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Message from the Editor – Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7RCK

I am alive, although there were times when it was more touch and go than I would have thought.

While it has been normal over the last few years for BARC to go on a summer holiday with respect to meetings, the SPARC never did that, and I never intended it to. However, life – sort of – intervened.

Put simply towards the last part of July I went on a new medication. This made me sick, although it was a good while before we realized what the problem was. I was trying to be a good boy with this new medicine. Pills are never a good thing for me to actually take; it has always been a problem.

I would take my meds and then, within two days, I would get sick. I'd get sick enough so that I'd stay in bed. I couldn't go to the store, etc. And I stopped taking my meds. In about a week, I'd get better. Wanting to be a good boy, I'd go back on my meds. Two days later I'd get sick. This cycle lasted through the last week of August when I finally figured out it was the new med that was causing the problem, and I stopped taking just the new med. Four days later I was better, and have remained better.

So, there is the explanation regarding the SPARC being MIA. I apologize, and look forward to starting again and getting back in a groove as we, as a club, head to very exciting times!

I'd like to very much thank Steven Provost for the photographs in this issue of the SPARC!



BARC General Meeting – Thursday, September 15, 7:30PM

BARC will be holding a General Meeting on Thursday, September 15, at 7:30 p.m. on the Zoom teleconferencing platform. Clint Bradford, K6LCS will teach us "How to Work Amateur Satellites With Your HT."

To join the Zoom meeting above go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/99918732995?pwd=cFhSbmwySUQ2QzI9OeGVUNFNhQ0N4Zz09>

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."



Field Day! – Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7RCK & BARC

We are in. It may seem like a long time ago now – actually, the way we measure time nowadays, it was! – but BARC held an historic Field Day in June. This was the first Field Day that was held in person, in general, since the Pandemic. It was also the first Field Day that was not held at the Firehouse in several years as well.

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From all accounts, as an activity, Field Day went very well. The heat was a bit on the nose, but the new venue seemed to work out well, we had some visitors, and people seemed to be just happy to both see each other again, and make contacts.



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People are already looking forward to 2023, and with the success we've had of late, a renewed interest in small POTA activations also continues apace.



BARC Moving Forward With Artisan's Asylum Rental – Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7RCK

At a Special Meeting held in August, BARC moved forward in securing a rental at the new Artisan's Asylum facility in Allston.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, BARC was investigating several funding sources that could be used to pay for the



Artisan's Asylum Rental. Two of these – the ARRL and the Amateur Radio Digital Communications Foundation – are being actively pursued, and we are confident at this point that we'll be able to secure a grant.

However, leadership fully realizes that grants do not go forever. Active consideration and research is being done to make sure we can make this new partnership sustainable.

What does this partnership with Artisan's Asylum get

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us? To some degree this is still be explored, but basically it gives us a private space to do with what we want. It also potentially gives us a meeting space with projectors, and networking..

More details and thoughts will be coming in the next few months, however it is not inappropriate to say that this could be one of the largest moves that BARC has made in years. Let's make sure it's a good one!

BARC in the Park! – Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7RCK & Joe Chapman, NV1W

Almost like we're trying to make up for lost time over the last few years, BARC continues to have a lot of small, in-person, events. While most of these have revolved around POTA activations, they've gotten more involved as time has gone on.



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On 10 September, for instance, BARC held a QRP Cookout at Herter Park in Allston (POTA site K-8405). Marlene Jennings (Mrs KC1PWO) wonderfully volunteered to coordinate food.



There were trees available for antennas, and open spots for verticals.

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There was even cake!



We look forward to these types of events continuing. It really brings us together!

Public Service Corner – *Ethan Hansen, KC1OIP*

Matt Knowles, KC1AEI lets us know that,

Volunteers are needed for the Head of the Charles Regatta (HOCR) from Friday 10/21/22-Sunday 10/23/22 from 0600-1800 daily. The Head of the Charles Regatta is a rowing event taking place on the Charles River in Boston. We staff safety boats on the water and first aid stations on land to provide emergency communications to event organizers. The HOCR is sponsored by BNY Mellon, Vineyard Vines, etc. and is a registered 501c3 non-profit organization. For more information, see the event web site and volunteer registration web site links below:

Event Web Site: <https://www.hocr.org>

Volunteer Registration site (Select Emergency Services (HAM Radio – Land Station) or Emergency Services (Ham Radio – Safety Launch): <https://volunteer.regattacentral.com/hocr/browse>

Any skill level is accepted, please reach out with any questions. Thanks!

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Valerie Moore KC1COQ lets us know that,

The Worcester Emergency Communications Team was recently asked to organize amateur radio communications support for a Triathlon this Sunday September 18th in Horseneck Beach State Park and the Town of Westport.

Would any of your members be interested in volunteering?

We support three other triathlons for these same organizers, and have a good system going. However, this one is outside of our normal operating area. It also happens to land directly on top of another event we are supporting in Wayland. So we thought it doubly worthwhile to check and see if those a little more local would also be interested in volunteering.

The amateur radio volunteer meeting is at 8 am, and depending on assignments we expect stations to secure between noon and 1:30 pm. More information can be found here: <https://wect.org/news/view/166/two-volunteer-events-on-sunday-sep-18th-2022-looking-for-volunteers>

BARC Meeting Calendar for 2022

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.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place via Zoom.

General Meetings (* Business/General Meetings)

20 October	2022	Thu	7:30PM - BARC Meeting
17 November	2022	Thu	7:30PM – BARC Meeting

VE Sessions

None scheduled at this time.

BARC Net Preamble

The control operator for the BARC Net is Joe, W1JF. 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

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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

17-18 September	ARRL 10GHz & Up – Round 2
17-18 September	ARRI EME – 2.3 GHz & Up
1-2 October	ARRL Collegiate QSO Party
15-16 October	ARRL EME – 50 to 1296 MHz
15 October	SPARC Article Deadline
12 November	SPARC Article Deadline

▲ 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>.

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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

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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

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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)
Thu 8 pm	Wellesley Amateur Radio Society Net	28.3MHz

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Sat 9 am	Northeast SATERN Net	7.265MHz
Sun 9:30 am	Yankee SSB Net	50.275MHz
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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