



The SPARC

Newsletter of the Boston Amateur Radio Club

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Ramblings and Rumbings

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA, President

I am so happy that you approve of just about everything the officers and the Executive Committee are doing for you and the club. Really? Surely, there must be something that rattles you, something that you think could better meet your needs, something you believe could better the experience for other hams.

Of course, we are glad we are doing so fine, but your input (even if you agree with the status quo) is still needed. We prefer not to hear, "You ought to..." but constructive ideas are always welcome. Call, write, email me or the officers or the Executive Committee members. Better yet, come to the meetings and let us see your face (certain members may be relieved of this suggestion).

From time to time this newsletter contains controversial subjects or just dumb ideas. Stand up and let's hear from you.

Something that may either calm or irritate you: The Executive Committee has been asked to consider the wisdom of establishing acceptance criteria and procedures for new members. This may require a change to the Bylaws, but that is for later consideration. There are both benefits and pitfalls to this, but it is worth a look.

Most readers of *The SPARC* are members, but it still affects you and your club. We need your input on this since it will have a lasting and possibly legal effect on our club. The subject will be on the table at the December Business meeting. Please attend, or at least, let us know your view.

Next, I want to encourage you, your family and friends to join us at the 2007 BARC Holiday Party. For years this has been one of the highlights of the season. It's as much a ham or social event as you want to make it. The Stockyard is superb and the cost is reasonable. See the enclosed flyer and mail it back to Mike. Note that the menu selections do not have to be made at this time. We do need the body count, however.

Added to the event is our annual BARC Ham of the Year award. Please recommend a member who you believe to have made a special contribution to the club and to ham radio. Send that coupon to Mike even if you cannot attend the party.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

Never argue with idiots. They drag you down to their level, then beat you with experience.

Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

Digital TV and Radio – It's Coming Soon

The FCC has mandated the end of broadcasts of analog TV. Digital radio is here, but TV broadcasts will be another matter. Dan Brown, W1DAN, is an engineer with WBZ-TV, and he will let us know what is coming after February 2008 and how it works.

The BARC General meeting will be held on **Thursday, 15 November**. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm, but the doors open at 7:00 for a social half hour beforehand. Coffee and donuts should be available.

Our meetings are held at the Newton Police Headquarters, 1321 Washington Street, West Newton, MA. There is ample nearby parking and the location is handicap accessible. Talk-in is available on 145.230 MHz [-] 88.5.

If you have any ideas about topics that you would like to see presented, please feel free to contact one of your officers and we will see what we can do to make it happen for you. Remember, this is *your* club and we are here to serve *you*.

BARC To Operate SKYWARN Recognition Day

-- Mark Duff, KB1EKN

On Saturday, 1 December 2007, SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) will be held for the ninth straight year. SRD is an event where National Weather Service Forecast Offices get on the air and make contacts with other NWS Offices as well as all Amateurs and any Amateur Radio SKYWARN Spotters. The purpose is to thank the thousands of Amateur Radio SKYWARN Spotters whose timely reports of severe weather into NWS Forecast Offices across the country protect life and property.

BARC will participate for the fifth year from the Blue Hill Observatory in Milton. Operating hours will be from 0900 to 1500. Details will be in the November newsletter but mark your calendars now for a fun event.

Fun – you want some fun? How about an antenna held 200 feet aloft by a kite in 2004? Then there was the gale-force snowstorm in 2003. There are antennas to be installed and HF/VHF/UHF stations to be operated. We have the opportunity to meet with visitors to demonstrate and explain the relationship between weather observation and ham radio. All this at the weather station with the oldest continuous weather records in the country.

On a good day the visibility is over 100 miles from the Blue Hill Observatory. We invite you and any other hams to help and participate. Contact Mark, KB1EKN at emgmt@comcast.net.

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Women's Olympic Marathon Trials In 2008

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA

It seems a long way off, but because of the critical date, here's a heads up. The US Women's Olympic Trials will be held in Boston on Sunday, 20 April 2008. Yes, that's the day before the Boston Marathon. The event is also being managed by the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) and there should be little logistical conflict.

