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MARA News



Presidents notes N1EZH Barry Kennedy

Fall is here and we are now on daylight savings time! We can tell by how short the daylight is getting and the chilly evenings too! As I mentioned last month, I will be looking to sell the components of the Tipper Mount and Masts / Clamps to someone who may be able to use it more effectively for their setup. (It cost me roughly \$575.00 plus shipping for the Tipper Jr Mount with 1-3/4" Diameter – 1/4" thick Masts and Clamps, however if someone makes me a reasonable offer I could really use the money to pursue another option for mounting my antennas! There are some photos of it below.). If interested, please let me know! If anyone else in our club has done a project this year, then please take some photos and submit them to Rick – KB1TEE@gmail.com so he can put them in our MARA Newsletter.

For those of you that are on Facebook, I began a *Massasoit Amateur Radio Association* Facebook Page and have posted several items of interest on there. I have been updating the page with Club Events, photos, etc. in the hope that it will become another avenue for us in which to spark interest in our club and keep members informed of what we are doing outside of our Club Meetings and in our Community. Please send Rick – KB1TEE@gmail.com or myself – N1EZH@comcast.net any articles, or photos you would like to see in our MARA Newsletter or on our Facebook Page.

After our meeting last month, I went to Abra-Cadabra and received the previously ordered MARA Member Ball Caps and Polo Shirts which have since been distributed. I did receive another order for a Ball Cap and a Shirt at our October meeting, however Bob would like to see more orders placed before setting up his machines as he would like a multiple order instead of for a single piece. I will be wearing my new MARA Shirt to our October meeting so everyone can see how they look in the hope to place another order for shirts and Ball Caps. There are Mens' and Ladies versions of our MARA Polo Shirt so all our members will be able to order one if you would like to. Ball Caps (Richardson Model R75) are a flat \$20.00 each with your Call Sign and Name on the front and M.A.R.A. on the back. Men's Polo Shirts like the one Rick and I have are \$28.75 (With Logo and Call Sign) for Sizes S to XL and \$32.75 for larger sizes. I will check on the price for Ladies Polos, however they should be approximately the same

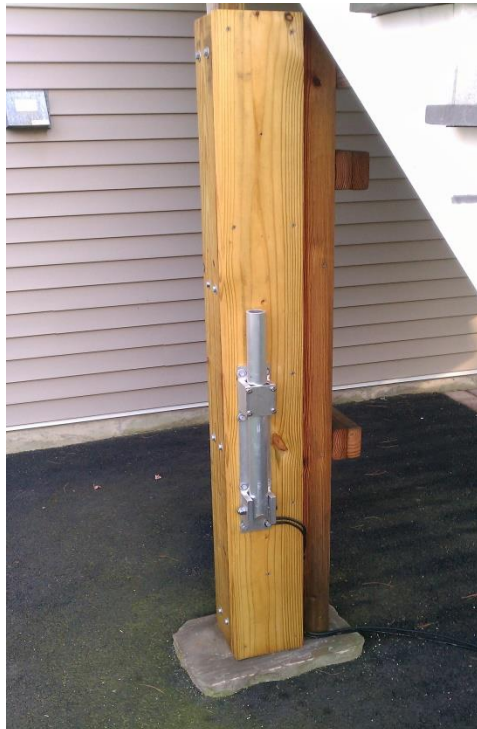
I wore my new Ball Cap on Saturday November 8th at FARA Fest which was a great time. I have a photo included below of a couple of our MARA & Whitman Club Members.

New Net Controls – I did not mention this at our October meeting, however it came to my attention that people are not always remembering which Tue night they are to have Net Control for our MARA Net. I usually take the 4th Tuesday (Week after our Club Meeting, however I had taken it the 4th and 5th Tue in September along with the 1st Tue in October.). This would be ok except that some nights I am busy or not around and sort of expect the members that are supposed to take it either do so, or let those of us who may be able to sub know in advance so we are not caught off guard. Some of us (Roy – KB1CYV and myself) have been Net Control for many years on our Nets and speaking for myself would like to see others step up and give it a try! I have a copy of the preamble and will be looking for volunteers at our upcoming MARA Monthly meeting in November.

