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Secretary's Report

Meeting called to order August 19, 2008 at 20:00 by Pete N1NVV

No Treasurer's Report was presented

The Secretary's report was accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Repeater Status:

Phil N1XTB picked up a new Gel Cell Battery for the repeater site.
The 2 meter machine is still on a backup controller while repairs to the main controller are being done.

Old Business:

The Brockton Triathlon will be held on Sept 21. Those planning to help in Communications support should meet at D W Field Park at 8:00 AM

New Business:

We have been asked to support the Lakeville Triathlon, date and time TBA
Holbrook Public Safety Day is Sept 13.
Local weather reported today included large hail in Marion, microburst in Bridgewater and a possible tornado in Acushnet.
Skywarn is setting up a recertification training program.
The Whitman club Flea Market is Sunday & Monday of Labor Day weekend
At Sattler's on Rte 18 in Whitman.
Carl N1FY will have additional items from the Estate of an SK at the Sept Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete, N1NVV

Notes From The Field

The **next MARA meeting** will be held on **September 16, 2008** at the **EOC**.

Net operators are needed for the Tuesday & Saturday night nets. If you are interested please contact Carl N1FY.

In order to know what the members would like to see and not see in the newsletter I need your comments-good or bad. I have set up an e-mail address just for handling the newsletter. I would appreciate articles, pictures, comments, stories, club histories – things that might interest the members. The email address is MARANews@hotmail.com.
Pete N1NVV

September Radio Support Events

The following are the events scheduled for the month of September. If you can help out with any or all, it would be greatly appreciated. These can all be viewed as training sessions for net control issues. Please pass this schedule on to others not on this list:

September 21 Brockton Triathlon at DW Field Park <<http://www.dwftriathlon.org>> - we will meet at the Oak St. entrance at 7:30 for assignments

September 28 South Middleboro YMCA Marathon at Camp Yomechas on Rte 28. We will meet at the Dunkin Donuts at the junction of Rtes 105 & 28 between 8:00am and 8:30am for assignments.

Thanks to all.
Carl, N1FY

PocketMod

Absolutely brilliant tool! Pocketmod takes up to 8 full size pages, turns them into a single sheet of paper, which folds into a pocket sized booklet. <<http://www.pocketmod.com>> A pencil power PDA. Better than writing on the back of your hand.

FEMA courses IS-100, 200, 700 and 800, are available at <<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp>>. ARES and RACES members should be familiar with the ICS and NIMS environments.

Simulated Emergency Test October 4-5

The venerable ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is slated for October 4-5 this year, although ARES groups are free to conduct their exercises anytime between September and December for convenience. All can participate. The exercise is not limited to ARES, but also RACES, NTS, SKYWARN, SATERN, and other groups.

Change in Vanity Call Sign Fees

FCC Vanity Call Sign Fees to Increase September 25: The FCC will increase the vanity call sign fee from \$11.70 to \$12.30, effective September 25, 2008.

ARRL Presents New Membership Benefit

With just a mouse click or two, ARRL members can now access the online QST magazine archive <<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/gqnsearch.html>>. This new benefit -- a service of the ARRL Technical Information Service (TIS) <<http://www.arrl.org/tis/>> -- provides PDF copies of all QST articles from December 1915 through December 2004, enabling members to view and print their favorite article, project and more. For many years, the TIS has provided members with assistance researching ARRL periodicals and publications, as well as providing members and non-members with article reprints for a small fee. Access to the new online digital QST archive is free for ARRL members, and is for their personal use only -- material in the archive may not be freely distributed or copied.

2008 Field Day Logs posted online

All 2008 Field Day logs that have been received have been posted to the Claimed Scores page <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/claimed>> on the ARRL Web site. They reflect all applications sent from the b4h.net Web applet <<http://b4h.net/cabforms/>>, as well as those received via the US Postal Service and usable electronic submissions sent via regular e-mail (non-Web applet submissions).

