



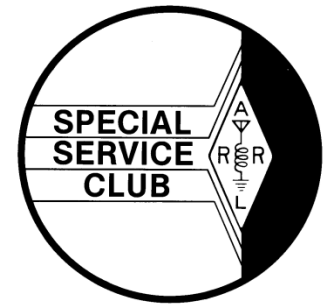
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## Message from the President - Linda M. Blair, NA1I

**Legacy...**At our October General Meeting we had a great presentation from Bo Budinger, WA1QYM, on "How To Grow Your Local Club." Among the topics presented was that of the "greying" of the Amateur Radio club members. While it is true that this is happening to the hobby's clubs in general, it is not necessarily specific to any single club. With that in mind, I would like to offer up some suggestions based on my experiences with many different organizations of which I have been a part.

An organization usually winds up with three levels of members. First there is the "old guard." Many times this group includes the organization's founders, but just about always includes those who have been in leadership positions for a long time. They tend to "mother hen" the organization such as to keep it as it originally was, without any serious changes. I have seen organizations in which the "old guard" takes turns rotating through the offices so as to prevent any new influences from coming into control. Of course, this results in organizational stagnation and lack of vision.

The next group I'll call the "middle guard." These are members who have been around the organization for a while and may even have advanced to the fringes of leadership. But their only hope of further advancement is if a very rare opening occurs. For the most part, they stay with the organization not so much for the good of the organization, but for their own personal reasons. These might include the gathering of information about the theme for which the organization was started and which might be useful to them in their employment. In any case, as far as the organization is concerned, they are just there – treading water so to speak.

Then there is the "new guard." These are the new members who have either just joined or have not been with the organization very long. They usually join because they see some benefit in the organization based on its theme. But while they may be very willing to pitch in and do their part for the organization, they soon find that their opportunities are very limited. They begin to feel they are just being used and start to feel less comfortable with the organization. They may or may not stay for the long term. If they do, they may advance to the "middle guard."

It is the obligation of leadership to identify new talent in the organization and to utilize that talent to the fullest extent possible. This can be difficult because the new talented member may have other commitments in his or her life that limit how much they can do for the organization. But even a little bit of help can be useful. There is after all the old saying "many hands make the load lighter." The challenge is to make every member feel a valuable part of the organization, and to give every member a sense of ownership so she or he can say "this is my organization."

While the process of inclusion usually starts with small tasks, it is the job of the leadership to observe the performance, provide necessary counsel, and give an evaluation upon which the assignment of future tasks can be based. It is also part of the role of leadership to listen to all the membership. You never know what interesting ideas might come forth when the opportunities to present them are made available. While some of these ideas might seem radical, they may nevertheless, be very good for the organization.

Leaders do not last forever. At some point they must be replaced. The replacements usually come from the identified talent pool – those who have succeeded on small assigned tasks and have been made to feel a part of the organization. In most cases even the "old guard" was once part of the "new guard." As they learned so too will the "new guard". Much of what they will learn will be the legacy given to them by the "old guard." What they do with that legacy is up to them for it

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*is their inheritance. They may squander it, but it is theirs to squander. But more likely they will build on that legacy and, when their time comes to hand over the reins of leadership, they will pass on an even greater legacy. But most of all they will feel a sense of ownership of the organization and that gives justification for having stayed around and for having gotten involved. It is no longer the ABC Club or the XYZ Club. It is "MY Club" and collectively, it is "OUR Club."*

*To sum up all of this, if you're a leader, keep watch for new talent and utilize it to the fullest extent possible. Above all, listen to your membership. You'll be amazed at their versatility and imagination. When the time comes, do not fear to hand over your role to another member who is in the "middle or new guard." If you are in the "middle or new guard," be involved. Accept constructive suggestions, but whenever possible, let your ideas be known. You only get out of an organization what you put into it. Participation is what gets you ownership. Above all, accept the legacy you receive because it is the platform for you to build an even greater legacy to hand over to your successors.*

*To all, have a very happy Thanksgiving.*

### **It's Time For the BARC Holiday Party**

One of our most successful BARC events has been our Holiday Party in December. For more than 20 consecutive years our members, family and friends have had a wonderful time at our purely social get together. We have selected the famous Stockyard Restaurant in Brighton again this year, and we expect to have a great time with its great food. The Stockyard has an excellent reputation and has been carefully scouted by our devoted mastication team. The location is accessible by public transportation. In the past parking has been a problem. There is free parking at the restaurant and on-street parking on Guest St perpendicular to and across Market St.

