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Secretary's Report

MARA Meeting Minutes for 10/16/12

By Rick – KB1TEE, Vice President of MARA

Our Meeting was Called to Order by Barry – N1EZH, President of MARA at 1838.

The following Club Members and Guest were in attendance at our Meeting:

Barry Kennedy – N1EZH, Bill Burke – NR1FD, Bruce Hayden – NI1X, Carl Aveni – N1FY, Jim Tynan - KC1JET, Loren Pimentel – N1IQI, Pete Curley – N1NVV, Rick Emord – KB1TEE, Roy Logan – KB1CYV, Walt Fitzgerald – W1WCF.

MARA News Minutes: Motion made to approve the Minutes as published in MARA News from October 2012. Motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous vote.

Treasurers Report: Due to there not being a current Treasury Report available for our meeting, it will be tabled until next month's meeting.

Barry – N1EZH Repeater Report:

Barry – N1EZH and several other regulars use it almost every week day without problems, however there seems to be a belcher on the frequency from time to time. Apparently they have portrayed this behavior on several local Repeaters. If you hear them, Bruce – NI1X stated if you Program your Radio, or many Transceivers have a "REV" (Reverse) switch to the input you can listen to hear if they are close to you, then we can try to figure out where they seem to be broadcasting from based on their Signal Strength. DO NOT acknowledge their presence however as in most cases this will just encourage them to continue.

Carl – N1FY: Skywarn/Weather, Road Races, Miscellaneous Reports:

Brockton D W Fields park Triathlon Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012 went well with only one injury, a man who banged his knee. Avon Medical Reserve Corps had a First Aid Station set up, and Rick Reuss from Holbrook EMA – Director had Stoughton, Holbrook, and Avon members helping out. Carl Aveni – N1FY was Net control, Bob Loring – K1REL, Bob Keene – N1LCY & Roy Logan – KB1CYV provided communications support.

The Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant had a simulated Evacuation Drill Monday October 15th. FEMA will have a Simulated Evacuation Drill on Wednesday November 7th starting at 0800.

Next year MASSJAM will take place on October 12-14, 2013 at the Barnstable Fairgrounds on Route 151 in East Falmouth, MA.

ARRL Centennial 100th anniversary will take place in 2014.

WRTC World Radio Sport will be in Massachusetts in The World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) is held every four years and consists of approximately 50 two-person teams of amateur radio operators from around the world competing in a test of operating skill The WRTC 2014 competition will be held during the IARU HF Radiosport Contest July 12-13, 2014.

As of Monday October 15, 2012 Mike Nielson W1NPN resigned as state RACES director due to problems within the state.

Barry – N1EZH: Miscellaneous items:

Barry – N1EZH again asked for someone to step in as Secretary as he feels there should be someone to take our Monthly Meeting notes as he could use some help when Rick – KB1TEE is occupied, and cannot take notes and effectively run the meeting. Roy – KB1CYV volunteered to step in and do it. With this a Motion was made to Elect Roy – KB1CYV as our Secretary. The motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous vote of the members present. Congratulations Roy –KB1CYV and many thanks!

News line a couple of weeks ago stated they may be dropping the dial up program and asked for comments by Clubs that were interested in continuing its' use. Barry – N1EZH sent a letter to them a month or so ago stating that we would still like to use it if possible due to it being a good way of getting our local Hams to join our Tuesday Evening Weekly Net and keep informed of Amateur Radio Happenings. Last week our Net Control tried to sign on and was unable to do so. As a result we will be going to look into whether it can be done in another way.

The Taunton Area Communications Group – Provided Communications on Saturday September 22 for the Mayor's 5K Road Race. The Event went very well with positive comments from the Event Committee. Thanks to all the area Hams that provided communications.

Don Burke – KB1LXH has asked for assistance with JOTA 2012 at camp Norse in Kingston, MA. On Saturday October 20, 2012 the Boy Scouts will be on the air from Camp Norse KC1TAC and Camp Greenough on Cape Cod W1EXP, Pack 239 from Halifax WA1NPO, and Troop 53 from Mattapoiset K1RON will also be on. The times are 0800 – 1700

Barry – N1EZH mentioned that FARA Fest 2012 will be held again this year at Upper Cape Regional Tech School, 220 Sandwich Rd Bourne MA 02532 on November 3, 2012. Doors open at 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. \$9.00 for a table if paid prior to October 26th, \$10.00 day of, \$5.00 admission. Contact is Ralph – N1YHS at N1YHS@comcast.net

Barry – N1EZH mentioned that our Annual Potluck January meeting did not take place this year due to the sponsor having a problem at the last moment. We voted to have it in January 2013 with locations to be looked into by Rick – KB1TEE and Carl – N1FY.