This Weekend on the Radio:

This weekend, check out the ARRL September VHF QSO Party on September 13-15. The NCCC Sprint is September 12 and the PODXS 070 Club 80 Meter Autumn Sprint is September 12-13. The FISTS Get Your Feet Wet Weekend is September 12-14. The Swiss HTC QRP Sprint is September 13. The WAE DX Contest (SSB) and the Arkansas QSO Party are both September 13-14. The North American Sprint (SSB), the SKCC Weekend Sprintathon and the ARCI End of Summer Digital Sprint are September 14. The NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint is September 18. Next weekend is the ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest and the ARRL International EME Competition on September 20-21. YLRL Howdy Days are September 18-20. The NCCC Sprint is September 19 and the Feld Hell Sprint is September 20. Be on the lookout

for these contests on September 20-21: The Colorado QSO Party, the SARL VHF/UHF Contest, the Scandinavian Activity Contest (CW), the CIS DX Contest, the South Carolina QSO Party, the Washington State Salmon Run and the QCWA Fall QSO Party. The Run for the Bacon QRP Contest and the 144 MHz Fall Sprint are both on September 22. The SKCC Sprint is September 24 and the BCC QSO Party is September 25. All dates, unless otherwise stated, are UTC. See the ARRL Contest Branch page <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>>, the ARRL Contest Update <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/update/>> and the WA7BNM Contest Calendar <<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>> for more info. Looking for a Special Event station? Be sure to check out the ARRL Special Event Station Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html>>.

DX News

MALDIVES, 8Q. 8Q7KK has been active on 20 meters using RTTY around 1000z. QSL via DL1BKK.

CROATIA, 9A. Operators Jan, OK1JK, Jiri, OK1JST, Jarda, OK1JIM, Standa, OK1AGE, Tom, OK1JRA, Vojta, OK1JKV and Radek, OK1MRK are QRV as 9A/homecalls from Porer Island, IOTA EU-100, until September 13. Activity is on most HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. They may also be active Lighthouse ARLHS CRO-014. QSL to home calls.

TONGA, A3. Nob, JA2AAU, Yoshi, JA2AIC, Iwao, JA2LSS, Iku, JA2ATE and Mori, JA2ZS are QRV as A35AU, A35IC, A35SS, A35TE and A35ZS, respectively, from Nuku'alofa Island, IOTA OC-049, until September 17. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL to home calls.

PAKISTAN, AP. Tariq, AP2TN has been active on 30 meters around 1530z. QSL via DJ9ZB.

ANGOLA, D2. Father Gabriele, D2EB is back here and has been active using CW and SSB on all bands, including 6 meters, at various times. QSL via IZ3ETU.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Bill, N7OU will be QRV as E51NOU from Rarotonga, IOTA OC-013, from September 15 to October 11. He will be active on 40 to 10 meters using only CW. QSL to home call.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Operators DL5NUA, DL3HQN and DL1ARD are QRV as EA8/homecalls from Puerto de la Cruz on Tenerife, IOTA AF-004, until September 19. Activity is on the HF bands using mainly CW. QSL to home calls.

IRELAND, EI. Operators Dave, EI4BZ, Jeremy, EI5GM, Dave, EI9FBB and Mark, G4AXX are QRV as EJ3HB from Great Blasket Island, IOTA EU-007, until September 14. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via EI9FBB.

GUADELOUPE, FG. Dom, F6EPO is QRV as FG/F6EPO until September 27. Activity is on 40, 30, 20 and 15 meters using QRP power. His activity includes being QRV from Volcano Soufriere from September 13 to 20 during his evening. QSL to home call.

TEMOTU PROVINCE, H40. Mike, KM9D and Jan, KF4TUG will be QRV as H40MY from Vanikolo, IOTA OC-163. QSL via OM2SA.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA, HL. A group of eight Korean operators will be QRV as D9D from Tok Do, IOTA AS-045, from September 13 to 18. In addition, they may also sign homecalls/5. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL D9D via 6K2BWA and all others to home calls.

SVALBARD, JW. Tom, LA4LN is QRV as JW4LN from Spitsbergen, IOTA EU-026, until September 18. Activity is on 160 to 2 meters, including 70 cm, using mostly CW, but with some SSB and Satellite activity as well. He will be active as JW1V on 60 meters. QSL both calls direct to home call.

AUSTRIA, OE. The Vienna International Centre Amateur Radio Club station 4U1VIC will be QRV September 13 and 14, and will be an entry in the Worked All Europe SSB contest. QSL via bureau.

ALAND ISLANDS, OH0. Simo, OH2LRE will be QRV at various times as OH0/OH2LRE until around September 20. Activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL to home call.

DENMARK, OZ. Tom, DL4VM is QRV as OZ/DL4VM from Romo Island, IOTA EU-125, until September 20. Activity is on 40, 20 and 15 meters using QRP power and CW. He may also be active on 10 and 6 meters, conditions permitting. QSL to home call.