Mark the date: **Wednesday, 7 December**. The December General meeting is omitted.

**Because this newsletter has been delayed by the recent power outages, time is short for you to respond.** See the informative flyer which accompanies this issue or on our website. In advance the cost is **\$30.00** per person, but at the door it will be \$35.00. Any excess restaurant costs, the tax and the gratuity are paid by the club. Please bring your family and friends – with a \$5.00 discount for each. Contact Mike, N11ST, at <n11st@arrl.net> to be counted. Menu selections need not be made in advance – just place your order at the table. A cash bar will provide fortification, but you will be responsible for your own bar bills. **The coupons on the flyer should be printed and sent to Mike, N11ST, with your attendance count and the Ham of the Year ballot.**

As has become our custom, the Holiday Party is where we award the **"BARC Ham of the Year."** The winner is chosen by your nomination from among the members. This means, of course, that it is up to you to recommend whom you feel most deserves the award this year. We want to recognize a BARC member for outstanding contribution to the club and to the Amateur Radio hobby. The rules stipulate that the award cannot be given to someone who has won in the past five years.

*Previous winners were:*

1992	Mike Ardai, N11ST	2003	Dick Doherty, KA1TUZ
1993	Lajos Gergely, AA1BW/HA0DR	2004	Blake Haskell, K1BTH
1996	Dick Doherty, KA1TUZ and Bob Cassell, N1ENS	2005	Arthur Ashley, N1NHZ
1997	Terry Koen, N1IWF and Arthur Ashley, N1NHZ	2006	Jim Clogher, N1ICN
1998	Mike Kass, N1YER and Bob Wondolowski, N1KDA	2007	Eric Falkof, K1NUN
1999	Paul Carter, N1TMF and Mike Koenemund, KB1CKF	2008	Tom Bertolino, KB1P
2000	Mark Duff, KB1EKN	2009	Hank Buccigross, K1QK
2001	Frank Murphy, N1DHW and Bob Salow, WA1IDA	2010	Jim Bradley, KB1JKJ
2002	Jim Clogher, N1ICN		

Have you ever entered a room full of strangers and tried to sort them all out? Families and friends will be joining us at the party, and as a courtesy to them, members are urged to wear name badges to facilitate making introductions, conversations and all around holiday good cheer to our guests.

It is important that you return the two coupons on the Holiday Party flyer – or at least the "BARC Ham of the Year" nomination if you are not able to attend the party. The return date is set to allow enough time to notify the restaurant of the expected attendance, and for the award to be engraved for the Ham of the Year.

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### **Volunteer Examiners Needed - Hank, K1QK**

BARC is in need of more Volunteer Examiners (VEs) for our exam sessions. In some cases we have only the required three VEs for our sessions. If any unforeseen situation arises and a VE is not able to make a session we would be forced to cancel the test.

There are some BARC members who are qualified VEs who have not been participating in our test sessions. We urge these VEs to attend our test sessions. If you can spare one night a month please come to a session.

We can surely use additional VEs. The test procedure for qualification is simple. Materials are available from the ARRL and the examination is an open book test. Hams with General and Amateur Extra class licenses are eligible to become VEs. If you would like to become a VE and help with the testing please contact Linda, NA1I, Jim, N1ICN, or Hank, K1QK.

