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MARANews



We are in need of a club secretary please contact Denise KC1CFO

Next meeting May 15, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Bridgewater Public Library last night for nominations for club officers

Our June meeting will be on the 19th 2018 6:30pm at the Bridgewater Public library this is **election night**

Presidents notes from KC1CFO Denise Sisson



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MARA facebook page: Our Massasoit Amateur Radio Association Facebook page with club events, meeting, photos, etc. is occasional updated so that it can be another resource for us on 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 and articles or photos you would like to see in our MARA newsletter, W1MV-MARA Website and Facebook page. Jeff N1ZZN has created a link to twitter to help get the work out even more!

Today is the first warm enough day to be outside in the garden, and to do those chores that need to be done to really believe the weather is going to stay warm.

Nominations for the MARA club are open for the June elections please nominate those you would like as your representatives. The secretary position is in need to be filled as Larry needs to step down. Thank you Larry for the time you have given to the MARA club. We will miss you.

We are also looking for ideas for speakers etc. please contact Rick or Denise if you would like to be a speaker or know of someone who would like to enrich our club.

Rick has dates set for the USS Massachusetts, please come out and talk with those who are coming for a visit and those who would like to be part of the ham radio world.

73 all Denise KC1CFO
President-Massasoit Amateur Radio Association

SECRETARY'S NOTES – MARA MEETING 04/17/18 – Larry Kenney, W1VP

OPEN: President **Denise KC1CFO** opened the meeting at 6:35 pm, 04/17/18.

ATTENDANCE: 9 members were present including 3 elected officers

W1VP Larry Kenney (Sec)

KC1CFO Denise Sisson (President)

WA1BEE Allen Hiltz

KA1YL Connie Frauciosi

KB1TEE Rick Emord

N1RTS Bob Sisson

N1XTB Phil McNamara (Tres)

AG1B Richard Metcalf

K1JMA Joe Amorelli

MEETING MINUTES :

Rick KB1TEE noted an error in the March 2018 secretary notes. The date specified for the **W1BSA** event on the USS Massachusetts was shown as April 29th. The correct date for this event was April 28th (apologies for this error). Motion to accept the March 2018 MARA Secretary's report as published in the March 2018 newsletter with this noted correction made by **Rick KB1TEE** with a second by **Bob N1RTS**. Motion passed vote by attending club members.

Club Treasurer **Phil N1XTB** presented the March 2018 treasurers report. Motion to accept as read made by **Rick KB1TEE** with a second by **Richard AG1B**. Motion passed vote by attending club members.

Repeater Report:

Jeff N1ZZN was not in attendance so **Denise KC1CFO** read his recent email detailing a replacement repeater (Sinclair brand) antenna quote. A general discussion took place regarding the state of the current repeater antenna (now sitting mostly horizontal due to the winter storms), an investigation of it's condition using a drone (thanks to **Joe KA1JBE**) and an eventual decision to either repair or replace the antenna based on these finding. A motion to appropriate funds for the Sinclair antenna replacement made by **Rick KB1TEE** then retracted pending further investigation. **Phil N1XTB** noted the cost of a qualified/insured climber will be several hundred dollars as well. The general consensus of the club membership felt a review of the drone video should be done prior to purchasing a replacement antenna.

New Business:

Denise KC1CFO updated everyone on a follow-up conversation she had w/the Mt Washington Observatory regarding a possible informative video call. Denise confirmed the cost would be \$195 for an approx 40-50 minute session. A general discussion took place on the value vs cost of this. The suggestion was to offer this idea to other area clubs and see if a combined larger group of folks are interested. The Blue Hill Observatory in Milton may offer a possible alternative as they support a weather observatory as well. **Larry W1VP** will forward contact info from recent Blue Hill sponsored weather seminars to Denise for further investigation.

Based on a reminder email sent by **Tom Frenaye K1KI** of the ARRL, **Denise KC1CFO** reminded everyone of the upcoming New England QSO party taking place on Saturday May 5th and Sunday May 6th. Note this takes place just after the NEAR-Fest event on Friday May 4th and Saturday May 5th.

