



The SPARC

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Ramblings and Rumbings

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA, Acting President

It's a relief to know that we have arranged a location for BARC meetings. We have reestablished a relationship with The Salvation Army (perhaps better than we had before) to use one of their rooms to our advantage. As you know, our next meeting will be Thursday, 18 September 2008.

As you see above, I have taken the title of "Acting President." Understand that this has little meaning since over this next year I am withdrawing from my club burdens and am trying to pass my activities to others. I will then become an ordinary, active and interested club member.

If it isn't clear to you, I will tell you: **BARC needs a President** now and in the future – especially *now*. At the last election we failed to nominate and elect a President. Like all organizations, this club needs leadership and guidance. It's not a big task, but a breathing individual has to wear the hat. We are fortunate to have a number of hard working, smart members who take on the various duties and tasks necessary for the club to function as the best in the area. It is the President who coordinates and steers these activities. Added support to the President comes from experienced members ready to mentor.

Nominations are still open for President. Step up to help not only the members, but all hams in this area. Contact any officer so we can move forward at the next meeting with a running start.

We Have a New BARC Meeting Location

By agreement with The Salvation Army in Boston, we will again hold our meetings at their Boston HQ, beginning in September. The location is handicap accessible, and free parking is available in the adjacent lot.

The building address is 147 Berkeley St in Boston, but the entrance is on Columbus Ave. Nearby **T** stations are Back Bay on the Orange Line and Commuter Rail; and either Arlington or Copley on the Green Line. A map is shown on page 7 of this newsletter.

Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Since we hold only one meeting each month, the first 30 to 45 minutes will be devoted to any necessary business, followed by the meeting program.

If you have any ideas about topics that you would like to see presented at future meetings, please feel free to contact one of your officers. Remember – this is *your* club and we are here to help *you* have fun and get the most out of ham radio.

End of Summer Picnic and BBQ

-- Mark Duff, KB1EKN

Mark your calendar – the BARC Summer Picnic and BBQ will be held on **Sunday, 14 September** at the Bare Cove Fire Museum in Hingham. It is open to all members and guests. The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, salad, chips, cold drinks and an open barbeque for anyone to use for their own meat or other vittles. No alcohol is allowed.

The picnic will take place rain or shine since we have indoor access. Note also that the Fire Museum will be open for visitors.

We advise arrival around 1330, with serving at 1400. This will allow some flexibility for the new MBTA Greenbush Commuter Rail Line schedule. The train station is "West Hingham." The museum is about 1/3 of a mile in on a road directly across from the train platform. If it appears desirable, we may run some type of a shuttle from the station. A convenient outbound train leaves South Station at 1255, and arrives at West Hingham at 1328. An inbound train leaves West Hingham at 1617 and arrives at South Station at 1653. A complete schedule can be found at: www.mbta.com/schedules_and_maps/rail/lines/?route=GREENBSH&direction=O&timing=U&RedisplayTime=Redisplay+Time

To help the planning, you and your family must sign up for this great time. If you want to help or just eat, send me an email at: emgmt@comcast.net. Please let me know *before 5 September* with how many will be in your party and your mode of transportation. Travel and other details can be provided when you are signed up.

Information on the Bare Cove Fire Museum can be found at: www.barecovefiremuseum.org/bcfm_inside.htm.

VE Session Omitted in August

The Boston Amateur Radio Club usually holds monthly VE sessions on the second Monday of each month, except for a break in the summer months. Sessions are 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.

For further information, contact:

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Duct tape is like The Force; it has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.

ICS-100 Training at Boxboro

-- Tom Kinahan, N1CPE, Massachusetts State RACES Radio Officer

I've arranged to have an ICS-100 training class at the ARRL NE Division Convention in Boxboro on Friday, 22 August at 0900.

You must sign up in advance for this course. Please visit the MEMA training calendar for more details:

<http://mass.gov/mema>

ICS-100 is one of the very basic training classes needed to participate in any organized Emergency Management activity as a communicator or any other position. Everyone involved in Emergency Communications should take this class, either online or in a structured class like this.

