

The SPARC

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How I am Spending My Summer, and How Are You Spending Yours?

-- Eric Falkof, K1NUN

Here we are at midsummer and my project list has grown. I'm supposed to have completed the first nine items of the fifteen "preferred" projects, but I've done only four and the list has grown to over twenty. Where has the time gone?

Well, what did I do? I used up my supply of Anderson PowerPoles® on several rigs and extension and adapter cables. (Note to self: At Boxboro, buy a bag of them for the club project at the first meeting in September. Furthermore, be sure to tell people in the September SPARC.) I recharged that gell cell battery I use with my QRP rigs. I've made arrangements to pick up the Squalo six-meter antenna and I've got the mounting hardware. Let's see, I restocked my go-kit and bought a supply of new AA batteries (and I got a 9V battery for the smoke detector outside my shack).

I've mowed the lawn, cleaned out a sink drain pipe, and a few other minor projects. But I still have the "big" projects ahead. I have yet to help BARC and BERT presence at the Boston Emergency Management Agency during the DNC. (In a week, that last sentence will need to be changed to past tense.) I want to finally fix that Gonset G-76 transceiver I showed off at the end of last year at a BARC meeting; such is procrastination. I want to work with BARC's committee team and Executive Committee to schedule a series of speakers and activities for the year, and I want to publish it to you.

This summer is one of doing and planning, planning and doing. Planning is not the same as doing, but it is necessary for a full program for the year. I want to have some goals in place so we can see how we measure up to them as the year goes on.

What about you? What are you doing this summer? What have you put off and what have you accomplished? You can write to our faithful editor, Paul Carter at n1tmf@pvctronics.com, and let the club document your successes in *The SPARC*. Remember, you can subscribe to *The SPARC* online – the internet saves everything forever and your writing will be immortalized! Think about it... You can describe your DNC experience, the treasure you find at the hamfest in Boxboro, or the squirrel that ate your counterpoise. Share your summer adventures with BARC.

Come Together... All Right, Right Now!

-- Eric Falkof, K1NUN

Remember the refrain? Right out of the 70s. But it spoke volumes about working and pulling together. Here's what we have in mind for the new year.

I remember joining organizations and filled out membership forms, checking off the committees I'd like to join. Then I remember waiting for a call to come to a meeting. And waiting. And waiting. Nobody called to tell when the next meeting would be held. Time went on. I moved on. Ever happened to you?

I'm betting there are BARC members who'd like to participate in some of the committees that we see reported in the Business meeting news in each month's *SPARC*. Wouldn't it make sense that some wonder how this happens, who makes it happen? In this world, there are those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what's happening. Let's move some of those in the middle grouping into the first; then we can help the third group.

In the September *SPARC* (next month), we will list several committees that need extra hands. Some will need hands for short term help, long term help, or occasional help. At the September General meeting, I will pass around a clip board with the names of the committees and places where those of you who would like to do more can write your name, email, and phone number. These lists will be given to the committee chairpersons shortly after the meeting, and they will contact you within the following two weeks to discuss activities and participation.

If you do not hear from the committee chair by then, call or write me! I will see that you get a response.

I remember how I felt when I volunteered and was ignored, and I didn't like it. I bet you didn't like it either. If you step forward, we will see to it that you are involved. Ham Radio is a contact sport and your executive team has an obligation to see to it that you are contacted and *kept* in contact. And involved. Reread the title to this little article. Reread it... right now!

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

You're just jealous because the voices talk only to me.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

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Thanks from EMA ARES

I offer a sincere 'thank you' to the Officers and Members of the Boston Amateur Radio Club for allowing Eastern Mass ARES use of the club's repeaters during the DNC. We learned much throughout the entire event. It was very comforting to know that we had operators immediately available to handle anything that may have occurred.

ARES was allowed an extremely wide latitude in the use of 145.230, and yet we were able to allow normal amateur use and to continue all scheduled nets. A special thanks goes to the normal users who graciously moved their traffic to other frequencies or otherwise stood by and kept the frequency available.

BARC was a major player in this event and should be very proud of it. All of us are now much better prepared for any event that may occur.