We will have a Presentation by Jay – N1FDX of his Yaesu FT-817 “Go Kit” that fits in his Laptop Bag! Several of us were able to talk with him briefly about it at our October meeting, when several of us brought our “Go Kits”, so it will be interesting and fun to find out how he put his together!

In closing, I look forward to seeing all of you at our November Meeting!

73 de Barry – N1EZH
President Massasoit Amateur Radio Association





Tipper Jr. Mount with 1-3/4" Diameter – 1/4" thick wall Masts (2 – 12.0', 1 – 8.0' and Clamps for Sale by Barry - N1EZH.



Steve – W1OD, Larry – K1LJK and Rick – KB1TEE at FAFA Fest on Saturday, 11/08/2014

Secretary's Report K1LJK Larry Kenney

SECRETARYS NOTES – MARA MEETING 10/21/14 – Larry Kenney, K1LJK

OPEN: President **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** opened the meeting at 6:44 pm, 10/21/14.

ATTENDANCE: 17 members and guests were present including 3 elected officers

N1EZH Barry Kennedy(Pres)

K1LJK Larry Kenney(Sec)

N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann (VP)

KB1CYV RoyLogan

AG1B Richard Metcalf

N1RTS Bob Sisson

N1NVV Pete Curley

KC1JET Jim Tynan

SWL Patty Emord

KB1TEE Rick Emord

KC1CPS Ashley Bernard

N1UMJ John Miller

KC1CQL Robin Akers

N1CFB Chris Babbett

N1JCW Jim Wolf

N1FDX Jay Zappulla

N1IQI Loren Pimentel

MEETING MINUTES :

Motion to accept the September 2014 MARA meeting minutes/secretary report as published in the September 2014 MARA newsletter made by **Roy KB1CYV**. Motion seconded by **Jim KC1JET**. Motion passed vote by attending club members

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The September 2014 treasurer's report was not available at the time of the meeting and the club treasurer **Phil N1XTB** was not able to attend the meeting. The September treasurers report will be read at next months MARA club meeting per **Barry N1EZH**.

OLD BUSINESS

Barry N1EZH reviewed the recent Middleboro Fire Departments Open House on October 5th.

Jeff N1ZZN inquired about the September 21st ***D.W.Fields Bike, Boat & Run*** fund raiser in term of amateur radio support. **Rick Reuse KA1LKB** was net control for the event. Status of the event was not known at the time of this meeting. **Jeff N1ZZN** suggests we plan earlier for this event next year. All were in agreement.

Barry N1EZH reviewed the recent JOTA event at Camp Norse in Plymouth. Barry reports several local repeaters were used for this event (the MARA repeater, the Genesis club repeater in Plymouth, the Whitman club repeater and the Barnstable repeater). Barry reports 230 scouts in total participated on the air. Barry thinks he spoke directly to approximately 80.

Roy KB1CYV reports he and **Ron KB1OEQ** were the fox in a recent fox hunt in Hanson, at the Poor Meadow Brook Conservation Area on October 18th. **Richard AG1B** announced the next fox hunt will be November 1st in the Pembroke & Hanson area.

NEW BUSINESS

Barry N1EZH reviewed the details of ordering MARA logo ball caps and shirts. Both **Barry N1EZH** and **Rick KB1TEE** have ordered red MARA club logo shirts. Orders have also been placed for several club members' ball caps w/the price being a flat rate of \$20 regardless of the embroidery (name & call sign typically with MARA on the back). **Barry N1EZH** will continue to take orders for MARA logo items. **Barry N1EZH** will speak w/**Phil N1XTB** to pay Bob at **Abracadabra** (<http://www.paintbythread.com/>) for the costs incurred so far (including the \$65 digitizing setup charge). Shirt prices per **Barry N1EZH** are:

- **S-XL: \$23.75 + \$5 (add callsign) = \$28.75**
- **2XL/3XL: \$27.75 + \$5 (add callsign) = \$32.75**

Rick KB1TEE reminded us **Cal** from HRO in Salem NH is coming to our January MARA club meeting to discuss D-STAR (pending a snow storm). **Jeff N1ZZN** reminded us this is a different mode than what's running on the MARA 440 machine (Yaesu Digital Fusion). Rick also reminded us Steve from HRO will join us at a spring meeting to discuss GO Kits. (date tbd)

Rick KB1TEE informed us **Bill Towle**, an FRA (Federal Railroad Administration) inspector will speak at our February MARA club meeting.

