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Message from the Editor – Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7RCK



This may be a bit of an abbreviated SPARC. We've been dealing with sickness over here at the KE1ML/M7RCK / KB1ZFP QTH for about half the month. Fortunately, it had nothing to do with COVID.

The June and July meetings, paradoxically, will probably be among the most important meetings of the year. I'll be going into details about that in another article so I won't rehash it here.

We've had some interest in both offices and positions. What's the difference between the two? Well, Offices are entities that are in the By-Laws and are responsible for the "political" direction of the club. They do policy. These are the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These Offices are elected by the club members.

Positions are appointed by those officers and frankly, they are as important to the actual day-to-day, month-by-month running of the club as the Officers are. These include the SPARC Editor, and the Webmaster. Since the Positions are not in the By-Laws, the people interested in them are in a unique position to make them very much theirs, in cooperation with the Club Officers.

In order for BARC to continue to function as it needs to, we need these Officers and Positions. Please consider them.

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BARC General Meeting, Thursday, June 17, 7:30 pm

BARC will be holding a General Meeting on Thursday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. on the Zoom teleconferencing platform. We expect to be discussing the upcoming elections, and people for our offices.

To join the Zoom meeting above go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/99918732995?pwd=cFhSbmwySUQ2Qj90eGVUNFNhQ0N4Zz09>

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BARC's Online Discussion Group – Joe Harris, N1QD



BARC has an online forum at Groups.io. The group serves as a sounding board for members to post their suggestions and comments, and is intended to foster discussion. The group can also be used to share photographs from club events! Come visit us at: <https://groups.io/g/BostonARC>. You can join, if you're not already there, by sending an email to "BostonARC+subscribe@groups.io."

What Did You Miss at the May 2021 General Meeting? – Doc Kinne, KE1ML

A Meeting of the Boston Amateur Radio Club was held on Thursday, May 20, on the Zoom teleconferencing platform.

We discussed our needs as a club in the face of our upcoming election. More information about that, and our next discussion, will be in this issue of the SPARC

Become a BARC Officer – Doc Kinne, KE1ML/M7RCK

It's certainly been a heck of a year on several fronts. At the Boston Amateur Radio Club, we're now looking at elections for the new year.



Elections have been somewhat difficult for BARC over the last few years. To a large extent, there has been a small cadre of people who have run the club and held the offices between them for over a decade. Usually this might be seen as a bad thing, but these people have done a good job. The problem is that over a decade you'll get burned out, which is the situation we're in now.

KB1ZFP and KE1ML tried to step into this situation last year by running and doing the Secretary and President's position. Unfortunately, life has a way of sometimes getting in the way of things. KB1ZFP has been diagnosed with a terminal condition, and KE1ML has changed careers in order to support him. Neither person is in a position to continue effectively in the offices they were in.

So, we're looking at recruiting new officers for the 2021-2022 season. While we have been dealing with no Vice President for a few years, especially in situations like this, a Vice President is needed. Obviously we need a President, and a Secretary. Our Treasurer, Jim Clogher, N1ICN, has been doing this job for several years and while I have no indication he wants to move on, having someone convey interest in the Treasurer position would not be a bad thing.

We're pushing the election season off by a month. We're starting a Nomination Committee now with its members being KE1ML, KB1ZFP, NV1W, and Steven Provost. During the June Meeting (which would normally be the Election Meeting) we'll have presentations and questions by the candidates that have expressed interest at that time. During the July meeting we'll have the actual election.

While the Nomination Committee will be looking for interested people to present as a slate, there is nothing preventing nominations from the floor in July.

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It's been an unprecedented year, of course, but this year the President has worked on both trying to get monthly speakers, as well as working on our infrastructure, which included both the website and Zoom. The President's role, in this, is very much what you want to make of it.

The Secretary is responsible for keeping up the member database, as well as answering routine communication. The ARRL email for the club is forwarded to the Secretary. The Secretary handles the data for members. This is kept in an csv delimited spreadsheet that can be handled with programs like Excel or Calc.

Traditionally the Secretary, for the last several years, has also been responsible for the creation and distribution of The SPARC, our newsletter. However, this doesn't have to be the case. The Newsletter Editor can certainly be separated from the office of Secretary.

Treasurer, of course, handles the money. We have two accounts - a traditional banking account and a PayPal account that is kept track of. Most of the money we have seems to be unofficially allocated to the "Repeater Fund" given that, should something on the repeaters need fixing we anticipate that this would be a significant expense. The repeaters are also our most public-facing aspect within the Community.

In my mind, you need interest in order to do any of our office positions, but not a lot of experience. Honestly, I think Morgan & I were proof of that to some degree. The club, wonderfully, operates as a Village, and I expect it will continue to do so. I can also state that we received what I considered unprecedented support from both the Section and Regional leadership.

Have an interest? Have a question? Either ask here, or please get in touch with a member of the Nomination Committee:

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Joseph Chapman, NV1W nv1w@...
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General Radio News From Around the Net – Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7RCK

- ISS to be in Cross Band Repeater Mode for Field Day: uplink – 145.990MHz (67Hz). Downlink: 437.8MHz
- 3Y0J Dxpedition to Bouvet Island has been Cancelled
- New England Digital Swap Net Changes to Mondays at 7:30PM on the NEDECN 3181 Talk Group
- W1ZSA, Roger Turner, Norfolk County ARES/RACES/SKYWARN Director Becomes SK

BARC Meeting Calendar for 2021

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place at the Brookline Police Headquarters, unless via Zoom.