Mark J. Duff, KB1EKN; Metro-Boston DEC

Congratulations to Officers

Congratulations and welcome are due the elected officers of BARC. At the June General meeting, the following were elected:

President	Eric Falkof	K1NUN
Vice President	Blake Haskell	K1BTH*
Secretary	Paul Olivieri	N1ZKR
Treasurer	Jim Clogher	N1ICN*

*incumbent

According to our bylaws, the new terms of office begin at the next General meeting (September). Please give a helping hand to the club and the officers by contacting any of them to assist in club activities.

Actor Marlon Brando, KE6PZH/FO8GJ, SK

-- ARRL Letter, 16 July 2004, 23 July 2004

One of the best-known names in cinema, Marlon Brando, KE6PZH/FO8GJ, died in Los Angeles July 1. He was 80. Brando appears in the FCC database under the apparent pseudonym, "Martin Brandeaux," while his FO8GJ listing indicates both Brando and Brandeaux.

Brando held a US General class ticket. He was on the air occasionally over the years as FO8GJ from his private island in French Polynesia. In a 1994 CNN interview with Larry King, Brando affirmed his continued interest in Amateur Radio. In response to a caller's question, he said ham radio provided him with the opportunity to just be himself.

Brando was best known for his roles as Stanley Kowalski in "A Streetcar Named Desire," as a dockworker in "On the Waterfront," and as Vito Corleone in "The Godfather." He was nominated for eight Academy Awards and won twice.

World Class Triathlon Agony - Again

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA

The Monster Challenge Triathlon, which was run for the third time in Boston last year, continues to be an international success. We have been asked again this year to coordinate emergency and safety communications support. The formal name for the event is the *Monster Challenge Tri-Boston*. 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 determination. Designed to professional standards, the swimbike-run will be held on **Sunday**, **5 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 area. We have been specifically asked to monitor a number of hazardous and confusing locations for the safety of the participants.

As you read this, time is short – and your help is vital. A problem is that this is Labor Day weekend, so extra effort must go into getting enough hams. A bit of relief is provided by the schedule which expects the entire event to go from **0630 to 1100**, so the rest of your day is free. If you can support this event, contact Mark Duff, KB1EKN, at 781.749.7664 or email to **emgmgt@comcast.net**; or Bob Salow, WA1IDA, at 508.650.9440 or email to **wa1ida@arrl.net**. Please call if you would like more information.

All You Can Eat and Public Service, Too

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA

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 their annual Ice Cream FunFest on **Saturday**, **18 September**, at and around the WGBH station on Western Avenue in Brighton. We will start a bit earlier and run a bit later, but on Saturday only.

We have been asked to provide communications for the safety and management of the crowd and their vehicles. We plan a revised strategy for parking lot coverage so we can be more effective. It's a compact area, so 2-meter simplex HTs can be used.

A great advantage for us is that BARC is given free booth space to promote public awareness of ham radio to the thousands of visitors. In past years our booth has introduced many people to our hobby and also stirred interest in several inactive hams. About 16 to 18 hams will be needed for communications and/or meeting the public.

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!). The ice cream is provided by 11 manufacturers, so you can make comparative tests (urp, urp!).

If you can help (**from 0900 to 1500**), get more information by calling Bob Salow, WA1IDA, at 508.650.9440, or email to **wa1ida@arrl.net**.

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Advance Notice for Public Service Later in the Year

BARC has been asked to support communications again for exciting events later this year. Mark your calendars because your help will definitely be needed. Details will be posted as the dates approach.

Sunday, 10 October, the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) puts on the BAA Half Marathon. It covers a scenic route, 98% in Boston and 2% in Brookline. While very scenic, it is still an urban course with many hazards which we will care for.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Bob Salow, WA1IDA, at walida@arrl.net or 508.650.9440.

Temporary VE Session Change

Because of extensive renovations at the Pierce School this summer, we must cancel the VE sessions for August. Things should get back to almost normal with the session on 13 September. "Almost normal," because the next month's exams are moved up to 4 October by the school holiday. After that you can rely on the second Mondays of each month (unless dire circumstances intervene).