The 26.2 mile course is several laps around downtown Boston and Cambridge, ending at the Marathon finish line on Boylston St. Ham support has been requested but this should not affect preparations for the Marathon the next day. While assignments are not yet determined, please mark your calendar and let me know if you can plan ahead for this national event. Nationwide eyes will be on this one.

Contact Bob, WA1IDA, at walida@arrl.net or 508.650.9440.

No Ice Cream, But a Good WGBH Open House

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA

On Saturday and Sunday, 13 and 14 October, WGBH held an Open House at its shiny new digs in Brighton. The weather was sunny but chilly. For this year, the Ice Cream FunFest was put aside and we handled the transportation and remote parking logistics in an entirely new environment. Seven hams performed valiant public service as WGBH hosted thousands of their members and visitors at their new facilities. They and we expect to resume the Ice Cream Fun Fest next year.

Here are the hams who helped:

Arthur	N1NHZ
Erik	N7FYO
Ralph	N1LAH
Russ	WB1DGS
Paul	N1LRT
Stu	K3KLQ
Bob	WA1IDA

Have Breakfast With BARC

BARC holds a social breakfast on the second Sunday of each month at the Old Country Buffet in the Watertown Mall. Breakfast is served from 0800 to 1130.

We just get together, socialize and eat, without any formal club events or business. Family and friends are welcome. The extensive buffet breakfast is *very* good. The cost is reasonable (seniors get a discount).

The Old Country Buffet is in the Watertown Mall, 550 Arsenal St. in Watertown. There is plenty of parking. From Memorial Dr, continue on Greenough Blvd to the Watertown exit, turn right on Arsenal St. The #70 T bus from Central Square Cambridge to Watertown Square to Waltham stops right at the Watertown Mall. We hope to see all of you there – and bring your appetite!

eBay Auction to Benefit BARC

-- Mike Ardai, N1IST

The Icom IC-R9000 receiver has been put up for bids on eBay. All proceeds from the sale will go to BARC. Some of those proceeds are earmarked for upgrading the 145.230 repeater. The auction can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/3a8g8s> or search eBay for item number 250182181916.

BARC Volunteer Exam Sessions

The Boston Amateur Radio Club usually holds monthly VE sessions on the second Monday of each month. **Because of the Sunday holiday, the November session will be omitted.** Sessions are usually held at 7:00 pm at the Pierce School, 50 School St in Brookline, Room 110, next to the cafeteria. A map is shown on page 7.

If the Brookline Public Schools (or the Pierce School itself) is closed due to inclement weather or other problems, the exam session for that month will be canceled.

There is a free parking garage at the circular driveway. If driving, enter School St from the Washington St side (opposite 394 Washington), rather than from Harvard St. Check: www.barc.org/barc/school_map.gif : for more info.

For those traveling via the T, take the "D" branch of the Green Line to the Brookline Village station. Walk north along Harvard St 0.2 miles to School St, then turn left. The Pierce School is on the left. The #66 bus runs on Harvard St, crossing School St.

Talk in on 145.230 MHz (-), PL 88.5 Hz.

We give all exams (Technician, General, Extra, and CW). You don't need to pre-register. Please bring the following with you:

- Your current license *and a photocopy for the ARRL*, if you are upgrading
- Any CSCEs you are claiming, and a photocopy of them
- Valid ID (picture ID preferred)
- A pen and a calculator (if you want to)
- **\$14.00** (good for all the tests you take at that session, except for retests)
- Code and written tests can be taken together at the same session for the same \$14 fee.

The needed FCC forms will be provided.

For further information, contact:

Mike Ardai, N1IST, 781.321.7939 n1ist@arrl.net
Dick Doherty, KA1TUZ, 617.527.2968 ka1tuz@arrl.net

Future Exam Dates

(Second Mondays at 7:00 pm)

10 December 2007
14 January 2008
11 February 2008
10 March 2008
14 April 2008
12 May 2008

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The Holiday Party and the “BARC Ham of the Year” Are On the Horizon

One of our most successful club events has been our Holiday Party in December. From the earliest days of BARC, our members, family and friends have had a wonderful time at our purely social get together. We have selected the famous Stockyard Restaurant in Brighton again this year, and we expect to have a great time with its great food. The Stockyard has an excellent reputation and has been carefully scouted by our devoted eating team. The Holiday Party flyer gives all the details. The parking is free and the location is accessible by public transportation.

