

The SPARC

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From the Office of the President

When I joined BARC in 1999, little did I realize that a year later I would be serving in the position of President. I have considered it an honor and privilege to do so and have enjoyed every minute of my tenure. We have made some very positive steps forward and yes we have had some setbacks as well. The current organization is strong and continues to grow stronger. We continue to expand our activities and membership. A sincere thanks to all that have supported BARC over the years, please continue. A special thanks goes to those who faithfully attend the business meetings each month. You are the backbone of one of the best amateur radio organizations anywhere. In July, the newly elected officers will take over. They will need your continued support. I am sure you will give it to them!

Field Day will be upon us shortly. The committee is working very hard to make it the best ever. From what I have seen so far in the planning, it will be. You are more than welcome to come for the entire event or just long enough to say hello to some old friends or make some new ones. I look forward to participating myself and I hope to see you all there.

At the recent business meeting, which included a special meeting open to all, a by-law change was made to reduce the number of general meetings we hold each year from 12 to 10. Current plans are to take the months of July and August off. Business Meetings will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month. Also note that the next business meeting will be on July 11th, due to the holiday. We are looking for someone to organize a club cookout during July or the early part of August. If you can help, please contact myself or come to the next business meeting with you thoughts and ideas.

Thank you once again for all your support and have a safe and productive summer.

Mark J. Duff/KB1EKN

What is Field Day?

Each June the ARRL sponsors Field Day. The purpose of Field Day is to test the emergency preparedness of radio amateurs throughout the United States, its possessions, and Canada. This year, Field Day will be on June 22 and 23.

Radio Amateurs participating in Field Day set up temporary radio stations away from their homes and operate these stations under emergency electrical power for a 24-hour period. During this time these amateurs attempt to contact as many other Field Day stations as possible. Our primary club goal for Field Day is to provide a learning experience for members, other hams and the general public, and in addition, to have fun, and do well in the contest.

Where is it held?

For the past several years BARC has been participating in Field Days in Lars Anderson Park in Brookline. Amateurs are encouraged to put Field Day stations in areas accessible to the public so people can better understand the value of amateur radio in emergency situations. We will have an info tent to promote amateur radio and our club.

Field Day runs for 24 hours beginning at 2 PM on Saturday. The group sets up their station early on Saturday morning and takes it down again Sunday afternoon.

What equipment is used?

The station will be set up on tables in tents. All of the equipment used by the amateurs is powered from an emergency power source. Since the purpose is to try to contact as many other amateurs as possible, the club has chosen to use a generator, allowing us to operate transmitters with higher power.

The participants are grouped into categories depending on the number of transmitters they have operating at any one time. BARC has been using 2 transmitters operating on HF and another in the VHF & UHF.

We still need people to help with food, transportation, PR and operating equipment. Anyone who can help please contact as soon as possible:

Reprinted from the June 1999 SPARC Mike Kass, N1YER Mike Koenemund, KB1CKF

Nominating Committee Formed Club Officers Needed

BARC will elect our club officers, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, at the June 2001 meeting. This year's nominations committee is Dick Doherty KA1TUZ, Hank Buccigross K1QK, and Paul Katz N1LRT. All nominations for all

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club officers can be given to him, either at meetings or via email, and members can nominate themselves.

Grueling Triathlon - Again

The international triathlon, which was run for the first time in Boston last year, was such a success that it is being continued this year. We have been asked again to provide emergency and safety communications support. The formal name for the event is the *Monster Challenge*. It is sponsored by Monster.com for the benefit of the AIDS Action Committee.

Anywhere in the world a triathlon is an exciting and very demanding race. In urban Boston it is a further test of strength and will. Designed to professional standards, the swim-bike-run will be held on **Sunday**, **1 September**. The Olympic-class triathletes will swim one mile, bike 25 miles, and run 6.2 miles. The course is laid out in Boston harbor, downtown Boston and Cambridge, and in the Boston seaport. There are a number of hazardous and confusing locations, which we are assigned to monitor.

