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Secretary's Report

MARA Meeting Minutes for 08/21/12

By Barry – N1EZH for * Bob – N1LCY

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

* Barry – N1EZH received the following email from Bob – N1LCY prior to this evening's meeting.

Hi Barry,

It's been difficult to make some of the meetings lately with vacation and work schedule changes so I am resigning my post as MARA Secretary.

We would like to thank Bob – N1LCY for his several years as our Club Secretary. We wish him well and hope to see him again soon at a future meeting.

Please Note: With the Resignation of Bob – N1LCY, we are **looking for a new Secretary to be Nominated and Voted in** at our next meeting due to the burden placed upon Barry – N1EZH having to multitask our monthly meetings!

This includes Conducting our meetings, having to give 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 having to take meeting notes.

No one should expect any one person to have to do this for more than one meeting, let alone 3 of the last 4 meetings as Barry – N1EZH has been tasked with.

Please give this Nomination some serious consideration during the next several weeks prior to our September meeting!

The following Club Members were in attendance at our Meeting:

Jim – N1LKJ, Carl – N1FY, Don – K1DC, Roy – KB1CYV, Bill – NR1FD, Barry – N1EZH.

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

Treasurers Report: Due to there being no Treasury Report available as of meeting time, there was no information to be voted on for approval.

Repeater Report: Our Repeater appears to be operating normally. Jeff – N1ZZN reported that he went to our Repeater site recently to turn on the A/C system and to check connections due to some interference which occurs during hot & humid weather. This seems to have corrected the problem. Thanks Jeff – N1ZZN.

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

There was an F0 Tornado reported on Block Island during a string of bad weather recently. Unfortunately there are not many Hams or Skywarn Spotters on the Island.

There was a Waterspout reported near Quonset Point in RI that turned into a brief Tornado for about 45 yards once reaching landfall.

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.

There is a 440 MHz Repeater (450 – 470 MHZ) available for use in Holbrook, MA

Waiting to hear from Morton Hospital in Taunton about interest in Amateur Radio Communications support and the South Shore Area Hospital Net.

Barry – N1EZH: Miscellaneous items:

There was a Microburst in the Warren Street/W. Britannia Street area of Taunton during the recent storm on Friday, August 10.

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 to possibly cancel future August meetings due to the low turnout from members on vacation, etc. To be discussed at a future meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted on to adjourn our meeting at 18:57.

Next Meeting

MARA's next meeting will be held on September 18, 2012 at the Bridgewater Public Library. The business meeting will begin at 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Brockton Triathlon D.W. Field Park-- September 23, 2012

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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.

QSL Card of the Month By: Barry Kennedy N1EZH

Special Coast Guard Tribute to George Manning K1CG (SK)

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K1CG

Annual Reunion Number _____ at _____ Op _____

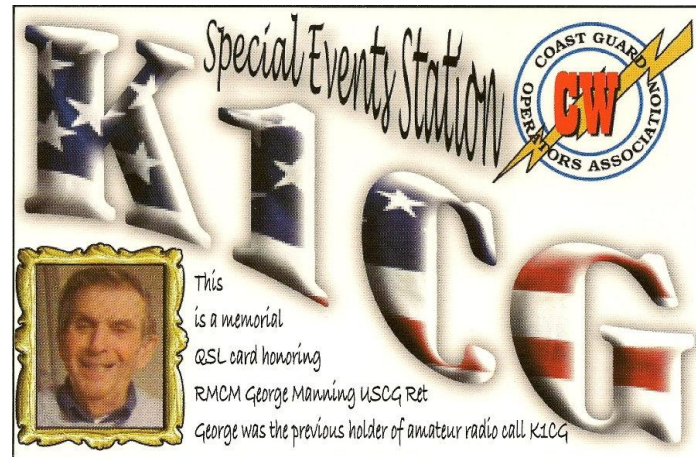
Special Event from N1EZH Op BARRY

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George A. Manning, RMCM USCG ret. ZUT-1325.
Born 14 July 1931 and crossed the bar on 28 March 2010.
The Master Chief was a fine Coast Guard radio
telegrapher and an active member of the Coast Guard
CW Operators Association. He was a gentleman and
a friend to all that knew him.

