



The SPARC

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Management Team and Officers

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA

As has been announced before, in the absence of an elected President and Vice President, these positions are being filled by a Management Team. The Team, the Secretary and the Treasurer will act as the officers and the Executive Committee. To fulfill the duties of the President, the Team will be dividing up the presidential tasks. So that members can participate in the various aspects of club activities, this division of responsibilities will be announced shortly. In any case, any officer or Team member may be approached on any matter.

The Management Team has been off to a running start even before taking office officially at the September General meeting. Outgoing President Blake Haskell, K1BTH, is to be commended for steering BARC through some difficult times, both personally and organizationally. Blake has opened a number of doors for ham participation at various governmental levels. It remains to be seen if we can walk through these doors.

BARC and The Salvation Army Changing Relationship

-- Hank Buccigross, K1QK

The long-standing relationship between The Salvation Army Boston Headquarters and BARC will soon change dramatically. The Salvation Army feels that their mission will be better served by forming their own [SATERN] group which will in large measure take over the support that BARC has historically provided to them. As we understand it, this group will be solely devoted to the public safety mission of the Army and will not conflict with historic BARC activities. If called upon to do so, BARC will continue to offer communication support to The Salvation Army, as we have in the past.

Unfortunately, as a consequence of forming and maintaining their group, the Army has decided that effective December 7, 2006 they will no longer provide space for BARC meetings and activities in their Boston headquarters. Thus we must find a new venue for our meetings. Any changes in location will be announced promptly.

Responding to member interest for some time, BARC has been looking at alternative sites for meetings in the Greater Boston area. Most have been unsatisfactory in one way or another. We do have some leads, however, and these are being examined. We ask for your input regarding meeting places. All ideas are solicited and will be considered.

This action by The Salvation Army in Boston does not preclude the members of their SATERN group from also being members in BARC. In fact several of the founding members of the SATERN group have expressed their intention to continue to remain BARC members.

All of us at BARC take this opportunity to thank The Salvation Army for their hospitality over the past many years and wish them success with their SATERN activities in the future.

At The September General Meeting Your Hands Will Hardly Get Dirty

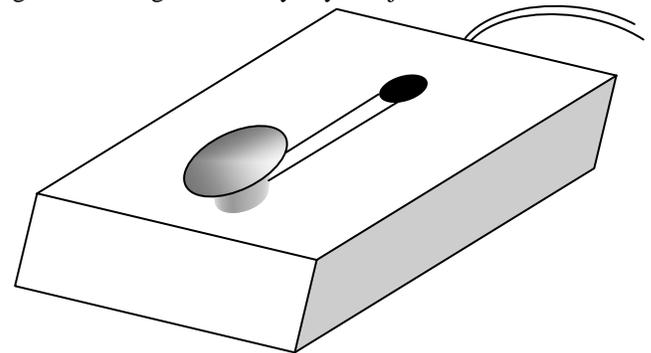
-- Hank Buccigross, K1QK

Finding ourselves fresh out of speakers for the September General meeting (Sept. 21 – 7pm,) we'll be doing something a little different. Come to the meeting and you can take home a simple Morse code key that you have assembled.

A few weeks ago, Eric, K1NUN, proposed an idea for a fun project. It is the building of a CW key from a block of wood, a paper clip and a few other odds and ends. All the parts have been gathered and are provided free. All you need to do is be there and have some fun (and accomplishment).

A screw driver and needle nose pliers are the only tools required for assembly, and they will be available at the meeting. If you like, bring your own tools, but it's not necessary.

I'll bet you are wondering why. Well, you could use this key to perk up your code skill. Or you could give it to a potential ham to get the feeling. Come anyway and join in.



A (very) crude sketch of the BARC Simple Key

Our General meetings are usually 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)

21 September 2006
19 October 2006
16 November 2006
21 December 2006 (*Holiday Party*)
18 January 2007
15 February 2007

New ARRL President Says Amateur Radio Can Ride Out the Storm

-- Extracted from ARRL Letter, 1 September 2006

Making his first visit to the ARRL New England Division Convention, League President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, said Amateur Radio has a notable history of riding out stormy weather. Harrison cited former ARRL staff member and ham radio historian Clinton B. DeSoto, W1CBD, who in 1928 expressed the opinion that Amateur Radio is not utopia, never has been and never will be. Harrison suggested it's worth looking at ham radio's past when considering the issues it faces today, and there are no easy answers.