Bruce Hayden – NI1X:

On October 14th the Middleborough Fire Department had their annual Open House. The Whitman Amateur Radio Club had a station setup at the request of Bill Burke – NR1FD. In attendance were Charlie Amico – KB1WSZ, Jeff Ayres – WK1D Walter Fitzgerald – W1WCF and Bruce Hayden – NI1X who volunteered to bring his code practice oscillator.

Rick Emord – KB1TEE:

On December 8, 2012 Rick – KB1TEE will be on board the USS Wisconsin BB64 in Norfolk, VA as a museum ship operating radios from the Ward Room on the main deck. If you want to talk with him Rick – KB1TEE will call Bill Burke – NR1FD as to when he will be on and Bill – NR1FD will email all those who want to make contacts. Please send Bill – NR1FD your Email address and he will send out the net email. Rick – KB1TEE hopes to be able to do a power point presentation at our next meeting on November 13, 2012

There will be no meeting in December as it will be close to Holidays

Meeting adjourned at 1954 hrs.

Next Meeting

MARA's next meeting will be held on November 20, 2012 at the Bridgewater Public Library. The business meeting will begin at 6:30 pm

Joe Casseiri KA1JBE will be the guest speaker at the November meeting and will do a presentation about the narrow band rules.

Rick KB1TEE will do a power point presentation about his forthcoming trip on December 8th to the USS Wisconsin

Upcoming Events

Our Annual Pot Luck Dinner

will be held on January 20th at the Middleborough North Fire Station, 58 Bedford St Middleborough just north of the rotary on Routes 18 & 28. There will be a tour of the state ISU and rehab units unless they are out on a mission for the state

FCC Seeks Comments on Proposed Changes to Amateur Licensing Rules, Emission Types

Earlier this month, the FCC [released](#) a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* -- WT Docket No. 12-283 -- proposing to amend the Part 97 rules governing the Amateur Radio Service. On October 24, a [summary of the NPRM was published in the *Federal Register*](#) and the FCC is seeking comments on it.

Specifically, the Commission is proposing to modify the Amateur Radio Service rules to grant examination credit for expired and beyond-the-grace-period-for-renewal Amateur Radio operator licenses; to shorten the grace period during which an expired amateur license may be renewed; to revise the time a call sign is not available to the vanity call sign system correspondingly, and to reduce the number of volunteer examiners needed to administer an amateur license examination. The *NPRM* also asks for comment on amending the rules to permit remote test administration, and proposes to amend the Amateur Radio Service rules to allow amateur stations to transmit certain additional emission types.

Comments must be filed on or before December 24, 2012 (60 days after publication in the *Federal Register*); reply comments must be filed on or before January 22, 2013 (90 days after publication in the *Federal Register*). Instructions on how to file comments are listed beginning on page 12 of the *NPRM*.

Postage Rates to Increase in January

The US Postal Service has announced that as of January 27, 2013, the cost to mail First Class letters, postcards and packages within the US will go up. The cost to mail a first class letter will be 46 cents, while the cost to mail a postcard will be 33 cents, an increase of 1 cent for each. This is the third increase for postcard postage in less than two years; in April 2011, the USPS boosted the postcard stamp price from 28 cents to 29 cents, and [from 29 cents to 32 cents](#) in January 2012. The USPS will also introduce a First Class Mail Global Forever Stamp in January. This new stamp will allow customers to mail 1-ounce letters anywhere in the world for one set price of \$1.10. The cost to mail flat-rate Priority Mail packages and letters will also increase.

USPS Seeks to Phase Out IRCs

If the US Postal Service ([USPS](#)) gets its way, it will no longer sell International Reply Coupons (IRC) after January 27, 2013. According to the [October 23 edition of the *Federal Register*](#), there is not sufficient demand for the USPS to continue offering IRCs to customers; however, per the Universal Postal Union ([UPU](#)) regulations, the USPS must continue to exchange and redeem IRCs that have been purchased in foreign countries and presented at USPS facilities. Comments on this proposed change [will be accepted](#) through November 23, 2012. IRCs provide foreign addressees with a prepaid means of responding to inquiries, solicitations or other types of communications -- such as QSL cards -- that are initiated by US senders. IRCs are exchangeable for postage stamps by postal administrations in member countries of the UPU. Each IRC is equivalent in value to the destination country's minimum postage price for an unregistered airmail letter. The purchase price in the US is currently \$2.20 per IRC.