### **Business 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:

- 1 col x 2 in. (business card) \$15 per issue
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- 1 col x 2 in. (business card) \$125 per 12 consecutive months
- 1 col x 4 in. (1/2 column) \$30 per issue
- 1 col x 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 Jim Bradley, KB1JKJ, at 978.663.7114 or <[kb1jkj@arrl.net](mailto:kb1jkj@arrl.net)>; or Bob Salow at <[wa1ida@arrl.net](mailto:wa1ida@arrl.net)> or 508.650.9440.

### **Public Service Payback -- Jim Bradley, KB1JKJ**

This summer I purchased a Honda Super Quiet Generators (EU2000i) based on the Club's purchase last year. I used this in Net Control for a couple of events that I did this past year. It allowed me to setup in area were there was not any power and it was quiet enough that it did not interfere with the Net Control operations. It also allowed us to be self-sufficient; as we did not have to wait for someone to open the building or the DJ to show up with the power cords.

This past weekend we had our first major snow fall of the year, it was a heavy wet snow. This along with the fact the many of the trees still have their leaves cause many tree and limbs to fall taking out power lines throughout the state. The town I live in had 70% of the homes without power.

I pulled out the generator and set it up so my XYL could have a cup of coffee and use the blow-dryer to do her hair and later to power the fridge for a couple of hours. Just the simple pleasures of life. Now the XYL sees the benefit of all that time and money spent on ham equipment.

Also, on Sunday my work lost power. When I got into work Monday everything was down. Being the network administrator it was not a good thing, as it was the last day of the month. With no power there were no computers, access to the main frame and no phones. We could not place orders or ship. Lucky we had power in one of the buildings and were able to get laptops connected to the main frame using cellular wireless access points. But we still needed to get the network up. The plan was to use the company's 6500 watt generator to power some of the network equipment. Initially, the facilities group was having problems getting the generator started. Knowing that we did not have power I put my Honda generator in the back of my car just in case. So, not knowing how long it would take, I pulled out my generator and set it up. As usual it started on the first pull and within minutes we had the equipment up and were troubleshooting the data circuits. It would take the facilities group almost an hour to get the company's generator running.

You never know when the experience that we gain through public service events will pay off.

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### **Public Service, Texas Style. -- Jim Bradley, KB1JKJ**

My Wife Donna and I had planned to go San Antonio, Texas in October to ride in the Bike MS: Valero 2011 Alamo Ride to the River, a two day, 150 mile as part of team GNE Orange Crush. Team GNE Orange Crush was made up of staff and volunteers for the Greater New England MS Chapter. We were planning to ride one of our tandems, but due to an illness that prevented us from training during the two months before the event, so we decided that it would be best if we did not ride. We had already made the airline and hotel reservations and had been fundraising, so we decided why not volunteer for the event.

I sent off an email to the volunteer coordinator letting them know of our decision and that we were looking to volunteer for the event. In the email I let them know that I was a ham operator and the Donna was a CAN and that we volunteered for many of the New England MS Walks and Rides. Within the hour I got an email from the volunteer coordinator thanking us for volunteering and letting us know that she had forwarded my email to the area coordinators.

We were quickly picked up by the ham coordinator and assigned to drive one of the SAG (“Special Assistance Group”) vehicles, a fifteen passenger van. It turns out that that 15 of these vans were donated to the ride for the weekend. They remove the back two rows of seat so that each van can carry six bikes and six riders. All of the vans, support vehicles and rest stops would have ham assigned to them, 35 hams in total would be supporting the event.

With less than a week to go until the ride and less time to pack as we had originally planned to fly in on the Thursday before the ride so we could set up the bike. Now we needed to shift gears from riding to supporting and thinking what should we bring? Do we need a radio? Will they be using APRS? Do we need a bike pump, spare tubes and a first aid kit? As the email starting to come in we found this event was like every other event, the basic concept is the same but they all do it differently. Each SAG needed to supply all the equipment, so we started to assemble our equipment. 2 mobile radios, 2 handheld radios, associated cables and power distribution systems, 2 GPSs (one for APRS if needed.), bike pump with a collection of spare tubs, support signage for the van, safety vests, table computer with internet access for APRS if needed. Maybe too much stuff, but as a Boy Scout our motto was “Be Prepared”.

