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Secretary's Report

MARA Meeting Minutes for 09/18/12

Our Meeting was Called to Order by Barry – N1EZH, President of MARA at 1835.

Please Note: As mentioned last month with the Resignation of Bob – N1LCY, we are **looking for a new Secretary to be Nominated and Voted in** as soon as possible, preferably at our next meeting due to the burden placed upon Barry – N1EZH having to multitask our monthly meetings!

This includes Conducting our meetings, giving Treasury Report information (when available) along with collecting and being responsible for dues until being able to get them to our Treasurer for deposit, and taking the meeting notes.

No one should expect any one person to have to do all this for more than one meeting, let alone 4 of the last 5 meetings as Barry – N1EZH has been tasked with.

(During another recent area Club meeting attended, there were 2 officers present, neither of whom were the Club Secretary, so they asked for a Club Member in attendance to take the meeting notes and someone volunteered!).

Please give this Nomination some serious consideration during the next several weeks prior to our October meeting as I was unable to get a Nomination for Secretary, nor a Volunteer to take notes for our September meeting!

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

Pete – N1NVV, Jeff – N1ZZN, Don – K1DC, Bob – N1EDM, Walt – W1WCF, Loren – N1IQI, Barry – N1EZH and John – N1PRK.

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

Treasurers Report: Motion made to approve the Treasury Report as submitted by Phil – N1XTB and read by Barry – N1EZH from August 2012. Motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous vote.

Jeff – N1ZZN: Repeater Report: Our Repeater appears to be operating normally. Jeff – N1ZZN said that he went to our Repeater site recently to turn down the A/C system from 90 to 80 Degrees and to check connections due to some interference which occurs

during hot & humid weather. This appears to have corrected the problem. Thanks Jeff – N1ZZN.

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

Although Carl N1FY was unable to attend our meeting due to his diligent service for Skywarn Activation at NWS Taunton, he did ask to convey the following information:

On September 23, 2012 there will be a Triathlon at D. W. Field Park in Brockton. All hams are requested to arrive at 7:00 AM at the Oak St. entrance. This is the Start and Finish line. The FOX Frequency of 146.535 Simplex is the Primary, and Bridgewater 147.180/147.780 (pl 67) will be the backup Frequency.

Pete – N1NVV: Miscellaneous items:

Emergency Operations Drill — October 10, 2012:

An Emergency Operations Drill has been scheduled for 7:00 pm on 10 October 2012 at the EOC.

Get Set for the 2012 Simulated Emergency Test:

Are you ready to respond to a Local Communications Emergency? How about within your area, state or beyond? The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) -- an exercise that enables you and your local, District and Section leaders to test equipment, modes, operating skills and emergency deployment plans to see if everything is in place and ready for an actual emergency event -- is October 6-7. The SET is one of the premier events of the year that invites the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, the National Traffic System, the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, SKYWARN, members of the ARRL Field Organization and other groups to work in concert together to practice and prepare.

Barry – N1EZH: Miscellaneous items:

The Taunton Area Communications Group – Will be providing Communications on Saturday September 22 for the Mayor's 5K Road Race. The following is from Greg – W1VFB;

When we gather before the race please do not park on Court St. as they will be closing it at 8:30 am and they will not let any vehicle movement on the street after that time.

Secondly, the frequency we will be using will be 146.430 SIMPLEX. Most radios can be tune to that frequency on the VFO of the radio and usually will already be in simplex.

We won't have a back up frequency as this is usually pretty clear and the longest distance from NC will be no more than a mile. An HT should do the trick but you can use your car mobile if you want. There are no guidelines on this.

Please bring your yellow safety vests and we will be using them as requested by the race committee. I will also have signs for your cars that say radio team. The only thing is I would like the sign back as they are laminated.

We will give out the locations at our meeting at net control at 8:00 am. Please be there on time. We will be getting a picture of the group as in "The Bruce – NI1X's Philosophy" with out a picture it didn't happen.

At net control I'm setting up a small display about amateur radio with some handouts and some pictures etc.

Thanks you again for your help. It is greatly appreciated.

See you Saturday morning at 8:00am at the Court St. parking lot in the far right corner next to the stage.