Barry N1EZH reminds us to check the MARA club facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Massasoit-Amateur-Radio-Association/301368416677713>) for the latest info and pictures of MARA events and club members.

Barry N1EZH reminds us the Whitman Amateur Radio Club will have operating stations at Plimouth Plantation and be on the air as a special event station Thanksgiving weekend (Nov 29th and 30th) with an antenna setup party taking place on Friday Nov 28th at 10am.

Jim KC1JET mentioned the upcoming VE session at the Morton Hospital on Nov 1st at 10am. They are hosting a review session starting at 9am. The VE session is provided by the Pilgrim Amateur Wireless association.

Jeff N1ZZN reminded everyone on Saturday Oct 8th the Falmouth clubs FARAfest event in Bourne at the Upper Cape Regional Vocational school is taking place 9am-12pm. **Barry N1EZH** confirmed he will be setup there w/a table.

Rick KB1TEE reminded everyone about the Entergy sponsored training at the Bridgewater EOC Wednesday Nov 12th at 6pm. Another training session will be in the spring, possibly on Marathon Weekend. Barry reviewed last month's newsletter w/details concerning the spring training event.

Pete N1NVV mentioned the MRC group is providing training on communicable diseases. **Rick KB1TEE** indicated it would be held on Nov 20th at 7:30pm at the Bridgewater-Raynham High School.

Rick KB1TEE reminded us we'll have no December meeting.

Rick KB1TEE may be having a 'Get out for the Winter' QSO party on a Saturday towards the end of March. Rick is considering several different places to setup for this event. Let Rick know if you're interested!

Rick KB1TEE announced he will be operating on the **USS Wisconsin** on Dec 6th from 10am-4pm for the Pearl Harbor memorial event. Rick mentioned the other sister ships (Iowa, Missouri and New Jersey) should also be on the air for this special event. Rick will send a TXT MSG to anyone interested in finding out the operating frequencies in use that day. If interested, please send Rick an email w/the phone number to send this to.

Rick KB1TEE told us **Bill NR1FD / VE9** is still in Canada and operating mostly on 40meters during the day and 20meters at night.

REPEATER UPDATE:

Jeff N1ZZN reports all is working fine.

CLOSE: A motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Rick KB1TEE**. Motion seconded by **Jim KC1JET**

Barry N1EZH closed the meeting at 7:16 pm 10/21/14.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

THERE IS NO DECEMBER MEETING SEE YOU IN JANUARY ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS 73 Rick KB1TEE

Cal from HRO will be at our January 20th will talk about D STAR
Winter meeting an FRA inspector will come talk about railroad communications

October meeting photos

Go kit presentations there were many different ones enjoyed by everyone



MARA Officers Barry N1EZH, Larry KB1LJK, and Jeff N1ZZN and Rick KB1TEE and his go kits



Jim N1JCW and Jay N1FDX and their go kits come to Novembers meeting to see Jays kit in action and Gary and his portable go kit with batteries

Guest at our October Meeting

We had a guest at our October meeting and a new ham also Congratulations to Ashley and Robin for accomplishing new licenses as Tech class. Ashley is a brand new ham she attends Bridgewater State and just got her license and you can hear her and her boyfriend Brandon at different times on our repeater she is KC1CPS And our own club member Robin got her tech license recently KC1CQL Congratulations to both of you

Entergy Training and Awareness 11-12-14 at the EOC

Twelve member of our club were able to come out for the training by signing the roster we get more money from Entergy for the club to use as needed thank you to all



Bill Burke NR1FD, Rob Macedo KD1CY, Pete Curley N1VV, Bob Mandeville N1EMD, Richard Metcalf AG1B, Phil McNamara N1XTB, Larry Kenny N1LJK, Barry Kennedy N1EZH, Noah Goldstein KB1VWZ, Roy Logan KB1CYV, Rick Emord KB1TEE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Whitman

PLIMOUTH PLANTATION SPECIAL EVENT OPERATION

Saturday and Sunday November 29th and 30th, 2014

9:00am - 3:00pm

Antenna Party at Plimouth Plantation Friday November 28th at 10am

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>

N4WIS USS Wisconsin BB 64

Our final operating event for 2014 will be 6-7 December in remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day. We expect that all "Four Sisters" will be active, as well as many other Museum Ships. Both CW and SSB operators are needed. As usual, Ed, KN4KL and Butch, KE4AZL, will be coordinating. Reserve your slot now!