Mark the date: Wednesday, 12 December. The December General meeting is omitted.

As has become our custom, the Holiday Party is where we award the “BARC Ham of the Year.” The winner is chosen by your nomination from among the members. This means, of course, that it is up to you to recommend whom you feel most deserves the award this year. We want to recognize a BARC member for outstanding contribution to the club and to the Amateur Radio hobby.

Previous winners were:

- 1992 Mike Ardai, N1IST
- 1993 Lajos Gergely, AA1BW/HA0DR
- 1996 Dick Doherty, KA1TUZ and Bob Cassell, N1ENS
- 1997 Terry Koen, N1IWF and Arthur Ashley, N1NHZ
- 1998 Mike Kass, N1YER and Bob Wondolowski, N1KDA
- 1999 Paul Carter, N1TMF and Mike Koenemund, KB1CKF
- 2000 Mark Duff, KB1EKN
- 2001 Frank Murphy, N1DHW and Bob Salow, WA1IDA
- 2002 Jim Clogher, N1ICN
- 2003 Dick Doherty, KA1TUZ
- 2004 Blake Haskell, K1BTH
- 2005 Arthur Ashley, N1NHZ
- 2006 Jim Clogher, N1ICN

As indicated on the flyer, your cost is a \$25.00, with any excess, the tax and the gratuity paid by the club. Please bring your family and friends – with a \$5.00 discount for each. Send your check with the coupon, but menu selections need not be made in advance – just place your order at the table. If you cannot decide until the last minute, there will be a \$5.00 surcharge at the door. A cash bar will provide fortification, but you will be responsible for your own bar bills.

It is important that you return the two coupons on the Holiday Party flyer – or at least the “BARC Ham of the Year” nomination if you are not able to attend the party. The return date is set to allow enough time to notify the restaurant of the expected attendance, and for the award to be engraved for the Ham of the Year.

When everything is coming your way... you're in the wrong lane.

Winter vs. Meetings

Don't be distracted by the recent mild days. Winter will be here regardless of how many dances you do. This raises the possibility of meeting cancellations due to fierce winter conditions.

Our early warning system: Official announcements will be made – at least by 1700 before scheduled meetings – on the Boston repeater (145.230 MHz) and by a message on barc-list. Someone will be designated to monitor the repeater for inquiries. Please stay safe by checking before starting out to a meeting in threatening weather.

Got a Question? We May Have an Answer

A new (occasional) entry in this newsletter will be a Q&A for you. We will rely on you to ask the questions and we believe other readers will come to your aid with an answer.

When you pose a question, include a means for a direct answer. If you wish to remain anonymous, any answers will appear on these pages. Anyone with a valid answer is asked to provide the Editor with a copy of the answer, including the question code. Send your questions and answers to the Editor, N1TMF, at n1tmf@pvcronics.com.

Code O0710-1 Some time back I purchased a working 1970s vintage EICO oscilloscope on the cheap at a hamfest. I have never used this scope, or any scope for that matter. I say “working” because if you plug it in, you get the “beam” on the scope. My problem is that it did not come with any probes. I have always thought that one needs a specific probe for a specific oscilloscope manufacturer. Am I correct, or can any oscilloscope probe be used?

As far as learning how to use it, I am halfway there. I have an old book, *How to Use Electronic Test Instruments*, which is of only general use.

-- Jay, W1NEW; w1new@arrl.net

Eric answers Code A0710-1: Try to find a manual at <http://bama.sbc.edu> where there is a manual archive and maybe you'll find this scope in the inventory.

BARC Growth

It's a rare month when we fail to add a few new members. Periodically we publish their names so that you can give them a special welcome. There may also be some upgrades and long lost members who rejoin, so greet them, too.

Scott McKee NT5SM
Bob Tandler W1RKT

Please welcome the new BARC members and congratulate the new upgrades. Make it a point to introduce yourself when you see them at a meeting. In addition, we would like to note here all call sign changes. If you fit any of these categories, please promptly notify the Keeper of the Database, Bob Salow, WA1IDA at: 508.650.9440 or email: w1ida@arrl.net.

