. Rose Rafferty "Blarney Stone"
- [Virginia Capers](#) as Cleo Jackson "Klunker"

- [Herb Voland](#) as Dr. Fulton,
- [Ruth Buzzi](#) as Dr. Rheems "Ecumenical Entrantis"
- [Michael Constantine](#) as Marv Fogleman "Federal officer"
- [Steve Franken](#) as Tom Voories