You Can Get Your Newsletter Hot Off the Wire! -- Bob Salow, WA1IDA

In an effort to conserve club resources, we are offering early access to *The SPARC* electronically, which also saves the costs of paper, printing and postage. Even if you have already renewed your 2004 membership, but neglected to check to accept receiving the newsletter electronically, all you need to do is send an email to the Keeper of the Database at **walida@arrl.net**. Let him know you want to help BARC save money.

Please provide your name, call and an accurate email address. You will be notified by email each month as soon as the issue is ready for access at a private member web site as quickly as it is published.

There is considerable cost associated with the mailed hard copy. This can be saved thanks to your acceptance and the generous efforts of Mike, N1IST, who has organized the electronic publication.

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.

Barry Jacobson WA2VIU

Please welcome the new BARC members. 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.

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Cookout In Place of September Breakfast

On Sunday, 12 September, BARC will hold a cookout for members, their families and friends. This social event will take the place of the usual Sunday breakfast for that date.

The cookout will be held at the Bare Cove Fire Museum in Hingham from 1100 to 1700. The Club will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and soft drinks. The Fire Museum and the nearby South Shore Model Railroad Club will provide added fun.

A good turnout is expected, so you will have a good time. To assist in the planning, contact Paul Olivieri, N1ZKR, to indicate your attendance and your guests. If you need a ride or can offer a ride, tell Paul and he will try to help solve such connections. You will, of course, be responsible for the travel arrangements. Paul can be reached at **n1zkr@juno.com** or at 617.782.4005.

Directions: The Fire Museum address is 19 Fort Hill Street in Hingham. From Boston, take Route3A South. Cross over the Hingham/Weymouth Bridge, then take a right on to Beal Street. At the end of Beal Street, turn right on to West Street. At the end of West Street, at the Stop sign, turn right on to Fort Hill Street. An immediate left will then bring you into Bare Cove Park and the Fire Museum.

There is a sign on the street for Bare Cove Park directing you into the Fire Museum and the South Shore Model Rail Road Club. The entrance to Bare Cove Park is on South Street, across from the South Shore Country Club between the Hingham Credit Union and Thomas Auto Body (on Fort Hill Street). Fort Hill Street starts at the East Weymouth town line, but the name changes when it crosses the railroad tracks and it becomes South Street.

The Fire Museum has a web site if you would like a sneak peek: http://helmetshields.tripod.com/bcfm.htm . The official Museum phone, 781.749.0028, is answered by Geri Duff, KB1ISG. The actual building phone is 781.749.3535. It will be answered the day of the event.

August General Meeting Omitted

Note that BARC will not have a General meeting in August.

The next General meeting of the Boston Amateur Radio Club will be on Thursday, September 16, 2004. Our General meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Salvation Army, 147 Columbus Ave, at the corner of Berkeley St in the third floor auditorium.

Our meetings are convenient to public transportation. The nearest **T** stations are Back Bay on the Orange and Purple lines (exit at the rear of the station and walk down Columbus), and Copley or Arlington (use the Berkeley St exit) stations on the Green line.

Free parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Salvation Army building. The entrance to the lot is from Columbus Ave (across the street from the firehouse). A map appears on page 7 of this newsletter.

If you arrive after 7:15 pm, ring the bell at the door to be admitted, as the door is locked at that time.

Future General Meeting Dates

(Third Thursdays at 7 pm)

(General meeting not held in August)

16 September 2004

21 October 2004

18 November 2004

16 December 2004 (Holiday Party)

Minutes of the Boston Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting

July 1, 2004

Recorded by Mike Ardai, N1IST, Secretary

Present were:

Mike Ardai	N1IST	Secretary
Arthur Ashley	N1NHZ	
Hank Buccigross	K1QK	
Guy Bzibziak	KB1CRY	
Jim Clogher	N1ICN	Treasurer
Dick Doherty	KA1TUZ	
Eric Falkof	K1NUN	President Elect
Joseph Harris	KB1IXK	
Blake Haskell	K1BTH	Vice President
Dan Malloy	KA1RDZ	
Paul Olivieri	N1ZKR	President

The meeting started at approximately 1849 hrs.

K1NUN presided over the meeting.

WA1IDA is out of intensive care and is doing fine.

The next exam session will be 8/2 at the Parlin library - special date and location - since the Pierce School is closed for renovations.