Phil N1XTB was contacted by the Camp Yomechas folks regarding support for the upcoming Woodies Walk and Tri-Athelon events on Saturday June 2nd and Sunday July 22nd respectively. **John N1UMJ** has been asking about this as he usually volunteers to act as net control. Volunteers to support these events are needed. Please contact Phil to take part. Volunteers can come from other clubs as well.

Phil N1XTB is still planing to do a Sunday afternoon practice net at some point, possibly at the Bridgewater EOC, for his recent technician class graduates. Phil has been waiting for the weather to clear and the school field to dry out so access across the school field to the EOC will be possible.

Rick KB1TEE reminded us he and **John N1UMJ** will be on the USS Massachusetts this Sunday 4/22/18 with the Boy Scouts. Expect to find Rick on the Fall River repeater: 146.805- pl67 from 9am-10:30 using the **NE1PL** callsign as well as several HF bands (check the packet cluster..)

Rick KB1TEE will also be back on the USS Massachusetts on Saturday 4/28 from 9am-3:30pm approx. again involved with the Boy Scouts and getting them on the air. Rick expects to have 3 HF stations on the air and will again be using Fall River repeater.

Larry W1VP mentioned he was contacted by Phil Temple, Eastern Mass assistant section manager from the ARRL for use of some pictures of the go-box presentation by **Allen WA1BEE** at a recent MARA club meeting. A short discussion took place and it was agreed Larry would send Phil several pictures from the event.

A short discussion took place regarding the **W1MV** website. **Larry W1VP** had done an update to the online club roster. **Richard AG1B** suggested a further update to the current events listing should be done. Larry requested current pictures be provided so he can add these to the website also. **Rick KB1TEE** reminded us his friend Brian is still willing to work on the club website. Phil will enable Word Press on the site for use in the future.

Denise KC1CFO mentioned club officer nominations take place at the April and May meetings with elections at the June meeting. **Rick KB1TEE** nominated **Denise KC1CFO**, **Phil N1XTB** and **Jeff N1ZZN** for their currently help positions. **Larry W1VP** will not be able to continue as secretary so this officer position is available and should be filled at election time. Volunteers for this position are needed.

CLOSE: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Rick KB1TEE** with a second by **Richard AG1B**. Motion passed by attending club members. **Denise KC1CFO** closed the meeting at 7:48pm 04/17/18.

Thank you to Roy Logan KB1CYV from MARA

At our last monthly meeting the group decided to send to Roy a plaque with his call sign on it. The letter that went with the plaque is sent from all members to thank Roy for his years of service to the club.

Dear Roy

April 17, 2018

The members of the Massasoit amateur radio association are pleased to present this plaque, KB1CYV in recognition of your dedicated service to M.A.R.A. and the amateur radio community as a whole. The members have missed you very much since you moved from this area. We hope that you will be able to sign in via Echolink in the near future.

Best wishes to you and your wife at your new location

73, The members of the Massasoit amateur radio association

From Roy

Please extend my gratitude to the MARA members for the fantastic call sign plaque and for remembering me.

This will have a prominent place in whatever serves as my radio shack in the future.

I have some great memories of MARA events and the friends made over the twenty years I've been a member.

Thanks again 73 and good DX

Roy KB1CYV



Roy's Plaque Connie obtained this

Collegiate Radio Amateur Wins Radio Club of America's "Young Achiever Award"

ARRL member Ruth Willet, KM4LAO, a 19-year-old student at Michigan's [Kettering University](#), has received the Radio Club of America's "Young Achiever Award." The [RCA](#) Young Achiever Award is presented to students of high school age or younger who have demonstrated excellence and creativity in wireless communications, and who have delivered a presentation at the annual RCA Technical Symposium. Receiving the award allowed her to attend the International Wireless Communications Expo ([IWCE](#)) held in Orlando in early March.



"I was shocked to have received this award. I never dreamed I would be able to attend such a prestigious wireless event," Willet said in an [article](#) for *Kettering University News*. "It was an honor be recognized by the Radio Club of America and to be presented with this award. It was an eye-opening experience for me to be exposed to the field of wireless communications and to be introduced to the discussions taking place among first responders and the government regarding emergency situation preparedness."