The problem for us is that this is Labor Day weekend, so extra effort must go into getting enough hams - we need your help. A bit of relief is provided by the schedule which expects the entire event to go from 0630 to 1100, so the rest of the day is free. If you can support this event, contact Mark Duff, KB1EKN, at 781.749.7664 or email to **emgmgt@attbi.com**; or Bob Salow, WA1IDA, at 508.650.9440 or email to **wa1ida@arrl.net**.

All You Can Eat And Public Service, Too

Here's a ham public service event where the reward might be better than the job. WGBH, the public TV channels 2 and 44, and FM radio, will hold its annual Ice Cream FunFest on both **Saturday and Sunday, 14 15 September** at and around the WGBH station on Western Avenue in Brighton.

As in past years, thousands of people are expected. We have been asked to provide communications for the safety and management of the crowd and their vehicles. It's a compact area, so 2-meter simplex HTs can be used. About 14 to 16 hams are needed each day for communications and/or meeting the public.

BARC is given free booth space to promote public awareness of ham radio. In past years the booth has attracted inactive hams and also introduced many people to our hobby.

Although such a good cause (and good publicity for us) doesn't need it, here's the good part: all volunteers get to eat all the ice cream you can consume (urp!). 5-6 manufacturers provide the ice cream, so you can make comparative tests (urp, urp!).

If you can help either or both days (from 1100 to 1500), get more information by calling Bob Salow, WA1IDA, at 508.650.9440, or email to **wa1ida@arrl.net**.

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You Say You Have Free Time?

Frank Murphy N1DHW

The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) is looking for new members. They are seeking both drivers for the EDS trucks (canteens), and those who can respond to multiple alarm fires direct from home to assist the canteens at the fire/disaster scene. Hams are the perfect choice for this volunteer work. Not only are you there to refresh those hardworking firemen, but also in times of disaster, you're available and trained to assist with radio communications.

Contact Bill Foley, kb1glf, EDS Coordinator, 617-338-4155 x513, or Frank Murphy, **n1dhw@arrl.net** for more info.

John McCue, AA1NG - SK

With sadness, we must record the death of John W. McCue, AA1NG, of Milton. John lost a long battle with cancer on 3 March 2002. He had been a member of BARC for many years. Our condolences go to his wife Barbara and the rest of his family.

A Tower For You (Or Me)

I am planning a move in a couple of months. The new house (I guess it is not mine until the papers are passed) has a tower, without antenna, that was being used by a departed ham. A 15 year-old building permit states a 48 foot tower on a concrete base 36" x 36" x 54" deep. Long ago I was a ham, but I let the license lapse. As I see it, here are my choices:

- 1) Give the tower to someone who can use it for the price of disassembly and carting it off.
- 2) Keeping the tower because I might regain my license and have a real use for the tower (I know what you are thinking).

I do understand the hidden problems of the tower condition as it applies to either of the choices. So I am asking for some assistance in evaluating the condition of the tower. If some reader here could help with this I would be grateful.

Tom R tr4801@yahoo.com

CNHARC Invites BARC

If any vacationing BARC members want to visit our field day site this year and they are up in the Lakes Region of NH, please stop by. We will be at the Castle-In-The-Clouds, better known as Castle Springs (the bottled water company) Fri - Sun and we can handle a few extra meals.

73, Ken - KB1COM (Central NH Amateur Radio Club - W1JY)

BARC Email List Moves

QTH.net, the people who provide the mailing list server that barclist runs on, has upgraded their system to a new mailing list manager called Mailman. To post to barc-list, send a message to **barc-list@mailman.qth.net** from the address that you are subscribed from. Only subscribers can post to the list. This is to reduce spam.

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.

Orange Caps For Emergency And Public Service Events

BARC has a new supply of the bright orange caps for use at emergency or public service events. They are adjustable to fit all but the very largest heads, and proclaim, "Emergency Communications."