I (KB1TEE) plan to be on board the ship for the Saturday December 6th operations

ARRL News

The ARRL Centennial [W1AW](#) portable operations taking place throughout 2014 from each of the 50 states are now in Mississippi (W1AW/5) and Rhode Island (W1AW/1). So far during 2014, W1AW has visited each of the 50 states for at least 1 week, and by year's end W1AW will have been on the air from every state at least twice.

New DX Summit Website Now Beta Testing, Will Debut Formally by December 1

The DX Summit website will soon have a fresh new face and a more modern user interface. The well-known and popular portal for getting DX spots via the Internet, operated by Radio Arcala OH8X in Finland, will become "My DX Summit" -- MDXS for short -- when it formally goes live for the Amateur Radio community by December 1. Right now, though, hundreds of volunteers are beta testing the new website and offering suggestions and changes in advance of the changeover from the current site to the new one.

"We ended up having 700 testers and early check-ins," Radio Arcala's Martti Laine, OH2BH, told ARRL this week. "Their input was very valuable, and we will implement those urgent ones immediately and process those many new ideas for continuing development work." Laine said that since "no major challenges" have been encountered and the system is holding up well, Radio Arcala may make the site live sooner than anticipated. My DX Summit will display spots in HTML format as they are posted, so users will not have to wait for a new set of spots to reload every 60 seconds. The page has a clean and modern look and feel, and users can select filters in a check-off type menu. For example, users who don't want to see any VHF spots can check a box, or they can check which VHF bands they do wish to receive spots for. Receiving only CW, SSB, or digital mode spots is just a matter of clicking the appropriate boxes in the filter menu. Selected filters are listed on the top of the display. In short, the new site will let users customize the cluster postings to their particular preferences.

Laine said the current DX Summit site is serving some 143,000 unique users each month. "With all these new features, we plan to double the number," he told ARRL. "What is amazing on our portal is that each user is spending an average of 55 minutes on the system. We will soon compete with their TV-watching time!" Read [more](#). -- *Thanks to Martti Laine, OH2BH*

Just Ahead in Radiosport

- November 7 -- NS Weekly RTTY Sprint
- November 7 -- NS Weekly CW Sprint
- November 8-9 -- Worked All Europe DX Contest
- **November 8-9 -- ARRL EME Contest**
- November 8-9 -- 10-10 Fall Digital QSO Party
- November 8-9 -- Japan International DX Contest
- November 8-9 -- OK-OM DX Contest

- November 8-9 -- Straight Key Weekend Sprintathon
- November 8-9 -- Kentucky QSO Party
- November 8-10 -- CQ WE (Western Electric)

Upcoming ARRL Section, State, and Division Conventions and Events

- November 8 -- [Alabama State Convention](#), Montgomery, Alabama
- November 15-16 -- [Indiana State Convention](#), Fort Wayne, Indiana
- December 12-13 -- [West Central Florida Section Convention](#), Plant City, Florida
- January 4 -- [New York City/Long Island Section Convention](#), Bethpage, New York
- January 10 -- [TECHFEST](#), Lawrenceville, Georgia
- January 23-24 -- [Mississippi State Convention](#), Jackson, Mississippi
- January 23-25 -- [Puerto Rico State Convention](#), Hatillo, Puerto Rico
- February 7 -- [South Carolina State Convention](#), North Charleston, South Carolina
- February 7 -- [Virginia State Convention](#), Richmond, Virginia

NOVEMBER 2014 SECTION NEWS

The Director of the Plymouth Office of Emergency Management has announced that he is seeking amateurs to assist with the Town's emergency communications needs. Aaron Wallace writes: "I'm looking for ARES/RACES Amateur Support to assist in the build-out and testing of an Amateur Radio Go Kit [procured to support an EOC at the local hospital]." Mr. Wallace may be contacted at [<awallace@townhall.plymouth.ma.us>](mailto:awallace@townhall.plymouth.ma.us).