Willet, who is from Lawrenceville, Georgia, is the recipient of the ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Scholarship. At Kettering, she is pursuing a double major in mechanical engineering and engineering physics. She is president of her school's recently revived Amateur Radio club, GMTE Amateur Radio & Electronics Club, K8HPS.

"As an Amateur Radio operator, I've mostly only experienced the hobby side of radio," Willet said. "This conference allowed me to see a broad range of applications for radio and technology.... It was very energizing to attend all sorts of workshops and seminars, and learn how much our daily lives are

touched by the field of wireless communications."

A Puerto Rico radio amateur involved in hurricane recovery was among those who died when a Hercules C-130 aircraft crashed on May 2, killing all aboard. Among the nine fatalities was Eric Circuns, WP4OXB, of Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. The cargo plane, attached to the Puerto Rico Air National Guard's 156th Airlift Wing, went down shortly after takeoff from Georgia while on a routine mission. "Eric had been part of this unit, and this aircraft had served during both Hurricane Irma and Maria," ARRL Southeastern Division Assistant Director and Assistant Puerto Rico Section Manager Jose "Otis" Vicens, NP4G, said in a statement. "The people of Puerto Rico thank him for his service and ultimate sacrifice. He will be remembered." According to media accounts, the more than 60-year-old aircraft underwent repairs in Savannah in April. It had been used in several hurricane relief and recovery efforts and was on its way to Arizona for decommissioning.

School's Ham Contact with Space Station Raises Amateur Radio Visibility in Alabama

An Amateur Radio on the International Space Station ([ARISS](#)) school contact with crew member Ricky Arnold, KE5DAU, was a huge success on more than one level. Fifteen students at Pinson Valley High School in Alabama had the opportunity to [chat via ham radio](#) on April 10 in a direct contact with Arnold, who was at the helm of NA1SS for his inaugural ARISS contact. Witnessing the event in the packed school auditorium was an audience of 650 invited guests and students, while the remaining 1,150 members of the student body watched from their classrooms. The event was livestreamed to all 57 schools in the district.



"The ISS contact was a very valuable experience for the student body and the 15 select students that formulated and asked the questions, and great exposure for Amateur Radio!" said Alabaman and ARRL Southeastern Division Director Greg Sarratt, W4OZK.

The event attracted considerable media attention from TV news crews and a print reporter. The radio contact was then followed by a motivational speech from a US Navy Seal team member, after which four Navy Seals and Pinson Valley's vice principal parachuted onto the school's football field, Sarratt recounted.

English teacher Jennifer Moore, KF4INA, who served as the spark plug for the ARISS event, praised the support of Huntsville Amateur Radio Club members, who had help from the Birmingham and Blount County Amateur

Radio clubs.

Three TV stations posted stories on the ARISS event, [WVTM](#), [WBRC](#), and [CBS42](#). A [story](#) in the [Trussville Tribune](#) included a comment from Pinson City Council member and radio amateur Robbie Roberts, WB4WUI, who attended Pinson Valley High and went on to get an engineering degree. "I think it's great exposure for these kids," he told the reporter.



**Astronaut Ricky Arnold,
KE5DAU [NASA photo]**

forward.

Roberts later told ARRL, "I thought the event was excellent and was a welcome bright spot for our community." He said his grandfather worked for NASA for many years and was significantly involved in work on SkyLab in the 1970s, "so the combination of ham radio and the ISS was of great interest."

ISS Ham Project Coordinator Kenneth Ransom, N5VHO, commended the cooperation of Alabama Power, which resolved a RF interference issue that would have affected the contact. The utility went to the extent of shutting down a substation to quiet the radio noise so that the contact could go



EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (EMA) SECTION NEWS

AMATEUR RADIO INVOLVEMENT IN IEEE CONFERENCE, BOSTON, JULY 8-12 Special events call sign "N1P" has been approved for use at the IEEE AP-S/URSI conference in Boston July 8-12 by the ARRL 1x1 Callsign Coordinator.

If you or your radio club would like to be involved in this high profile project, please register at

<<https://ema.arrl.org/hamradio-ieee-ap-s-2018-seeks-volunteers-july-8-12-2018/>>.

