



The SPARC

Newsletter of the Boston Amateur Radio Club

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A New Place and Time for BARC Meetings

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA

BARC will now hold both General and Business meetings at Newton Police Headquarters in West Newton. All meetings will begin at 7:30 pm. There is ample nearby parking and the location is handicap accessible. The building address is: 1321 Washington Street. *Coordinates: N42° 20.95', W71° 13.67'.*

There are several restaurants and a Dunkin' Donuts in the vicinity. Maps are shown on page 7 of this newsletter.

BARC Is Moving to a New Meeting Location

-- The BARC Management Team

BARC is moving to a new location for Business and General meetings, beginning with the October General meeting. The BARC Management Team supports this change for the following reasons, and we are sure you will understand how this benefits the club.

The move is for the club's benefit to go where many members are located. We anticipate seeing some people whom we haven't seen in a long time. This is the *club's* move. The benefit is bound up with the location that offers casual dining, extended hours, easy parking, and even some after-meeting meeting places. We have been most fortunate to have been the beneficiaries of The Salvation Army's generosity for several years, and we acknowledge Bill Foley, KB1GLF, who remained in the building after his regular day job to supervise the building and lock up at the end of our meetings.

We have known for a long time that our Boston location was temporary and we have been looking for a new meeting site. We explored restaurants, businesses, hotels, and more. There has always been a reason to reject a place, so we have had to become more flexible.

Our new meeting location is in the Community Room, off the main lobby at the Newton Police Headquarters, 1321 Washington St, West Newton, MA (maps on page 7 of this newsletter). It provides new benefits for BARC and its members.

We owe a profound thank you to club member Howard Mintz, WA1CFX, who is an officer in the NPD for reserving the room for us. Here are some of the benefits to BARC:

- **Location:** Right on Washington St (Rt 16), convenient to public transportation from Boston and along the Mass Pike, and near I-95 (Rt 128). This location is accessible to a wider geography than the Boston location, thus benefiting more hams and potential hams in the area, and bringing a club to where there is no active club at present.

- **Accessibility:** Being a public building, accessibility is a requirement. Of course, once a facility is made accessible to those for whom it is a necessity, it becomes more accessible and convenient to all. For drivers, there is adequate on-street parking and several open lots nearby.

- **Amenities:** This site, in the West Newton section of the City of Newton, offers several restaurants from modest to upscale, ethnic and ordinary - all within walking distance (that is, within two blocks). This is a convenience for those who come early to the meetings, as well as providing after-meeting venues to continue discussions and general conversation. Further, the NPD room itself is available to us to continue right there without the need to scatter at a predetermined time. (There are thoughts that we may expect refreshments at meetings.)

- **Service area:** The Middlesex ARC had met in Newton, but its activity has slipped in recent years and has not grown. Some of its members still live in the vicinity. BARC attracted some of them, but our Boston location was not convenient and we hope that our arrival in Newton will revive their activity and interest. Furthermore, there are active and quiet hams in and around Newton who may want to join BARC and participate in our activities. We are not in competition with other suburban ham clubs and we support them and their programs just as we expect them to support us. There are good reasons for belonging to and participating in more than one Amateur Radio club!

So, what does this really mean *for our club* once the advantages are spelled out? The club needs a new location that supports pre- and post-meeting get-togethers. It needs a place we can kibbitz without rushing in to Boston for a too-short meeting. It needs a location where its members can meet leisurely and linger. BARC has needed a move for a long time, and we have done it.

Thank you again to The Salvation Army and the Newton Police Department.

September Meeting Synopsis

-- Eric Falkof, K1NUN

Our September meeting began with President *pro-tem* Hank, K1QK, addressing the new year and describing the upcoming election in October. Full details about the vote and justification are elsewhere in this edition of *The SPARC*. He also mentioned our October General meeting and subsequent Business and General meetings will be held in the Community Room at the Newton Police headquarters in West Newton (details also elsewhere in this edition). We welcomed our new visitors and proceeded with the rest of the meeting agenda.

During the summer, Hank, K1QK, and Mike, N1IST, built and assembled the kit components for a build-it-yourself, home-made, genyoowine CW code key. The principal components are a block of wood and a paperclip! (Online readers may click on the picture; it is a hotlink, and thanks to the Iowa QRP Club for putting its description of the original design online.)



Hank distributed about 15 plastic bags that contained all the parts – no soldering required – and provided a bunch of screwdrivers. Some extras were available so members could have them to assemble with grandchildren. Nice family project, eh?