A special thanks to N1VUX for organizing Field Day and to KB1IXK for all of his work at Field Day.

Looking for volunteers to help with the DNC coverage - see the EMA ARES web site for more details.

Motion passed to get a 1-year listing in the club column of *World Radio*.

A motion to amend the constitution to have the new officers take office on July 1 was tabled pending a further review of the bylaws.

Upcoming public service events:

- 9/5 Triathlon
- 9/10 1000 to-1500 WGBH Ice Cream FunFest (1 day only)
- 10/10 BAA Half Marathon

Contact WA1IDA if you can help out with any of these.

The meeting adjourned at 2040.

August 5, 2004

Recorded by Mike Ardai, N1IST, Secretary

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Present were:

Mike Ardai	N1IST	Secretary
Arthur Ashley	N1NHZ	•
Hank Buccigross	K1QK	
Jim Clogher	N1ICN	Treasurer
Dick Doherty	KA1TUZ	
Eric Falkof	K1NUN	President Elect
Joseph Harris	KB1IXK	
Blake Haskell	K1BTH	Vice President
Dan Malloy	KA1RDZ	
Paul Olivieri	N1ZKR	President
Bob Salow	WA1IDA	Public Service

The meeting started at approximately 1838.

Eric, K1NUN presided over the meeting.

We had an exam session 8/2 at the Parlin library - 2 people showed up and both got their Tech. The next exam will be 9/13 at the Pierce School in Brookline.

BARC will run an ad for 1 year in the World Radio clubs listing.

We will have the BARC Family Picnic in September, most likely at the Fire Museum in Hingham on 9/12 instead of the breakfast.

Tentative speakers/topics list - contact K1BTH if you have any suggestions or topics.

- September Using and assembling PowerPole connectors
- October DXing
- November Ham radio software or Digital scanners
- December Holiday Party
- January Show and Tell
- February Computers in ham radio
- March Antennas and Zoning
- April EMA ARES field trip
- May Antennas
- June Field Day

Other ideas - Contesting, NTS, MARS

We are working on a BARC member survey to get a better idea on what the membership wants of the club.

We will purchase connectors for the PowerPole workshop so people will have hands-on experience with them.

BARC and Ham Radio were very well received at the DNC. Thanks to all who helped out.

Upcoming public service events:

- 9/5 Monster Triathlon
- 9/10 10AM-3PM WGBH Ice Cream FunFest (1 day this year)
- 10/10 BAA Half Marathon

Contact WA1IDA if you can help out with any of these.

The meeting adjourned at 2045.

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.

The next Boston Amateur Radio Club business meeting will be held Thursday, September 2 (1st Thursday of the month), starting at 6:30 pm. We meet at the Parlin Library, 410 Broadway (Rt 99), Everett MA. Parking is available on the street, or across the street behind the post office. The #110 **T** bus from Wellington stops across the street

Future Business Meeting Dates

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

- 2 September 2004
- 7 October 2004
- 4 November 2004
- 2 December 2004
- 6 January 2005

BARC VE Session

Please note that BARC will not give VE Exams in August because of school renovation.

The Boston Amateur Radio Club holds its monthly VE session on the second Monday of each month. Sessions are held at 7:00 pm at the Pierce School, 50 School St in Brookline, Room 110, next to the cafeteria. Future exam dates are listed below. A map is shown on page 7 of this newsletter.

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 cancelled. Otherwise, the exams will be on the second Monday of each month (first Monday in October due to Columbus Day).

There is a free parking garage at the circular driveway. If driving, enter School Street from the Washington St side (opposite 394 Washington), rather than from Harvard St. 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 **T** 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 thru Extra, CW and written). 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)
- \$12.00 (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 \$12 fee. Code and written tests can be taken together at the same session for a single \$12 fee.