This is an open class, for anyone to attend. Since it's at Boxborough, I'd like to fill it with hams, if possible. I can answer basic questions on the course, but it's MEMA scheduling the course, and most questions are best addressed by them. You can contact me at n1cpe@arrl.net.

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. We support worthy charities. We learn to work within an organized effort. We experience the technical aspects of operating under adverse conditions. We practice communicating under emergency conditions. We can demonstrate these qualities to the communities we serve and thus promote our service for their acceptance.

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 2008 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.

- *BAA Half Marathon - 12 October 2008* - Boston
- *SKYWARN Recognition Day - 6 December 2008* - Blue Hill Observatory (Milton)

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.

Zoom Text Impaired for Vision Impaired

-- Mike Ardai, N1IST

The screen reader and enlargement software for vision impaired users called Zoom Text may have a bug in some of its versions. This may cause difficulty reading frame-based web pages such as BARC's at www.barc.org. Users should contact the publisher, AI Squared, for an upgrade.

Book Reviews Planned

-- Arthur Ashley, N1NHZ

Recently, I have been reading book reviews. I wasn't especially interested in the books being reviewed, however. My goal was to learn how to write book reviews. It's a style of writing that I knew very little about.

Remember those oral and written book reports that you gave when you were back in school? Does the writer of a book review write to merely give his or her opinion, pro or con, of the book being reviewed or to agree or disagree with the book's author?

Does the writer of a book review write to build up suspense and interest in readers of book reviews and potential readers of the book being reviewed? Are there other aspects to the writing of book reviews that I am not even aware of? In recent days I have enjoyed browsing and sampling several book reviews but I still am not sure of the answers to these questions.

Several members have agreed with me that an occasional article reviewing books related to ham radio would enhance the interest of other members. Perhaps some of you who do more reading than hamming could review your recent reads and send an article to the Editor. Of course, anyone should feel free to review books you have read regarding or including references to ham radio. Don't worry about your grammar or composition - that's what the Editor is for. Read, digest, write, send. See your name in print.

Whither the BARC UHF Repeater?

Our 70 cm repeater on 447.175 MHz (-), CTCSS 110.9 Hz, has been reduced in power to accommodate the US Air Force claim of potential interference to the PavePaws radar on Cape Cod. This request, through the FCC and ARRL, applies to all 70 cm repeaters in this area. Since the government has primary use of this band, we must comply.

As expected, the coverage of this repeater has changed significantly, and we want to determine the new conditions. If you are able, try to make a contact on this repeater and note your result. Then please send an email report to w1bos@arrl.net with the following information:

- Your name and call
- Location of test
- Type of radio, antenna and power output
- Could you maintain a contact?
- Quality of received signal

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, N1TMF.

Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your mouth is moving.

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BAA Half Marathon Needs Hams

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA

After seven years of successful events, the Boston Athletic Association Half Marathon now takes its place as a "Boston Tradition." Ham radio has established its community value at times like these. We have been asked again to support safety and administrative communications. With a little fine tuning, including many ideas from hams, the event is expected to be even better than last year.

For those who have done this event before, you know the road conditions still call for our best support for the athletes. We need you again, and the Race Director has asked for even more ham help (that's what happens when we are appreciated).

If you are new to ham public service (or don't have much familiarity with it), this is the way to become familiar without much pressure. For hams, this is an easy introduction and an appreciated community service.

The course starts and finishes at Clemente Park in the Fenway. It proceeds along the Riverway, Jamaica Way and Arborway to the Franklin Park Zoo and return. This is the "Emerald Necklace" and is one of the most beautiful locations in Boston.