Kathy was the first to finish and tested her key on a home-made buzzer Eric had assembled from a hamfest buzzer, an almost dead battery, some brads nailed into a wood block, and some bent aluminum to held the battery. We all applauded her as the buzzer gave a plaintive wail.

Over the next half hour, there was a lot of talk, bragging, and sharing of summer experiences and beyond. We are looking forward to more such projects in the future in our new home in Newton.



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

BARC TO Operate SKYWARN Recognition Day

-- Mark Duff, KB1EKN

On Saturday, 2 December 2006, SKYWARN Recognition Day will be held for the eighth straight year. SKYWARN Recognition Day is an event where National Weather Service Forecast Offices get on the air and make contacts with other NWS Offices as well as all Amateurs and any Amateur Radio SKYWARN Spotters. The purpose is to thank the thousands of Amateur Radio SKYWARN Spotters whose timely severe weather reports into NWS Forecast Offices across the country protect life and property.

BARC will participate for the fourth year in a row from the Blue Hill Observatory in Milton. Operating hours will be from 0900 to 1500. Details will be in the November newsletter but mark your calendars now for a fun event.

Fun – you want some fun? How's 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 and visitors to be greeted at the station with the oldest continuous weather records in the country.

On a good day the visibility is over 100 miles from the Blue Hill Observatory. We invite you and any other hams to help and participate. Contact Mark, KB1EKN at emgmgt@comcast.net.

Did You Get Ice Cream On Your Shirt?

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA

On Saturday, 16 September, the weather was bright and sunny – a welcome change from the torrents of last year. Eight hams performed valiant public service at the annual WGBH Ice Cream FunFest by sampling the wares of fourteen ice cream vendors. The hams were also managing communications for parking, crowd safety and staff coordination. If you got ice cream on your shirt, you were still doing a worthwhile public service.

For the BARC participation in Ham Radio Public Awareness Day (an ARRL sponsored national program), we had a booth to meet and greet the visitors. Many people, including kids, stopped by with interest in ham radio. With an oscillator and a Morse chart, we awarded a certificate to kids who could learn to send their names.

Here are the hams who helped:

Arthur	N1NHZ
Rowe	K1HRA
Hank	K1QK
Paul	N1LRT
Gregg	KD1MU
Bill	KA1MOM
Paul	N1ZKR
Bob	WA1IDA

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

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Management Team Calls For Special Election

-- Bob Salow, WA1IDA

The Management Team which had been elected in June to fulfill the duties of President and Vice President has selected interim officers and further directed that a special election be held at the October General meeting to formally elect a President and Vice President. Acting as a Nominating Committee, the Team has nominated the following slate:

Hank Buccigross, K1QK President
Mark Duff, KB1EKN Vice President

As in our past elections, nominations will remain open until the vote is held for each office. Any member holding a valid Amateur Radio license may be nominated (with their agreement). Self nominations are acceptable. Our bylaws do not permit absentee or proxy ballots.

The offices of Secretary and Treasurer were elected at the June General meeting.

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.

Joe Harris N1QD Call sign change

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

15 Oct	MIT Flea (Cambridge)
19 Oct	BARC General Meeting
21 Oct	Antique RC Flea (Manchester NH)
2 Nov	BARC Business Meeting
3 Nov	HCRA Auction (Feeding Hills)
4 Nov	Eastern MA Simulated Emergency Test
4 Nov	IRS Flea (Londonderry NH)
11 Nov	FARA Flea (E Falmouth)
12 Nov	BARC Breakfast
13 Nov	BARC VE Session
16 Nov	BARC General Meeting
2 Dec	SKYWARN Recognition Day
13 Dec	BARC Holiday Party – BE THERE!

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

General Meeting: The 100-Pound DXpedition

Do you think 100 pounds of gear and sustenance is enough to do credit to a DXpedition? Our speaker at the October General meeting will show us how he does it. Scott Andersen, NE1RD, has the experience, the pictures and the stories to go with it. In Scott's words:

Amateur Radio operators travel to far away and exotic places to communicate with other "hams." Such an expedition is often called a "DXpedition," an expedition to do distance communication. The "100 pound DXpedition" describes my quest to do these DXpeditions with a minimum of equipment and maximum fun.

His presentation is sure to be exciting – beyond the fact that his last DXpedition was to George's Island in Boston Harbor.

Scott will inaugurate our change of meeting location and should stir your operating interest. **From now on, BARC General and Business meetings will be held at the Newton Police Department, 1321 Washington St, West Newton, MA.** Maps are shown on page 7 of this newsletter.

