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Message from the Editor – Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7RCK



Fall is supposed to be a season of “winding down” in the northern hemisphere. It starts getting colder. The days get shorter. We finish the harvests of things we’ve planted earlier in the year. That doesn’t seem true for our Amateur Radio, however.

This month continues to be a season of starts for us. Our new administration comes into their own. We restart our regular meetings this month – on Zoom for now, again, but with the hope, and idea, that that will change.

On a larger front, as mentioned last month, we have a New England Division Director’s election coming up. These days, such an election is – by just a little – unusual. There are many uncontested elections in the League. This season, our Division Director will not be among them, and so we have to make a choice. Remember to make that choice. Elections, at all levels, are important.

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BARC General Meeting, Thursday, September 16, 7:30 pm

BARC will be holding a General Meeting on Thursday, Sept 16, at 7:30 p.m. on the Zoom teleconferencing platform. We will be hearing from Mindy Hull, KM1NDY, who will be speaking on outdoor operating.

To join the Zoom meeting above go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/99918732995?pwd=cFhSbmwySUQ2Qqi90eGVUNFNhQ0N4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 999 1873 2995 Password: BARC

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BARC's Online Discussion Group –

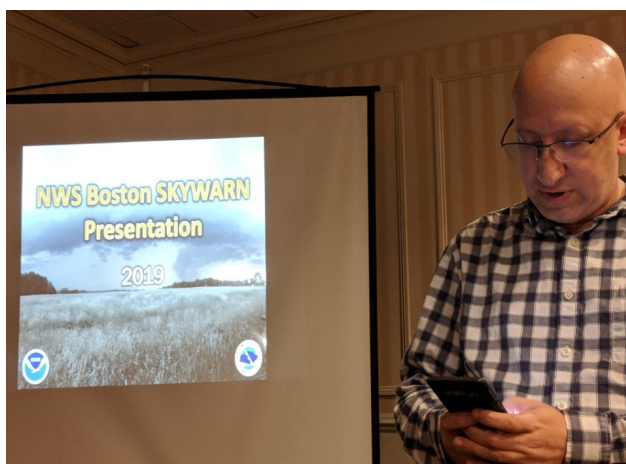
Joe Harris, N1QD



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."



Local Ham Highlighted in QST – Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7RCK



Rob Macedo, KD1CY, has been an Emergency Coordinator for longer than I've had a 1st District callsign. He was made Section Emergency Coordinator for EMA in 2018. While doing other things, of course, he's concentrated on weather issues and the Skywarn Storm Spotter program during much of that time. He's active in the program both here in the Section and nationally as well.

In this month's QST Rob has penned "The Skywarn Storm Spotter Program. In it he updates information about the program, taking into account changes that COVID has forced on us, and how we've been able to react to those challenges.

A lot has changed with Amateur Radio in the last couple of years due to COVID. Some of it has been good for us, some of it has been bad. Rob give a good, modern

overview for what is a pivotal program within the ham radio community.

Read it. And, if you are so inclined you can vote to have Rob win the QST Cover Plaque Award by going to <http://www.arrl.org/cover-plaque-poll>.

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Amateur Radio Makes...the Radio! - Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7RCK

It's not often that Amateur Radio is on the radio. Wait? What?

AM MW-band radio has a special place in my heart. It was the “gateway drug” that moved me into amateur radio. Decades ago as a kid I would DX AM MW-band radio stations before I even knew there was a term for what I was doing. One of the stations that I caught from Rome, NY back in the ‘70s was WBZ AM 1030.

This month WBZ is having its 100th birthday, being the oldest broadcast station in New England, and Amateur Radio is taking part both on its own frequencies, and on the MW band as well.

Between the 17th and 19th of September, specific New England Amateur Stations will be operating under station call signs W1W, W1B, W1Z, and WB1Z, and will be seeking to make 2-way contact with other amateurs on all bands using SSB, AM, SSB, and various digital modes. A commemorative QSL card will be available to anyone who is able to contact these stations by sending your QSL card and a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

OK, that covers the Amateur Radio bands, but what about the MW band. The MW part of the party will be in the form of an interview on WBZ's “The Morgan Show with Morgan White, Jr.” This will be on the air on Saturday, 18 September between 22:00-00:00ET. Featured speakers will include Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, President of the Nashua Area Radio Society, and New England Division Director Candidate, and radio historian Dr. Donna Halper of Lesley University. They'll be discussing the history of WBZ, the WBZ amateur radio special event, and ham radio in general.

It should be worth tuning in to!



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Amateur Radio Seeks Return to Bouvet Island – Forwarded by Joe Chapman, NV1W

Press Release #5 from 3Y0J team
3Y0J DXpedition to Bouvet Island, November 2022

We are happy to announce that Northern California DX Foundation has voted to grant \$100,000 to the upcoming 3Y0J DXpedition to Bouvet. This is an all-time high donation and matches the previous donation given to Bouvet projects. The 3Y0J team is very grateful and honored in the trust NCDXF has shown by supporting our project.

The DXpedition will be carried out by “Amateur Radio DXpeditions”, a Norwegian non-profit organization created for the purpose of conducting DXpeditions. With an overall budget of \$650,000 this will be the most expensive DXpedition ever. With the NCDXF donation we hope to succeed in the fundraising as our first payment milestone for the vessel contract is approaching. By end October we will pay 30% of the vessel contract, and by that time we must have regained confidence that we can succeed financially. We critically need upfront donations to be able to make it. While we have a solid plan, a “young and strong team”, a dedicated crew and vessel Marama – we need your upfront support to go there and make 120,000 QSOs from Cape Fie at Bouvet.

Donations to the 3Y0J project can be done through PayPal on our website or by bank wire transfer.

We wish to recognize and thank the Northern California DX Foundation as the Lead Sponsor for our 3Y0J DXpedition to Bouvet. Without the support of the NCDXF, operations to the world’s rarest entities would be difficult.

You can follow our plans from our website and the 3Y0J Facebook pages:

<http://www.3y0j.no>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3093983840726129>

BARC Meeting Calendar for 2021

We are in the process of looking at and garnering physical meeting space hopefully for the Winter onwards, again, depending on developing conditions. Watch this space, and the BARC Website (<https://barc.org>) for up to the minute details.

VE Sessions

None scheduled at this time.

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BARC Net Preamble

The control operator for the BARC Net is Joe, W1JJF. 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.

I See the Future

16 September	September BARC Meeting on Zoom
18-19 September	ARRL 10GHz & Up, Round 2
15 October	SPARC Deadline for Articles
18-22 October	ARRL School Club Roundup
21 October	October BARC Meeting
23-24 October	ARRL EME 2.3GHz & Up
	▲ 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

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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.

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.

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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
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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