Offering a thumbnail review of Amateur Radio's history, Harrison pointed out that ham radio has always had to deal with the controversies and tensions that technological, regulatory and societal changes have sparked over the years. Nonetheless, it's survived for nearly 100 years, and some ideas keep resurfacing. For example, a no-code license was proposed in the 1930s, he said, although it wasn't accepted until about a half-century later.

"When you look at the history of Amateur Radio, you kind of have to wonder: Where are we going?" Harrison said. He then went on to offer some of his own thoughts on the subject.

"Digital is the wave of the future," he predicted. "Our ability to provide public service will expand." In any case, he said, ham radio will always be in a storm, just coming out of a storm or heading into another storm.

Where Amateur Radio goes is up to those who enjoy the many facets it has to offer, he suggested. In closing he quoted ARRL

co-founder Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW: "Make sure everything you do is for the general good."

"There is an unlimited number of possibilities in Amateur Radio... If you get bored with one thing, there's another you can look into." Amateur Radio promotion should focus on "this buffet of possibilities," and not just on one activity, such as contesting or public service.

Harrison reiterated his mantra that the Main Street USA of today is much different from the Main Street of 30, 40 or 50 years ago, when many of today's hams got started in the hobby. Today's Technician license has proven for many to be a dead end for Amateur Radio, he said, because it has not provided enough of an introduction to the wider world of ham radio to maintain interest.

We Were Ready, But the Rain Came

-- Bob Salow, WAIIDA

The Boston Triathlon was scheduled for Sunday, 3 September, but the rain and wind made it too hazardous for the swimmers, bikers and runners. The event was called off 12 hours before it was to begin. Wet steel plates on the Big Dig roads and on some bridges were dangerous for the bikes.

A team of 19 hams stood up and then had to stand down – getting a few hours more sleep that morning.

Have Breakfast With BARC

BARC holds a social breakfast on the second Sunday of each month (October 8th next month) at the Old Country Buffet in the Watertown Mall. Breakfast is served from 0800 to 1130.

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 (seniors get a discount).

The Old Country Buffet is in the Watertown Mall, 550 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 to Waltham stops right at the Watertown Mall. We hope to see all of you there – and bring your appetite!

Emergency Preparedness Information Lists

-- Les Rayburn, N1LF, in ARES E-Letter, 16 August 2006

The Dept. of Homeland Security has declared September as National Preparedness Month. Here is one of the best collections of emergency preparedness information lists that I've found: www.tallytown.com/redcross/educate.html. The lists cover a wide range of topics and are worth taking a look.

Ice Ham -- Ice Radio -- Ice Cream!!

-- Bob Salow, WAIIDA

The WGBH Ice Cream FunFest will be held on **Saturday, 16 September**. For many years BARC has responded to their request for communications to assist and protect the 10,000

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expected visitors at the WGBH (Public TV and FM) annual Ice Cream FunFest. It is held outside their studios on Western Avenue in Brighton.

Over the past years, our service has received their greatest praise. As WGBH membership has grown, our help is needed even more to assist with crowd and parking management and emergency needs. Our operation begins at 0900 and should be over before 1400.

The area is compact enough to use 2-meter hand-helds on simplex. Helpful is an antenna better than the rubber duck that came with your radio, as well as battery capacity to last the day.

Not only is this a visible ham public service, but we (and all their visitors) get to sample the wares of the *FOURTEEN* ice cream providers (the most ever) **FREE**.

WGBH gives us extra thanks by allowing us booth space to promote and demonstrate ham radio to the visitors of all ages. Every year this proves to be a great opportunity to introduce ham radio to the public. We plan to demonstrate Morse code to kids of all ages. In the past we have even stirred some dormant ham visitors back into operation. You can be of help here, too.

Time is short and your help is needed. For those who have not done much ham public service, this is an excellent opportunity to get familiar without much effort. Please contact Bob as quickly as possible at walida@arrrl.net or 508.650.9440.

Closing Out the Year with Public Service Events

-- 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 remaining 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@arrrl.net or 508.650.9440.

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.

BARC VE Sessions

Note: There will be no exam session in October due to the holidays. See you in November.

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.

Note that because of the Columbus Day holiday, the October session will be on the first Monday, 2 October.

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.

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 CSCEs 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:

Mike Ardai, N1IST, 781.321.7939 n1ist@arrrl.net

Dick Doherty, KA1TUZ, 617.527.2968 ka1tuz@arrrl.net

Future Exam Dates

(Second Mondays at 7:00 pm)

13 November 2006

11 December 2006

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

One of life's mysteries is how a two-pound box of candy can make you gain five pounds.