The needed FCC forms will be provided.
For further information, contact:
Mike Ardai, N1IST, 781.321.7939 n1ist@arrl.net
Dick Doherty, KA1TUZ, 617.969.4880 ka1tuz@arrl.net

Future Exam Dates

(Second Mondays at 7:00 pm)

(VE Exams cancelled for August because of school renovation)

13 September 2004

4 October 2004 (note schedule change)

8 November 2004

13 December 2004

Hunting all VEs

Mike Ardai N1IST

We are looking for VEs to help out with the BARC VE sessions. Most of the time we have at least the required 3 for them, but sometimes we may need some more, especially if one of the regulars can't make it. If you are an ARRL-accredited VE, please drop a note to Dick, KA1TUZ (ka1tuz@arrl.net) and let him know when you might be available to help out.

I See the Future

14-15 Aug	ARRL NE Div Conv (Boxboro)	
15 Aug	MIT Flea	
2 Sept	BARC Business Meeting	
5 Sept	Monster Triathlon (Rp)	
12 Sept	SEMARA Flea (S Dartmouth)	
13 Sept	BARC VE Exams	
16 Sept	BARC General Meeting	
18 Sept	WGBH Ice Cream FunFest	
19 Sept	MIT Flea	
1-2 Oct	Hoss Traders (Hopkinton NH)	
4 Oct	BARC VE Exams	
7 Oct	BARC Business Meeting	
10 Oct	BAA Half Marathon (Rp)	
21 Oct	BARC General Meeting	

 $(\mathbf{Rp}) = BARC \text{ repeater}(s) \text{ may be used}$

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 Monthly Breakfast

Note that the September Breakfast has been cancelled in favor of the Cookout. See the related article elsewhere in this newsletter.

BARC holds a social breakfast on the second Sunday of each month; the next is June 13, followed by July 11. We meet at the Old Country Buffet at the Watertown Mall at 8:30 am.

We just get together, socialize and eat, without having any formal club events or business. Family and friends of club members are welcome also. The extensive buffet breakfast is *very* good. The cost is reasonable at \$7.23; for seniors it is \$6.71. 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. There is plenty of mall parking. From Memorial Drive continue on Greenough Boulevard to the Watertown exit, then turn right on to Arsenal St. The #70 **T** bus from Central Square Cambridge to Watertown Square stops right at the Watertown Mall. We hope to see all of you there – and bring your appetite!

Catch 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). If you have any suggestions, please let me know at **n1ist@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.

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

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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.

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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.

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) \$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

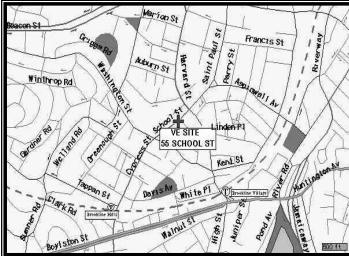
Are you a depressed BARC member because you have a treasure you must turn to cash and you couldn't make it to the last flea market? Well, cheer up, Bunky! The SPARC will run your (non-business) ad for free. Of course, a 10% donation if you sell it (and of course you will) will be cheerfully accepted. Just send your ad to Editor Paul Carter, N1TMF.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

Everybody lies, but it doesn't matter since nobody listens.

If you drink, don't park. Accidents cause people.





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				
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 10:30 pm	Heavy Hitters Traffic Net (NTS)	146.640		
Mon 9 pm	BARC Club Net	145.230 (PL 88.5)		
Tue 8 pm	MMRA Club Net	146.610 and all MMRA links		
Tue 9 pm	EMA Public Safety Net	145.230 (PL 88.5)		
Tue 9 pm	NETARC Satellite Net W1ME, NCS	446.575 (PL 88.5)		
Wed 8 pm	Wellesley Amateur Radio Society Net	147.030		
Wed 9 pm	HHTN Swap Net	146.640		
Thu 8:30 pm	Amsat Net N1OHJ, NCS	146.640		
Fri 9 pm	SWAT Net and Net Control 101	145.230 (PL 88.5)		
Sat 9 am	Northeast SATERN Net	7.265		
Sun 9:30 am	Yankee SSB Net (6M)	50.275		
Sun 7 pm	Youth Net	146.610 and all MMRA links		
Sun 7 pm	Algonquin Amateur Radio Club Net	53.470 (PL 100.0/71.9), 223.860 (PL 241.8), 446.675 (PL 88.5)		
Sun 8:30 pm	NSRA Net (with Newsline)	145.470		
4th Sundays 9:30 pm	EMA Section ARES Net	146.610 and all MMRA links		

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