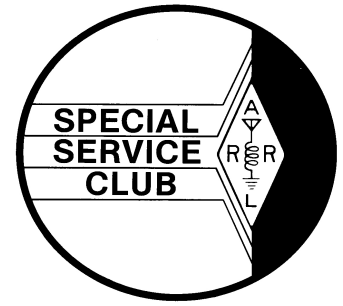




The SPARC

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A Message from the President

Mark Duff KB1EKN

Congratulations to members Bob Salow/WA1IDA and Frank Murphy/N1DHW for being chosen the Ham's of the Year! The Ham of the Year is chosen by you "the membership". I don't think you could have picked two better people!

Recipients of the Presidents Award went to the following: Mike Ardai/N1IST, Arthur Ashley/N1NHZ, Leo Burke/KA1LN, Guy Bzibziak/KB1CRY, Jim Clogher/N1ICN and Paul Olivier/N1ZKR. All of the above-mentioned people as well as the work of many others, make BARC what it is today.

A sincere thank you to all of the people who donated to BARC over the last year. I can assure you that your efforts will be well utilized. Almost 50 individuals went above the call of duty for BARC. We are anticipating a replacement of the antenna on the 145.23 repeater. The current antenna is over ten years old and due to the heavy abuse it gets from the almost constant wind it is subjected to, the club officers feel its time for a replacement. This may also resolve some of the problems we have been experiencing recently. I am a firm believer in preventive maintenance. Replacing the antenna now, before it fails completely, makes good sense. Thanks once again to those who have gone the extra mile to make this happen.

Mike Ardai/N1IST, Frank Murphy/N1DHW, Phil Temples/K9HI and myself recently attended the New England Division ARRL Cabinet Meeting in Springfield, hosted by Tom Frenaye/K1KI and Mike Raisebeck/K1TWF. This was a great opportunity to learn what is going on in the League and for Local Clubs to provide input to the League Officers. A report of the meeting will be given at the General meeting in January.

We have been invited to participate in a WGBH Fundraising event in March. The event will take place between March 2nd and 17th. Volunteers can assist handling food, data collection or answering phones. If we participate, we will be mentioned on the air. BARC needs someone to coordinate our people for this event. If you are interested in participating or coordination, please contact Bob Salow or myself.

The January General Meeting will consist of four parts: It will start with a report on the ARRL Cabinet Meeting as previously mentioned. We will then move to Field Day Planning. Next will be a BERT [Boston Emergency Response Team] organizational

meeting. The meeting will conclude with a social gathering of members. At every general meeting we always seem to run out of time. At this meeting, I will allot time for all of us just to talk among ourselves.

My best wishes to all of you in 2002 and I look forward to seeing you in January.

Mark Duff/KB1EKN

48 members have been kind enough to contribute additional support for the club's activities and repeaters during 2001. We thank you!

W1UWB SK

We note with sadness the death of long-time BARC member Julian Sobin, W1UWB. No further details were available to the Editor at this time.

ARRL Membership And Renewal

The ARRL has a new policy on club benefits when joining and renewing ARRL membership through clubs. Formerly, the club got a \$2.00 rebate when members renewed, and \$5.00 when becoming a new ARRL member. Now, the club earns only a \$15.00 rebate for a new ARRL membership.

While all members should renew, there is added incentive to sign up new ARRL members. About 3/4 of BARC members belong to ARRL. The rest should become aware of the supports and benefits that come with ARRL membership. A "new" member is defined as any individual who has never been a member or who has allowed their membership to lapse for two or more years. Regular membership dues are now \$39 for one year, \$74 for two years, and \$105 for three years. There are also reduced rates for senior, youth, blind and family memberships.

When joining ARRL, your initial dues remain the same, but the club gets that small income. Sign up through BARC; **make your check out to BARC** and give it and your ARRL membership form to the BARC Treasurer. He will handle the rest, and you will get all the benefits of being a member of ARRL, The National Organization for Amateur Radio.

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BARC Monthly Breakfast

Every month, BARC has a social breakfast on the second Sunday of the month, which will be January 13 this month. We'll be meeting at the Old Country Buffet at the Watertown Mall at 8:30am.

They are *very* good, offering an extensive breakfast buffet, costing \$6.35 per person.