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Home is where you can say anything you like because nobody listens to you anyway.

Minutes of the Boston Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting

September 7, 2006; Recorded by Paul, Olivieri, N1ZKR, Secy.

The meeting was called to order at 1900.

Those attending:

Mike Ardai	N1IST	
Arthur Ashley	N1NHZ	
Hank Buccigross	K1QK	
Jim Clogher	N1ICN	Treasurer
Bill Foley	KB1GLF	
Joe Fratto	N1RLO	
Joe Harris	KB1IXK	
Frank Murphy	N1DHW	
Paul Olivieri	N1ZKR	Secretary
Bob Salow	WA1IDA	

The Minutes of the August 3, 2006 meeting were taken informally and published in *The SPARC*.

Committee reports:

Public Service Bob reported that the Boston Triathlon had been cancelled due to bad weather. The next event is the WGBH Ice Cream FunFest on Saturday, September 16. The BAA Half Marathon will be on Sunday, October 8.

VE Sessions Will resume on Monday, September 11 at the Pierce School in Brookline. This will be our first exam session with the new Technician question pool. The October session will be moved to October 2 due to the holiday.

Newsletter starting in the October 2006 issue of *The SPARC*, Ham Radio Outlet (HRO) will place an ad.

Treasurer Jim, N1ICN, reported a balance of \$2824.03

Repeater Mike, N1IST, said that he has had no complaints and everything seems to be working okay.

Old Business:

Bob, WA1IDA, informed us of some issues that were discussed at the Management Troup meeting, with a short discussion following among those present.

Hank, K1QK, showed a model of a homemade code key that may be a project for a General meeting.

New business:

Bob, WA1IDA, reported that he had a call from the widow of a deceased ham who was looking for advice on what to do with his equipment and how much it might be worth. Someone from the club will get in touch with her to take a look at the equipment and make an inventory.

Mike, N1IST, reported that he had filled out the required Special Service Club (SSC) form and submitted it for the renewal of BARC's status.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2030.

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, October 5 (first Thursday of the month), starting at **7:00 pm**. **Meetings 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 Thursday at 7:00 pm)

5 October 2006
2 November 2006
7 December 2006
4 January 2007
1 February 2007
1 March 2007

Standardized Power Connectors

Many ARES groups and other emergency responding hams have standardized their interchangeable power connectors to the Anderson PowerPole® 30 Amp design. This allows rapid mating among user's equipment with reliability at home or in the field.

BARC has connectors, contacts and a tool to professionally install these for you. Members may have two full mating sets free. Additional sets may be purchased at \$1 per set.

The tool and connector parts will be available at each meeting for instruction and installation. For application or installation questions, or to get a project going quickly, contact Bob, WA1IDA, at wa1ida@arrrl.net.



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

Save Us Some Money - Get Your Newsletter Hot Off the Wire!

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA

In an effort to conserve club resources, we are offering early access to *The SPARC* electronically, which also saves the costs of paper, printing and postage. Even if you have already renewed your 2006 membership, but neglected to check to accept receiving the newsletter electronically, all you need to do is send an email to the Keeper of the Database at walida@arrl.net. Let him know you want to help BARC save money.

Please provide your name, call and an accurate email address. You will be notified by email each month as soon as the issue is ready for access at a private member web site as quickly as it is published.

There is considerable cost associated with the mailed hard copy. This can be saved thanks to your acceptance and the generous efforts of Mike, N1IST, who has organized the electronic publication.

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.

Nick d'Apice
Joe Harris KB1IXK Upgrade to Extra
Ted Reimann KB1NTJ

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: walida@arrl.net.

I See the Future

16 Sep WGBH Ice Cream FunFest
16 Sep RIFMRS Flea+Auct (Forestdale RI)
17 Sep MIT Flea
21 Sep BARC General Meeting
2 Oct BARC VE Session

5 Oct BARC Business Meeting
6-7 Oct Hoss Traders Flea (Hopkinton NH)
8 Oct BAA Half Marathon **(Rp)**
8 Oct BARC Breakfast
15 Oct MIT Flea (Cambridge)
21 Oct Antique RC Flea (Manchester NH)

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

There are many more events (public service, hamfests, flea markets, etc.) taking place - some only peripheral to ham radio. For information, covering New England and the Northeast, the "Ham - Electronic Flea Market" and the "PSLIST" lists tell the story. They are posted by e-mail to barc-list and on PBBSs.