FCC Denies ARRL *Petition to Deny ReconRobotics Licenses, But Limits Devices to 100 kHz Bandwidth*

On November 14, the FCC issued an *Order on Reconsideration* dismissing a March 2010 *Petition for Reconsideration* filed by the ARRL that asked the Commission to deny pending Public Safety Pool license applications associated with the ReconRobotics Video and Audio Surveillance System; however, in doing so, the FCC made it clear that the devices may not exceed 100 kHz of bandwidth. The Recon Scout -- manufactured by ReconRobotics -- is a remote-controlled, maneuverable surveillance robot that transmits real-time video surveillance data that operates by FCC waiver in the 70 centimeter band.

SWL Sgt. Johnny Cash - *1932-2003*

Sgt. Johnny Cash (Rosanne Cash has an album "Black Cadillac" One of the tracks is titled "Radio Operator." I was aware of her dad being an intercept intelligence code operator in Germany. Could she be paying tribute to her famous father? I'd like to think so.

Johnny Cash is not an easy subject to write about because of precious little known about JR's younger life. We will not be dealing with the Megastar's wealth, fame or holdings, but attempt to bring out his love for Morse code and circuit training.

Born J R Cash, in 1932 to Ray (farmer) and Carrie Rivers (Reba) Cash, location Kingsland, Cleveland County Arkansas, one of six children.

Our young JR worked alongside his parents and siblings in the fields. The influence of those hard early days inspired him to write songs as "Pickin Time, Five Feet High and Rising and Look at Them Beans."

Johnny would listen to the radio at night, picking out the Memphis stations with their mix of country and blues songs - as well as gospel and Irish folk music sung by his mother.

Our subject graduated from high school, Dryess northeast Arkansas -- That was in 1950 and plans for work in Detroit did not materialize and he joined the U.S. Air Force 7 July 1950. The Air Force would not accept initials as his name, thus he adopted John R. Cash as his legal name upon enlisting. (Lackland Base awaited at San Antonio)

Johnny earned the rank of Sergeant in the Air Force Security Service, spending 3 years stationed in Landsberg, Germany. His rating, radio operator intercepting Russian Morse code transmissions.

While on duty, he was the first American to learn of Stalin's death. He is very proud of the fact he could copy Morse code at 35 words per minute. Cash said "That rhythm of the Morse code had a lot to do with the rhythm I felt in my music, every once in a while,

I hear Morse code on my shortwave radio and I scribble it down. I can still copy it pretty fast and I wonder why that stuck with me for so long." He continued "I realized that its got a rhythm that just begs to have a drum added to it, or a guitar. After I got out of the

Air Force, I could still hear it and when I started writing songs again, I had that rhythm in my head. Those three years in Germany, where I thought I'd thrown away my personal life—well, I like to feel that's where it came from.”

Another quote from the internet “Johnny and I talked about his military career around 1995. Mr Cash was a Morse Code Intercept Operator for USAF Security Service. He told me that the recruiter interesting individuals, Johnny you have a “musical ear” meaning he could learn Morse code easily. Musicians are the best Morse code operators. (Don't forget the YL's ability too)

Johnny Cash returned to the states in 1954, discharged from the Air Force and the remainder a tribute to music and his remarkable accomplishments.

Scripted partially from Gene Mayler K8EE

Wikipedia.com radioparadise.com W8SU 2008

NEW ENGLAND FLEA SCHEDULE – COURTESY W1GSL

New England Area Ham - Electronic Flea Market *** DATES *** 2012 All events are Ham Radio/ Electronic related except ~____~

2012	Contact	Source
1 Dec Windsor CT VR+C Mus 115 Pierson LN @8AM Indoor		John 860 673 0518

2013	Contact	Source
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9 Feb Springfield VT CVFMA @VFW 8AM B Free sell\$5/T	Dave K1ZS	603 446 7312 +
16 Feb Marlboro MA AARC @MidSc \$5@9 \$20/T@7	Timothy KA1OS	508 919 6136 T
17 Feb Westford MA NEARC RadioXLIV @Regency @8 Antique	Bruce	603 772 7516 F+
23 Feb S Burlington VT HAM-CON @HI I89x14 \$8@8 \$15@6	Mitch W1SJ	802 879 6589
2 Mar Feeding Hills MA MtTARA @TurnverneinCib	Mary N1TOY	413 222 1990
3 Mar Hicksville NY LIMARC @LevitHall	Richard K2KNB	516 694 4937 A+
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	Bev N1LOO	508 626 2012 +
13,14 Ap Wakefield MA Photographica @AmericalCtr ~photo~	John	781 592 2553 +
21 April Cambridge MA	FLEA at MIT	Nick 617 253 3776 F+