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OPERATORS ASSOCIATION**
424 N. Bagley Creek Road
Port Angeles, WA 98362
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The QSL.MAN® - W4MPY



The Coast Guard Operators Association secured the call sign **K1CG** and created a memorial QSL card honoring RMCM **George Manning** USCG Ret. **George SK** was the original holder of the **K1CG** call sign and lived in Pembroke, MA.

The QSL card reads: "**George A. Manning**, RMCM USCG ret. ZUT 1325. Born 14 July 1931 and crossed the bar on 28 March 2010. The Master chief was a fine Coast

Guard radio telegrapher and an active member of the Coast Guard CW Operators Association. He was a gentleman and a friend to all that knew him.”

The **K1CG** QSL card was used during the Coast Guard 222 birthday Special Event. Whitman Club member **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** was a **K1CG** Special Event Operator on August 5, 2012.

Barry N1EZH reports: “After reading some information and hearing stories from area HAMS who knew RCMC **George Manning SK** personally in the weeks leading up to our Special Event, I learned that, among many other things, **George SK** was stationed at U. S. Coast Guard Communication Station Boston for a couple of tours of duty.



I served two tours of active duty at Commsta Boston, first as an ET3 right out of ET “A” School on Governor’s Island, NY (Where I received my Amateur Radio License) in 1978 and again where I retired as an ETC and the Executive Petty Officer in 1997.

This was an honor and a privilege to have been given the opportunity to be a Special Event Station Operator in the memory of **George SK** during the US Coast Guard’s 222nd Birthday. I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to keep **George’s SK** Call Sign – **K1CG**, and his dedication to both the US Coast Guard CW Operators Association and Amateur Radio alive during this Special Event.

I received a Certificate for being a Special Event Operator from the CG CW Operators Association and the CG Amateur Radio Club, **W5CGC** of which I am a member, and from which this Special Event came about.

Thank you to all who participated!

73 de Barry – N1EZH

VoIP Hurricane Net Provides Support During Hurricane Isaac

The VoIP Hurricane Net -- running on the *WX_TALK* EchoLink conference node 7203/IRLP 9219 -- was active over a two day period from August 28-29 as Hurricane Isaac pounded the Northern Gulf Coast with high winds, extremely heavy rainfall, significant storm surge and river and stream flooding. The VoIP Hurricane Net operated for more than 25 hours continuously during the US coast landfall.

Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY Promoted to QST Managing Editor

Book Editor Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, has been promoted to QST Managing Editor, the position formerly held by Joel Kleinman, N1BKE (SK). A Connecticut native, Schoenfeld has more than two decades of publishing experience. Prior to her employment at ARRL Headquarters, she was Senior Editor at *Teaching K-8* magazine, one of the most popular magazines for childhood educators, and Senior Project Editor for textbook publisher Macmillan/McGraw-Hill. In addition, she founded *Amaranth* magazine, a successful poetry journal. She holds an MFA from Emerson College and a BA from Fairfield University. Her Amateur Radio activities include chasing grid squares in pursuit of her 6 meter VUCC award and DX hunting on 10 meters.

ARRL Centennial Convention 2014

In case you haven't heard, the League will hold its Centennial Convention in Hartford, Connecticut, July 17-20, 2014. The Convention will mark 100 years of the ARRL's founding in Hartford. The theme for ARRL's Centennial year is "Advancing the Art and Science of Radio -- since 1914."

Accordingly, the 2014 ARRL New England Division Convention in Boxborough will not be held. Says ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B: "Boxborough's organizing sponsor, FEMARA, Inc., graciously agreed to forgo holding a convention there in 2014. Instead, FEMARA has offered to help share its expertise and volunteers as we prepare to bring this national level celebration to Hartford."

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
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- 15 Sept Forestdale RI RIAFMRS @VFW \$5/Sp@8 Rick K1KYI 401 864 9611
- 15 Sept Windsor CT VR+C Mus 115 Pierson LN @8AM Outdoor John 860 673 0518
- 16 Sept Cambridge MA FLEA at MIT Nick 617 253 3776 F  
Third Sunday April thru October
- 22,23 Sept Wakefield MA Photographica @AmericaiCtr ~photo~ John 781 592 2553
- 29 Sept Center Conway NH WMARC @RecCtr \$5@8:30 Thaire W2APF 603 447 2376
- 29 Sept Brookline NH NEAntqRC@EvtCtr\$10@7:30\$4@8:30\$0@10 Bruce 603 772 7516 W+
- 6 Oct Greenwoodd NS GARC @CommCtr \$4@10 S@8 Guy VE1NC 902 825 6151 R
- 7 Oct Meriden CT Nutmeg @Sheraton was Wallingford John N1GNV 203 440 4973 F+
- 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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| 2012                                                   | Contact                             | Source                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 21 Oct Cambridge MA<br>Third Sunday April thru October | FLEA at MIT                         | Nick 617 253 3776 F          |
| 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            |

| 2013                   | Contact                                | Source                       |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 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 +     |