☞ Date: **Sunday, 12 October 2008**

☞ Ham start: 0600

☞ Ham finish: 0930 to 1130 (depending on location)

Yes, I know it is the day before Columbus Day. The upside is it starts early and ends early, leaving plenty of time to enjoy the long weekend. Your help is greatly needed to continue this as a superb event and to uphold our reputation for dependable support. Our assignments consist of monitoring hazardous and critical locations along the course, and the medical/support stations. As we did last year, we plan to use a 2-meter repeater and possibly a 70-cm repeater. A hand-held with a good battery and an antenna better than a "rubber duck" is the way to go.

If you can help, please contact me as soon as possible. I will email the assignments and more detail as soon as they are available. For most assignments, you can go directly to your station. Please send me your best email address and a phone number (cell, also). Parking should be available very close to each assignment. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at wa1ida@arrl.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 professional tool to make the crimped connections. We have a supply of the connector bodies and contacts to enable each member to have a full mated pair set (two red, two black, four contacts) free. Additional connector sets are \$1/set.

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.

No August BARC Meeting

But we will be back bigger and better than ever in September!

With our meeting structure changes, the first 30 to 45 minutes will be pending business, followed by the main topic of the month. Both portions of this particular meeting are important.

The General meetings are held starting at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Salvation Army third floor auditorium, 147 Columbus Avenue, at the corner of Berkeley and Columbus. Our meetings are convenient to public transportation. Nearest T stations are Back Bay on the Orange line (exit the rear of the station) and Arlington on the Green line.

Parking is available; the entrance to the parking lot is from Columbus Ave. (across the street from the firehouse). It is also T accessible; the nearest T stations are Back Bay on the Orange and Purple lines (exit the rear of the station by the bus way and walk down Columbus) and Copley or Arlington on the Green line. A map appears on page 7 of the newsletter.

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BARC Business Notes

The Treasurer reports an account balance of \$4039.58 as of 1 August 2008.

Our liability insurance policy has been renewed.

The next public service event is the BAA Half Marathon on 12 October.

The BARC Summer Picnic and BBQ will be held on Sunday, 14 September at the Fire Museum in Hingham. MBTA train service runs from South Station to West Hingham, a short walk from the site.

There will be no change in the schedule for BARC breakfasts until the start of 2009. It is presently held on the second Sunday of each month, year round, at the Old Country Buffet in Watertown. Beginning in January, the date will be moved to the third Sunday.

Future BARC Meeting Dates

(Third Thursdays at 7:00 pm)

(No Meetings in July and August)

18 September 2008

16 October 2008

It's Boxboro Time

The **2008 ARRL New England Division Convention** will take place at the Holiday Inn in Boxboro MA on Friday, 22 August to Sunday, 24 August. Tickets are \$15.00 for the 3 days. Visit their web site at www.boxboro.org/home.html for ticket and program information.

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A Review of a Book Review

-- Eric Falkof, K1NUN

By now, you may have seen reviews of *Ham Radio's Technical Culture* by Kristen Haring (ISBN 0-262-08355-8), and probably have mixed opinions, based on which reviews you read. On the one hand, you read the discussion, <http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?ttype=2&tid=10967>, and reviews <http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/6403>, on eHam which, themselves were mixed. Or perhaps you saw the review in *QST* (March, 2007). Then again, maybe you saw a review in the *San Francisco Chronicle* (Sep. 30, 2007) that also described the book. Or maybe somewhere else...

My purpose is not to review the book. This has been adequately managed, although I have my own opinions. I intend to review the reviews and reviewers.

On the whole, the reviews are favorable. They describe the book's contents accurately and fairly. They give credence to the concept there is a culture within Hamdom. However, they all take issue with two major concepts: the research method and the author's relationship of Radio Hams with homosexuality.

First, the research method. Haring states she used primary sources of the period she defined. Note well, she limited the time frame clearly: the 1930s to the 1970s. One commenter on eHam said he was there and she should have asked him to comment about events and goings-on at the time. Of course, Haring anticipated this by specifically confining her research to newspapers and magazine accounts and letters of the days under discussion. The Old Timer who wanted to be a resource would likely suffer from selective memories and might taint the researcher. Haring knew that was likely and said in the preface that that was why she was not interviewing anybody and was confining her research to the thinking of the day, as recounted at that time.