Hurricane Season Is Here

The National Weather Service has issued the following Public Information Statement:

For Southern New England, this season marks the 52nd anniversary of one of the most destructive hurricane seasons in our history - the summer of 1954. The 1954 season brought New England major hurricanes Carol and Edna. These powerful category 3 hurricanes struck just 11 days apart, with Carol arriving on August 31, followed by Edna on September 11. These two storms combined to produce millions of dollars worth of damage to homes, businesses and the boating industry, as well as claiming dozens of lives due to storm surge and river related flooding.

Carol and Edna were the last major hurricanes to have struck our region. As the 2006 season begins, now is an excellent time to begin your own preparations. Your 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.

Coastal residents

- 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 outdoor 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.

- Never step outside during the passage of the eye. The often calm conditions will be rapidly replaced by a dramatic shift in wind direction and a return to hurricane force winds.

- Know your evacuation routes and the proper shelters for your area. Check with your local town hall to see if you are in an evacuation zone.

- Most shelters will not allow pets. Make arrangements ahead of time for a place for your pets to stay. Some animal hospitals offer to keep pets until you are able to return home.

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- 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.

Hunting For VEs

Volunteer Examiners are needed to help with the BARC VE sessions. Most of the time we have at least the required three, but sometimes more may be required, especially if one of the regulars can't make it. If you are an ARRL-accredited VE, please contact Mike, N1IST, at n1ist@arrl.net and let him know when you might be available.

Recognizing a Stroke

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness can spell disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- Ask the individual to *SMILE*.
- Ask him or her to *RAISE BOTH ARMS*.
- Ask the person to *SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE* (Coherently) (e.g. *It is sunny out today.*)

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

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.

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Is there any further business for the net before I close the net?

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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.

Commercial Ads 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@pvcronics.com or 617.232.6982; or Bob Salow at wa1ida@arrl.net or 508.650.9440.

Your Own 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 to the club if you sell it (and of course you will) will be cheerfully accepted. Just send your ad to the Editor, Paul Carter, N1TMF.

Why This Blank Space?

It's because we need more articles. Where do they come from? From you, dear reader! It's obvious, of course, but did you ever *think* about it?

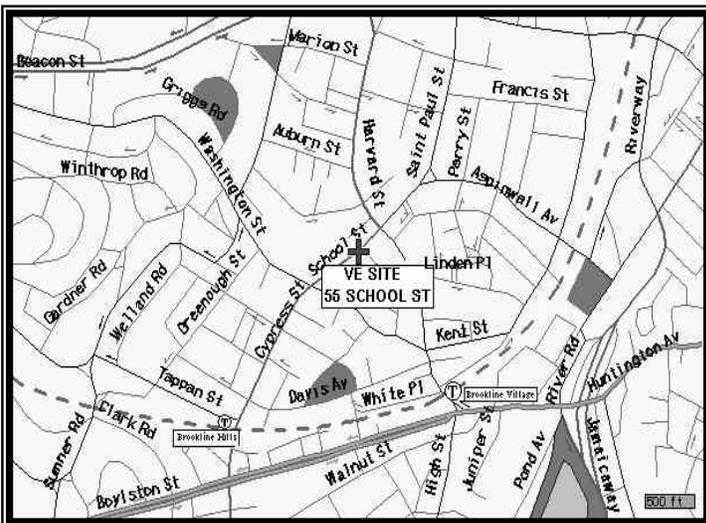
Got an idea – put it down. Got a project – write about it. Got a gripe – express it. Got a compliment – we need that, too.

Your writing skills are not in question – the editor smoothes it out. Your thoughts can actually be made readable. We just need you to contribute (and maybe become famous in the process). Send your material to Paul, N1TMF, at n1tmf@pvcronics.com.

**When all else fails...
Amateur Radio**



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



VE Session – Pierce School
50 School Street, Brookline, Room 110 next to the cafeteria

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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

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THE KEY TO HAM HAPPINESS

Back to BARC after the summer off. Let's try something new to interest the members. It's been a while since we were productive, so we shall produce a Morse code key. Yes, we can, without much labor, and without any cost, assemble a simple key. Use it to jolt your code skills, or give it to a potential ham. All the parts and tools are there; you be there and have some fun!

The next General Meeting is:
21 September 2006 at 7:00 pm
at the Salvation Army Headquarters building
Third Floor Auditorium
Columbus Avenue at Berkeley Street
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(Parking in the adjacent lot on Columbus Avenue)
Talk-in on 145.230 MHz (CTCSS 88.5 Hz)

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