The Taunton Area Communications Group – KC1TAC, 220 MHz Repeater is now on the air! Frequency is 224.480/222.880, (pl 123).

A suggestion was made last Month to possibly cancel future August meetings due to the low turnout from members on vacation, etc. It was decided to table this discussion until a future meeting.

Deerfield will be held on October 12 and 13th.

There was a suggestion made that we could possibly set up our Bridgewater EOC, Icom 706 to be Remotely Operated (via Ham Deluxe?) so that someone could check into the monthly RACES Net or for other Emergency Drills or Operations when no one may be able to man our EOC. This would also test at least the Icom 706 and Antenna System for proper operation. We will need some thoughts and information on whether we can or want to do this.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted on to adjourn our meeting at 19:15.

Next Meeting

MARA's next meeting will be held on October 16, 2012 at the Bridgewater Public Library. The business meeting will begin at 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

October 15, 2012 - Drill at the EOC, 7:00 pm

Please attend if at all possible. The greater the participation, the better it is for MARA.

FCC Seeks to Change Amateur Radio Licensing Rules

The FCC has issued a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* that seeks to change the way it licenses Amateur Radio operators.

On October 2, the FCC released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in WT Docket No. 12-121 that seeks to change the Amateur Radio licensing rules, especially as they concern former licensees. Acting upon an April 2011 *Petition for Rulemaking* filed by the Anchorage VEC to give permanent credit to radio amateurs for examination elements they have successfully passed, the FCC proposes to revise Section 97.505 to require that Volunteer Examiners (VEs) give examination credit to an applicant who can demonstrate that he or she formerly held a particular class of license. In addition, the Commission seeks to shorten the grace period during which an expired amateur license

may be renewed and to reduce the number of VEs needed to administer an amateur license examination.

Kosovo On the Air for the First Time

Hams from England, the US, the Netherlands, Croatia and Finland went to Kosovo earlier this month to help with the first Amateur Radio activation in that country.

On September 12, the Autoriteti Rregullativ i Telekomunikacionit (ART) -- Kosovo's telecommunications regulatory authority -- created the necessary legal framework for the development of an Amateur Radio Service in the Republic of Kosovo by approving its Regulation for Amateur Radio Services. Although not formally assigned a prefix by the International Telecommunication Union, Kosovo will use the **Z6** prefix. Currently, Kosovo does not count toward the ARRL's DXCC Award, as it has not been assigned a prefix by the ITU (per DXCC rule II.1.a), nor has it been recognized by the United Nations (per DXCC rule II.1.b).

Nigel Cawthorne, G3TXF, and Bob Barden, MD0CCE/N2BB -- members of the Chiltern DX Club (CDXC) -- were part of a team of operators led by IARU Region 1 President Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, that activated Z60K, the first Amateur Radio station in the Republic of Kosovo. Along with Cawthorne, Barden and Blondeel Timmerman, the team included the following radio amateurs: Nik Percin, 9A5W; Emil Balen Zdravko, 9A9A; Emir Mahmutovic, 9A6AA; Martti Laine, OH2BH; Jorma Saloranta, OH2KI, and Pekka Holstila, OH2TA. Click [here](#) for Cawthorne's and Barden's account of the Z60K activation.

55th Jamboree on the Air

The theme of this year's Jamboree on the Air is How Big Is Your World?

Each year, more than 500,000 Scouts in more than 100 countries take to the airwaves on the third full weekend in October -- and this year on October 20-21, it will be no different. The Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is an annual Scouting and Amateur Radio event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement where Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from all over the world speak to each other via Amateur Radio. Since 1958 -- when the first Jamboree on the Air was held -- millions of Scouts have met through this event. Many contacts made during JOTA have resulted in pen pal relationships and links between Scout troops that have lasted many years.

The 55th Jamboree on the Air is coming October 20-21, and among the many efforts being organized across New England and the country, Don Burke, KB1LXH is coordinating volunteers to assist with a JOTA station at Camp Norse in Kingston under the call sign KC1TAC.

"Annawon Council is hosting us during its Cranboree Weekend. Boy Scout and Venture Crews (Scouts age 11-21) are camping at Norse for the weekend and will be our radio guests." Don adds, "This will allow us more time with the Scouts, as they will be able to visit the station in

the morning as a small patrol and then return in the afternoon for more air time on their own."