We just intend to get together, socialize and eat, without having any formal club events or business. Family and friends of club members are welcome also. If you are not a BARC member, you too are invited to meet with us and see what we're all about.

The Old Country Buffet is in the Watertown Mall, on Arsenal St. in Watertown. From Memorial Drive continue on Greenough Boulevard to the Watertown exit, and then turn right onto Arsenal St. There is plenty of mall parking. The #70 T bus from Central Square Cambridge to Watertown Square stops right at the Watertown Mall. Hope to see all of you there – and bring your appetite!

January General Meeting

This month's BARC General meeting is on Thursday, January 17 at 7p.m. The January General Meeting will consist of four parts: a report on the ARRL Cabinet Meeting, Field Day Planning, a BERT [Boston Emergency Response Team] organizational meeting and a social gathering of members.

BARC General meetings are held at the Boston Back Bay Salvation Army Building, corner of Berkeley St. and Columbus Ave. near Copley Square, in the second floor auditorium.

Parking is available; the entrance to the parking lot is from Columbus Ave. (across the street from the firehouse). It is also T accessible; the nearest T stations are Back Bay on the Orange and Purple lines (exit the rear of the station by the busway and walk down Columbus) and Copley or Arlington on the Green line (use the Berkeley Street exit). A map appears on page 7 of the newsletter.

People arriving after 7:15 p.m. need to ring the bell at the door to be admitted, as the door is locked then.

Future General Meeting Dates

(Third Thursdays at 7 p.m.)

21 February 2002
21 March 2002
18 April 2002
16 May 2002
20 June 2002
18 July 2002

Minutes of the Boston Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting

January 3, 2002.

Recorded by Guy Bzibziak, KB1CRY

Present were:

Mike Ardai	N1IST	Vice President
Arthur Ashley	N1NHZ	Membership Services
Henry Buccigross	K1QK	
Guy Bzibziak	KB1CRY	Secretary
Jim Clogher	N1ICN	Treasurer
Rick DeSisto	NG1L	BERT Coordinator
Mark Duff	KB1EKN	President
Dan Malloy	KA1RDZ	
Frank Murphy	N1DHW	
Paul Olivieri	N1ZKR	
Bob Salow	WA1IDA	Public Services
Joe Scully	K1SQT	

The meeting started at 1900 hrs.

Committee reports were read and accepted.

The Simulated Emergency Training [SET] will occur on March 23, 2002.

The Club is going to try to have BERT activities [drills, simulations, nets, and so forth] on a monthly basis.

It was voted that the Club purchase a new antenna and accessories for the '23 machine, as the present antenna is at the end of its service life, and prone to failure due to age.

A half-page insert for the SPARC is being prepared for GOPTAP [Get On The Air Program]. GOTAP is a program that the ARRL has put together in order to help new and existing hams get on the air and stay in the hobby.

The club's participation in Jamboree on the Air [JOTA] 2001 was such a success that the club has decided to do it again next year for JOTA 2002. Your assistance is needed to make this an even bigger success! Contact Frank Murphy, N1DHW to volunteer.

The next Tech No-Code Class will be held in either February or March 2002. Details are being firmed up as to when these classes will be conducted at the Parlin Memorial Library in Everett [the same facility where the business meetings are being held]. More information will be made available soon.

There may need to be a change in the siting of Field Day, depending on the extent and duration of the construction at the top of the hill at Lars Anderson Park. Mike Ardai, N1IST, will chair Field Day 2002 with Leo Burke, KA1LN and Paul Olivieri, N1ZKR assisting as Vice-chairmen. If you can think of good alternative sites in the area, let the Field Day Committee know! It

is not too early to help out in making this Field Day as good as it can get! Contact any of the above to help out.

Volunteers are needed for manning the telephones during the WGBH March pledge drive. Further information will be made available soon in regards to volunteering for this.

The BARC mailing lists are being moved to a new server soon. Watch for the announcement soon.

Net Control Operators are needed for the Monday night BARC Net. Contact Mike Ardai, N1IST for open dates.

The meeting adjourned at 2045 hrs.

The next Boston Amateur Radio Club business meeting will be held Thursday, February 7 (1st Thursday of the month), 7:00pm, at the Parlin Memorial Library [410 Broadway, Everett, MA] (off rt. 99) in Everett, MA. Check the Web page and/or listen to the repeater for directions.