The price is \$5.00, and they are available at club meetings, or contact Dick, KA1TUZ or Bob, WA1IDA.

Hello AT&T Broadband

Are you among those who got changed from **mediaone.net** or **attbroadband.com** to **attbi.com**? Please let the BARC Keeper of the Database know your new email address. Just send an email with your name and call to **walida@arrl.net**. As you may have found out, you can no longer receive mail at mediaone.net.

You are not off the hook yet, however. As you may know, AT&T is in the process of selling its broadband business to Comcast. Standby for another change.

Insulate yourself. Since the vast majority of BARC members belong to ARRL, this probably pertains to you. We recommend that ARRL members sign up for the alias service. Your email address becomes **<callsign>@arrl.net**. You tell the service your actual Internet Service Provider (ISP), and your email is forwarded. Your ISP can jump all around, but the address you give to your correspondents stays the same. If there are changes, you just make one notification to the alias server that you have a new ISP. Check it out at the ARRL (members) web site: **www.arrl.net**.

BARC Monthly Breakfast

Every month, BARC has a social breakfast on the second Sunday of the month, which will be July 14 next month. We'll be meeting at the Old Country Buffet at the Watertown Mall at 8:30am.

They are *very* good, offering an extensive breakfast buffet, costing \$6.35 per person.

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We just intend to get together, socialize and eat, without having any formal club events or business. Family and friends of club members are welcome also. If you are not a BARC member, you too are invited to meet with us and see what we're all about.

The Old Country Buffet is in the Watertown Mall, on Arsenal St. in Watertown. From Memorial Drive continue on Greenough Boulevard to the Watertown exit, and then turn right onto Arsenal St. There is plenty of mall parking. The #70 T bus from Central Square Cambridge to Watertown Square stops right at the Watertown Mall. Hope to see all of you there – and bring your appetite!

June General Meeting

This month's BARC General meeting is on Thursday, June 20 at 7p.m. Elections for all club offices will be held, then there will be a "show and tell."

BARC General meetings are held at the Boston Back Bay Salvation Army Building, corner of Berkeley St. and Columbus Ave. near Copley Square, in the second floor auditorium.

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 busway and walk down Columbus) and Copley or Arlington on the Green line (use the Berkeley Street exit). A map appears on page 7 of the newsletter.

People arriving after 7:15 p.m. need to ring the bell at the door to be admitted, as the door is locked then.

Future General Meeting Dates

(Third Thursdays at 7 p.m.)

18 July 2002

15 August 2002

19 September 2002

17 October 2002

21 November 2002

Minutes of the Boston Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting

June 6, 2002 Recorded by Michael Ardai, N1IST

Present were:

Mike Ardai	N1IST	Vice President	
Arthur Ashley	N1NHZ	Membership Services	
Hank Buccigross	K1QK		
Jim Clogher	N1ICN	Treasurer	
Dick Doherty	KA1TUZ		
Mark Duff	KB1EKN	President	

Blake Haskell K1BTH Ed Hennessy N1PBA Paul Katz N1LRT Dan Malloy KA1RDZ Paul Olivieri N1ZKR **Bob Salow** WA1IDA

Public Service

Joe Scully K1SOT

The meeting started at approximately 1900 hrs.

Committee reports were read and accepted.

The next VE session will be 6/10.

The July business meeting will be on **July 11** (one week later) since the first Thursday is the 4th of July

The reminder notices to people who failed to renew has worked out well.

The new ARRL Extra exam book is out. New question pool coming in July.

Club liability insurance has been paid for another year.

N1IST and N1ZKR are proceeding with Field Day plans. Volunteers are needed!

Upcoming events - Triathalon on 9/1, half marathon on 10/13, WGBH funfest 9/14-9/15 - contact WA1IDA if you can help

BARC will have 2 club tables at Boxboro, out in the flea market

MIT Flea on 6/16 - we will have a club table there once again

Nominating committee reported their slate: KB1CRY for president, N1ZKR for VP, N1IST for secretary, and N1ICN for Elections will be at the June General Meeting; treasurer. nominations will be open until just prior to each election.

