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Next meeting is October 19th, 2021 Social hour 1830 meeting at 19:00pm. Talk-in is on 147.180+

Presidents Notes

MARA Facebook page: Our Massasoit Amateur Radio Association Facebook page with club events, meetings, photos, etc. are occasionally updated so that it may be another resource for us on which to spark interest in 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 Phil N1XTB n1xtb@powersrvcs.com or Wendy KC1GTR kc1gtr.mara.@gmail.com any 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 word out even more!

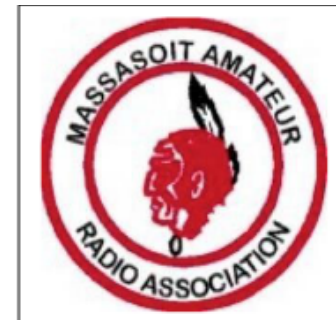
Good Morning

I hope all is well with you. I am writing to day to promote voting for a New England Division Director. I am attaching a link to a video from Phil temple with links for information.

I am not promoting one candidate over the other. Please do your research and vote.

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_7g3fVhaOA) copy and past to get to the video.

Allen wa1bee
President MARA



Secretary's Notes – Just Newsletter this issue.

Massasoit Amateur Radio Association Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1851 by WA1BEE with nine members present:

WA1BEE Allen President N1IQI Loren N1BSO John Vice-President NA1R Gary

N1XTB Phil Treasurer KC1RAB Ray N1RTS Rob WA1TOM Tom KB1TEE Rick

Last month's minutes read and accepted.

Treasurers report read and accepted

Old Business:

There was more discussion regarding the Club Tee shirts and ball caps. Red was decided as the color and an email blast will be sent out for orders.

New Business:

KC1GTR Wendy has resigned as Club Secretary due to family obligations. WA1TOM Tom will assume the Secretary's

duties for the time being.

KB1TEE Rick will again be doing the Monthly Newsletter for the time being.

There was discussion about the donated radio equipment. The items have been offered to club members through an email. Contact Phil N1XTB or Allen WA1BEE if you wish to purchase any gear.

Items not sold will be brought to NEARfest

in October then offered to local clubs. The goal is to sell the equipment as soon as possible.



NE1PL Battleship Massachusetts

Rick KB1TEE mentioned that The Battleship Massachusetts will again be on the air Saturday December 4th 0830-1530 for the Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Good and Welfare:

Tom WA1TOM mentioned accessibility to the EOC during the winter months and meetings may have to be cancelled due to weather. Discussion continued for a possible contingency site during the winter and to enable our less physically able members to attend monthly meetings as the Bridgewater EOC has a challenging set of stairs to climb.

The meeting was adjourned at 1932 to be followed by a Winlink presentation by Phil N1XTB

Respectfully submitted by WA1TOM

Great Hill Gang / K1USN Swap Net Fridays at 20:00 hours (8pm)

On the Marshfield repeater, 145.39 MHz with PL 67.0

EchoLink NEW-ENG 2 node on 9127 — IRLP Reflector 9127

Net Controllers: NA1XX -Mike & K1UVH-Mike



NEARfest October 15-16

Deerfield NH fair grounds Opens Friday at 9 closing ceremonies Saturday at 2

FARAFest November 6th

Falmouth ARA's FARA Fest will be held November 6, 2021 at the Upper Cape Regional Technical School, 220 Sandwich Road, Bourne, MA, from 9AM to noon. Sellers can set up beginning at 7AM. Table space can be purchased on the FARA website, <https://www.falara.org/activities/fara-fest>. Please let your members know that FARA-Fest is happening.

Sorry to bury you in email, but this is important.

FARA Fest is being held in a public school facility, so **FACE MASKS are REQUIRED** for all vendors and attendees.

I know there are folks who won't wear a mask. I don't want them to waste a trip.

thanks again,
Larry, W1IZZ

Here is a simple and easy way to print your own QSL cards. Only print a few at a time for that occasional request.
<http://www.radioqth.net/qsldata/>



QSL Card

You can use this web page to create QSL cards including ones for your POTA activations!

The cards will be created in the form of a PDF document that you can then print on light-weight card stock. The individual cards can then be cut out and the information filled in and mailed to the intended recipient. You have the option of printing a single QSL card or printing up to four cards per page.

The cards are printed 5.5 inches wide by 3.5 inches high. This is a standard size for a QSL card. However, this leaves no room for margins when printing over two cards per page on a standard 8.5 by 11 paper size. Fortunately, since these are pdf files you can print them and have the page print with the fit to page option. This will slightly reduce the size of the cards and allow them to be printed on whatever printer that you have. This will allow you to make better use of any special paper you are using, assuming you don't mind having the cards slightly smaller than is normal.