Naturally, this would omit some detail or event, but that is the researcher's choice, and she explained why she was doing her research in this way. She acknowledged the risk and asked the reader to be tolerant.

Secondly, tolerance is a double-edged sword. She seemed to relate the culture of ham radio operators with a homosexual culture. Not that hams are gay, but that the culture exhibited similarities to a homosexual culture. For example, lack of women in the advertisements, an almost totally male population, solitary and isolated workshops, and so forth. In my opinion (and I'm going out on a limb here), I believe Haring's opinion is shaped by her own personal experience and she is placing it on ham radio. To wit, she said she was not a ham but experienced ham radio through a friend or family friend. To wit, her brother, Keith Haring, was a famous contemporary artist who was gay. I speculate the ham friend *might* have been a friend of Keith's and who *might* have been gay. Thus, if you accept my conjecture, she might have a foundation for thinking ham radio operators are, or exhibit similarities to, a gay culture. The online and print reviewers criticized her for her opinion, but I believe they took her premise as judgment, not as an observed parallel relationship.

Kristen Haring acknowledges the contributions of hams during the time she studied. In no way does she ever disparage our hobby or the service. Her credentials speak well of her as a scholar (Ph.D. from Harvard, Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Pennsylvania, math scholar), so she should be listened to and treated with respect.

We have the option to listen closely to Haring or her detractors. I choose to make up my own mind.

President Needed

President (vacant)

You see that we do not have a formal President. We need a formal President. We need you to step forward to help lead the best club in this area. Nominations are still open!



**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

New Hams Need Help

-- Eric Falkof, K1NUN

As you read this, with BARC support, eight new hams have emerged from a class of students with limited physical abilities. Several BARC members taught a Technician Class course at the Irving K. Zola Center for Persons with Disabilities in Newton – with a 73% success rate. We will coach the rest and we are certain that they will pass the next exam.

As we all know, getting a call sign is only the beginning of becoming a ham. Think of what you knew the day your license arrived compared to what you know today. These new licensees will now be BARC members who need your help in moving from license holders to real hams. You can assist them and benefit yourself. Contact Tom, KB1OKP, at thbe125@yahoo.com or 781.395.5538 to lend a hand.

Got a Question? We May Have an Answer

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

When you pose a question, include a means for a direct answer. Your answer will appear on these pages. Answer providers are asked to send the Editor a copy of the answer, including the question code. Send your questions and answers to the Editor, N1TMF, at n1tmf@pvetronics.com.

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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 (although we rarely stay beyond 1000).

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!

BARC Volunteer Exam Sessions

We usually hold monthly VE sessions on the second Monday of each month. Sessions begin at 7:00 pm at the Pierce School, 50 School St, Brookline, Room 110, next to the cafeteria.

Note that since exams are not held during July and August, the next session will be on Monday, 8 September 2008.

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. See the map on page 7. Also 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, and Extra). 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 CSEs 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)

The needed FCC forms will be provided.

For further information, contact:

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Jim Clogher, N1ICN, 617.364.4658 nlicn@arrl.net

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

Future Exam Dates

(Second Mondays at 7:00 pm)

(No Exams in July and August)

8 September 2008

(October session omitted because of Columbus Day holiday)

10 November 2008

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.

Eric Burns	KB1QFI
Howie Faverman	KB1QVY
Peter Grace	AI6PG (new call)
Jeff Hutter	KB1QVW
Joshua McGinnis	KB1QQZ
Sam Ranger	KB1QVS
Cris Spacone	KB1QVZ
Bob Staulo	KB1QVX
Donna Suskawicz	KB1QVT
Jean Tsutsumi	KB1QVV
Mark Walters	KB1QVU

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: wa1ida@arrl.net.