According to KB1LXH, the Camp Norse JOTA operations have provided an opportunity for over 700 scouts to talk on the air since 2007. "These young Scouts will be the life blood of our hobby in the coming years and we need your help to make it as exciting as we can for them."

Don would also like to hear from trustees and owners of repeaters who are willing to be listed as places to make contacts during JOTA.

"Forward me your name, call sign and location, the modes you will use for JOTA and the call sign you will use for the day. I will send you the list of local JOTA Groups before the event."

You may reach Don at [<DonEB425@verizon.net>](mailto:DonEB425@verizon.net).

13th Annual Southern New England Weather Conference on Saturday, October 27 at the Meditech Corp. in Canton. The conference is sponsored by the non-profit Blue Hill Observatory Science Center and will address three major events that occurred in 2011: the June 1 Springfield/Monson/Brimfield Tornado, Tropical Storm Irene, and the late October 2011 "Snowtober" snowstorm. More details can be found at [<http://www.wx1box.org/node/3086>](http://www.wx1box.org/node/3086).

MFJ Celebrates 40th Anniversary

In October 1972, Martin F. Jue, K5FLU, started MFJ in a hotel room in Starkville, Mississippi. 40 years later, [MFJ Enterprises](#) consists of six different ham radio companies that manufacture more than 2000 products. To celebrate this milestone, MFJ will host [ARRL Day in the Park](#) this weekend (October 6-7) at [McKee Park](#) in Starkville. An ARRL-sanctioned event, ARRL Day in the Park will feature tours of the MFJ facilities (including the factory and metal shop), tailgating, forums, demonstrations and lunch -- all at no cost to attendees. Special Event Station [K5MFJ](#) will also be on the air. ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, and ARRL Mississippi Section Manager Malcolm Keown, W5XX, will represent the ARRL. Click [here](#) to go to the ARRL Day in the Park website.

NEW ENGLAND FLEA SCHEDULE – COURTESY W1GSL

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

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12,13 Oct Deerfield NH NEARFest XII @FG Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235  
 14 Oct Queens NY HoSARC @HoS Stephen WB2KDG 718 898 5599 A  
 20 Oct Longueuil PQ CRAR-SdeM \$7@9 +\$10/T@6 Guy VE2GGY 450 679 2318 R

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 LAST UPDATE 9-10-12 de W1GSL <http://swapfest.us> P 1  
 List is normally updated twice a month - look for the latest version  
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| 21 Oct Cambridge MA | FLEA at MIT                     | Nick 617 253 3776 F |
|                     | Third Sunday April thru October |                     |

27 Oct Gales Ferry CT TCARC Auction @FireCo @10 Darryl WA1DD 860 443 7799

28 Oct Hicksville NY LIMARC @LevitHall Richard K2KNB 516 694 4937 A

2 Nov Feeding Hills MA HCRA Auction @CongCh @6:30PM Jim KK1W 413 237 4666

3 Nov Bourne MA FARA @UpperCC VoTech \$5@9 \$10/S@7 Ralph N1YHS 508 548 0422 F

3 Nov Londonderry NH IRS @Lions \$3@8 S@6 Chris KB1QVM 603 434 6137 F

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

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16 Feb Marlboro MA AARC @MidSc \$5@9 \$20/T@7 Timothy KA1OS 508 919 6136 T

23 Feb S Burlington VT HAM-CON @HI I89x14 \$8@8 \$15@6 Mitch W1SJ 802 879 6589 +

7 April Southington CT SARA @HS \$5@8 \$20/T@6:15 Norm W3IZ 860 584 1403 +

2 Mar Feeding Hills MA MtTARA @TurnverneinCib Mary N1TOY 413 222 1990

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

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

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 +

## **This Week on the Radio**

October 12 -- NCCC Sprint

October 13 -- EU Autumn Sprint (CW); FISTS Fall Sprint

October 13-14 -- Arizona QSO Party; Pennsylvania QSO Party; Makrothen RTTY Contest; Oceania DX Contest (CW); QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party; Scandinavian Activity Contest (SSB)

October 14 -- North American Sprint (RTTY); SKCC Weekend Sprintathon

## **Next Week on the Radio**

October 15-19 -- [ARRL School Club Roundup](#)