Sturdy Memorial Hospital ARC:

The SMH ARC will host SKYWARN training at its regular general meeting on

May 15. Details at

<<https://ema.arrl.org/2018/04/26/skywarn-training-at-sturdy-memorial-hospital-arc-may-15-2018/>>.

Whitman ARC:

WARC is currently conducting an Amateur Extra licensing class. It will

culminate in a VE session on May 29, 2018.

HELP!!! The YMCA road race in Middleborough needs volunteers

June 2, 2018 from 0730 to about 1200 hand held radios are needed frequency 145.770 Simplex, and 147.180 pl67 Bridgewater Repeater as back up. Meet at the Middleborough Dunkin Donuts at routes 105 and 28 for your assignments. Race route goes from Camp Yomechas on Wareham St Middleborough. Runs over the following roads Rocky Gutter St, to Purchase St, to Chestnut St, to Thomas St, to Tispaquin St and back to Wareham St

Please contact John Miller N1UMJ at n1umj@arrrl.net

Museum Ships On The Air Weekend

<p>MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND</p> <p>June 2-3, 2018</p> <p>0000Z June 2, to 2359Z June 3, 2018</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT a contest! It is a FUN Event!</p>	
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The 2018 Museum Ships weekend gets under way at 0000 UTC on June 2 (June 1 in US time zones) and continues for 48 hours. More than 100 museum ships are expected to be on the air.

Most museum ships will operate SSB or CW in the General class band segments.

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.



USS Massachusetts BB 59

Allan KB1BEE and Mike WA1MAD from the W1BSA event on the 010 level



2018 ARRL Field Day is June 23-24



This year, many groups and participants may choose to combine **2018 Field Day** with our yearlong operating event - **2018 ARRL International Grid Chase (IGC)** - working stations in as many grid squares as possible and uploading log data to ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW).

For **2018 Field Day** and the IGC, the standard event exchange of Field Day **Class** and **Section** is still what is sent over the air. After Field Day is where your logs can count for the IGC, but you must be sure when uploading your Field Day logs to LoTW that your TQSL Station Location includes your Grid Square - then LoTW takes care of the rest.

Follow Field Day on Facebook and Twitter! ARRL has created a **Field Day event on Facebook**, and you can also join the conversation by using the hash tag #ARRLFD. Share your plans, tips and tricks to a successful Field Day!

HAMVENTION 2018

Anticipated New Building Won't Be Ready for Hamvention 2018, but Flea Market Could Expand Due to circumstances beyond their control, [Hamvention](#)® 2018 organizers are reluctantly walking back an earlier announcement that a new building would be available for this year's event at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio.



A revised exit plan and additional off-site parking are also in the works, along with easy-to-use maps to help visitors navigate. Parking and shuttles will be free. Talk-in also has new equipment and a taller tower to extend its reach.

Hamvention Setting Space Aside to Spotlight Emergency Communication Vehicles

In keeping with its theme, "Serving the Community," [Hamvention](#)® 2018 is offering an opportunity for Amateur Radio groups to display the communication vehicles they use to serve their communities. A special area has been set aside at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center for emergency communication trailers, vans, trucks, and other vehicles. Hamvention organizers are hoping that emergency response groups such as ARES, RACES, CERT, and others with an interest in Amateur Radio emergency communication will take advantage.

"The displays will allow groups planning to develop their own units to get suggestions and ideas and ask questions of those supporting the vehicles," Hamvention said in announcing the special display area. Groups planning to display vehicles are encouraged to have them staffed, functional, and able to demonstrate their capabilities during Hamvention.

Gary Hollenbaugh, NJ8BB, who has coordinated Hamvention emergency communication vehicle displays for 10 years, said that many groups thinking about building units could gain some beneficial ideas from seeing what other organizations have done. He encouraged teams to make information about their units available to share with visitors.

USA ARDF Championships Set for June 13-17 in California

The 18th [USA Championships of Amateur Radio Direction Finding \(ARDF\)](#) will take place June 13-17 near Truckee, California, some 30 miles southwest of Reno, Nevada. The competition sites are at about 6,300 feet elevation near Donner Summit.