General Meetings (* Business/General Meetings)

June 17	2021	Thu	7:30 pm via Zoom – Election discussion and initial nominations.
July 15	2021	Thu	7:30 pm via Zoom - Elections

VE Sessions

None scheduled at this time.

BARC Net Preamble

The control operator for the BARC Net is Joe, W1JJE. He rarely misses a net, but when he does any ham can take up the position and run the net. To assist you in opening and closing the net The BARC Net Preamble is printed below. Do not be afraid to step up and take the challenge.

Is there 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 check-in’s for the Boston Amateur Radio Club Net please call now.

[Compile the list of the check-ins and proceed with the net.]

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.

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I See the Future

17 June	BARC General Meeting, 7:30PM, Zoom Teleconferencing Platform ▲
19 June	ARRL Kids Day
26-27 June	ARRL Field Day
10-11 July	IARU HF World Championship
15 July	BARC General Meeting, 7:30PM, Zoom Teleconferencing Platform ▲

▲ Note change from usual date and/or location

Before going to any event over the next few months, please confirm that the event will take place and what the hours are.

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 much of the Northeast, the “Ham - Electronic Flea Market” and the “PSLIST” lists tell the story. Of course, if you know of an event that would be of interest to the readers, please let the Editor know.

For an up-to-date calendar of events, including web links, visit <http://www.barc.org/calendar>.

Businesses 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.

The rates for display advertising are:

1 col × 2 in. (business card)	\$15 per issue
1 col × 2 in. (business card)	\$75 per 6 consecutive months
1 col × 2 in. (business card)	\$125 per 12 consecutive months
1 col × 4 in. (½ column)	\$30 per issue
1 col × 9.5 in. (full column)	\$60 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 Doc Kinne, KE1ML, at 617.297.2718 or kinnerc@gmail.com.

Two Ways to See Yourself in Print! (well, PDF) – Joe Chapman, NV1W

We are always looking for articles for the newsletter. I have reserved this space for your articles, reviews, tips, how-tos, hints, kinks, photos, schematics, or other ham related information. Photos of you operating or your shack are especially welcome. Send your submissions to the Editor, Doc, KE1ML, at kinnerc@gmail.com. Articles for the September issue must be received by September 6.

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Are you a depressed BARC member because you have a treasure you must turn to cash? Cheer up, Bunky! The SPARC will run your (non-business) ad for free. Of course, a 10% donation if you sell it will be cheerfully accepted. Just send your ad to Doc Kinne, KE1ML, kinnerc@gmail.com.

BARC Volunteer Exam Sessions

The Boston Amateur Radio Club usually offers license exams quarterly. **Due to uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the next test session is yet to be announced.** Test sessions are held at Brookline Police Headquarters, 350 Washington St. in the Community Room (across from the information desk).

We give all exams (Technician, General, and Extra). *Testing is by reservation only.* 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 picture ID or two valid non-picture IDs
- A pen and a calculator (if you want to)
- **\$15.00** (good for all the tests you take at that session, except for retests)

Note: Written tests can be taken sequentially at the same session for the same \$15 fee. The needed FCC forms will be provided.

To reserve a seat or for further information, contact: Jim Clogher, N1ICN, n1icn@arrl.net, or Linda Blair, NA1I, na1i@arrl.net.



NEW ENGLAND SCI-TECH

New England Sci-Tech Inc is a new 501(c)(3) STEM education center, amateur radio training center, and maker space located at 16 Tech Circle, Natick. It is home to New England Amateur Radio Inc (NE1AR) and the youth radio club Sci-Tech Amateur Radio Society (STARS). NE Sci-Tech welcomes memberships and donations via www.NESciTech.org or www.NE1AR.org.



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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 club, and is a member of the New England Spectrum Management Council (NESMC). The Club is also an associate member of the Courage HandiHams system.

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Greater Boston Net Directory

Daily 7 pm	MARI (Mass/Rhode Island CW Net) (NTS)	3.565
Daily 8 pm	Eastern Mass 2M Traffic Net (NTS)	145.230 (PL 88.5 in/100.0 out)
Daily 8 pm	Slow Speed CW Net	28.160
M,T,F,S 8:30PM	Massachusetts Rhode Island Slow Net	3598
First Mon 8:30 pm	EMA Section ARES Net	146.610 and all MMRA links

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Mon 8 pm	New England DMR Net	DMR New England Talk Group (TG 3181)
Mon 9 pm	BARC Club Net	145.230 (PL 88.5 in/100.0 out)
Sun Mon Wed Fri 10 pm	Heavy Hitters Traffic Net (NTS)	MMRA-linked repeaters: 146.610, 146.670, 146.715, 146.820, and all 222 and 440 repeaters
Mon-Sat Sat, 5 pm	MA RI Phone Net (NTS)	3.978
Tue 8 pm	Sci-Tech Amateur Radio Society (STARS) Net	446.325 (PL 146.2)
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	Waltham Wranglers Swap Net	146.640 (PL 136.5)
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 Newslines)	145.470 (PL 136.5)
Sun 9 pm	CAARAnet	145.130 (PL 107.2)

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