



The SPARC

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President's Column

-- Blake T. Haskell, K1BTH

This month my column will be short and to the point.

BARC needs you, the BARC member, to step up to the plate and help the Club out in a dire time of need.

The Nominating Committee has not found anyone to run for President of BARC. Not one single member has come forward and offered to help. This is not good, not good at all.

When I joined BARC I joined to learn more about ham radio, make some new friends and further my enjoyment of our hobby. I pitched in and helped out where I could and it was (is) my pleasure to do so. I was pleased when I was asked to obtain speakers for the monthly General meetings and honored when I was elected your President. I have worked long and hard on behalf of the Club and it is becoming very frustrating not to have members willing to help out.

As you know, I can not run again at this time for health reasons. We need someone to come forward and lead the Club.

The options facing the Club are not pretty. We can fold the Club up, or even merge with another Club. What are we going to do? We need you...

I urge you to come to the July Business meeting at the Salvation Army HQ and discuss the future of your Club.

"Fore..."

-- Blake T. Haskell, K1BTH

The Boston Amateur Radio Club is hosting its first annual Mini-Golf Tournament on **Sunday, July 30** at Golf on the Village Green, 315 Worcester Road (Rt. 9), Natick, MA. BARC welcomes all ham operators, their families and EMA ham radio Clubs to join us for an afternoon of competition and comradeship.

Each team will be made up of different club members to balance the field. There may be playoff games for each club. Who knows -- Just Come Have Fun!!! Nifty Prizes will be awarded!

The greens fees are \$10.00 per person, payable at the gate, and include a cold buffet luncheon.

Please RSVP to Blake, K1BTH, at k1bth@arrl.net by July 20, 2006 with the number of members of your club or family planning to attend. Please make plans to join us for a fun afternoon.

Be advised: BARC has never lost a Mini-Golf Tournament so be very afraid!

New Officer Nominee Situation

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA

Nominating Committee Chair

The Nominating Committee has labored heavily to find suitable candidates for our offices. Self-nominations have also been solicited. The result:

Secretary	Paul Olivieri, N1ZKR
Treasurer	Jim Clogher, N1ICN

Yes, you noticed -- no candidates have been persuaded to run for President or Vice President. To prevent a crisis, a decision was reached at the June Business meeting to *temporarily* govern the club with a management team which will divide and share the responsibilities of the President and Vice President. This team is composed primarily of past presidents. They are:

Mike, N1IST
Eric, N1NUN
Bob, WA1IDA
Blake, K1BTH
Paul, N1ZKR
Mark, KB1EKN
Hank, K1QK
Frank, N1DHW

The group, to be known as the Management Team, will act as co-presidents, serving until a suitable candidate can be found for the offices. Any member of the Management Team may be approached with club business.

As usual, elections will be held at the June General meeting for the offices. You may question any of the candidates before the election is held. Only members may vote. Our bylaws do not permit proxies or absentee ballots.

BARC is Always Looking for Good Speakers

-- Blake Haskell, K1BTH

If you have a particular topic that you would like to see covered at one of the monthly meetings, please contact me at k1bth@aol.com. I will make every attempt to secure a speaker who can share his knowledge and insight on a specific area of our hobby. I am trying to plan these presentations about two months out to give us room to find alternate speakers as the need arises.

Additionally, don't be bashful about making a presentation yourself. It's lucrative -- you get free parking and we'll even throw in a one-year membership to BARC.

Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you.

SKYWARN Training Schedule

-- Rob Macedo, KD1CY, EMA Section Emergency Coordinator

More training sessions for SKYWARN spotters in Greater Boston have been announced.

17 June Saturday 1200 to 1500
Natick Public Training Center
Rear entrance to Police Dept Bldg
20 East Central St (Rt 135)
Natick MA

15 July Saturday 1030 to 1330
MIT Tang Center, E51-345
70 Memorial Dr (Enter from Amherst St)
Cambridge MA

SKYWARN is a program sponsored by the National Weather Service (NWS) to increase information regarding surface weather conditions during critical weather events. Instruction is provided to spotters to identify and report critical ground weather information to NWS. SKYWARN is supported by a well-organized ham radio activity. Hams play an important role in these observations, however, it is not necessary to be an Amateur Radio operator to take this valuable training.