Salvation Army Disaster Services had a recognition dinner. KA1TUZ and N1DHW received certificates for their SATERN work.

We will look into making club logo patches and decals. Right now, we are just finding out what they will cost.

We will look into hosting an ARRL ARES class and an ARECC exam session, probably at an upcoming VE session. Preregistration will be required.

Looking into assisting Jonathan in Brookline with installing an HF antenna

Looking into participating in the International Lighthouses event

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A special meeting was called at 1918 and adjourned at 1950 to discuss the bylaws changes:

The motion to change "Executive Committee Meeting" to "Business Meeting" to better reflect the purpose of the meeting carried with 13 in favor and 0 opposed.

The motion to change the requirement from 12 monthly general meetings to at least 10 was discussed and carried with 12 in favor and 1 opposed. No plans were made at this point to actually change the number of meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 2047 hrs.

The next Boston Amateur Radio Club business meeting will be held Thursday, July 11 (changed for the holiday, usually the 1st Thursday of the month), 7:00pm, at the Parlin Memorial Library [410 Broadway, Everett, MA] (off rt. 99) in Everett, MA. Check the Web page and/or listen to the repeater for directions.

This 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 join us at this meeting.

Future Business Meeting Dates

(First Thursday at 6:30 p.m.)

11 July 2002 (changed for the holiday)

1 August 2002

5 September 2002

3 October 2002

7 November 2002

5 December 2002

BARC VE Session

The Boston Amateur Radio Club holds its monthly VE session on the second Monday of each month. The next session will be at 7pm on Monday, July 8, 2002 at the Pierce School at 50 School Street in Brookline, Room 110 next to the cafeteria.

There is a free parking garage at the circular driveway. If driving, enter School Street from the Washington street side (opposite 394 Washington,) rather than from Harvard Street. Check:

http://www.barc.org/barc/school map.gif

for more info. This map also appears on page 7 of this newsletter.

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

Talk in on 145.23(-), PL 88.5.

We give all exams (Technician thru Extra, CW and written), and 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 CSCE's you are claiming, and a photocopy of them
- Valid ID (picture ID preferred)
- A pen and a calculator (if you want to)
- \$10.00 (good for all the tests you take at that session, except for retests).
- Note that code tests are no longer free. Those taking the code test only will also have to pay the \$10 fee. Code and written tests can be taken together at the same session for a single \$10 fee.

The needed FCC forms will be provided. For further information, contact Mike Ardai, N1IST 781.321.7939 nlist@arrl.net

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Dick Doherty, KA1TUZ 617.969.4880 ka1tuz@arrl.net

Future Exam Dates

(Second Mondays at 7:00 pm)

12 August 2002

9 September 2002

14 October 2002 (subject to adjustment)

11 November 2002 (subject to adjustment)

9 December 2002

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.

Cliff Bowman N5TJU
John Connors KA1BUF
Don Dalpe W1FYZ
Arun Gorur KB1HYK
Walter Kahn KB1IBG

Sam Pagan

Joel Weber II KB1GRS (correction)

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

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notify the Keeper of the Database, Bob Salow, WA1IDA at: 508.650.9440 or email: **wa1ida@arrl.net** .

I See the Future

16 June	MIT Flea		
20 June	BARC General Meeting		
22-23 June	Field Day		
8 July	BARC VE Exams		
11 July	BARC Business Meeting		
14 July	BARC Breakfast		
21 July	MIT Flea		
27 July	NE Antique RC (Nashua NH)		
11 Aug	NoBARC Flea (Adams)		
18 Aug	MIT Flea		
24-25 Aug	ARRL NE Div Conv (Boxboro)		
1 Sept	International Triathlon (Rp)		
8 Sept	SEMARA Flea (S Dartmouth)		
8 Sept	Mohawk ARC Flea (Orange)		
14-15 Sept	WGBH Ice Cream FunFest		
13 Oct	BAA Half Marathon (Rp)		
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 $(\mathbf{Rp}) = BARC \text{ repeater}(s) \text{ may be used}$

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.