Then an email came with the “*The Illustrated Bike Tour Survival Guide for Hams*” by Lee Besing, N5NTG. This document was filled with a lot of good information, something that we may want to use at some of our events. Some of the information that was included was:

- Bring your own water or soft drinks with you, plus light snacks.
- Bring sunscreen
- Bring some spare cash
- GPS for SAG vans or Motorcycle Marshals
- Amber rotating lights (magnetic or temp strap-on mount) for SAG
- Dual Band / Dual VFO radios are recommended
- Pre-program your radios before the event.
- Bring a copy of your radio’s instruction manual

Other SAG Driver Tricks & Tips included:

- Reset your Trip Mileage Counter when you leave a Break Point.
- Watch your gas gauge and refill if you get below 1/4 tank.
- Never backup into traffic, or while on side of the highway. (Never been to Massachusetts)
- And my favorite “**Use insect repellent spray on your shoes and socks**, especially for your navigator, and then watch carefully to keep from stepping in any obvious ant hills. Ants like to be tracked into the van from the bikes or shoes, and you really don’t want to find them climbing up your leg after you started driving once more.



Jim KB1JKJ, Donna, Kathy KB1LPW and Rick KB1LYJ

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Then there was a section on Common Terms / aka Alphabet Soup:

- **Turtle** – A Turtle is the tactical call sign for the last SAG van bringing up the rear behind the slowest rider.
- **Conga** – Celebration at end of tour where the SAG vans, Motorcycle Marshals, Police and other vehicles follow the last rider into the Finish Line.

The Hams also sometimes get together for breakfast or dinner during the event to socialize.

After reading all of the documents that we received we found out the Rick, KB1LYJ, was assigned to drive a SAG Van and Kathy, KB1LPW, was assigned as the ham shadow for the medical director.

We arrived in San Antonio on late on Thursday and checked into the hotel and then on Friday morning we did some sightseeing around the town and check out the Alamo. In the afternoon we met the ham coordinator Charlie, KC5NKK, who took us over to pick up the van. When we got the pickup location there were fifteen white 15 passenger vans, all lined up and looking the same. Paul, KA5FZU, was working on setting up all of the vans with APRS trackers; we were assigned to SAG 12. It was the one with the #12 written on the front windshield using white shoe polish. Once we finished picking up our van we headed to meet with Rick and Kathy and take them over to pick up Rick's van, SAG 6.

On Saturday morning at o-dark-thirty all of the SAGs and moto crew meet at the Red Cross which was about a half mile from the start which kept us away from the congestion at the start. It was our first chance to set up the radios and program in the repeaters. It's a good thing I followed their suggestion and brought the manuals. Once the radio was in and programmed we had time to start meeting some of the other SAG hams. Once the sun came up the ride started and we were on the road with the other support teams and checking into the net. One of the thing that I noticed was that Net Control use Q codes when acknowledging calls to the net.

We spent the next two days meeting other hams and riders. As with all events this is the best part - meeting new people and hearing their stories as to why they support the event. We met a couple from Alaska trying to do a MS ride in every state, vets for the Wounded Warrior Project riding as part of their recovery and along the way we got to assist 4 cyclist with flats. The highlight of the weekend was the Conga line at the end of the ride bringing in the turtle (the last rider).

It was a great weekend, we met new friends and got to see how hams in other areas support public service events. We also picked up some things that will help improve the events that we support. More importantly we made a difference and were invited back.

### **BARC To Operate SKYWARN Recognition Day -- Mark Duff, KB1EKN**

On Saturday, **3 December 2011**, SKYWARN Recognition Day, BARC plans to operate for the ninth consecutive year from the Blue Hill Observatory in Milton. Our operating hours will be from 0900 to 1500. Mark your calendars now for a fun event.