New Contesters – You Can Do Better

-- Sean Kutzko, KX9X, ARRL Contest Branch Manager
-- From ARRL Letter, 19 October 2007

One of the most common questions I've heard from hams new to contesting is: "What's the best way I can make more contacts in a contest?" The answer is simple: Call CQ.

Nothing brings more QSOs in the log faster than finding a frequency and calling "CQ Contest!" Scanning the bands looking for new stations, while very important, is time-consuming; the successful contestant finds a balance between scanning the band looking for new QSOs or multipliers and having stations come to **them**. Casual stations not concerned with the time limit in a contest will scan the bands all day and night. This technique works no matter what your power level is; many a QRPer has held a frequency for a time and worked stations much faster this way.

If you're looking to take your contesting to the next level, find a frequency and call CQ; by making the casual stations come to **you**, you'll get more QSOs in your log, and improve your score.

Looking Ahead At Public Service

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA

When hams engage in public service as mandated by the FCC Rules, the benefits go well beyond just following the rules. We can enjoy our hobby - have fun! We protect the health and safety of event participants, and we support worthy charities. We learn to work within an organized effort and we experience the aspects of operating under adverse conditions. We practice communicating under emergency conditions.

Throughout the year BARC coordinates numerous public service events. Most of these are open to hams who are new to helping at such events as well as experienced hams. Here is a general look ahead at some of the events in 2007 that we will be asked to support. Formal recruiting will not take place until closer to each event. Feel free to contact Bob Salow, WA1IDA, if you have any questions - wa1ida@arrl.net or 508.650.9440.

- **SKYWARN Recognition Day** – 1 December – at Blue Hill Observatory, Milton.
- **Women's Olympic Marathon Trials** – 20 April 2008 – Boston and Cambridge.

Other events may jump in on short notice. Among our skills is the ability to apply our technical, organizational and staffing quickly and proficiently. Join our team and join in the fun and learning.

A License Class in a Modified Weekend

We are still waiting for the contractor to complete the renovations at the Zola Center in Newton before we can schedule the Technician course. The project may have to be on hold until spring 2008. We are looking for instructors and helpers to work on some of the details that make a plan work. Jump in by contacting Eric, K1NUN, at k1nun@netscape.net.

BARC QSO Cards

-- Arthur Ashley, N1NHZ

BARC now has Eyeball QSO cards displaying our Web URL and email address.

When giving a card to a non-ham, pre-ham or ham, please personalize the card by writing your on-the-air name and call sign in the "Guest of:" space at the bottom of the card.


The back of the card is blank. That's another opportunity for you to personalize the card. You can write a summary of your QSO or other information that you want to pass on to your recipient.

For instance, if you are giving a QSO card to a ham, please invite them to check into BARC-Net. You can write "Monday, 9:00 pm, 145.230 MHz, (-), PL=88.5," etc. on the back of the card.



Cards have been given to members at recent Business and General meetings with a request that they email me at n1nhz@arrl.net with their experiences and opinions of the cards.

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Minutes of the BARC Business Meeting

1 November 2007; Recorded by Tom Bertolino, KB1OKP,
Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1940. Attending were:

Arthur Ashley	N1NHZ	
Tom Bertolino	KB1OKP	
Jim Clogher	N1ICN	Treasurer
Dick Doherty	KA1TUZ	
Mark Duff	KB1EKN	
Eric Falkof	K1NUN	Vice President
Scott McKee	NT5SM	
Bob Salow	WA1IDA	President

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Committee Reports -

Treasurer: Bank balance - \$2746.60

Repeater Audio appears to drop out at receiver; needs work. No further information has been received regarding 70 cm mitigation.

Public Service Coming: SKYWARN Appreciation Day, 1 December 2007. Discussion on attracting participants and observers.

Asset Disposition Icom Receiver, IC-R9000, on eBay. Bids rising rapidly.

Other Business -

A decision was reached by the Executive Committee to withdraw from the Marathon Amateur Radio Communications Consortium (MARC). Individual hams are encouraged to participate in the Boston Marathon ham support. Bob will send a message to MARC.