BARC Net NCS stations needed

Mike Ardai N1IST

We are constantly looking for people to help run the BARC Net each Monday night. This is a great way to get your feet wet in running a net and a nice way to help out the club. If you can help, please let me know when I ask for volunteers during the net or drop me an email at nlist@arrl.net.

Special thanks to KB1EZL, N1NHZ, N1GIE, and all the other regulars who help out by running the nets.

If it is a few minutes after 9 PM and nobody is running the net, please jump in and pick it up. The preamble is in the SPARC and on the BARC web page. If you don't have it with you, just wing it.

BARC Net Preamble

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 145.23 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.

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.

Catch us on the Internet!

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, callsigns, and e-mail addresses are on-line). If you have any suggestions, please let me know at **nlist@arrl.net**.

New on our web page are the club articles:

http://www.barc.org/ articles.html
and bylaws:

http://www.barc.org/bylaws.html.

We also run an FTP site at **ftp.barc.org** under **pub/hamradio**. We've got a mirror of the ARRL infoserver, BARC documents, ham radio software, and a huge mods archive.

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.

73, /mike nlist@arrl.net

MIT Flea Photos Online

I've posted some photos to the web from today's Flea at MIT featuring various BARC personalities at http://photos.temples.com/index.php?TopicID=MIT+Flea+May+2002

Enjoy. 73, Phil. K9HI

Several Hundred Boston Area Hams Could Be Reading Your Ad Right Now

The SPARC accepts commercial advertisements. BARC encourages monthly promotion of your products and services which would be of interest to our hundreds of 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 col) \$20 per issue 1 col x 9.5 in. (full col) \$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@pvctronics.com or 617.232.6982; or Bob Salow at wa1ida@arrl.net or 508.650.9440.

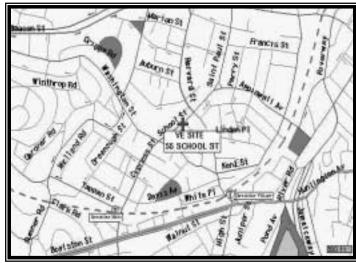
Your Ad Could Have Been Here

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.



We'll go to any height for BARC!





General 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

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daily 7 and 10pm	Eastern Mass/Rhode Island CW Net (NTS)	3.658
daily 8pm	Eastern Mass 2M Traffic Net (NTS)	145.23 (PL 88.5)
daily 8pm	Slow Speed CW Net	28.160
daily 10:30pm	Heavy Hitters' Traffic Net (NTS)	146.64
M 9pm	BARC Club Net	145.23 (PL 88.5)
Tu 8pm	MMRA Club Net	146.61 and all MMRA links
Tu 9pm	EMA Public Safety Net	145.23 (PL 88.5)
Tu 9pm	NETARC Satellite Net W1ME (ex K1MON)/NCS	446.575 (PL 88.5)
W 8nm	Wellesley Amateur Radio Society Net	147 03

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 147.03

 W 9pm
 HHTN Swap Net
 146.64

 Th 8:30pm
 Amsat Net N1OHJ/NCS
 146.64

 Su 9:30am
 Yankee SSB Net (6M)
 50.275

 Su 3:30pm
 Youth Net
 3.970

Eastern Mass/Rhode Island Phone Net (NTS)

Su 7pm Algonquin Amateur Radio Club Net 53.470 (PL 100.0/71.9), 223.860 (PL 241.8),

446.675 (PL 88.5)

Su 8:30pm NSRA Net (with Newsline) 145.47

Su 9:30pm EMA Section ARES Net 146.61 and all MMRA links (4th Sun. of Month)

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