This month's General meeting is on **Thursday, 19 October at 7:30 pm.** Please note the new location and time. There is ample nearby parking and the location is handicap accessible. Talk-in is available on 145.230 MHz [-], 88.5 Hz.

A special feature for this meeting is a **Door Prize**. It is a Super Wideband Discone antenna – Diamond D-130J, fresh in the box. It covers 25 to 1300 MHz, with transmit on all ham bands in between. It might be yours just for attending the meeting.

Future General Meeting Dates

(Third Thursdays at 7:30 pm)

19 October 2006 (*Note new location*)
16 November 2006
13 December 2006 (*Holiday Party*)
21 December 2006 (*No Meeting*)
18 January 2007
15 February 2007
15 March 2007

The Holiday Party Is Coming – Save the Date!

With a history of good times, the 2006 BARC Holiday Party is sure to be a hit. This year we will gather at the Stockyard Restaurant in Brighton for our evening of food and fun with members, their families and friends.

The date will be **Wednesday evening, 13 December**. Note that the regular General meeting will be omitted for December. The planned fee will be \$25.00, with BARC picking up any excess, including tax and gratuity. There will be a cash bar.

Details, along with menu choices, will be on the flyer included with the November issue of *The SPARC*. The party is when we present the Ham of the Year award. You can vote using the coupon with the flyer.

President Pro-Tem's Column

-- Hank Buccigross, K1QK

As President Pro-tem this might be my first and last message in the President's Column. Time will tell.

An election for President and Vice President will be held at the General meeting on October 19. After due deliberation the Management Team, which was formed after no candidates came forward to run for these offices, temporarily appointed Mark, KB1EKN, as Vice President Pro-tem and Hank, K1QK, as President Pro-tem.

Both have agreed to accept nomination for their respective offices at an election to be held at the October General meeting. Nominations will remain open for these offices until the voting begins. Please come to the meeting and cast your vote. As a added inducement we'll be giving away a nearly new Discone antenna at the meeting as a door prize. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

With The Salvation Army location no longer available to us we had to find a new meeting place. We purposely looked for a suburban location for our meetings. We hope this location will lure many of you who did not want to fight city traffic to drive into downtown Boston to our meetings. We thank Howard, WA1CFX, for providing us with the Newton Police facilities, and Bob, WA1IDA, for doing the spadework. This meeting and all future meetings will be held at the Newton Police Dept.

Minutes of the Boston Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting

October 5, 2006; Recorded by Paul Olivieri, N1ZKR, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 1900hours.

Those attending:

Mike Ardai	N1IST	
Arthur Ashley	N1NHZ	
Hank Buccigross	K1QK	President, Pro-tempore
Jim Clogher	N1ICN	Treasurer
Mark Duff	KB1EK	Vice president, Pro-tempore
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Bill Foley	KB1GLF	
Joe Frato	N1RLO	
Joe Harris	N1QD	
Paul Olivieri	N1ZKR	Secretary
Bob Salow	WA1ID	
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The minutes of the September 7, 2006 meeting were accepted as published in *The SPARC*.

Committee reports:

Treasurer Jim, N1ICN, reports that the balance is \$2876.38. The annual fee for the PO Box will be paid this month.

Membership Arthur reports that there is not much to report as he has received no inquiries.

VE Sessions No exams were held in October as the school was closed for holidays on both the first and second Mondays. The next exam will be on November 13, 2006.

Repeaters Mike, N1IST, reports that they seem to be working okay.

Old business:

Meeting place: Future meetings will be at the Newton Police Dept. Community Room. Both the Business and General meetings will be held there. Also, note that the meeting start time will be changed to 7:30 pm.

Arthur, N1NHZ, brought up some changes that should be made to the bylaws. It was decided that since considerable work had already been done by Blake, K1BTH, and others that Hank, K1QK, would get that material from Blake so that we could review it before we make any further proposals for a special meeting.

IARU meeting in Boston in May 2007: Phil, K9HI, has been in touch with David Sumner, K1ZZ, at ARRL. Dave will get back to us about what might be possible and proper for us to do for the delegates at this meeting.

It was decided that at some point in the future we should look to appoint an "Emergency Communications Coordinator" when we can better define what that person should do.

New Business:

The Holiday Party will be held at the Stockyard Restaurant in Brighton. The reservation will be made as quickly as possible and the information furnished in *The SPARC*.

The Management Team will remain in place as advisors to the elected officers at least until January 2007.

The Eastern Mass SET will be on November 4, 2006.

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, November 2 (first Thursday of the month), starting at **7:30 pm**. **Meetings are held at the Newton Police Headquarters, 1321 Washington St, West Newton.** There is ample parking on-street and in nearby public lots. Maps appear on page 7 of this newsletter.

