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We hope to see you on April 15th 2025 Social hour is from 1800 meeting starts at 1830. Talk-in is on 147.180+ meeting. Our May meeting is on the 20th.

ON THE AIR Tuesdays First May 6, Second May 13 and Fourth May 27 Tom Luckman WA1TOM will be the net controller.

Presidents Message

The MARA Open House is April 26 at the Bridgewater Public Library from 10 to 3. Hope to see you there. Don't forget the May meeting are nominations and elections for club officers. The positions open are president, vice-president and secretary.

Secretary report By Phil McNamara N1XTB

MARA minutes 18 Mar 2025

Discussion prior to meeting of 900 repeater networking

Meeting called to order by John N1BSO at 1834 at the Bridgewater Library meeting room.

Attendees

N1BSO John

WA1TOM Tom

KB1WCK Joe (via zoom)

KC1TLT Wendy

N1UMJ John (via zoom)

N1IQI Loren

N1XTB Phil

KA1YL Connie

Secretary report as presented in newsletter - accepted

Treasurer and Repeater report for presented and accepted.

New member KB1ZSW Harry Brett (family membership) voted in. Welcome Harry!

Old Business

Connie liased with Jed the library director to reserve the downstairs back small conference room (bad weather backup) and the outside pavilion area for Open House activities for April 26.

Discussions followed that a POTA station would be set up and Go-Kits displayed.

New business

Whitman club tech class is ongoing. John N1BSO is assisting.

Nominations and vote are due in May for club officer positions. Tom WA1TOM volunteered for the VP slot.

Phil N1XTB volunteered to stay as Treasurer. E mail is to be sent prior to the May meeting soliciting nominations.

Tom WA1TOM says nets are going well.

Meeting adjourned at 1855

Newsletter editor Rick Emord KB1TEE

Please sign up for the roll of net controller we need your assistance. I have not received any other club news articles please forward any club information to me.

USING HAM RADIO at a campsite Posted on REDDIT

Can I use ham radio at camp sites with mountainous terrain where the only comms that will work are using ham repeaters?

Question - assuming everyone is appropriately licensed, can I use ham radio for regular logistics comms at campouts in hilly areas with no cell phone signal and where FRS will not work due to density of brush and hills?

For example, if there are three different camp sites on opposite ends of a wilderness park and there's no way to communicate, is it an appropriate use of ham radio to have an operator at each camp site to coordinate things you plan to do that day etc?

If you are licensed and the traffic is not commercial then in most cases, yes. This is literally what the repeaters are for.

Ok great. I got confused by some of the other posts I read. For example I got the impression you can only use it for experimenting or something and it seemed practical usage wasn't very common so I wanted to be sure. The last thing I want is a smirch on the reputation of my call sign etc.

The only thing that could make it a bad choice would be if the repeater owners get annoyed at your traffic.

What kind of things would be wise to do or not do to avoid annoying the repeater owner? We would keep radio traffic to absolute minimum just "yes we're here" "no we're not" "I forgot this can you grab it" and "I think Tommy sprained his ankle can you meet us at the trailhead" type of stuff.

Library open house April 26th

Come out and support our club and the library that assists us with our meetings

Good Morning!

Yes, the smaller Judith Gabriel room has been reserved for your use from 10:00am to 3:00pm on April 26 and the outside pavilion is available for your use. We'll get some information about the event out in our usual advertising as well.

Thanks for providing these additional details.

Thu, Mar 20, 2025

Just touching base to confirm some details with you on the Open House activity. April 26, 2025 Saturday 11- until 2 ish

Weather permitting, setup outside in back in/near the pavilion with a backup location being the small conference room downstairs behind the big one. We hope to set up a HF "POTA" station - parks on the air, which is a ham radio activity to establish contacts with parks all over the US. We will also have portable radio go-kits and should have at least one of them talking to the local repeater. There will be some flyers with information about amateur radio. Possibly also have a portable solar power supply for the radio's too. The equipment should showcase how amateur radio can communicate in situations where power, phone and internet are unavailable.