New England Area Flea Schedule– Courtesy of W1GSL

29 Nov Windsor CT VR+C Mus 115 Pierson LN @8AM Indoor John 860 673 0518

15 Feb Westford MA NEARC RadioXLVI 8AM@Regency antique Bruce 603 772 7516 F+

28 Feb S Burlington VT RAoNVt @ HI I89 x14 Mitch W1SJ 802 879 6589 W+

7 Mar Chicopee MA MtTomARA @MooseLodge @8:30 S@6:30 Mary KB1ME 413 222 1990

14 Mar Dayville CT ECARA @StJosephCh \$3@8A \$10/T Peter K1LNX 401 603 1485 +

15 Mar Southington CT SARA @HS \$5@8 John WA1JKR 860 621 8791 F+

Area net list**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

Pilgrim Amateur Wireless Assoc. 10 Meter Net, 7:30 PM, 28.375.0 USB

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ 146.685 – PL 82.5

Norfolk County Radio Asso. Net, 8:00 PM, Walpole Rptr, 146.895 – PL 123.0

Monday: * MEMA / RACES Region II Monthly Tests (*Please see below for Sector Frequencies & Time.*)

Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

Fairhaven Weather Net, every night @8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0

Norfolk Cnty Emergency Preparedness Net, 8 PM, Walpole 146.895 – PL 123.0

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!*)

Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

Genesis ARC 2 Mtr Rag-Chew Net, 7:30 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ 146.685 – PL 82.5

Norwood Amateur Radio Club Net, 8:00 PM, Norwood Rptr, 147.210 + PL 100.0

220 Day! Try to find a 220 Repeater near you and give a call out!

Wednesday: Taunton ACG, KC1TAC, Simplex Net, 8:30 PM *Note New 7/14 145.770*

Whitman ARC 10 Meter Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 28.333.0 USB

Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Dennis K1PBO 146.955 – PL 88.5

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

Blackstone Valley ARC, 2 Mtr Simplex Net, 7:00 PM, 146.565

Cape and Islands ARES Net, 8:00 PM, Dennis K1PBO 146.955 – PL 88.5

Waltham Wranglers Swap Net. 9:00 PM, Waltham W1MHL 146.64 – PL 136.5

Thursday: Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Dennis K1PBO 146.955 – PL 88.5

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ 146.685 – PL 82.5

10 Mtr General Class Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 29.470.0 FM

Sturdy Mem. Hosp. ARC Practice Net, 8:30 PM, K1SM 147.195 + PL 127.3

900 Day! Try to find a 900 Repeater near you and give a call out!

Friday: Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

Saturday: South Shore Skywarn Net, 8:00 PM, Bridgewater W1MV Rptr, 147.180 + PL 67.0

Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Dennis K1PBO 146.955 – PL 88.5

Cape Cod Traffic Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9

***VKEMCOMM* Echolink Conference node: 270177/IRLP 9508 (due to *WX-TALK* Echolink**

conference node: 7203/IRLP 9219 outage) Refer to: <http://www.voipwx.net/>

New Repeater! The 145.390 - PL 67.0 Repeater has been relocated and is now on the air from the WATD Transmitter Site "We're At The Dump" in Marshfield! Give it a try.

*** *Please Note:*** The below MEMA / RACES Monthly Tests are conducted on the first Monday of the Month unless it is a Holiday, which will then be conducted on the 2nd Monday of the Month. If there is no one on the Net representing your City or Town, the Net Control would Appreciate your participation and you can tell them that you are operating from your Home Station if not at an EOC. This could be a real help in an actual **Emergency!**

Frequency and Sector:Area Served:

147.000-Dartmouth PL: 67.0 Hz: Sector 2A, 7:30 PM

Acushnet, Attleboro, Berkley, Dartmouth, Dighton, Fairhaven , Fall River, Freetown, Mansfield, Marion, Mattapoissett, New Bedford, North Attleboro, Norton, Plainville, Raynham, Rehoboth, Rochester, Seekonk, Somerset, Swansea, Taunton, Wareham, Westport.