Third Sunday April thru October

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

This Week on the Radio

- November 16 -- NCCC Sprint; YO International PSK31 Contest
- November 17 -- CQ SA SSB Contest; Feld Hell Sprint
- November 17-18 -- LZ DX Contest; All Austrian 160 Meter Contest; RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest (CW)
- November 17-19 -- [ARRL Sweepstakes Contest \(SSB\)](#); North American Collegiate ARC Championship (SSB)
- November 18 -- EPC PSK63 QSO Party; Homebrew and Old Time Equipment Party
- November 19 -- Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

Next Week on the Radio

- November 23 -- NCCC Sprint
- November 24-25 -- CQ WW DX Contest (CW)
- November 28 -- SKCC Sprint
- November 28-29 -- CWops Mini-CWT Test
- November 29 -- QRP ARCI Top Band Sprint

DX NEWS

MADAGASCAR, 5R. Eric, F6ICX will be QRV as 5R8IC from Nosy Boraha, IOTA AF-090, from November 10 to December 9. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK63. QSL to home call.

TAIWAN, BV. Special event stations BM0LF and BV2013LF are QRV until March 10, 2013 in celebration of the Taiwan Lantern Festival 2013 in Hsinchu, IOTA AS-020. QSL via BM2JCC.

THE GAMBIA, C5. Pedro, ON7WP will be QRV as C5WP from November 11 to 18. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

SABLE ISLAND, CY0. Al, VE1AWW is QRV as CY0/VE1AWW until late December. Activity is on the HF bands using SSB, PSK and possibly 6 meter EME. QSL to home call.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Look for stations E51C, E51ABS, E51BZD and E51CHX to be QRV from Aitutaki, OC-083, from November 12 to 30 while on holiday. Activity will be holiday style on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and PSK31 from 1900 to 1200z. QSL via operators' instructions.

CURACAO, PJ2. Operators DL5MFL, DB5IJ, DF9MV and DJ1MGK are QRV as PJ2/home calls from Signal Point Station until December 15. This includes an entry in the Worked All Europe RTTY contest. QSL to home calls.

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL ROCKS, PY0S. A group of operators will be QRV as PT0S from November 10 to 22. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters, and possibly 6 meters conditions permitting, with two stations using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. QSL via HA7RY.

SEYCHELLES, S7. Hardy, DL8NU is QRV as S79MU from Mahe Island, IOTA AF-024, until November 24. Activity is on the HF bands using mainly CW. QSL to home call.

UZBEKISTAN, UK. Vlad, UA4WHX is QRV as UK/UA4WHX. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.

BRUNEI, V8. Members of the Mediterraneo DX Club will be QRV as V84SMD from November 11 to 23. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY with up to five stations active simultaneously. QSL via IK2VUC.

INDONESIA, YB. Special event station YB26SEAG will be QRV from November 11 to 17 during the 26th South East Asia Games in Jakarta

taking place November 12 to 22. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via YB1GJS.

AZORES, CR2. Kim, OH6KZP will be active as CR2X from Ribeira Grande during the CQWW DX CW Contest, November 24 and 25, as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via OH2BH.

DOMINICA, J7. Walter, HB9MFM is active as J79WTA from the Tamarind Tree Hotel near Salisbury until December 17. Activity is holiday style on 160 through 10 meters, using SSB, RTTY, PSK as well as SSTV, if possible. QSL via his home call sign, direct or by the Bureau.

SINT MAARTEN, PJ7. Kazu, 7L4XDT and Masa, K1GI will be active as PJ7XK and PJ7I, respectively, from November 18 to 24. Activity will be on 160 through 6 meters using CW, SSB and the digital modes. QSL PJ7XK via 7L4XDT and PJ7I via JG2BRI.

MICRONESIA, V6. Haru, JA1XGI will be active as V63XG from Yap Island (OC-012) from December 5 to 12. Activity will be on 40 through 6 meters, using mainly CW, with some SSB and the digital modes, and JT65. QSL via JA1XGI, direct or by the Bureau.