An optional training day will be held on Wednesday, June 13. Thursday will be devoted to foxoring, a combination of radio direction finding and classic orienteering. Friday morning will be the sprint event, followed by a model event for equipment testing and a competitor briefing.



Classic 2-meter and 80-meter competitions will take place Saturday and Sunday, respectively. There will be an awards banquet on Saturday evening for presentation of medals for foxoring, sprint, and 2-meter classic events. Awards for the 80-meter classic will be presented Sunday afternoon following the competition.

These sites have not been used for any ARDF competitions in the past. Course designer is Bob Cooley, KF6VSE, and Meet Director is Jay Hennigan, WB6RDV. Both have been medalists in past USA ARDF Championships.

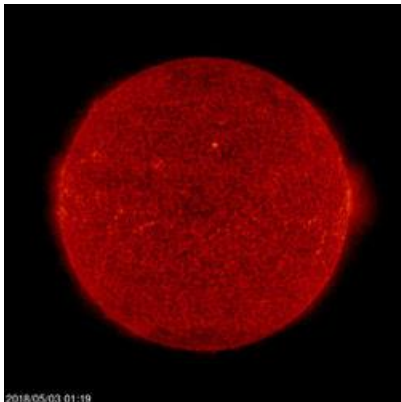
The [Event Information Page](#) includes technical details, lodging information, site embargoes, tourism, weather and much more. Information about the sport of ARDF, including equipment and techniques. Registration will open soon. More details as they become available will be posted on the [Homing In](#) website of ARRL ARDF Coordinator Joe Moell, K0OV.

Nine days of ARDF [training sessions](#) will take place beginning on February 17 in the Raleigh, North Carolina, area, with former Ukrainian ARDF team member Illia Ivanko as the primary instructor. Now living in the US, she was a medal winner at the 2017 IARU Region 2 ARDF Championships with the best five times in both classic events.

The training sessions will be held in the Research Triangle area near Raleigh-Durham Airport. The Backwoods Orienteering Klub is sponsoring the event. Contact event organizer [Joseph Huberman, K5JGH](#) for more information. --
Thanks to ARRL ARDF Coordinator Joe Moell, K0OV

The K7RA Solar Update

Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, reports: Sunspots disappeared again this week, with a blank sun on April 28, and every day since. Average daily sunspot numbers dropped from 20 to 3.6, while average daily solar flux decreased from 73.4 to 69.3.



Average daily planetary A index declined from 11.9 to 4.4, and average mid-latitude A index went from 8.6 to 5.

Predicted solar flux is 67 on May 3-4; 68 and 69 on May 5-6; 70 on May 7-10; 68 on May 11-13; 70 on May 14-28; 68 on May 29 - June 9, and 70 on June 10-16.

Predicted planetary A index is 5 on May 3-5; 16, 18, and 14 on May 6-8; 8 on May 9-10; 5 on May 11-16; 42, 12, and 8 on May 17-19; 5 on May 20-June 1; 8, 15, 12, 10, and 8 on June 2-6; 5 on June 7-12, and 42, 12, 8, and 5 on June 13-

16.

Sunspot numbers for April 26-May 2 were 14, 11, 0, 0, 0, 0, and 0, with a mean of 3.6. The 10.7-centimeter flux was 69.4, 68.7, 70.2, 71.1, 70.2, 68.4, and 67.1, with a mean of 69.3.

Just Ahead in Radiosport

- May 5 -- FISTS Spring Slow Speed Sprint (CW)
- May 5 -- 902 and up Microwave Spring Sprint (CW, phone)
- May 5-6 -- Araucaria World Wide VHF Contest (CW, phone)
- May 5-6 -- 10-10 International Spring Contest (CW)
- May 5-6 -- SBMS 2.3 GHz and Up Contest (CW, phone)
- May 5-6 -- ARI International DX Contest (CW, phone, digital)
- May 5-6 -- 7th Call Area QSO Party (CW, phone, digital)
- May 5-6 -- Indiana QSO Party (CW, phone)
- May 5-6 -- Delaware QSO Party (CW, phone)
- May 5-6 -- New England QSO Party (CW, phone, digital)
- May 7 -- RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship (SSB)
- May 8 -- ARS Spartan Sprint (CW)