I See the Future

22-24 Aug	ARRL NE Div Convention (Boxboro)
8 Sep	BARC VE Session
14 Sep	BARC Picnic & BBQ (Hingham)
14 Sep	BARC Breakfast
18 Sep	BARC Meeting
20 Sep	RIFMRS Flea (Forestdale RI)
21 Sep	MIT Flea (Cambridge)
10-11 Oct	NEAR Fest (Deerfield NH)
12 Oct	BAA Half Marathon (Rp)
12 Oct	BARC Breakfast
18 Oct	NE Antique RC (Manchester NH)
16 Oct	BARC Meeting
19 Oct	MIT Flea (Cambridge)

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

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Tubs of Tubes

-- Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

The other day I got a call from a guy whose website I'm working on. He says he's calling from the Ann Arbor Reuse Center and that they have two tubs full of vacuum tubes there. He asked, "Do you know anyone who might want them?"

"How much are they asking for them?" I reply.

"Ten cents a piece."

"How many are there?"

"I'd guess about two hundred."

"Well, tell them I'll give him 20 bucks for all of them."

He tells them that I'll give them \$20 for the lot. I hear some mumbling. He comes back on the line and says they're negotiating. After a minute or two, he says, "OK. You got them. How do I get to your house?"

I gave him directions, and in about 15 minutes, he pulls up to my house, gets out, opens the hatch, and pulls out two plastic tubs and a cardboard box with vacuum tubes in them. I can tell he was way off in his estimate. There must be at least 400 tubes in all.

There's nothing really exotic - most of them seem to have been taken out of old TV sets - but I did find a couple of 6J6s. These are the tubes used for the single-tube transmitter I have been thinking about building (see http://wv7g.home.mindspring.com/jones_6j6.html for more info). In one of the tubs, there was even a socket for the 6J6.

There are also a bunch of 6SK7s. According to the RCA tube manual, these tubes were often used as RF or IF amplifiers. That sounds like the beginning of a receiver project, doesn't it? In fact, 6SK7s were used in the receiver section of the ParaSet (www.mines.uidaho.edu/~glowbugs/paraset.htm), a "spy radio" used during WWII.

And, of course, there are a bunch of rectifiers to make a power supply. Now, all I have to find some cheap transformers. Anyone know a good source for them?

When he's not wondering what he's going to do with more than 400 vacuum tubes, KB6NU works CW and PSK on the HF bands and blogs about ham radio at www.kb6nu.com. You can reach him by e-mail at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

FCC To Raise Vanity Call Sign Fees

The FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase from \$11.70 to \$12.30. The fee will increase 30 days after notice of the increase is published in the Federal Register but no date has yet been set for publication. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

Those holding "personalized" call signs issued prior to 1996 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, as Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect

regulatory fees until 1993. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Commercial Ads in *The SPARC*

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

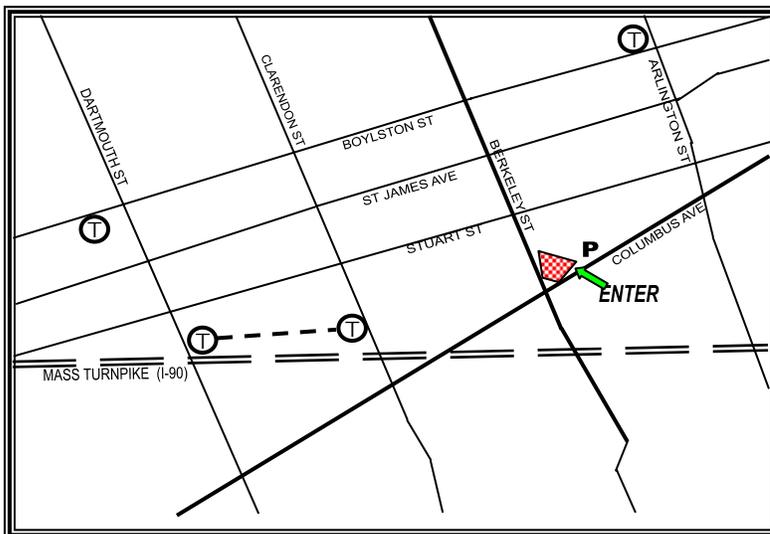
Originals of ads must be presented to the Editor in MS Word or .jpg format to print 1:1. Other composition will be at extra cost. We will be glad to quote other ad sizes and durations.

