



# The SPARC

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## From the new Editor – Shirley Dulcey, KE1L

As of this issue, I am taking over as the editor of The SPARC. I have been a ham since 1970. I was a member of BARC in its early years, and rejoined near the end of 2022. I am regularly seen at NEAR-Fest, HamXposition, and other ham radio events in the area. I am active in the New England QRP Club; most of my current operating is in the field. I'm one of the people who is active at our BARC at Artisans Asylum station.

Thanks are due to Joe Chapman NV1W for his service as editor.

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

Good Bye Summer and Hello Fall! If you've been under a rock or vacationing all summer you might have missed what an amazing Summer The Boston Amateur Radio Club has had! Final results from Winter Field Day showed we placed in the top 10 overall! Right on the heels of that we had an amazing Field Day as well. We are planning more events and soon to be classes and Open Shack time at A2 in the very near future, I for one am excited to see what this club can do. I'd also like to take the time now to Thank everyone that contributed and worked very hard to make these events possible! Your dedication and efforts are what make the club a fun and exciting place to be. Also a big thanks to our outgoing Treasurer with many many years of dedicated service. Jim we appreciate everything you have done for the club.

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## BARC General Meeting, Thursday, October 19, 7:30 pm

The next BARC General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 7:30 pm, at Artisans Asylum in Allston and on the Zoom teleconferencing platform. As always, the meeting will be preceded with a half hour of social time beginning at 7:00. Topics will include discussion of Winter Field Day, including possible club funding, and a report on antenna progress at A2.

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88617672771?pwd=sVbv3GtLs74aPFFvzOhu7BSB0SafFS.1>

Meeting ID: 886 1767 2771

Passcode: 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).

### **BARC Meeting Calendar for 2023**

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings and VE sessions will take place at Artisans Asylum. We do not hold a general meeting in December.

#### **General Meetings**

October 19	2023	Thu	7:30 pm
November 16	2023	Thu	7:30 pm

### **Member News – Shirley Dulcey, KE1L**

This space is reserved for your news! Send it to Shirley Dulcey at [shirleymarquez@gmail.com](mailto:shirleymarquez@gmail.com).

### **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. Even Herman Munster, at least if fictional characters could be granted licenses! 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**

<b>19 October</b>	<b>BARC General Meeting, Artisans Asylum, Allston, and Zoom, 7:30 pm</b>
20-22 October	Boy Scouts of America Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)
20-22 October	Head of the Charles Regatta (public service event)
27 October	Zombie Shuffle
28-29 October	ARRL EME
28-29 October	CQ Worldwide, SSB
<b>4 November</b>	<b>Deadline for articles for the November SPARC</b>
4-6 November	ARRL Sweepstakes, CW
18-20 November	ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB

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

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.

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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 Shirley Dulcey, KE1L, [shirleymarquez@gmail.com](mailto:shirleymarquez@gmail.com).

### **Zombie Shuffle!**

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Zombie Shuffle is on Friday afternoon-night. (It’s always the last Friday of October, or maybe the Friday before Halloween, I’m not sure!) It’s a silly QRP CW operating event, with a scoring system that’s just about guaranteed to give you a large score. Each station has a Zombie number, typically in the hundreds, and you add all the numbers to get your score on each band – the numbers, not the number of contacts! And Zombies are undead so you can work a station again after two hours (rebirth). Info at <https://www.zianet.com/qrp/ZOMBIE/pg.html> (I warned you I’d sneak in QRP!)

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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 ‘n’ kinks, photos, schematics, or other ham related information. Photos of you operating or your shack are especially welcome. Send your submissions to the Editor, Shirley Dulcey, KE1L, [shirleymarquez@gmail.com](mailto:shirleymarquez@gmail.com). Articles for the November issue must be received by November 4.

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 Shirley Dulcey, KE1L, [shirleymarquez@gmail.com](mailto:shirleymarquez@gmail.com).

### **BARC Volunteer Exam Sessions**

The Boston Amateur Radio Club offers license exams quarterly. The next session will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Test sessions are held at Artisans Asylum, 96 Holton St., Boston, MA 02135.

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](mailto:n1icn@arrl.net), or Joe Chapman, NV1W, [nv1w@arrl.net](mailto:nv1w@arrl.net).



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](http://www.NESciTech.org) or [www.NE1AR.org](http://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
Sun–Fri 9:45 pm, Sat 10 pm	Heavy Hitters Traffic Net (NTS)	MMRA-linked repeaters
Mon–Sat 5 pm	MA RI Phone Net (NTS)	3.978
First Mon 8:30 pm	EMA Section ARES Net	MMRA-linked repeaters
Mon 7 pm	Two Meter SSB Net	144.244 USB
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)
Tue 8 pm	Sci-Tech Amateur Radio Society (STARS) Net	446.325 (PL 146.2)
Tue 8 pm	MMRA Club Net	MMRA-linked repeaters
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 Newline)	145.470 (PL 136.5)
Sun 9 pm	CAARAnet	145.130 (PL 107.2)




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