



# The SPARC

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

February got away from me in as there turned out to be a hospital visit (not me) and some employment/income snags on this end. Joe Harris did indeed notice that I had not put out the reminder to folks that the deadline for SPARC input never got put out, and he was quite correct. Then time ran out for me and I had to get this out. My apologies, all.

Having said that, I've been noticing that our Google Groups area seemingly has become to go-to area for club conversation. I think this is great in that this is what this area was made for several years ago and it is now picking up!



## BARC General Meeting – Thursday, March 16, 7:30PM

BARC will be holding a General Meeting on Thursday, March 16, at 7:30 PM on the Zoom teleconferencing platform and, simultaneously, at Artisans Asylum. Directions to Artisans Asylum can be found at:

<https://www.barc.org/directions-to-artisans-asylum-allston/>.

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



### **Ham Volunteers Needed for Fool's ½ Marathon – Brandon Hockle, NQ1W via EMA.ARRL.ORG**

*We are still looking for volunteers for the upcoming road race in Gloucester the morning of April 2nd.*

Here is some basic information for the race:

<https://www.yukanrun.com/fools-dual-half-marathon-5k>

Specifics as to our posts and the race course map will be forthcoming. If you have preference for a position it will be first come first serve. So if you are keen on a certain post on the course please let Fred know as soon as you can!



The race season has snuck up on us this year. But, I hope we will still have an excellent turnout as always. Remember that those of you who contributed your time last season there is a CAARA race event t-shirt waiting for you with WA1ESU at the race start station.

Please let the special events leads know that you will be able to help out. Event communication members are asked to arrive at least a half hour before the start of the event to get final position and coordination from the leaders.

If you are interested or have questions please email [wa1esu@comcast.net](mailto:wa1esu@comcast.net).

As always thank you for your participation, these events are so important to both CAARA and the Yukanrun team.

### **Designer Needed for 2023 13 Colonies MA K2H QSL Card – Larry Krainson, W1AST & Doc Kinne, KE1ML**

The Thirteen Colonies Special Contest commemorates the original 13 colonies and Great Britain. For KE1ML, it was the first contest that station ever participated in. Special stations, with special call signs, activate each of the original 13 colonies in what would become the United States. These include the coastal states we're all familiar with today, but not Maine (which was part of MA at the time), and not

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Vermont (which didn't exist until 1791 when the US accepted the nation of the Vermont Republic into the Union).

Beyond the individual colony stations there are a few bonus stations as well. The stations can and will QSL, and participants in the special contest get an award as well.

The contest is a yearly event and each year both the QSL for the colony stations and the overall certificate is designed from scratch. This year they are search for a designer for the MA QSL card for the 2020 Thirteen Colonies Contest. The QSL cards follow a general theme each year.

Are you more than "just radio?" Let your creative and artistic side show through! If you're interested in designing this year's MA QSL card, contact Larry, W1AST at W1AST@arrl.net



2022 13 Colonies K2H QSL Card

## 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

9 April	SPARC Article Deadline
16 April	ARRL Rookie Roundup – Phone
20 April	BARC General Meeting

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### **▲ 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:

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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](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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