



# **The SPARC**

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

Happy New Year, everyone! We've survived another circuit around the Sun (which, given the last few, didn't quite seem to be the slam dunk we always took it for), and I am confident, like the current Solar Cycle, this year will just et better and better!

The publishing schedule for our first 2023 issue sort of ended up working against us. How so?



Well, nearly everything that we had happen this month happened at the very start of the month, within the first two weeks, so there was little time for information about it to be written down and put into the SPARC. This month, that was a scheduling issue, to be sure.

That being said I need to take this opportunity to remind folks, I think, about the SPARC. Major things are happening with BARC right now – more than has happened, I think, since I've been a member of the club (Yes, yes, I see the group of you nodding, thinking, "I've been a member of this club longer than you've known Amateur Radio existed! And that's true! But it still doesn't change the fact that major things are happening with BARC right now). These new things need to be publicized.

The SPARC is the perfect place to do that. Why? The SPARC has an advantage over websites. Websites are use what we call a "pull paradigm." If you want to know something you have to go to the website even before you know it's there. Newsletters such as the SPARC use a "push paradigm." Hundreds of people around the world (honestly!) get a monthly notification that the SPARC has bee published & a link to go read it. The recipient knows news is there and where to find it.

Now the trick is to get the news into the SPARC, and for that I need you folks! Let me know what's going on – Write for the SPARC!

But this is not a one-sided thing! People are busy and distracted. I know this. Indeed, it is my life more than I let most people know. Unsurprisingly it is quite possible that the first thought of the SPARC per month is when you get that link to the current issue. As editor I'll be making an effort to change that by attempting to prod and remind folks at the very beginning of the month that you need to tell people the great work and fun times you're having with Amateur Radio – via the SPARC, of course!

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### **No January Meeting**

Actually that's not true.

We jump started the whole year with both a Party and a Special Meeting. We're tired!

### **In this Issue of The SPARC**

- Artisans Asylum Plans Continue
- Classes Solicited for BARC's Artisan Asylum Activity
- Massachusetts Volunteers on the Air, W1AW/1 Sign Up
- 127<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon Amateur Radio Volunteers Still Needed
- Pictures from the Holiday Party

### **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](mailto:BostonARC+subscribe@groups.io)."



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### **Artisans Asylum Plans Continue – Doc Kinne, KE1ML / M7DOC, & Mindy Hull, KM1NDY**



Our work with Artisans Asylum continues. BARC had a special meeting just a few days ago where an update was given regarding the project. A presentation and a vote was held regarding a new “Advanced Membership” tier for BARC. Finally a vote was held regarding start up money for the project as a whole. Since this was held just a few days ago, we’re hoping that details regarding what happened will be able to be published for the general BARC community in

the next SPARC.

At the same time we actually have access to the building now such that equipment is beginning to be built and antenna installations are in the works. Indeed, the Special Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> was the very first *hybrid* BARC meeting since it was held both on Zoom and with people physically in the Artisans Asylum space.

Keep watch both here and on our message groups for more updates on the Artisans Asylum project!



*W1BOS at Artisans Asylum*

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### **Classes Solicited for BARC's Artisans Asylum Activity – *Brendan Baldonado, NW1S***

One of the things that having access to Artisans Asylum will enable us to do is classes. Not only will we have the space, but we'll have critical infrastructure available and in place to effectively do this. Not only will there be potential for practical demonstrations with live equipment, but internet communications will also be available for a wide audience.

If you have any thoughts as to what you may want to teach, or, as importantly, if you have any thoughts as to what classes you may like to see, please email Greg Kenley at <[gkenley@gmail.com](mailto:gkenley@gmail.com)> and Brendan Baldonado <[nw1s.brendan@gmail.com](mailto:nw1s.brendan@gmail.com)>.

### **Massachusetts Volunteers on the Air, W1AW/1 Sign Up – *Phil Temples, K9HI***

This year, the ARRL is honoring volunteers with its Volunteers On The Air (VOTA) operating event. The event starts January 1 and ends December 31, 2023.

Twice a year, for one week, each state will be activated as W1AW/1 (for call area 1 Massachusetts, for example). To make this happen, we need ops to get Massachusetts on the air.



Would you like to be an W1AW/1 activator for the first session this spring? The first MA session is Wednesday, April 12 through Tuesday, April 18.

Would you like to know more? Contact Larry, W1AST, at [W1AST@arrl.net](mailto:W1AST@arrl.net).

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### **127<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon Amateur Radio Volunteers Still Needed – Ethan Hansen, KC1OIP & the Boston Marathon Communications Committee**

Volunteer applications for the 127th running of the Boston Marathon and BAA 5K are open and are still looking for volunteers! I'm sure some of you have already gotten some emails about this if you've volunteered before but I've included the instructions from the BAA Communications Committee below. Please consider volunteering!

Volunteer registration for the 2023 Boston Marathon is open. Returning volunteers will get an email from the BAA later this morning with instructions. In order to make registration as smooth as possible we are providing specific instructions for our Amateur Radio Operator (ARO) volunteers.

If you haven't previously volunteered, or have a friend who would like to volunteer, please go directly to the [\*\*Volunteer Registration\*\*](#) page after 10:00 AM EST and follow the instructions for new volunteers.

#### **Step by Step Sign Up Guide:**

<https://hamradioboston.freshdesk.com/en/support/solutions/articles/44002389087-2023-volunteer-registration-step-by-step-guide>

#### **A few notes for volunteers:**

Almost all amateur radio positions are single person assignments. We are not able to group people on a single assignment, but we will try to accommodate which segment you are assigned to in order to allow for similar start/end times.



Don't delay! Volunteer registration closes on *Friday, February 10 at 5:00 PM EST*. It would help our planning processes if you could please complete your registration by *Friday, January 27*.

Help us get the word out by forwarding this email to your club and other amateur radio operators who might wish to volunteer. Most volunteers first learn about the event through word of mouth. If you know new licensees who might like to join us, please make sure to let them know about it. Even just a quick mention at your club meeting

can be a big help.

If you have any questions about the upcoming volunteer registration period, or the 2023 Marathon generally, please get in touch anytime. Volunteering at the Marathon is a big job and we appreciate the time and effort everyone puts into it. We're happy to do what we can to make your work fun, comfortable, and effective.

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### **Pictures from the Holiday Party!**



*The Place!*



*The People!*



*The Food!*

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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)**

No General Meeting in January.

#### **VE Sessions:**

None scheduled at press time. However a quarterly schedule is looked forward to.

### **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.*

### **I See the Future**

13-17 February	ARRL School Club Roundup
18-19 February	ARRL International DX – CW
4-5 March	ARRL International DX - Phone

▲ *Note change from usual date and/or location*

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*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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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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