145.390-Norwell PL: 67.0 Hz: Sector 2B, 8:00 PM

Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, Carver, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Lakeville, Marshfield, Middleboro, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rockland, Scituate, West Bridgewater, Whitman

146.955- Dennis PL: 88.5: Sector: 2C, 8:00 PM

Barnstable, Barnstable County, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Chilmark, Dennis, Dukes County, Eastham, Edgartown, Falmouth, Gay Head, Gosnold, Harwich, Mashpee, Nantucket, Oaks Bluff, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Tisbury, Truro, Wellfleet, West Tisbury, Yarmouth

146.865-Sharon PL: 146.2: Sector: 2D, 7:30 PM

Avon, Bellingham, Braintree, Canton, Cohasset, Dedham, Dover, Franklin, Foxboro, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Milton, Needham, Norton, Norfolk, Norwood, Quincy, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, Westwood, Wellesley, Wrentham, Weymouth

Monthly Newsletter

Club Officers and Committeemen

President: Barry Kennedy N1EZH

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

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 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.

Editor Rick Emord KB1TEE

Please send posts to kb1tee@gmail.com

One of our member's stations

Monthly post of TV /movie pictures using radios

CAR 54

WHERE ARE YOU?



Nipsey Russell as Officer Dave Anderson



Joe E. Ross Officer Gunther Toody and Fred Gwynne as Officer Francis Muldoon

SHOW FACTS

CAR 54 DEBUTED ON SEPTEMBER 17TH 1961 AND RAN FOR TWO SEASONS ON THE NBC NETWORK, WITH 60 EPISODES. NAT HIKEN CREATED AND PRODUCED THIS SERIES, ALONG WITH THE CLASSIC "SGT. BILKO" SHOW. HE INCORPORATED MANY "BILKO" ACTORS TO STAR IN CAR 54, INCLUDING FRED GWYNNE, AL LEWIS, JOE E. ROSS, BEATRICE PONS, AND PAUL REED.

CAR 54 WAS THE FIRST COMEDY TELEVISION SHOW ABOUT COPS. IT WAS FILMED ON LOCATION IN NEW YORK CITY. THE SHOW'S INTERIOR SCENES WERE FILMED AT THE OLD BIOGRAPH STUDIOS IN THE BRONX. IT WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE GOLD MEDAL STUDIOS DURING THE SILENT FILM ERA. ITS ADDRESS WAS 807 EAST 175th STREET. UNFORTUNATELY, THE BUILDING IS GONE NOW. IN ITS PLACE IS A DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION DEPOT. MANY OF THE EXTERIOR SHOTS WERE FILMED AT CITY ISLAND. THE POLICE CAR USED WAS A SIMILAR REPLICA OF THE NYPD PATROL FLEET AT THE TIME, EXCEPT FOR THE COLOR OF THE PAINT. UNIT 54 WAS PAINTED RED AND WHITE INSTEAD OF THE OFFICIAL BLACK, GREEN, AND WHITE, SO THE PUBLIC WOULD NOT MISTAKE THEM FOR THE REAL POLICE WHILE FILMING ON LOCATION. THE HOME VIEWER DIDN'T NOTICE ANY DIFFERENCE SINCE THE SERIES WAS A BLACK AND WHITE SHOW.

CAR 54 WAS SET IN THE FICTIONAL 53RD PRECINCT OF THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT. ACTUALLY, THERE ONCE WAS A 53RD PRECINCT FROM THE 1920'S THROUGH THE 1940'S. TODAY HOWEVER IT IS KNOWN AS THE 101ST PRECINCT.

MUNSTERS FANS, INCLUDING MYSELF, ENJOY SEEING AL LEWIS AND THE LATE FRED GWYNNE IN THEIR PRE "GRAMPA" AND "HERMAN MUNSTER" ROLES. IN FACT, PAUL REED (CAPT. BLOCK) ONCE MADE A GUEST APPEARANCE ON THE MUNSTERS.

This black and white comedy show of the 1960's featured an unforgettable pair of hilarious police officers. Their scraps are many, but you can't help forgiving them their errors when their hearts are so big. Together, they fight crime in New York City, bringing out the best in others around them.

Theme Song

There's a hold-up in the Bronx,
Brooklyn's broken out in fights.
There's a traffic jam in Harlem,
That's backed up to Jackson Heights.
There's a scout troop short a child,
Khrushchev's due at Idlewild...

Car 54 where are you?