October 19 -- NCCC Sprint, MCG Autumn Sprint

October 20 -- Iowa QSO Party; Feld Hell Sprint

October 20-21 -- New York QSO Party; 10-10 International Fall Contest (CW); Stew Perry Topband Challenge; JARTS WW RTTY Contest; Worked All Germany Contest; Araucaria VHF Contest; 10-10 International Fall Contest (CW); W/VE Islands QSO Party

October 21 -- Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint (CW); UBA ON Contest (2 meters)

October 21-22 -- Illinois QSO Party

October 22 -- Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

October 24 -- SKCC Sprint

October 24-25 -- CWops Mini-CWT Test

## **DX NEWS**

SOUTH SUDAN, Z8. Jim, K7QI and Diya, YI1DZ now hold calls Z81A and Z81D, respectively. Activity may be on 160 to 10 meters as conditions allow. QSL Z81A via K7GSE and Z81D via OM3JW.

TANZANIA, 5H. Arne, OH2NNE will be QRV as 5H2DK from Moshi from October 2 to 17. Activity will be on the HF bands using SSB. He may also be active from different locations as well. QSL to home call.

FIJI, 3D2. A group of amateurs will be QRV as 3D2OP from the Viti Levu Lighthouse, WLOTA 0055, on Levu Island, IOTA OC-016, from October 8 to 14. Activity will be on the HF bands. In addition, they will be active as 3D2AS, 3D2PT, 3D2XC, 3D2ZY and 3D2XB during this period. QSL 3D2OP via PT2OP and all others via operators' instructions.

NIGER, 5U. Stations 5U5U, 5U6E and 5U8NK are QRV from Niamey until October 15. They are QRV on the HF bands and 6 meters with three stations active. QSL 5U5E direct, 5U6E via F6EXV and 5U8NK via DJ8NK.

WEST MALAYSIA, 9M2. Shou, JA1XXI is QRV as 9M2/JA1XXI from Port Dickson until October 15. Activity is on 20, 15, 10 and 6 meters. QSL to home call.

NEPAL, 9N. Fernando, 9N1FE has been active using PSK on 15 meters around 1100z. QSL via operator's instructions.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, A6. Abdullah, A61Q has been active on 10 meters using CW between 1300 and 1500z. QSL via EA7FTR.

SABLE ISLAND, CY0. Murray, WA4DAN and Ron, AA4VK will be QRV as home calls/CY0 from October 8 to 17. Activity is on the HF bands using low power. QSL via operators' instructions.

MAYOTTE, FH. Sam, F6AML is QRV as TO2M until October 19. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

THAILAND, HS. Eddy, ON4AFU will be QRV as HS0ZJF/8 from Koh Samui, IOTA AS-101, from October 7 to 24. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using only CW. QSL to home call.

US VIRGIN ISLANDS, KP2. Ray, NM2O will be QRV as KP2M and KP2/NM2O from October 9 to 16 while on vacation. He will be active as time allows. This includes entries in the upcoming SAC Phone and Oceania CW contests. QSL KP2M via AI4U and KP2/NM2O to home call.

NETHERLANDS, PA. The special station PB100PREFIX is QRV during the month of October to celebrate the first official call sign prefixes assigned 100 years ago. QSL via PB0P.

CHAD, TT. A group of operators are QRV as TT8TT from N'Djamena until October 16. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via operators' instructions.

ANTARCTICA. Bhagwati, VU3BPZ is QRV as VU3BPZ/3 from the Indian Base Bharati until the end of December. QSL direct via I1HYW.

RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9. A group of operators will be QRV as 3B9SP from October 16 to 23. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK with three stations active. QSL via HB9ACA.

NIGER, 5U. Stations 5U5U, 5U6E and 5U8NK are QRV from Niamey until October 15. They are QRV on the HF bands and 6 meters with three stations active. QSL 5U5U direct, 5U6E via F6EXV and 5U8NK via DJ8NK.

UGANDA, 5X. Nick, G3RWF will be QRV as 5X1NH from Fort Portal in Western Uganda beginning October 15 and here for two months. Activity will be on the HF bands, possibly including 160 meters, using CW. This includes possible entries in the upcoming CQ WW DX



CW and ARRL 10 Meter contests. QSL direct to home call.