**Ham Radio Technician Class**  
 The Falmouth Amateur Radio Association will be holding a 7 week course where you can learn everything you need to earn your Technician (entry level) FCC **Amateur Radio License**. The course is being offered as a Falmouth Community School evening

session, starting Tuesday, Sept. 18 from 6:30 to 8:30. Advanced registration is requested. See the registration information at: <http://www.falmouth.k12.ma.us/>  
Click the communityschool on the upper banner

### **This Week on the Radio**

- September 14 -- NCC Sprint Ladder
- September 14-16 -- FISTS Get Your Feet Wet Weekend
- September 15 -- Feld Hell Sprint
- September 15-16 -- [ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest \(local time\)](#); South Carolina QSO Party; Washington State Salmon Run; Scandinavian Activity Contest (CW); SRT HF Contest (SSB); QRP Afield
- September 16 -- North American Sprint (SSB); WAB 144 MHz QRO Phone Contest
- September 17 -- Run for the Bacon QRP Contest; 144 MHz Fall Sprint
- September 20 -- NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint

### **Next Week on the Radio**

- September 21 -- NCCC Sprint Ladder
- September 22 -- FOC QSO Party; AGCW VHF/UHF Contest
- September 23 -- BARTG Sprint 75
- September 24 -- QRP Homebrewer Sprint
- September 25 -- 222 MHz Fall Sprint (local time)
- September 26 -- SKCC Sprint
- September 26-27 -- CWops Mini-CWT Test

## **DX NEWS**

GHANA, 9G. Emil, ZS6EGB will soon be QRV as 9G5ZS. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL via operator's instructions.

ANGOLA, D2. Paulo, CT1FJZ is now QRV as D2FJZ from Benguela and Huambo for one year while on work assignment. He is active on 80 to 10 meters using SSB mainly on the weekends and during limited times weekdays. QSL to home call.

JAPAN, JA. Special event station 8J4MANGA is QRV until November 10 during the 13th International Comic Artist Conference. In addition, special event station 8J4SINWA is QRV during the "Japan Myth Expo" in Shimane until November 11. QSL both stations via bureau.

GABON, TR. Alain, TR8CA is back here and is usually QRV on 15 meters using CW around 1600z. QSL via F6CBC.

EUROPEAN RUSSIA, UA. Special event station R1000M is QRV until September 30 in celebration of the 1000th anniversary of the Unity of the Mordovian People with Peoples of Russia State. QSL via RA4UVK.

ZAMBIA, 9J. Shinichi, JA7SGV is QRV as 9J2JA. His length of stay

is unknown. Activity of late has been on 30, 20, 17 and 15 meters using CW. QSL to home call.

NIUE, E6. Lance, W7GJ and Bob, ZL1RS are QRV as E6M and E6RS, respectively, until September 21. This is primarily an EME operation, with activity on 6 and 2 meters. They may be active on other bands as well. QSL to home calls.

HUNGARY, HA. Members of the Puskas Tivadar Radio Amateur Club are QRV as HG1912PTTT from Budapest until September 30 in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Puskas Tivadar Telecommunications Technical High School. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via HA5AUC.

SARDINIA, IS0. Riccardo, IZ5JMX is QRV as IM0/IZ5JMX from San Pietro Island, IOTA EU-165, until September 14 while on holiday. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

SWAINS ISLAND, KH8. A large group of operators are QRV as NH8S until September 19. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters, including 60 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY with seven stations active around the clock. QSL direct to AA4NN.

CRETE, SV9. Silvia, EA1AP and Alberto, EA1SA will be QRV as SV9/home calls from September 9 to 15. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home calls.