MARA club presentation

From Phil McNamara

In Brief.

Special event amateur radio station K8L will celebrate National Library Week 2025, operating from Youngstown, Ohio, between April 11, 1600 UTC (12 PM EDT) and April 13, 1600 UTC (12 PM EDT). Operation will be from various libraries in the Youngstown area, mainly on 20 and 40 meters, both SSB & FT8. A QSL card is available by sending a request to K8L, 239 Elvira Ct. McDonald, OH 44437. More information is available at QRZ.com www.qrz.com/db/K8L.

Tad Cook, K7RA, has received the ARRL President's Award.

ARRL Northwestern Division Director Mark Tharp, KB7HDX, presented the award to Cook on March 8, 2025, for 36 years of service to ARRL writing the weekly W1AW Propagation Forecast Bulletin. Cook also wrote The K7RA Solar Update for the *ARRL Letter*. He retired in January 2025, citing a recent ALS diagnosis preventing him from continuing. "He is genuinely a good person," said Tharp, who noted the award was a complete surprise to Cook. One of the happiest moments of Cook's many years as a radio amateur was getting on the air when he was 11 years old and making his first QSO on a Heathkit DX-20 with a non-working VFO. His was inspired to become a ham by a pair of Boy Scout brothers working on their Morse code badge, and from watching them get on the air, making a QSO to Oregon, several hundred miles away.

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND

0000Z 06 Jun 2024 - 2359Z 08 Jun 2024

PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT a contest!



**Please join us on the USS Massachusetts NE1PL
April 19th to get this great ship on the air
Anyone who can operate CW we are trying to
get the ships original equipment on the air again**



Contact Rick Emord KB1TEE at kb1tee@gmail.com

MARA BBQSO 2025



**Please remember our club meeting and BBQSO on Tuesday
August 19th @ 1700 start time meeting at 1830**

Location is at 135 Wareham St Middleborough, MA

Talk in is on the MARA repeater 147-180 pl67



**Bring your own food to cook on the grill beverage of choice
please bring something to share with the group**

ARRL Solar Update April 10, 2025

A relatively fast-moving stream of solar wind has been buffeting Earth's magnetic field, and this is causing minor G1-class geomagnetic storms. High-latitude sky watchers should be alert for auroras. Solar activity reached moderate levels with several flares. Radio blackouts reaching the R1 levels were observed over the past 24 hours with the largest on April 8. There is a chance for R1-2 (Minor-Moderate), and radio blackouts will persist through April 11 primarily due to the flare potential. An associated coronal mass ejection (CME) was observed on April 6. Modeling of the event showed the potential for a grazing blow around midday on April 11. There have been no Earth-directed CMEs in coronagraph imagery. The 10.7 centimeter flux: April 11, 145; April 12 - 14, 140; April 15, 135; and April 16 - 27, 140.

Predicted Sunspot numbers: April 11, 159; April 12, 158; April 13, 164; April 14, 169

For more information concerning radio propagation, [visit](#) the ARRL Technical Information Service, [read](#) "What the Numbers Mean...", [A Quick Guide to HF Propagation Using Solar Indices](#), and [check out](#) the Propagation Page of Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA.

Massasoit Amateur Radio Association Executive Board

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Packet Node Brockton 145.09 W1JOE-7 (BROCK)

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Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month..

Our Meetings-On-The-Air are held all other Tuesday evenings at 8PM on 147.180+ with a new net discussion format.

The South Shore Skywarn Net is held every Saturday evening at 8PM local time on 147.180+ and is open to all hams.

VE Exams are held the 2nd Saturday of every month, in Braintree contact Steve Cohen, W1OD via email w1od@arrl.net. Walk-ins are no longer permitted. We will be hosting VE exams. Drop a note to Steve to confirm a reservation