New England Area Ham - Electronic Flea Market DATES 2018

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12 May E Greenbush NY EGARA FireCo      Tom KC2FCP 518 272 1494 A+
19 May Goshen CT SBARC @FG $5@8 $10/T   Stan W2VID 518 369 2863 F+
20 May Cambridge MA Flea at MIT          Mitch 617 253 3776 F+
3 June Fishkill MtBARC @DwnStCorr       Adam KC2DAA 845 849 3666 A+
17 June Cambridge MA Flea at MIT          Mitch 617 253 3776 F+
15 July Cambridge MA Flea at MIT          Mitch 617 253 3776 F+
11 Aug St Albans VT STARC @VFW           Arn N1ARN 802 309 0666
19 August Cambridge MA Flea at MIT        Mitch 617 253 3776 F+
19 Aug Adams MA NoBARC @FG B$5@7 S$10@6:30 Eric KA1SUN 413 743 9975 F+
8,10 Sept Boxboro MA FEMARA NE Conv      Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235 A+
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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 John – N1UMJ at: N1UMJ@arrl.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

8:45 AM New England phone net, 3.945 +/- LSB

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, Mon. Tue. Thur. St. 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 131.8

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

New England DMR net, DMR-MARC repeaters talk group 3181 New England

Falmouth ARA Net, 8:30 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 131.8

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: Whitman ARC 10 Meter Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 28.333.0 USB (Except 1 st 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 131.8

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:

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

Mailing Address P.O. Box 428 Bridgewater, MA 02324

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+

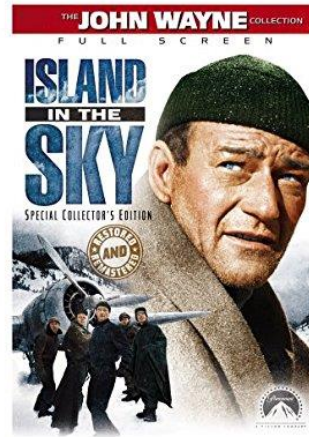
Our **Meetings-On-The-Air** are held all other Tuesday evenings at 8PM on 147.180+ and includes the Westlink News Report with the latest news about happenings in the world of Amateur Radio.

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

VE Exams are held the 2nd Saturday of every month, in Braintree contact Steve Cohen , W1OD via email w1od@arrrl.net. Walk-ins are no longer permitted. We will be hosting VE exams at 8:45 at the Watson building. If you know of anyone planning to take an exam, please have them drop a note to Steve to confirm a reservation.

Editor Rick Emord KB1TEE

TV and Movies using radio communications



Island in the Sky is a 1953 American aviation adventure drama film written by Ernest K. Gann based on his 1944 novel *Island in the Sky*, directed by William A. Wellman, and starring and co-produced by John Wayne. It was released by Warner Bros. Due to its realism depicting the events surrounding an actual aircraft crash, it is considered one of the "classic" aviation films.^[2] Unlike most Wayne movies, the picture is an ensemble piece, also featuring Andy Devine, Lloyd Nolan, James Arness, and Paul Fix.



The film follows a pilot and crew of a World War II-era Douglas C-47 Skytrain (the military version of the DC-3) who try to survive after a forced emergency landing in the uncharted wildlands near the Quebec–Labrador border. The pilot, Dooley (John Wayne), is a former airline pilot, who, like many others, was pressed into duty hauling war supplies across the northern route to England. Icy conditions force the aircraft to land, and with the difficulties of navigating far from settled country, they can provide only an approximate position to rescuers.





After finding a frozen lake for a landing field, Dooley must keep his men alive while waiting for rescue in the extreme winter cold with temperatures plummeting to -70°F (-57°C). Meanwhile, at Air Transport Headquarters, Col. Fuller (Walter Abel) gathers fellow airmen (played by Lloyd Nolan, James Arness, Andy Devine, and Paul Fix), who are determined to find the downed crew before hunger and the winter do them in. Wellman provides internal narrative for the stoic characters. There is tension and a fear-filled meeting among the search pilots when no one is quite sure about what to do, since a wrong decision could doom the missing crew.