NIMS/ICS Training Essential for Volunteers

The Department of Homeland Security is requiring all first responders, including volunteers, to complete at least introductory training in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) by 2007. Most, if not all, non-governmental agencies will soon require the ICS-700 course for volunteers (including hams) to participate in their activities.

This sounds formidable, but in reality there is an Independent Study course available from FEMA, designated IS-700. Go to www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/crslist.asp to find the course list. Follow directions and you will get to IS-700. You can take the course on line or download the material and do it at your own pace. It shouldn't take more than three hours. There's a final exam on line, but it isn't going to cause much sweat (or cost any money – the courses are all free). After passing the final, the student will get notification by e-mail or regular mail.

NIMS incorporates the Incident Command System (ICS), and adds the component "Multiagency Coordination Systems," a combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications integrated into a common framework for coordinating and supporting incident management.

Also, look at the rest of the course offerings on the FEMA training Web site. They represent a wealth of knowledge, organized so that we can get through them and actually learn something. They aren't rocket science, just good stuff we need to know! See also courses IS-100, and IS-200.

The ARRL and BARC strongly recommend that hams take these courses. Even if you do not anticipate participating in emergency or public service activities, you will have a better understanding of what is going on when a disaster hits.

RI Salvation Army Request Hams for "Gaspee Days" Parade Communications

-- Blake T. Haskell, K1BTH

The Salvation Army (TSA) has requested help from BARC to staff the "Gaspee Days Parade," in Warwick, RI, on Saturday, June 10, 2006. This is a large parade and muster held every year. For more information about the parade, please go to: <http://www.gaspee.com/gaspeedaysparade.html>. There is a wealth of information available about this historic event.

Rhode Island TSA needs up to six hams to help out. Round trip transportation from Boston TSA at Berkeley St & Columbus Ave will be provided. Food and drink will be provided as well.

You will need a dual band portable, extended antenna, extra batteries (or a charger) and comfortable shoes.

If you're available to help out, please contact Frank Murphy, N1DHW, at n1dhw@comcast.net as soon as possible.

TSA has been a wonderful host to BARC over the years, and if we can help them out, it would be great. Thanks and enjoy the parade.

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. Here is a general look ahead at some of the events in 2006 that we will be asked to support. Formal recruiting will not take place until closer to each event. Feel free to contact Bob Salow, WA1IDA, if you have any questions - walida@arrl.net or 508.650.9440.

Bikes Not Bombs – 11 June – Triple bicycle rides in Boston and suburbs.

Boston Triathlon – 3 September - Swim, Bike, Run race; in Boston and Cambridge.

WGBH Ice Cream FunFest – 16 September - Logistics management; ham radio public awareness in Boston.

BAA Half Marathon – 8 October - 13.1 miles; 98% in Boston, 2% in Brookline.

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.

Bikes Not Bombs Needs Us Again

After years of sponsoring bicycle rides to benefit youth bicycle programs, the Bikes Not Bombs organization of Boston realized the value of reliable communications. BARC has been asked to assist this event again this year. The date is **Sunday, 11 June**.

There are three concurrent ride courses - 15 mile, 25 mile, and 62 mile; each with separate rest stops and support vehicles. 190 riders are expected, and we are tasked with monitoring the rest stops, follow vehicles and a few shadows. All rides start near Jamaica Pond. There will be no assignments on the streets.

We assemble at 0800 at a restaurant parking lot in Roxbury Crossing. Cars can be left there as the lot is secure. Transportation will be provided to the outlying rest stops, but you may proceed directly if you wish. The shorter courses should be finished by 1400 and the longest course should finish by 1630. All finishes are at Mississippi's Restaurant where a gourmet dinner buffet will be provided. Note that our gourmand food testers have declared this feed to be superb.