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

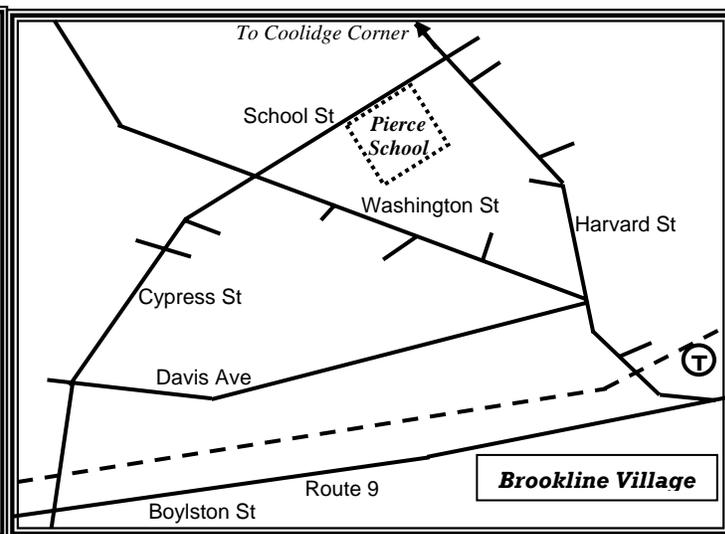
For additional information, contact Paul Carter at n1tmf@pvcronics.com or 617.232.6982; or Bob Salow at walida@arrl.net or 508.650.9440.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in his or her shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away, and you have their shoes.

When all else fails...
Amateur Radio



Regular Meeting – Boston Salvation Army
Corner of Berkeley St. and Columbus Ave.



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

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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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Greater Boston Net Directory

Daily 5:30 pm	Eastern Mass/Rhode Island Phone Net (NTS)	3.915
Daily 7 and 10 pm	Eastern Mass/Rhode Island CW Net (NTS)	3.658
Daily 8 pm	Eastern Mass 2M Traffic Net (NTS)	145.230 (PL 88.5)
Daily 8 pm	Slow Speed CW Net	28.160
Daily 10:00 pm	Heavy Hitters Traffic Net (NTS)	MMRA-linked repeaters: 146.610, 146.670, 146.715, 146.820, and all 222 and 440 repeaters
First Mon 8:30 pm	EMA Section ARES Net	146.610 and all MMRA links
Mon 9 pm	BARC Club Net	145.230 (PL 88.5)
Tue 8 pm	MMRA Club Net	146.610 and all MMRA links
Wed 8 pm	Wellesley Amateur Radio Society Net	147.030; 444.600 (PL 88.5)
Wed 9 pm	HHTN Swap Net	146.640
Thu 8:30 pm	AMSAT Net	146.640
Sat 9 am	Northeast SATERN Net	7.265
Sun 9:30 am	Yankee SSB Net	50.275
Sun 8 pm	Algonquin Amateur Radio Club Net	446.675 (PL 88.5)
Sun 8:30 pm	NSRA Net (with Newsline)	145.470

Repeaters: 145.23 (-) PL 88.5 447.175 (-) PL 110.9

Simplex: 147.42

WHAT ? NO AUGUST MEETING ??

Yep, BARC meetings are omitted in July and August. Until our next meeting on Thursday, 18 September, this newsletter each month is how to keep up. We do have an "End of Summer" Picnic and BBQ planned for Sunday, 14 September. Read all about it inside. Members and guests are invited.

The next regular meeting will be on:
18 September 2008 at 7:00 pm
at our new meeting place,
Salvation Army - Boston Headquarters.
See details inside.

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