ASIATIC RUSSIA, UA0. Vladimir, RV3EFH/0 is QRV from Bolshevik Island, IOTA AS-042, during the month of September. QSL to home call.

MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. Rick, WH0AI is QRV as V73AX from the Kwajalein Amateur Radio club station on Kwajalein, IOTA OC-028. He has applied for the call sign V73AI. Activity has been on 20, 15 and 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call.

ALBANIA, ZA. Franta, OK1HH and Bob, OK2BOB will be QRV as ZA/home calls from September 12 to 20. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home calls.

MONTENEGRO, 4O. Chab, YT7WA is QRV as YT7WA/4O from Buljarice until September 23. Activity is on the HF bands using PSK. QSL to home call.

JAMAICA, 6Y. Juergen, DL3JH is QRV as 6Y5/DL3JH until September 22. Activity is on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

SPAIN, EA. A group of operators will be QRV as EG5INT from Columbretes Island, IOTA EU-069, from September 20 to 24. Activity



will be on the HF bands. QSL via EA5KA.

FRANCE, F. Special event station TM34CDXC is QRV from Granville, Normandy until September 22 in celebration of the 34th gathering of the Clipperton DX Club. QSL via bureau.

JERSEY, GJ. Jim, G0UPG is QRV as GJ0UPG until September 15. Activity is on the HF bands using mainly SSB. QSL to home call.

ITALY, I. Hubert, OE3FHA and Sal, IC8SQS are QRV as IC8/OE3FHA and IC8SQS from Ischia Island, IOTA EU-031, until September 22. Activity is on the HF bands and possibly 6 meters. QSL to home calls.

DJIBOUTI, J2. Christian, F5MBF is QRV as J28NC while on a three year work assignment. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via F5RQQ.

SVALBARD, JW. Operators LA8DW and LA9HH are QRV as JW8DW and JW9HH, respectively, from Spitsbergen until September 19. Activity is on the HF bands. They will be active as JW5E in the SAC CW contest. QSL JW8DW via LA8DW and JW9HH via LA9HH. QSL JW5E via operators' instructions.

GREENLAND, OX. Operators OZ0J, OZ2JI and OZ1BII are QRV as OX/OZ0J, OX3JI and XP2I, respectively, until September 17. Activity is on the HF bands depending on conditions and using mostly CW with some SSB. They will be active as XP2I in the SAC CW contest. QSL to home calls.

SWEDEN, SM. Special event station SI9AM will be QRV from the King Chulalongkorn Memorial in Ragunda on September 15 and 16. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and FM. This includes being active in the SAC CW contest. QSL via SM3CVM.

PALAU, T8. Ulf, DL5AXX is QRV as T8XX until September 28. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW. He is active as T88UE on RTTY. QSL both calls to home call.

TURKEY, TA. A group of operators will be QRV as TC6GLH from the Sinop Gerze Lighthouse. QSL via TA1HZ.

ASIATIC RUSSIA, UA0. Operators Victor, RU0ZM, Valery, UA0ZC, Vladimir, RA0ZJ and Alex, UA0ZAM are QRV as home calls/p from Starichkov Island, IOTA AS-095, until September 14. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home calls.

MICRONESIA, V6. Madison, W5MJ will be QRV as V63MJ from Pohnpei Island, IOTA OC-010, from September 15 to 22. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters, and possibly 80 meters, using CW. QSL to home call.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND, VK9X. Sadao, JA1PBV will be QRV as VK9XS from September 16 to 19. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW and RTTY. QSL to home call.

VANUATU, YJ. Rod, YJ8RN is QRV as YJ8RN/p from Loh Island, IOTA OC-110. His length of stay is unknown. Activity is mainly on 20 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest, Scandinavian Activity CW Contest, North American SSB Sprint, FISTS Get Your Feet Wet CW Weekend, NCCC Sprint CW Ladder, SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest, CIS DX QPSK63 Contest, South Carolina QSO Party, QRP Afield, Feld Hell Sprint, Washington State Salmon Run and the WAB 144 MHz QRO Phone are all on tap for this upcoming weekend. The Run for the Bacon QRP CW Contest and 144 MHz Fall Sprint are scheduled for September 17. Please see September QST, page 79 and the ARRL and WA7BNM Contest websites for details.



MASSASOIT AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION



## ***Monthly Newsletter***

### Club Officers and Committeemen

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**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.