Radio operators demonstrate how to communicate when disaster strikes

BARTONVILLE (WEEK) -- Amateur radio operators in central Illinois held a practice session Saturday to demonstrate how to keep up communication when disaster strikes.

Peoria County's Amateur Radio Emergency Service - or "ARES" - held the session in Alpha Park. There, they communicated with other radio operators all around the country.

Organizers say if cell phones, landlines, and the internet go down during a storm or something worse, radio is the next best option - and a great way to communicate with the American Red Cross and other rescue agencies.

"This gives us an opportunity to get out and get some real-world practice out in the field with our equipment and our people - practicing various techniques that are used," emergency communicator Rich Holtman said.

Holtman added radio was especially important during the November 2013 tornado that hit Tazewell County, as it allowed for much quicker communication with the Red Cross when phone systems were out of commission.



New England Parks On The Air Event Set for Mid-October

The inaugural Autumn New England Parks On The Air (NE POTA) event will take place on Saturday, October 16, 0000 – 2359 UTC, the [K1USN Radio Club](#) has announced. The goal is to have one group or individual operator at as many [Parks On The Air](#)® as possible. The K1USN Radio Club hopes this will become an annual event. This is a recreational radio event, not a contest, so no logs will be required to participate. Summaries of activity are encouraged, however, and a [post-event link](#) will be available.

“This began as a reaction to the widespread local interest in the Parks On The Air (POTA) program here in New England. Last year, Ohio had a successful Ohio-wide POTA weekend, and Wisconsin is now doing something similar,” said K1USN Radio Club President Pi Pugh, K1RV. “Autumn is a special time in New England, and I figured the event might generate some extra interest before winter. Perhaps this can become an annual New England event or, better yet, an annual nationwide or worldwide event.”

ARRL New England Division Vice Director Phil Temples, K9HI, is hoping the event will give the public a chance to learn a bit more about amateur radio. He encouraged those who plan to participate to promote the event with informational handouts.

Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA), the largest Scouting event in the world, also occurs during the weekend of October 16 – 17, and NE POTA participants are being encouraged to reach out to local Scouting groups.

A [spreadsheet](#) has been created to keep track of individuals and clubs that register.

[Contact](#) Pugh for more information.



The K7RA Solar Update

Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, reports: Sunspot activity was up over the past week, with the average daily sunspot number rising from 28.7 to 59.4, and average daily solar flux up 11.4 points to 89.8. Nice to see our sun peppered with spots again as we move into the second week of fall in the Northern Hemisphere.

The 10.7-centimeter solar flux was 101.6 at noon on Wednesday, September 29. That's the highest value since December 3, 2020, when it was 102.9. Unfortunately the following day that value slipped 7 whole points back to 94.6

Geomagnetic indicators were quiet, with average daily planetary A index values declining from 9.1 to 7.3, and average middle latitude A index from 8.4 to 6.3. Predicted solar flux as of Thursday is much lower than it was the day before.

The updated flux values are 95 on October 1 – 3; 90 on October 4 – 5; 85 on October 6 – 7; 74 on October 8 – 9; 78 on October 10 – 12; 80 on October 13; 84 on October 14 – 15; 86 on October 16 – 17; 88 on October 18 – 22; 86 on October 23 – 25, 84 on October 26; 80 on October 27 – 29; 78 on October 30 – 31; 76 on November 1, and 74 on November 2 – 5. Flux values may rise back to 88 by mid – November. Predicted planetary A index is 24, 10, and 8 on October 1 – 3; 5 on October 4 – 9; 12 on October 10; 5 again on October 11 – 17; 10, 12, 10, and 8 on October 18 – 21; 5 on October 22 – 23; 18, 15, and 12 on October 24 – 26; 5 on October 27 – 30; 8 on October 31; 12 on November 1; 5 on November 2 – 5, and 12 on November 6.



Massasoit Amateur Radio Association Executive Board

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Vice President Jeff Lehmann – AJ1L

Secretary Wendy White – KC1GTR

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Call Sign Trustee: Phil McNamara N1XTB

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440 Repeater 444.550+ (Tone 88.5)

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Packet Node Brockton 145.09 W1JOE-7 (BROCK)

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Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month, for time being, Tuesday Night Zoom meeting will be at 7:00pm. Allen will advise if we can go to in person for next month's.

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@arrl.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.