EAST MALAYSIA, 9M6. Mirek, VK6DXI is QRV as 9M8DX from Kuching, Sarawak until October 15. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters, and possibly on 160 and 80 meters as well. He will be a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry in the Oceania DX CW contest. QSL via SP5UAF.

MOROCCO, CN. A group of operators are QRV as 5D7AT until October 21 during the Concert for Tolerance taking place in Agadir. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters. QSL via ON4LO.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Mike, DL3FCG will be QRV as EA8/DL3FCG from Tenerife, IOTA AF-004, from October 15 to 28. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and JT65. He plans to be in the upcoming WAG and CQ WW SSB DX contests. QSL to home call.

FRENCH POLYNESIA, FO. Didier, F6BCW is QRV as TX5EG from Huahine Island, IOTA OC-067, until October 15. Activity is holiday style on 40 to 10 meters using only CW. QSL to home call.

SOLOMON ISLANDS, H4. Bernhard, DL2GAC will be QRV as H44MS from Guadalcanal, IOTA OC-047, from October 17 to December 10. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using only SSB. QSL to home call.

HUNGARY, HA. Members of the Hungarian International Police Association are QRV as HG20IPA until the end of November in celebration of the 20 years of the Hungarian section of IPA. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via HA3JB.

MINAMI TORISHIMA, JD1. Shin, JF7MTO is QRV as JF7MTO/JD1 from Marcus Island until October 16. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

SVALBARD, JW. Operators LA9DL, LA6VM and LA7XK are QRV as JW9DL, JW6VM and JW7XK, respectively, from Longyearbyen until October 15. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and JT65. This includes being QRV as JW5X in the SAC SSB contest. QSL to home calls and JW5X via LA5X.

SWEDEN, SM. A group of operators will be QRV as SI9AM from the King Chulalongkorn Memorial in Raganda. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters, including 2 meters, using CW, SSB and FM. This includes being an entry in the SAC SSB contest. QSL via SM3CVM.

WEST KIRIBATI, T30. A group of operators will be QRV from October 16 to 25 as T30PY on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, and as T30SIX on 6 meters using EME with JT65A. There will be three stations on the air. QSL via PY2PT.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. John, W5JON and Cathy, W5HAM are QRV as

V47JA and V47HAM, respectively, from Calypso Bay on St. Kitts, IOTA NA-104, until November 1. Activity is on the HF bands and 6 meters using SSB. This includes a possible entry in the upcoming CQ WW SSB contest. QSL both calls via W5JON.

MACAO, XX9. A group of operators will be QRV as XX9TFR, XX9TPX, XX9TBM and XX9TEX from Pousada de Coloane Hotel, Coloane Island, IOTA AS-075, from October 18 to 29. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY with at least two stations active. QSL all calls direct via EA7FTR.

## ***Monthly Newsletter***

### Club Officers and Committeemen

President: Barry Kennedy N1EZH

Vice President: Rick Emord KB1TEE

Treasurer: Phil McNamara N1XTB

Secretary: Vacant

Call sign Trustee: Phil McNamara N1XTB

Repeater Trustees: Carl Aveni N1FY., Lou Harris N1UEC, Bob Mandeville N1EDM

**2M Repeater** 147.180+ (Tone 67.0)

**440 Repeater** 444.550+ (Tone 88.5)

**APRS Node** Node 144.39 W1MV-1

**Packet BBS** 145.09 N1XTB-4

**Packet Node Brockton** 145.09 W1JOE-7 (BROCK)

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**Monthly meetings** are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM at the Bridgewater Public Library in Bridgewater Center. Talk-in is on 147.180+

Our **Meetings-On-The-Air** are held 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month, in Braintree. Contact Bill Needham, K1WN, at 781-843-4400 or via email at [k1wn@aol.com](mailto:k1wn@aol.com) Walk-ins are no longer permitted. We will be hosting VE exams at 8:45 at the Watson building. This is the new exam location for the Braintree Radio Club sponsors. If you know of anyone planning to take an exam, please have them drop a note to Bill - [k1wn@aol.com](mailto:k1wn@aol.com) to confirm a reservation.