There was discussion about establishing an approval process for new member applications. Related information has been received from other clubs but it is inconclusive. The matter was tabled and will be brought up at the December Business meeting. Anyone with thoughts about this should attend.

The flyer for the 2007 Holiday Party was approved with a little modification from last year. Following the success last year, the party will be held again at the Stockyard Restaurant in Brighton. Members, their families and guests are invited. The club will cover the tax, gratuity and any differential charges. Individuals will be responsible for their own bar bills.

The November newsletter will need help for folding and related operations at the Cambridge Galleria Food Court.

Arthur suggested exploring how to arrange for a short-notice alternate net control for BARC-net when Joe, W1JF, is not available.

Solutions include identifying qualified operators who could then be notified by Joe if he cannot be the net control. Another solution is for Arthur (or someone else) to open the net, take checkins and then ask for someone to take over as net control. Arthur will write the simple procedure for continuing the net.

To attract more hams to our meetings, Arthur suggested posting the next General meeting topic on barc-list. Eric suggested an article in the newsletter reviewing the past General meeting presentation, and also post it on barc-list.

We agreed to renew our club listing in *World Radio* for \$70.

Eric, with Phil, agreed to look into a simple antenna building project for a General meeting topic. At club expense, members could assemble a 2-meter portable J-pole antenna using 300 ohm twin-lead.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2130.

****The Business meeting is where the real business of BARC is conducted. If you have any suggestions, questions or comments,

this is where to bring them. **All members are welcome (and encouraged) to attend these meetings.**

The next Business meeting will be held Thursday, December 6 (first Thursday of the month), starting at **7:30 pm**. Meetings are held at the **Newton Police Headquarters**, 1321 Washington St, West Newton which is handicap accessible. There is ample parking on-the street and in nearby public lots. Maps appear on page 7 of this newsletter.

Talk-in is available on 145.230 MHz [-], CTCSS 88.5 Hz.

Future Business Meeting Dates

(First Thursday at 7:30 pm)

6 Dec 2007
3 Jan 2008
7 Feb 2008
6 Mar 2008
3 Apr 2008
1 May 2008

You Can Take Over the BARC Net

What happens when the regular Net Control is not on the air at the assigned time? Don't look around – look in the mirror. It's up to you. Don't be scared – it's a lot easier than you think. Grab a pencil, some paper and your radio. Calm down and start this way:

Any further business for the repeater before we begin the Boston Amateur Radio Club Net? This is <<**YOUR CALL**>>.

Calling the Boston Amateur Radio Club net. This is <<**YOUR CALL**>>, my name is <<**YOUR NAME**>> and I am located in <<**YOUR TOWN**>>. This net meets each Monday evening at 9 pm Eastern Time on the 145.230 Boston repeater, PL 88.5. This net is an informal round table discussion concerning matters of interest to the members of the Boston Amateur Radio Club and the Boston Amateur Radio community in general. When checking into the net, please say, "this is" and drop your carrier to check on doubling. Then give your call sign, name and location. All amateurs are welcome to join the net. Any checkins for the Boston Amateur Radio Club net please call now.

Ask each checkin in turn for a comment or contribution of wisdom.

When all the participants have had their say...

Is there any further business for the net before I close?

Hearing nothing, this is <<**YOUR CALL**>> closing tonight's session of the Boston Amateur Radio Club Net. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the net and those who stood by while I ran the net. The Boston Amateur Radio Club Net will return next Monday evening at 9 pm Eastern Time. This is <<**YOUR CALL**>> returning the repeater to general amateur use; 73.

Feel good? You should. You just ran the BARC-net.