Talk-in is available on 145.230 MHz (-), CTCSS 88.5 Hz.

Future Business Meeting Dates

(First Thursday at 7:30 pm)

2 November 2006 (*Note new location*)

7 December 2006

4 January 2007

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1 February 2007
1 March 2007
5 April 2007

Past President's Column

-- Mark Duff, KB1EKN

A Tremendous Opportunity or "Getting Back to Basics"

Over the last several weeks, several members of BARC have been meeting to determine BARC's future and in a sense the future of Amateur Radio in the Metro Boston Area. There is no question that Amateur Radio has changed and our mission has changed. Our basic values have not.

What are our basic values? The textbook answer would be "to provide emergency communications and enhance the radio art." We will continue to do both when called upon! In a broader sense our basic values should be to have a club that meets the needs of and is sensitive to its members while at the same time having fun and advancing Amateur Radio in general. Our move to the Newton Police Community Room will do just that. The location is more centrally located to our membership and we have use of the facility for the entire evening. This means that after our formal program is over, members will be able to relax and enjoy each other's companionship, solve problems and learn from each other.

If you arrive late, no problem, just walk in. If you arrive early, no problem, walk right in and relax until the meeting begins. There are several good restaurants in the area and better still, a DD! The meeting time has been moved to 7:30 pm to give members more time to arrive and not worry about fighting traffic! (Even if you don't drive a vehicle with a blue plate, there is ample parking in the area.)

The goal of the leadership is to bring BARC back to a general-purpose organization with a more balanced approach to ham radio. Our meetings will consist of general interest ham radio related subjects including hands-on programs. We are always looking for good speakers and if BARC is going to succeed in the new location, members will have to assist us with by providing entertainment Or, better still, being the entertainment. When I served as President several years ago the biggest challenge each month was to obtain interesting speakers. It still is.

I have all the confidence in the world that BARC can and will move forward. The leadership has some fresh ideas that I am sure will be obvious to all as we go ahead. We need to hear your thoughts as well. Think Outside the Box.

Come to the October meeting and be prepared for three things: to have fun, to support BARC and perhaps to present an idea of your own as to how to make things better.

PowerPole Connectors and Tool Available

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Tools and connectors will be available at all meetings for installation, instruction, and assistance.

For Sale


Hammarlund HQ-140-X general coverage receiver, one of 1955's best communications radios. Covers broadcast through 30 mc. (Yes, mc, not MHz). Very good condition (about 7.5 out of 10) and working well. Asking \$200/bro.

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Waters Codax keyer. Manufactured in Wayland, Mass. around 1962. Built in paddle, adjustable from 5 to 65 wpm. Various special specifications that make this classic stand out even today. \$25.

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For additional information, contact Paul Carter at n1tmf@pvcronics.com or 617.232.6982; or Bob Salow at walida@arrl.net or 508.650.9440.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

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A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

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.

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

8 January 2007

12 February 2007

12 March 2007

9 April 2007

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

Procrastination: Hard work often pays off after time, but laziness always pays off now.

Trouble: Luck can't last a lifetime unless you die young.

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. 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!

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.