This is where the real business of BARC is conducted. If you have any suggestions, questions or comments, this is where to bring them. All members are welcome (and encouraged) to join us at this meeting.

Future Business Meeting Dates

(First Thursday at 6:30 p.m.)

7 March 2002
4 April 2002
2 May 2002
6 June 2002

BARC VE Session

The Boston Amateur Radio Club holds its monthly VE session on the second Monday of each month. The next session will be at 7pm on Monday, January 14, 2002 at the Pierce School at 50 School Street in Brookline, Room 110 next to the cafeteria.

There is a free parking garage at the circular driveway. If driving, enter School Street from the Washington street side (opposite 394 Washington,) rather than from Harvard Street. Check:

http://www.barc.org/barc/school_map.gif

for more info. This map also appears on page 7 of this newsletter.

For those traveling via public transportation, take the "D" branch of the Green Line to the Brookline Village station. Walk north along Harvard Street 0.2 miles to School Street then turn left. The Pierce School is on the left. The #66 bus runs on Harvard Street, crossing School Street.

Talk in on 145.23(-), PL 88.5.

We give all exams (Technician thru Extra, CW and written), and you don't need to pre-register. Please bring the following with you:

- Your current license *and a photocopy for the ARRL*, if you are upgrading
- Any CSCE's you are claiming, and a photocopy of them
- Valid ID (picture ID preferred)
- A pen and a calculator (if you want to)
- **\$10.00** (good for all the tests you take at that session, except for retests).
- Note that code tests are no longer free. Those taking the code test only will also have to pay the \$10 fee. Code and written tests can be taken together at the same session for a single \$10 fee.

The needed FCC forms will be provided.

For further information, contact

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Future Exam Dates

(Second Mondays at 7:00 pm)

11 February 2002
11 March 2002
8 April 2002
13 May 2002
10 June 2002
8 July 2002

BARC Growth

It's a rare month when we fail to add a few new members. Periodically we publish their names so that you can give them a special welcome. There may also be some upgrades and long lost members who rejoin, so greet them, too.

Ralph Butler W1BT upgrade to Extra - formerly N1ZWQ
Jim Glenn NU5G

Please welcome the new BARC members and congratulate the new upgrades. Make it a point to introduce yourself when you see them at a meeting. In addition, we would like to note here all call sign changes. If you fit any of these categories, please promptly notify the Keeper of the Database, Bob Salow, WA1IDA at: 508.650.9440 or email: wa1ida@arrl.net.

I See the Future

13 Jan	BARC Breakfast
14 Jan	BARC VE Session
17 Jan	BARC General Meeting
26 Jan	Antique RC Flea (Nashua NH)
7 Feb	BARC Business Meeting
17 Feb	GBARC Antique Flea (Westford)
10 Mar	MtTomARA Flea (Amherst)
21 Apr	MIT Flea
3,4 May	HossTraders (Hopkinton NH)
24-25 Aug	ARRL NE Div Conv (Boxboro)

(Rp) = BARC repeater(s) may be used

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 New England and some of New York, the "Ham - Electronic Flea Market" and the "PSLIST" lists tell the story. They are posted by e-mail to barc-list and on PBBSs regularly. If needed, contact any club member who has access to these.

BARC Net Preamble

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 145.23 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 checkins for the Boston Amateur Radio Club net please call now.

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.

Net Volunteers Needed

The Eastern Massachusetts 2M Traffic Net, the Heavy Hitters' Traffic Net, and the BARC Club Net are always in need of volunteers to act as Net Control Station. This is excellent practice for emergency communications, and also an opportunity to

sharpen your operating skills among a friendly group of people. For further information please contact Mike Ardai N1IST.

BARC Runs Friday Night Nets

The Boston Amateur Radio Club runs special interest nets every Friday evening at 9p.m. on the 145.23 machine. The net will switch to a new format in October. Each Friday of the month, the net will be devoted to a specific activity/interest.

1st Friday - SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Response Net);

2nd Friday - Weather Net;

3rd Friday - ARES net;

4th Friday - Tech Net;

5th Friday - All or some of the above.

All BARC members and other members of the Boston area Amateur Radio community are welcome to check in and participate.