Fun – you want some fun? How about an antenna held 200 feet aloft by a kite in 2004? Then there was the gale-force snowstorm in 2003. There are antennas to be installed and HF/VHF/UHF stations to be operated. We have the opportunity to meet with visitors to demonstrate and explain the relationship between weather observation and ham radio. All this will be at the weather station with the oldest continuous weather records in North America.

On a good day the visibility is over 100 miles from the Blue Hill Observatory at an elevation of over 600 feet. We invite you and any other hams to help and participate. Access to the top of the hill is restricted, so contact Mark, KB1EKN, at [emgmt@comcast.net](mailto:emgmt@comcast.net) for more information.

### **Got a Story? Why not share It! -- Jim Bradley, KB1JKJ**

We are always looking for articles for the newsletter. So I have reserved this space for your articles, tips, how-to's, or other ham related information. Send your submissions to the Editor, Jim, KB1JKJ, at [<james.bradley4@comcast.net>](mailto:james.bradley4@comcast.net).

Articles for the November issue need to be received by 30 November.

Editor Note: Thanks to all who submitted articles this month!

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### **Sweepstakes – An Easy Contest -- Larry Hammel, K5OT, ARRL Sweepstakes Contest Manager**

This year's ARRL November Sweepstakes certainly excites and motivates club members to be active, especially on HF. For the first time in years the bands will have plenty to offer Technician license-holders, too! Sweepstakes – or “Sweeps” among friends – is a contest in which modest stations can do very, very well. There's no need for giant towers and antennas or legal-limit amplifiers – a backyard dipole or vertical and a “barefoot” HF rig will do just fine. In fact, SS is one contest in which antennas can be too high!

Because Sweepstakes brings out so many US and Canadian operators, it is very popular for friendly “contests within a contest” between clubs and between club members. A club contest to work the most sections, make Worked All States, or ring up the highest score is a nice way to wrap up the season with awards being presented at the year-end meeting. Many clubs have a friendly competition with other nearby clubs for local bragging rights. Even small clubs can get into the action on a national scale in the Local category of the ARRL Affiliated Club Competition.

Did I mention the opportunities for Technician licensees? Techs have a large chunk of 10 meters available on both Phone (28.3-28.5 MHz) and CW (28.0-28.2), but in recent years, there hasn't been much activity due to quiet solar conditions. Lately, the solar flux has been kicking up to 120 and higher, meaning that 10 meters opens up coast-to-coast and beyond! If you Techs have been wondering what all the fuss is about 10 meters, be sure to get active during Sweeps.

If you'd like to know more about Sweepstakes, download the Sweepstakes Operating Guide at [www.arrl.org/sweepstakes](http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes). There are simple explanations of the rules and a list of resource articles and websites to help you get the most from your Sweepstakes weekend. Maybe you'll even bring home the coveted “Clean Sweep” coffee mug!

Briefly:

- Phone: Third full weekend in November (November 19-21)
- Period: Begins 2100 UTC Saturday and runs through 0259 UTC Monday

All entries may operate no more than 24 of the 30 hours.

### **BAA Half Marathon - Run and Done -- Bob Salow, WA1IDA**

The weather was just right. OK, so we had to get out of bed in the dark, but it was smooth from there. The event was the ninth running of the BAA Half Marathon on a certified course - 98% in Boston and 2% in Brookline. On Sunday, 9 October, we deployed 16 hams along the beautiful Emerald Necklace, from White Stadium in Franklin Park to the Fenway and back. As requested, we supported medical and water stations, certain hazardous locations and administrative needs.

The Half Marathon is now an internationally recognized event in the running field. With recent success, the 7000 openings for this year were grabbed shortly after the announcement. When the BAA Half Marathon was over, we received the gratitude of not only the BAA staff and the medical team, but also the Boston and State Police, and the Boston Emergency Medical Service for our professional integration with them.

