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The President's Pronouncements – *Brendan Baldonado, NW1S*



Greetings all! The club is doing well and has seen a boost in activities occur this summer. We have seen the return of BARC Field Day, another QRP BBQ and the return of testing sessions. I plan to continue to host events like these through the winter and while we will plan not to meet during the holidays I hope to see many of you at the next radio or social gathering. Our next meeting will be the continued discussion and vote on collaboration with Artisans Asylum and the application of a grant from the ARDC to cover the rent for two years. We had a meeting last month and an information packet is forthcoming for members to read and come to the meeting with questions and discussion on the subject. I look forward to a great holiday season and future plans for winter field day.

Message from the Editor – *Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7RCK*

Things continue apace here at KE1ML and KB1ZFP's. Nicely I would say that this is also true of W1BOS. Things continue apace. But in the case of W1BOS, that pace is either much better, or producing better effects.

We are moving forward to what may be one of the biggest collaborations of our existence, and striving to do it sustainably. We are also moving back toward important normality by holding our first VE sessions since the Pandemic started.

As we continue with these things, I would humbly ask their people to remember their long-suffering (OK, not that suffering) SPARC editor. Tell us what you're up to! Tell us how the historical VE session went!

Thanks to you all, folks!



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BARC General Meeting – Thursday, October 20, 7:30PM

BARC will be holding a General Meeting on Thursday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. on the Zoom teleconferencing platform. We will be discussing the very important vote regarding our collaboration with Artisan's Asylum and the grant application.

To join the Zoom meeting above go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/99918732995?pwd=cFhSbmwySUQ2Qi90eGVUNFNhQ0N4Zz09>

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."



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VE Sessions Return! – *Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7RCK & Joe Chapman, NV1W*



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.

The Boston Amateur Radio Club has always been rooted in service to the community. Our repeaters are mainstays for the National Traffic System and for several annual public service events. Absent the Pandemic, of course, we’ve always had an active Public Service Coordinator (and it’s very nice that KC1OIP is revising our program in that department). And, finally, BARC has had its VE sessions.

VE sessions are public service? Sure are! They exist to grow our Amateur Radio community. More Amateur Radio Operators means more people to populate and support repeaters and other infrastructure (including the NTS), and staff public service events.

BARC’s first post-Pandemic VE session was held at Artisan’s Asylum at what was its traditional time of 7:30PM on 18 October. We’re looking very forward to hearing how this first post-Pandemic VE session went as details were not available at press time.

The VE Committee plans regular quarterly VE sessions in the future, and offer exams for Technician, General, and Amateur Extra licenses. Study up!

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BARC's Membership Discusses the Artisan's Asylum Rental – Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7RCK

As mentioned by the President in his column this month, BARC is moving forward with a rental and collaboration with Artisan's Asylum. Our meeting will continue a discussion we have been having regarding this collaboration, its ramifications for BARC, and how to make this collaboration sustainable going forward.

BARC's collaboration with Artisan's Asylum has the potential to probably be the most transformative thing the club has done in a decade. It will also be the most expensive thing we've looked at doing since raising our repeaters. We need club input and buy-in regarding this next potential chapter in our history. Please be at our meeting on 20 October to help us move forward together.

A Fond Lookback to Summer – Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7RCK & Geri Duff, KB1ISG

We As the inevitability of Winter creeps upon us, we wanted to end with a couple of reminders of the magnificent in-person comeback BARC embraced over the summer with its picnics and numerous Parks on the Air activations.



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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)

17 November 2022 Thu 7:30PM – BARC Meeting

VE Sessions

18 October 2022 Tues 7:30PM - Artisan's Asylum

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 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

17-21 October	ARRL School Club Roundup
5-7 November	ARRL Nov. Sweepstakes - CW
12 November	SPARC Article Deadline
12-13 November	ARRL EME 50-1296 MHZ
19-21 November	ARRL Nov. Sweepstakes - Phone

▲ *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

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The rates for display advertising are:

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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.

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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.co

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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)
Thu 8 pm	Wellesley Amateur Radio Society Net	28.3MHz
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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