**The Clay Center Observatory
welcomes BARC members**
www.claycenter.org

Public Astronomy Nights, Astronomy Day Events,
Amateur Radio Classes, Amateur Radio Youth Club,
Community and Adult Education, Weather Festival,
Science Lecture Series, Educational Outreach

20 Newton St., Brookline; near Larz Anderson Park

Future General Meeting Dates

(Third Thursdays at 7:30 pm)

- 15 November 2007
- 12 December 2007 (*Holiday Party, no General Meeting*)
- 17 January 2008
- 21 February 2008
- 20 March 2008
- 17 April 2008

I See the Future

- 10 Nov FARA Flea (Bourne)
- 11 Nov BARC Breakfast
- 15 Nov BARC General Meeting
- 1 Dec SKYWARN Appreciation Day (Milton)
- 6 Dec BARC Business Meeting
- 9 Dec BARC Breakfast
- 10 Dec BARC VE Exams
- 12 Dec BARC Holiday Party
- 3 Jan 2008 BARC Business Meeting
- 16 Feb 2008 AARC Flea (Marlboro)
- 6 Apr 2008 FARA Flea (Framingham)
- 20 Apr 2008 US Women's Olympic Marathon Trials (Rp)

(Rp) = BARC repeater(s) may be used

As you might expect, there are many more events (public service, hamfests, flea markets, etc.) taking place - some only peripheral to ham radio. For information on these, covering New England and some of New York, the "Ham - Electronic Flea Market" and the "PSLIST" lists tell the story. They are posted by e-mail to barc-list and on PBBSs regularly. If needed, contact any club member who has access to these.

Your Personal Ad Could Have Been Here

Are you a depressed BARC member because you have a treasure you must turn to cash and you couldn't make it to the last flea market? Well, cheer up, Bunky! *The SPARC* will run your (non-business) ad for free. Of course, a 10% donation if you sell it (and of course you will) will be cheerfully accepted. Just send your ad to Editor Paul Carter, NITMF.

Your Company Can Advertise Here

The SPARC accepts commercial advertisements. BARC encourages monthly promotion of your products and services which would be of interest to hundreds of our members and others interested in the Amateur Radio Service.

Rates for display advertising are:

- 1 col x 2 in. (business card) \$10 per issue
- 1 col x 2 in. (business card) \$50 per 6 consecutive months
- 1 col x 2 in. (business card) \$90 per 12 consecutive months
- 1 col x 4 in. (1/2 column) \$20 per issue
- 1 col x 9.5 in. (full column) \$40 per issue

Originals of ads must be presented to the Editor in MS Word or .jpg format to print 1:1. Other composition will be at extra cost. We will be glad to quote other ad sizes and durations.

Members are urged to seek prospective advertisers who are appropriate to our readers.

For additional information, contact Paul Carter at n1tmf@pvetronics.com or 617.232.6982; or Bob Salow at walida@arri.net or 508.650.9440.

PowerPole Connectors and Tool Available

Anderson® PowerPole® connectors are the standard for ARES and most other ham uses. They allow reliable, interchangeable power connections. BARC has the special tool to make the crimped connections. We have a supply of the connector bodies and contacts to enable each member to have two full sets free. Additional connector pairs are \$1/pair.

Tools and connectors can be available at any meeting for installation, instruction, and assistance. Contact Bob, WA1IDA, before the meeting and the kit will be brought.

Check Us on the Internet!

-- Mike Ardai, N1IST

The Boston Amateur Radio Club has a web page at <http://www.barc.org>. Here you can find some of the latest BARC news, sample exams, maps to our meetings and VE sessions, links to other radio clubs, and a club roster (only names, call signs, and e-mail addresses are on-line). Note that the roster information is in graphic form and cannot be harvested. If you have any suggestions, please let me know at nlist@arri.net.

Now on our web page are the club articles:

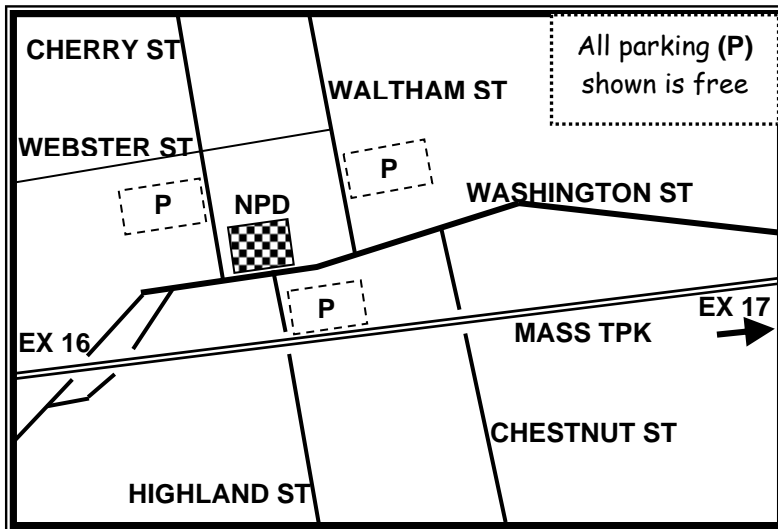
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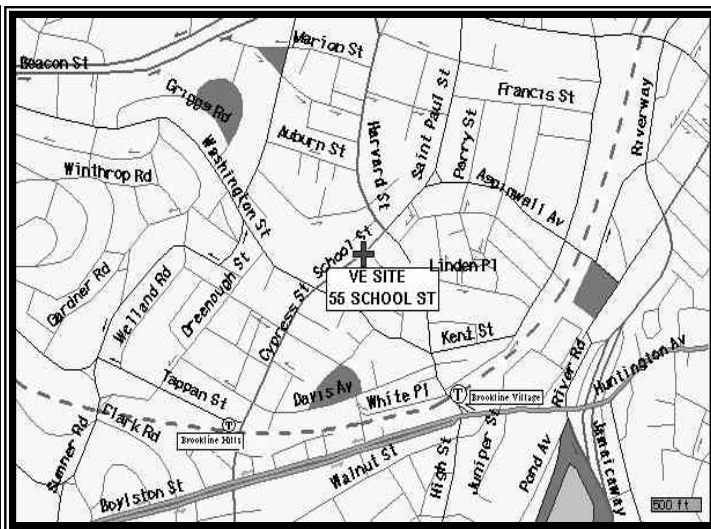
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We also run a club e-mail list via qth.net. You can subscribe, unsubscribe, or manage your qth.net subscriptions at <http://www.qth.net>. This change applies to all mailing lists previously on qth.net directly.

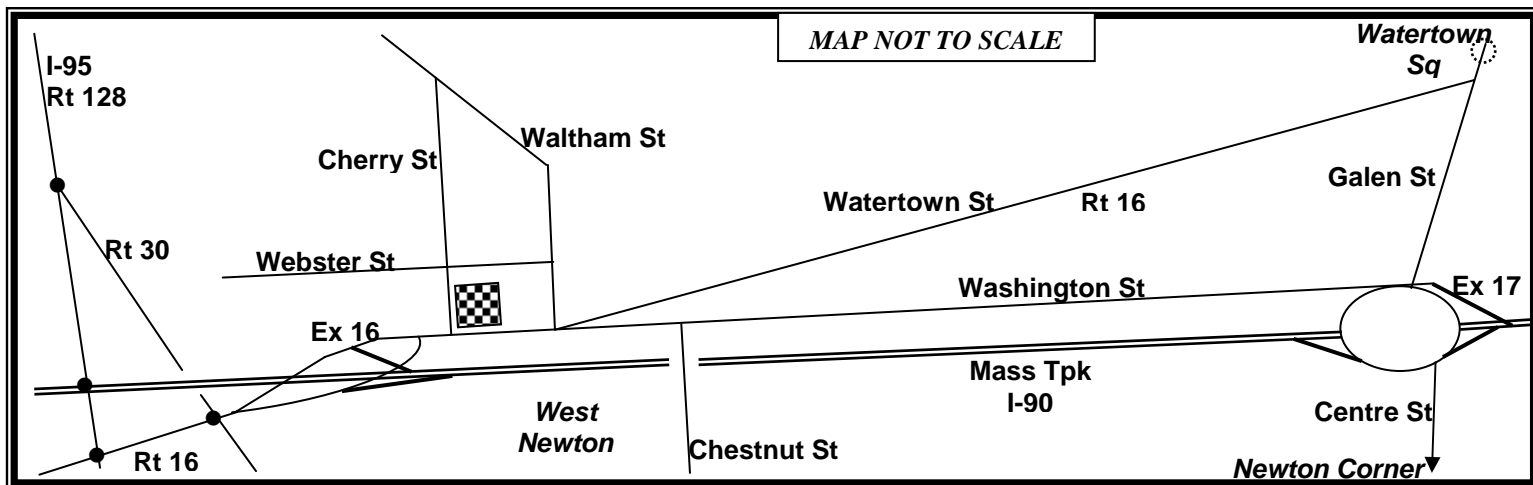
Don't squat with your spurs on.