The Boston Athletic Association Half Marathon has now taken its place as a “Boston Tradition.” Ham radio has established its community value at times like these. Here's who we were:

Jim	KB1JKJ		Steve	N1GJS
Hank	K1QK		Jeff	KB1TJI
Jimmy	KB1VWX		Chris	KB1REM
Eli	KB1SSQ		Colin	KB1REL
Walker	W1BTC		Bob	K5TEC
Ralph	N1LAH		Don	AB1PH
Eric	K1NUN		Bob	WA1IDA
Noah	KB1VWZ		Gary	N1ZCE

**I See the Future**

12 Nov	Falmouth ARA Flea (Bourne)
14 Nov	BARC VE Session <i>(by reservation only)</i>
17 Nov	BARC General Meeting
1 Dec	BARC Business Meeting
3 Dec	SKYWARN Recognition Day at Blue Hill Observatory
7 Dec	BARC Holiday Party <i>(General meeting omitted)</i>
12 Dec	BARC VE Session <i>(by reservation only)</i>
9 Jan	BARC VE Session <i>(by reservation only)</i>
19 Jan	BARC General Meeting

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.

**BARC Net -- Joe W1JJF**

When the BARC repeater is down, we have been allowed to use the Belmont repeater to hold our net. The repeater trustee is Larry Arone and he has been a gracious host in the past. We would not be able to use it when MMRA is linked for a net.

If 145.230 is down at net time, please monitor the Belmont repeater on 145.430 (-) CTCSS 67.0.

**Daylight Savings Time Gone**

By the time you read this, Daylight Savings Time has ended. In addition to your clocks, don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and other battery-operated devices.

**No Dues Increase for 2012**

The BARC Executive Committee decided to have no increase in the dues structure for 2012. The basic full year membership fee for regular members continues at \$25.00. Junior, senior and family memberships are set accordingly. There is also an adjustment for the latter half of the year.

**Looking Ahead At Public Service**

**- Bob Salow, WA1IDA**

When hams engage in public service as mandated by the FCC Rules, the benefits go well beyond just following the rules. We can enjoy our hobby - have fun! We protect the health and safety of event participants. We support worthy charities. We learn to work within an organized effort. We experience the technical aspects of operating under adverse conditions. We practice communicating under emergency conditions. We can demonstrate these qualities to the communities we serve and thus promote our service for their acceptance.

Throughout the year BARC coordinates numerous public service events. Most of these are open to hams who are new to helping at such events as well as experienced hams. For 2012, we have already been tasked with several events, and more are expected. Feel free to contact Bob Salow, WA1IDA, at 508.650.9440 or <wa1ida@arri.net>.

- SKYWARN Recognition Day – 3 December  
– (Blue Hill Observatory, Milton)

Other events may jump in on short notice. Among our skills is the ability to apply our technical, organizational and staffing quickly and proficiently. Join our team and join in the fun and learning.



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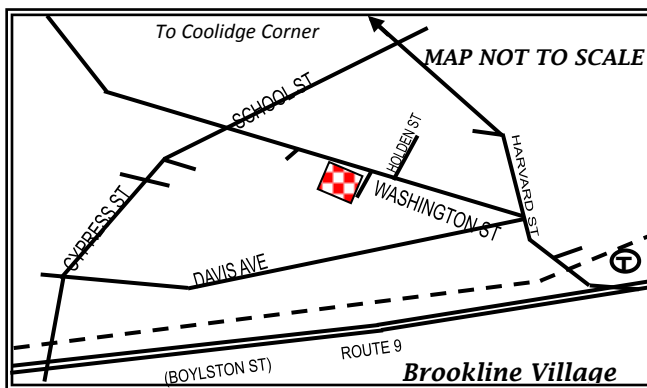
### Quarterly Business Meetings -- Bob Salow, WA1DA


We have Business meetings quarterly. Unless circumstances warrant, BARC Business meetings will be held on the first Thursdays of December, March, June, and September. The next such meeting will be on **1 December 2011** at the Brookline Police Dept. All members are urged to attend and participate in club affairs. This is where club functions are discussed and decided, and your help is needed to guide us.