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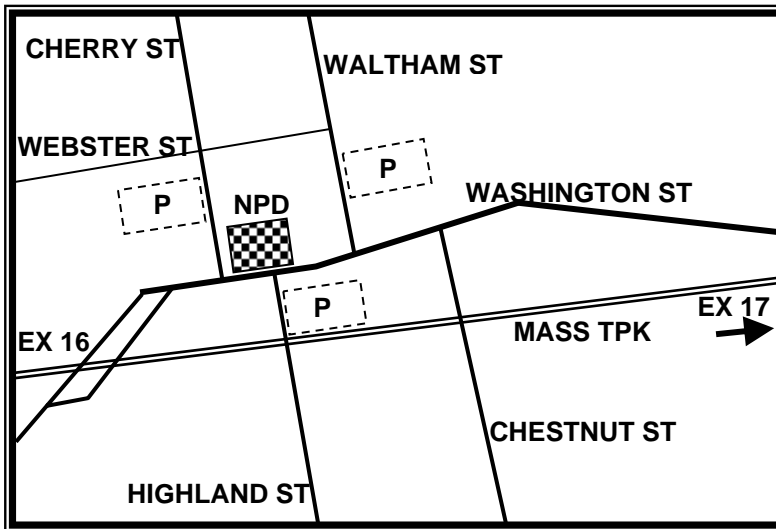
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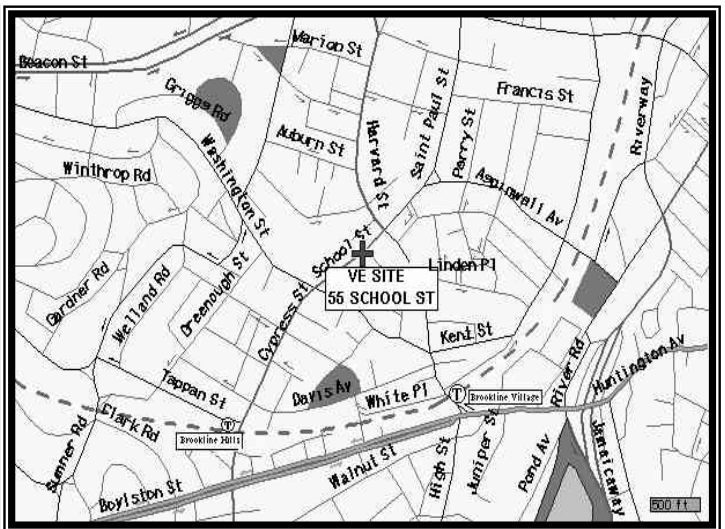
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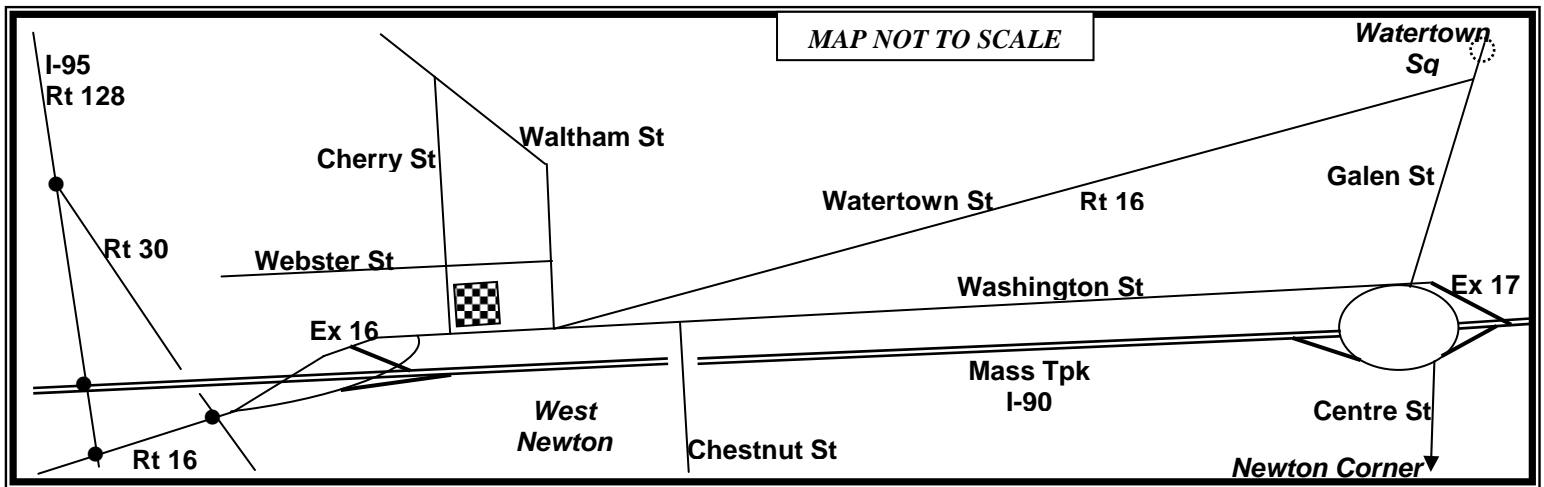
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BARC Meeting Location
 Newton Police Dept., 1321 Washington St. West Newton



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



Wide area map to BARC meetings at Newton Police Dept.

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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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A DXpedition with Only 100 Pounds of Gear

Here is a case of getting the maximum with the minimum and good operating practice. You can do it, too. Scott Andersen, NE1RD, will show us how. He's been on DXpeditions large and small. His latest was to George's Island in Boston Harbor – with only a hundred pounds of gear and spectacular results.

Note our new time and location:

The next General Meeting is:
19 October 2006 at 7:30 pm
at the Newton Police Headquarters
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Parking in nearby lots
Talk-in on 145.230 MHz (CTCSS 88.5 Hz)

Help eradicate blank space!

Get your news, views, stories and other contributions for the October issue of *The SPARC* to Editor, Paul Carter, N1TMF, no later than November 3, 2006.

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