We want to make a good showing at this local event and demonstrate the community value of ham radio. If you can help, please contact:

Bob Salow, WA1IDA - wa1ida@arrrl.net or 508.650.9440

I See the Future

11 Jun	Bikes Not Bombs Bicycle Rides (Rp)
11 Jun	BARC Breakfast
12 Jun	BARC VE Session
15 Jun	BARC General Meeting
18 Jun	MIT Flea (Cambridge)
24 Jun	Field Day
6 Jul	BARC Business Meeting
9 Jul	BARC Breakfast
16 Jul	MIT Flea
22 Jul	NE Antique RC Flea (Nashua NH)
30 Jul	BARC Mini-Golf Outing
3 Aug	BARC Business Meeting
13 Aug	BARC Breakfast
20 Aug	MIT Flea
25-27 Aug	ARRL NE Div Conv/Flea (Boxboro)
3 Sep	Boston Triathlon (Rp)
16 Sep	WGBH Ice Cream FunFest
6-7 Oct	Hoss Traders Flea (Hopkinton NH)
8 Oct	BAA Half Marathon (Rp)

(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 PBBs regularly. If needed, contact any club member who has access to these.

June General Meeting

-- Blake T. Haskell, K1BTH

The BARC General Meeting for May will be held on Thursday, June 15th at the Salvation Army Headquarters at 7:00 P.M.

We have two topics this month. First, Chief Mark J. Duff, KB1EKN, Hingham Fire Department, will demonstrate the new MEMA VHF radio system. MEMA recently introduced this system allowing all Massachusetts municipalities to communicate directly with the State Emergency Operations Center in Framingham. This system will complement the RACES system. Mark's presentation should be interesting and informative.

Secondly, we will adjourn to the Salvation Army EOC for an orientation and tour from our hosts, Bill Foley, KB1GLF, and Frank Murphy, N1DHW. The Salvation Army has established a nice, efficient and friendly EOC and BARC members should become familiar with it and its operations. In fact, BARC will conduct its Field Day operations from the Salvation Army EOC so this is a good chance to learn the lay of the land.

Our General meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Salvation Army Headquarters, 147 Columbus Ave, at the corner of Berkeley St, in the **third floor auditorium**.

The meetings are convenient to public transportation. The nearest T stations are Back Bay on the Orange and Purple lines (exit at the rear of the station and walk down Columbus), and Copley or Arlington stations on the Green line.

Free parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Salvation Army building. The entrance to the lot is from Columbus Ave (across the street from the firehouse). A map appears on page 7.

Talk-in is available on 145.230 MHz (-), CTCSS 88.5 Hz. If you arrive after 7:15 pm, ring the bell at the door to be admitted, as the door is locked at that time.

If you have any ideas about topics that you would like to see presented, please feel free to contact one of your officers and we will see what we can do to make it happen for you. Remember, this is *your club* and we are here to serve you.

Future General Meeting Dates

(Third Thursdays at 7 pm)

15 June 2006

(No meetings in July and August - watch for other activities!)

21 September 2006

19 October 2006

16 November 2006

July Business Meeting Time and Place Change

The BARC Business meeting for July and the foreseeable future will be at the Salvation Army building, in the second floor cafeteria. Enter the building through the door closest to the parking lot. **The meeting time has been changed to 7:00 pm.**

Minutes of the BARC Business Meeting

June 1, 2006; Recorded by Paul Olivieri, N1ZKR, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1855.

Those attending:

Arthur Ashley	N1NHZ	
Hank Buccigross	K1QK	
Jim Clogher	N1ICN	Treasurer
Bill Foley	KB1GLF	
Jeff Lind	KB1NGX	
Dan Malloy	KA1RDZ	Vice President
Frank Murphy	N1DHW	
Paul Olivieri	N1ZKR	Secretary
Bob Salow	WA1IDA	

The minutes of the May 4, 2006 meeting were accepted as published in *The SPARC*.

Committee reports:

Treasurer Jim reports a balance of \$3208.73, which reflects income from membership and sales of items at the MIT Flea.

Exams Jim N1ICN reported for the VE team that the May exam session was successful with three people passing exams.

Repeaters No one present reported any problems.

Membership Arthur got e-mail from a Ham in Lynn who is looking for a club. He was sent a complimentary copy of the SPARC and has been invited to our General meeting.

Public Service Bob WA1IDA reports that the next even is the Bikes-not-Bombs bicycle race on June 11th.

Bob said that he still needs more Hams to fully staff this event. Following that, the next event will be the Boston Triathlon on September 3, 2006.

Old business:

The BARC Mini Golf Tournament will be held on July 30 at Golf on the Green in Natick from 12 to 2 pm. Entry fees are \$10 per person, which includes a cold buffet lunch and prizes. Flyers will be sent out in *The SPARC* and will also be sent to other clubs.