SLOVENIA, S5. Slovenian special event station S512IAPMC is QRV until January 15, from the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities in Slovenj Gradec. Activity is on all bands, using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via the Bureau.

SINGAPORE, 9V. Koichi, JR1MLT has been active as 9V1KK on weekends only, on 160 through 10 meters, using SSB and CW. He hopes to get on the digital modes in the future as well. QSL via JH1ILX.

BERMUDA, VP9. Paul, VP9KF will be active using CW from November 5 to 19. He plans to concentrate on grayline propagation to Japan. QSL direct only, via W4/VP9KF, Paul Evans, 6809 River Road, Tampa, FL, 33615, USA.

SEYCHELLES, S79. Hardy, DL8NU plans to operate as S79NU from Mahe Island, from November 9 to 24. He will be mostly on CW on the HF bands. QSL via DL8NU.

AUSTRALIA, VK. Special event call sign VI6ARG30 will be active November 5 to 18 for the 30th anniversary of the Peel Amateur Radio Group in Western Australia, VK6ARG. QSL via VK6VKS.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Andrew, G7COD will be active as 8Q7AK from Embudu Island on the South Male Atoll, AS-013, for three weeks in February 2013. QSL via his home call sign, direct or by the Bureau.

LESOTHO, 7P. Gerry is QRV as 7P8CC and has been active using CW on 10 meters around 1300z and then 1730z. QSL via EI7CC.

MOROCCO, CN. Special event station 5G12ITD is QRV until December 16 for International Tolerance Day. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via RW6HS.

ANGOLA, D2. Mike, UA1QV is QRV as D3AA from Vila de Catoca until February 15, 2013. QSL to home call.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Henrik, OZ6TL will be QRV as E51TLA from Rarotonga, IOTA OC-013, from November 18 to December 8. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands using CW and RTTY. QSL to home call.

LIBERIA, EL. Operators AA7A, G3SXW, G4BWP, G4IRN, KC7V, KY7M and N7CW will be QRV as EL2ES, EL2A, EL2WP, EL2RN, EL2MF, EL2LF and EL2CW, respectively, from Monrovia from November 17 to 27. Activity will be on the HF bands. This includes being an Multi/Multi entry in the upcoming CQ WW DX CW contest as EL2A. QSL EL2WP via G5LP and all others via home calls.

DOMINICA, J7. Thomas, K7ZZ is QRV as J75Z until November 28. Activity is on the HF bands. This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ WW DX CW contest. QSL direct to home call.

MONGOLIA, JT. In celebration of the 850th birthday of Genghis Khan several event stations are using the special prefix JU850 until November 21.

GREENLAND, OX. Henning, OZ1BII will be QRV as XP2I from Kangerlussuaq on November 17 and 18. He plans to be a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry in the LZ DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

BONAIRE, PJ4. A group of operators will be QRV as PJ4D from November 18 to December 1. Activity will be on all bands and modes. This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ WW DX CW contest. QSL direct via W3HMK.

ST. MAARTEN, PJ7. Kazu, 7L4XDT and Masa, JN3NFQ will be QRV as PJ7XK and PJ7I, respectively, from November 18 to 24. Activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes with two stations active. QSL PJ7XK via 7L4XDT and PJ7I via JG2BRI.

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL ROCKS, PY0S. A group of operators are QRV as PT0S until November 25. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters, and possibly 6 meters conditions permitting, with three stations using CW, SSB and RTTY. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ WW DX CW contest. QSL via HA7RY.

SURINAME, PZ. Yuri, VE3DZ will be QRV as PZ5T from November 20 to 27. This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ WW DX CW contest. Before and after the contest he will be active using CW, SSB and

RTTY on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

LORD HOWE ISLAND, VK9L. Seppo, OH1VR and Henri, OH3JR will be QRV as VK9/homecalls from November 17 to 27. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ WW DX CW contest. QSL direct to home calls.

NICARAGUA, YN. Mike, AJ9C will be QRV as YN2CC from Granada from November 20 to 29. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ WW DX CW contest. QSL direct to home call.

ASCENSION ISLAND, ZD8. Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as ZD8W from November 18 to 30. Activity will be on all bands. This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ WW DX CW contest. QSL direct to home call.

Monthly Newsletter

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2M Repeater 147.180+ (Tone 67.0)

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APRS Node Node 144.39 W1MV-1

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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.