BARC Meeting Location
 Newton Police Dept., 1321 Washington St., West Newton



VE Session – Pierce School
 50 School Street, Brookline, Room 110 next to the cafeteria



MAP NOT TO SCALE

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The Boston Amateur Radio Club is a non-commercial association of persons interested in the Amateur Radio Service. The Club is organized for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and education, for the establishment of emergency communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies, for the advancement of the radio art and the public welfare, for the representation of the radio amateur in legislative and regulatory matters, and for the maintenance of collegiality and a high standard of conduct.

The Club is open to all persons interested in Amateur Radio without regard to race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, disability, or sexual preference. Our General and Business meeting locations are handicap accessible. Other meeting and activity locations may be handicap accessible by arrangement.

The Club is an ARRL-affiliated Special Service Club, and is a member of the Council of Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Clubs (CEMARC), and the New England Spectrum Management Council (NESMC). The Club is a participant in Partnerships Advancing Technical Hobbies Which Attract Youth to Science (PATHWAYS). The Club is also an associate member of the Courage Handi-Hams system.

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BEWARE FEBRUARY 2008

That's when the FCC has declared an end to analog television broadcasts. With the clearer pictures of digital TV you are more likely to stay awake in front of your new picture.

Dan Brown, W1DAN, an engineer with WBZ-TV, will present the lowdown on the high definition video and audio soon to be in the ether. Don't want to give up your fuzzy old analog TV? Dan will let us know how to get around in the digital world (it may cost you a few bucks).

Come to the November General meeting and get the word.

The next General Meeting is:
15 November 2007 at 7:30 pm (doors open at 7:00)
at the Newton Police Headquarters
Community Room
1321 Washington Street
West Newton
Parking in nearby lots
Talk-in on 145.230 MHz (CTCSS 88.5 Hz)

Help eradicate blank space!

Get your news, views, stories and other contributions for the November issue of *The SPARC* to Editor, Paul Carter, N1TMF, no later than December 7, 2007.

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*It's that time
of the year!*

Boston Amateur Radio Club

2007 Holiday Party

Here's why you must not pass this up:

1. Past experience has shown that you are guaranteed to have a good time,
2. You will be among the members and friends of the *Boston Amateur Radio Club*.
3. The BARC gourmet and gluttony departments praise it far and wide.
4. Good food at a reasonable price.
5. You get to vote on the BARC "Ham of the Year," and watch the winner squirm.
6. It's for you, your family and your friends (if any).

Here's what's happenin':

Where:

Stockyard Restaurant
135 Market Street
Brighton MA 02135

When:

Wednesday, 12 December 2007
7:00 pm
(The regular club meeting is suspended.)

Free parking in the adjacent lot ♦ Ⓣ buses #86 and #84 stop nearby ♦ Talk in on 145.230

Food ?? Of course !!

The coupon below will guide you to choices you can make at the table. There is no need to decide now.

Cost ?? We knew you'd ask !!

It's a bargain at \$25.00 per person (tax and gratuity included). Reserve seats for yourself, your family and your friends by sending your check, *payable to BARC*, with the coupon below, and get it in the mail quickly. Take a \$5.00 discount for each of your guests. If you must delay, there will be a \$5.00 per person surcharge added at the door.

Nominate your choice for the 2007 BARC Ham of the Year on the other coupon below.

Send *both* coupons below to: **Mike Ardai, N1IST**
41 Williams Street
Malden MA 02148

Send before 16 November 2007
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A party? Of course we'll be there!

Make menu selections at the table.

Body Count: _____

Boneless Breast of Chicken	Salad
Sirloin Strip Steak	Potato
Prime Rib of Beef – Princess Cut	Coffee, Tea
Fresh Boston Schrod	Dessert
Baked Scallops	

You will be responsible for your own bar bills

Name _____ Call Sign _____

Email _____ Phone _____

2007 BARC Ham of the Year

I nominate: _____

Because: _____