New business:

Hank, K1QK, made a proposal that BARC should consider merging with another club and should start looking at the steps to make it happen. He felt that this is necessary because while the club has many members paying dues, only a few seem to be active. Recently there has been poor response to club events, no one willing to take leadership for Field Day, and difficulty in getting candidates for club offices. There was a short discussion and Hank said that everyone should seriously consider this option.

Bob, WA1IDA, reported that the Nominating Committee has been unsuccessful in locating a candidate for President. Several members have been asked and all have declined.

At this point, a discussion followed and some alternatives were suggested. It was suggested that we could have "rotating

presidents" with each person taking responsibility for a month or so at a time. It was also suggested that more than one person could share the office and responsibilities as "Co-Presidents". This proposal would allow each to have some authority without one person having to take on all of the responsibilities of the President alone. This would probably also eliminate the need for a Vice President candidate.

It was agreed that this was the best alternative discussed and the Nominating Committee will contact members for possible "Co-President" candidates.

Jim, N1ICN, asked that we give a complimentary membership to Ed, KA1KHK. Ed is a long time BARC member and is the custodian at the Pierce School who stays late on his own time to make the school available to BARC for use as an exam site. It was agreed that Ed should receive a complimentary membership.

Frank, N1DHW, asked about his proposal that the club sponsor ARRL membership for Bill Foley, KB1GLF. Jim reported that this had already been done.

It was agreed that Business meetings would continue at the Salvation Army HQ, but begin at 7 pm and run until 8:30 pm.

Field Day will be held at the Salvation Army EOC on Saturday, June 24 only. Town Emergency Directors and Salvation Army officials will be invited to join us.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2025.

The Business meeting 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 attend these meetings.**

The next BARC Business meeting will be held Thursday, July 6 (first Thursday of the month), starting at **7:00 pm. Meeting are held at the Salvation Army Headquarters building, 147 Columbus Ave, at the corner of Berkeley St, in the second floor cafeteria.** Enter the door nearest the parking lot.

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Future Business Meeting Dates

(First Thursdays at 7:00 pm) – *Note location change.*

6 July 2006
3 August 2006
7 September 2006
5 October 2006
2 November 2006

Repeaters: 145.23 (-) PL 88.5 447.175 (-) PL 110.9

Simplex: 147.42

Have Breakfast With BARC

BARC holds a social breakfast on the second Sunday of each month at the Old Country Buffet in the Watertown Mall at 0830.

We just get together, socialize and eat, without any formal club events or business. Family and friends are welcome. The extensive buffet breakfast is *very* good. The cost is reasonable at \$7.23; less for seniors.

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

BARC VE Sessions

The Boston Amateur Radio Club usually holds monthly VE sessions on the second Monday of each month. Sessions are held at 7:00 pm at the Pierce School, 50 School St in Brookline, Room 110, next to the cafeteria. A map is shown on page 7.

Please note that VE Exams will not be held in July and August.

If the Brookline public schools (or the Pierce School itself) is closed due to inclement weather or other problems, the exam session for that month will be canceled. Otherwise, the exams will be on the second Monday of each month.

There is a free parking garage at the circular driveway. If driving, enter School Street from the Washington St side (opposite 394 Washington), rather than from Harvard St. Check: www.barc.org/barc/school_map.gif : for more info.

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

Talk in on 145.230 MHz (-), PL 88.5 Hz.

We give all exams (Technician thru Extra, CW and written). 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 CSEs you are claiming, and a photocopy of them
- Valid ID (picture ID preferred)
- A pen and a calculator (if you want to)
- **\$14.00** (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 \$14 fee. Code and written tests can be taken together at the same session for the same \$14 fee.

The needed FCC forms will be provided.

For further information, contact:

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Dick Doherty, KA1TUZ, 617.527.2968 ka1tuz@arrrl.net

Future Exam Dates

(Second Mondays at 7:00 pm)

12 June 2006

Please note that VE Exams will not be held in July and August.

11 September 2006

2 October 2006 (*note changed date*)

13 November 2006

11 December 2006

If Brookline schools are closed, the VE exams will be canceled.



The Clay Center Observatory
welcomes BARC members

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

You 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.

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 column)	\$20 per issue
1 col x 9.5 in. (full column)	\$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@pvctronics.com or 617.232.6982; or Bob Salow at walida@arrrl.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.