Several Hundred Boston Area Hams Could Be Reading Your Ad Right Now

The SPARC accepts commercial advertisements. BARC encourages monthly promotion of your products and services which would be of interest to our hundreds of members and others interested in the Amateur Radio Service.

Rates for display advertising are:

1 col x 2 in. (business card)	\$10 per issue
1 col x 2 in. (business card)	\$50 per 6 consecutive months
1 col x 2 in. (business card)	\$90 per 12 consecutive months
1 col x 4 in. (1/2 col)	\$20 per issue
1 col x 9.5 in. (full col)	\$40 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 Paul Carter at n1tmf@pvetronics.com or 617.232.6982; or Bob Salow at walida@mediaone.net or 508.650.9440.

Your Ad Could Have Been Here

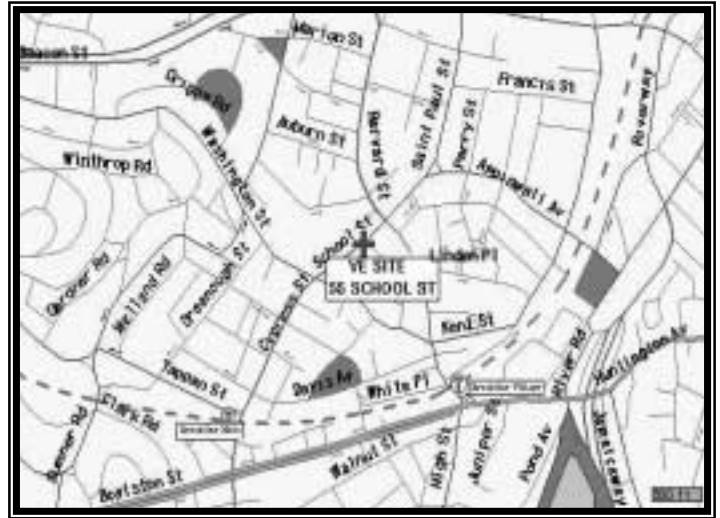
Are you a depressed BARC member because you have a treasure you must turn to cash and you couldn't make it to the last flea market? Well, cheer up, Bunky! The SPARC will run your (non-business) ad for free. Of course, a 10% donation if you sell it (and of course you will) will be cheerfully accepted. Just send your ad to Editor Paul Carter, N1TMF.

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General Meeting – Boston Salvation Army
 Corner of Berkeley St. and Columbus Ave.



VE Session – Pierce School
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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 Special Service Club, and is a member of the Council of Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Clubs (CEMARC) and the New England Spectrum Management Council (NESMC). The Club is a participant in Partnerships Advancing Technical Hobbies Which Attract Youth to Science (PATHWAYS). The Club is also an associate member of the Courage Handi-Hams system.

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Greater Boston Net Directory

daily 5:30pm	Eastern Mass/Rhode Island Phone Net (NTS)	3.915
daily 7 and 10pm	Eastern Mass/Rhode Island CW Net (NTS)	3.658
daily 8pm	Eastern Mass 2M Traffic Net (NTS)	145.23 (PL 88.5)
daily 8pm	Slow Speed CW Net	28.160
daily 10:30pm	Heavy Hitters' Traffic Net (NTS)	146.64
M 9pm	BARC Club Net	145.23 (PL 88.5)
Tu 8pm	MMRA Club Net	146.61 and all MMRA links
Tu 9pm	EMA Public Safety Net	145.23 (PL 88.5)
Tu 9pm	NETARC Satellite Net WIME (ex K1MON)/NCS	446.575 (PL 88.5)
W 8pm	Wellesley Amateur Radio Society Net	147.03
W 9pm	HHTN Swap Net	146.64
Th 8:30pm	Amsat Net N1OHJ/NCS	146.64
F 9pm	SWAT (SATERN, Weather, ARES &Tech) Net	145.23 (PL 88.5)
Su 9:30am	Yankee SSB Net (6M)	50.275
Su 3:30pm	Youth Net	3.970
Su 7pm	Algonquin Amateur Radio Club Net	53.470 (PL 100.0/71.9), 223.860 (PL 241.8), 446.675 (PL 88.5)
Su 8:30pm	NSRA Net (with Newsline)	145.47
Su 9:30pm	EMA Section ARES Net	146.61 and all MMRA links
(4 th Sun. of Month)		

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