A short opening period of each General meeting will continue to be used to bring any immediate business matters to everyone's attention.

To provide continuity of club business between meetings we have a virtual business meeting via an email list. Any member interested in the affairs of the club can ask to be on this virtual meeting list – just give your name, call and your email address to President Linda Blair, NA1I.

### Map to the Brookline Police Headquarters, 350 Washington Street, Brookline MA





The Clay Center Observatory  
Welcomes BARC members

[www.claycenter.org](http://www.claycenter.org)

Public Astronomy Nights, Astronomy Day Events,  
Amateur Radio Classes, Amateur Radio Youth Club,  
Community and Adult Education, Weather Festival,  
Science Lecture Series, Educational Outreach

20 Newton St., Brookline, near Larz Anderson Park

### BARC Volunteer Exam Sessions

The Boston Amateur Radio Club holds monthly VE sessions on the second Monday of each month. Sessions are held at 7:00 pm at Brookline Police Headquarters, 350 Washington St in the Community Room across from information desk. A map is shown below


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 ID (picture ID preferred)
- 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:  
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### Greater Boston Net Directory

Daily 5:30 pm	Eastern Mass/Rhode Island Phone Net (NTS)	3.915
Daily 7 and 10 pm	Eastern Mass/Rhode Island CW Net (NTS)	3.658
Daily 8 pm	Eastern Mass 2M Traffic Net (NTS)	145.230 (PL 88.5)
Daily 8 pm	Slow Speed CW Net	28.160
Daily 10:00 pm	Heavy Hitters Traffic Net (NTS)	MMRA-linked repeaters: 146.610, 146.670, 146.715, 146.820, and all 222 and 440 repeaters
First Mon 8:30 pm	EMA Section ARES Net	146.610 and all MMRA links
Mon 9 pm	BARC Club Net	145.230 (PL 88.5)
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	HHTN Swap Net	146.640
Thu 8:30 pm	AMSAT Net	146.640
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 Newsline)	145.470

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It's that time  
of the year!

*Boston Amateur Radio Club*

# 2011 Holiday Party

*Here's why you must not pass this up:*

1. Past experience has shown that you are guaranteed to have a good time,
2. You will be among the members and friends of the *Boston Amateur Radio Club*.
3. The BARC gourmet and gluttony departments have praised it far and wide.
4. Good food at a reasonable price.
5. You get to vote on the BARC "Ham of the Year," and watch the winner squirm.
6. It's for you, your family and your friends (if any).

*Here's what's goin' down:*

**Where:**

Stockyard Restaurant  
135 Market Street  
Brighton MA 02135

*suspended.)*

**When:**

Wednesday, 7 December 2011  
7:00 pm

*(The December club meeting is*



*T buses #86 and #84 stop nearby.*

*Free parking in the adjacent lot or on Guest St.*

*Food ?? Of course !!*

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The coupon below will guide you to dinner choices you make at the table. There is no need to decide now.

*Cost ?? We knew you'd ask !!*

It's a bargain at **\$30.00** per person (tax and gratuity included). Reserve seats for yourself, your family and your friends by sending your check, payable to BARC, with the coupon below, and get it in the mail quickly. Take a \$5.00 discount for each of your guests. If you must delay, there will be a \$5.00 per person surcharge added at the door.

Nominate your choice for the **2011 BARC Ham of the Year** on the *other*

Send both coupons below to:

**Mike Ardai, N1IST**  
41 Williams Street  
Malden MA 02148

Send before 14 November 2011

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**A party? Of course we'll be there!**

*Make menu selections at the table.*

**Body Count:** \_\_\_\_\_

- |                        |                                |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Southern Fried Chicken | Clam Chowder, Soup d'jour      |
| Steak Tips             | House Salad, Caesar Salad      |
| Sugared Salmon         | Brownie Sundae, Chocolate Cake |
| Veggie Stir Fry        | Coffee, Tea                    |

*You will be responsible for your own bar bills*

**2011 BARC Ham of the Year**

I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

Because: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_