Repeaters: 145.23 (-) PL 88.5 447.175 (-) PL 110.9

Simplex: 147.42

“Hello” Campaign Provides Rallying Point To Promote Amateur Radio

-- ARRL Letter, March 17, 2006

The first components of the ARRL’s “Hello” Amateur Radio public relations campaign now are available. “This campaign will give hams the tools they need to reach out in their communities to non-hams and influence their perception of Amateur Radio,” says ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, WIAGP, who conceived the campaign and is its principal Headquarters contact. The “Hello” campaign is aimed at recasting Amateur Radio in the light of the 21st century and focusing on its universal appeal. At the same time, it will mark the 100th anniversary of what many historians consider the first voice radio broadcast in 1906 by Reginald Fessenden.

“For years, ARRL public information officers (PIOs) and others interested in promoting Amateur Radio have been looking for leadership and a rallying point from which we can join together in a major promotion for ham radio,” Pitts said. This is it! Tools include a distinctive “Hello” Web site www.hello-radio.org/ and radio and TV public service announcements.

Based on the word “Hello,” which Pitts calls “possibly the most pleasant word in any language,” the coordinated campaign will set “a positive, upbeat tone that highlights the international capabilities of Amateur Radio,” he explained. The “Hello” Web site is designed for non-hams to learn a little bit about Amateur Radio and to arouse more interest. The site points prospective Amateur Radio licensees to groups that have indicated they will provide a warm welcome to newcomers. The national “Hello” campaign can bring curious people into contact with ham radio groups, but it will be up to local radio amateurs to make them truly welcome, Pitts maintains.

“The key to creating a new ham operator is to develop a relationship with a current ham operator,” says Pitts. Behind the effort is “an army of dedicated, truly motivated PIOs and others who want to see ham radio flourish.”

A series of 30-second radio public service announcements (PSAs) www.arrl.org/pio/pr.html has been developed for the “Hello” campaign. “You can help by downloading the PSAs from the ARRL Web site onto a CD and taking it to your own local radio station,” Pitts suggests.

A broadcast-quality video for the “Hello” campaign will be available in April.

Copies of the special four-page “Hello” brochure are available at www.arrl.org/pio/hello/Hello-Campaign-Brochure.pdf from ARRL HQ for use during presentations to non-ham groups. (Full details on the “Hello” campaign plus a pull-out copy of the brochure are available in the April issue of *QST*.) The brochures are suitable for talks to schools, clubs, displays and other venues promoting Amateur Radio to the public. There is a space on the back page to add local club info. [*BARC has a quantity of these brochures –Ed.*]

“For 100 years, the magic of the human voice over radio has brought imaginations to life. It opened a whole new era of human

communication,” the brochure declares, urging, “It’s your world. Get on the radio and say “Hello.”

To obtain copies, e-mail the “Hello” campaign hello@arrl.org. Donations are welcome (make checks out to “ARRL”) to help cover return postage to ARRL, Public Relations, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

“Hello” logo bumper stickers will be on sale through the ARRL on-line catalog www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=9731. Buttons for the “Hello” campaign will be available at Dayton Hamvention and at other major Amateur Radio events. Banners for the “Hello” campaign will be flying at Dayton Hamvention and at the National Association of Broadcasters convention in April. After that, they will be made available for use at major events in 2006.

“ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, was correct in stating that the Main Street of today is not the same as the Main Street of yesteryear,” Pitts says. “To reach out today, the very first requirement is that Amateur Radio operators be perceived as friendly and trustworthy. That’s a true public relations goal and the primary focus of the campaign.”

Hurricane Season Is Here

The National Weather Service would like to suggest these helpful measures. Taking a few moments now will save much needed time should a tropical storm or hurricane take aim at Southern New England later this season.

- Never plan your actions on the anticipated time of landfall. Typically in Southern New England, heavy rains and winds to tropical storm force will make any travel or preparation work dangerous as much as 15 hours in advance of the eye of the storm.

- Remember that most tropical systems approaching our region will accelerate dramatically. This will greatly reduce the time you have to prepare. Build extra time into your plan of action.

- Know where your gas and water shutoffs are. It is essential that you turn off both your gas and water before you leave your home.

- If you choose not to head to a shelter, make arrangements now with relatives or friends if you wish to stay with them should you need to evacuate.