GREECE, SV. Members of a SV-DX-Group are QRV as SY8L from Limnos Island, IOTA EU-049, until September 15. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using all modes. QSL via SV2DGH.

TURKEY, TA. Finnish-Turkish Friendship Consortium station TC4X will be QRV in the Worked All Europe SSB contest. QSL via OH2BH.

BENIN, TY. Romano, TY5ZR has been active on 30 meters around 2200z. QSL via IK2IQD.

CANADA, VE. Michael, VE2XB/VY0 is QRV from Nunavut, Southampton Island, IOTA NA-007, until the end of 2008. QSL to home call.

TOKELAU ISLANDS, ZK3. Willi, DJ7RJ and Ulrich, DL2AH are QRV as ZK3MW and ZK3AH, respectively, until September 29. ZK3MW is active using on 160 to 10 meters using mainly CW and ZK3AH is active on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home calls.

NEW ENGLAND FLEA SCHEDULE – COURTESY W1GSL

New England Area Ham - Electronic Flea Market *** DATES *** 2008

All events are Ham Radio/ Electronic related except ~~~~~~

September 2008

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20 Sept Alton NH MASONS @Lodge @7 Tg\$10 \$20/inside T Bob W1GWU 603 776 0086 A

20 Sept Forestdale RI RIFMRS @VFW rt146 8A flea+auct Rick K1KYI 401 864 9611

20 Sept Alexander ME StCCARC @EISch Rt9 Mike KB1GEO 207 427 3058 A

21 Sept Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776

Third Sunday April thru October

27-28 Sept Wakefield MA Photographica @AmericalCtr ~photo~ John 781 592 2553 W

27 Sep Drummondville PQ CRADI @StBernard \$5@9\$15@7 Omer VE2OML 819 478 0478 R

5 Oct Queens NY HOSARC \$5@9 \$10/SP Stephen WB2KDG 718 898 5599 W

10-11 Oct Deerfield NH NearFest @FG Mike K1TWF 978 250 1235 W

12 Oct Wallingford CT Nutmeg Conv \$20/sp \$7@9 John N1GNV 203 440 4468

18 Oct Manchester NH NEAntqRC @BingoCtr \$15@7:30\$5@8:30 Charlie 603 898 4821 F

18 Oct Greenwood NS NSARA @CommCtr \$3@10 S@8 Burt VE1AMA 902 847 7073 W

19 Oct Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776

Third Sunday April thru October

25 Oct Waterford CT TCARC Auction @OswegatchieSch@10 Tom WA2RYV 860 464 6555

25 Oct Longueuil PQ MS-SARC @PIDesaul \$5@9 \$10/T@6 David VE2EDF 450 672 9791 W

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

1 Nov Londonderry NH IRS @Lions Sellers\$15@6 \$3@8 Nelson NU1G 603 660 6288

7 Nov Feeding Hills MA HCRA Auction @CongCh @6:30PM Jim KK1W 413 245 3228

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

6 Dec Windsor CT VR+C Mus 115 Pierson LN @7AM Indoors John 860 673 0518



## **MASSASOIT AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**

### ***Monthly Newsletter***

#### **Club Officers and Committeemen**

President: Pete Curley, N1NVV  
Vice-President: Steve Meuse N1JFU  
Treasurer: Phil McNamara N1XTB  
Secretary: Bob Keene N1LCY  
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**2M Repeater** 147.180+ (Tone 67.0)  
**440 Repeater** 444.550+ (Tone 88.5)  
**Bridge Node** 145.090 W1MV (Bridgewater)  
**Packet BBS** 145.090 W1GMF-4  
**MARA Web page** <http://www.w1mv.org/>  
**WARC Web Page** <http://www.wa1npo.org>  
**Qsl via** [www.eqsl.cc](http://www.eqsl.cc)  
**Skywarn** [www.powersrvcs.org/w1gmf/skywarn.htm](http://www.powersrvcs.org/w1gmf/skywarn.htm)  
**DXClusters** WD1L 145.030 (Brockton) K1AJ, 145.690  
& PILGRM Node 145.730 (Plymouth/Duxbury)

**Monthly meetings** are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM at the Bridgewater EOC in the Academy building 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 other month at St. Claire's Church, in Braintree. Contact Bill Needham, K1WN, at 781-843-4400 or via email at [k1wn@aol.com](mailto:k1wn@aol.com)