- Be sure to have plenty of batteries on hand for flashlights AM/FM radios, and your NOAA weather radio. More often than not power will be disrupted during the storm and may be disrupted for several days.

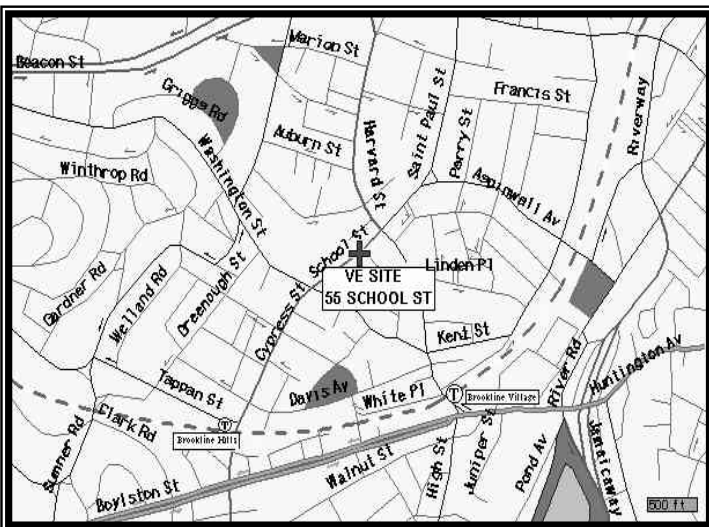
- Be sure to have canned food and other items on hand that do not need refrigeration. As stated above, it is almost a certainty that electrical and telephone systems will be disrupted if a hurricane strikes our region.

- Store plywood and plenty of nails so that you can quickly board up windows on open facing sides of your home. Do not use masking tape to tape windows, it will not help.

Following these simple steps will help make what can be a very stressful and difficult time go a bit more smoothly.



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 5:30 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
Tue 9 pm	EMA Public Safety Net	145.230 (PL 88.5)
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 7 pm	Youth Net	146.610 and all MMRA links
Sun 8 pm	Algonquin Amateur Radio Club Net	446.675 (PL 88.5)
Sun 8:30 pm	NSRA Net (with Newsline)	145.470

Repeaters: 145.23 (-) PL 88.5 447.175 (-) PL 110.9

Simplex: 147.42

The New MEMA VHF Radio System Tour the Salvation Army EOC

We got a two-fer! Can't beat that. Chief Mark Duff, KB1EKN, of the Hingham Fire Dept. will present a live demonstration of the radio system MEMA has given to all communities in Massachusetts.

Then we will have a tour of the fully outfitted Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Boston Salvation Army Headquarters given by the Disaster Director, Bill Foley, KB1GLF, and Frank Murphy, N1DHW.

The next General Meeting is:
June 15, 2006 at 7:00 pm
at the Salvation Army Headquarters building
Columbus Avenue at Berkeley Street
Boston
(parking in the adjacent lot on Columbus Avenue)
Talk-in on 145.230 MHz (PL 88.5 Hz)

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SUNDAY JULY 30, 2006

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

AT

**GOLF ON THE
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315 WORCESTER ROAD (RT. 9)
NATICK, MA

(ABOUT 5.5 MILES FROM RT 128)
508 653-4671

TALK-IN ON 147.150 MHZ [+]
(THANKS, FARA!)



GREENS FEES: \$10.00/PER PERSON
(INCLUDES COLD BUFFET LUNCHEON)

THE BOSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB IS HOSTING ITS FIRST ANNUAL MINI-GOLF TOURNAMENT AND WELCOMES ALL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS, THEIR FAMILIES AND EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS TO JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF COMPETITION AND COMRADESHIP.

EACH TEAM WILL BE MADE UP OF DIFFERENT CLUB MEMBERS TO BALANCE THE FIELD. THERE MAY BE PLAYOFF GAMES FOR EACH CLUB. WHO KNOWS – JUST COME HAVE FUN!!!

NIFTY PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!

PLEASE RSVP TO BLAKE T. HASKELL, K1BTH, AT k1bth@arrl.net BY JULY 20, 2006 WITH THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY OR CLUB PLANNING TO ATTEND.

BE ADVISED, BARC HAS NEVER LOST A MINI-GOLF TOURNAMENT SO BE VERY AFRAID!