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Next Meeting

**Wednesday, 14 April
7:30PM**

**Public Safety Building
Lunenburg**

President's Corner

The President's Corner

Hi all, I've got a feeling that we all are finding that April kind of snuck up on us as I am not even sure the newsletter may even be on time. All with good reason. I'm sure Ralph, KD1SM and many others have been wrapped up with the disaster that hit us in March. Many towns got hit hard by all the flooding and still have not recovered from it yet. I want to give kudo's and thanks to all those that put in the time to assist in whatever capacity to aid in recovery.

Unfortunately the onset of spring have not been as promising as I had hoped for. We recently found out that Leroy, W1OOY became a silent key on April 1st at the tender young age of 90. The other thing as some of you know my back has not been cooperating with me and an mri revealed a herniated disk which may require surgery. Fear not! I still plan on tackling all those fun public service events as well as Near-Fest. At least for now, depending on what the medicine man says. The good thing about being

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laid up is that I've been working on getting studied up for the general exam.

Speaking of public service, we are now in full swing with a boat load of events coming up, starting with the Sqannicook canoe race, Then the marathon in Beantown, and the Groton road race. (yes, part of my equipment will include a chair!)

April's meeting will be a business forum. One thing I did is look over the by-laws of the club and feel we need a rewrite and to vote on a couple of small changes. This is not critical, but I felt it warrants a discussion. Along with that will be the discussion of Field day, Upcoming elections and forming the electoral committee. These as well as other topics will be discussed during this meeting. Part of looking at the bylaws is that this should be a once a year procedure. We kind of got away from it. This can be good as we can devote more time to these items

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Watt's Happening

Sundays, 0800 local 5330.5 (ch 1) USB
Western Mass Emergency 60M Net
Alternate frequencies are 5346.5 (ch 2),
5366.5 (ch 3), 5371.5 (ch 4), and 5403.5 (ch 5).

Sundays, 0830 local 3937
Western Mass Emergency Net. Alternate
frequency is 3942 in case of QRN, QRM, or
frequency in-use. Also a good idea to scan up
and down 10kHz if you cannot find the net.

Sundays, 0900 local 145.45-
Montachusett Emergency Net

Mondays, 2000 local 147.525 simplex
Worcester Emergency Simplex Net

Tuesdays, 1930 local 145.37-
Templeton Emergency Net

Wednesdays, 2100 local 28.341
Harvard Repeater Club
10 meter sideband net "Activity Night"

Nightly, 2100 local 146.97-
Central Mass Traffic Net

First Monday, 1900 local 3943, 7245
RACES Net

First Wednesday, 2000 local 3915
K1ARC Red Cross Net
<http://www.qsl.net/k1arc/>

Saturday, 17 April, Manchester NH
New Hampshire Antique Radio Club

Sunday, 18 April, Cambridge MA
Flea at MIT; 3rd Sunday April - October

Friday, 30 April & Saturday, 1 May
Deerfield NH; NEAR-Fest

Additional events are listed on
<http://web.mit.edu/w1gsl/Public/ne-fleas>

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and get them out of the way. So, I encourage all active members to come to the meeting and bring any thoughts, concerns, ideas with you. Now is the time to do it.

That's it for now. Let's all bow to antenna gods for good weather during April!

73's Ray KB1LRL

Roy W100Y SK

LeRoy H. "Roy" Ryder, 90, of Westminster, died Thursday, April 1, 2010, at the Baldwinville Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. He was born in Leominster, on September 6, 1919, the son of the late Roy H. and Mary Alice (Ashton) Ryder.

He leaves his wife, Evelyn (Grondin) Ryder; his son, Scott H. Ryder, and his daughter, Karen A. (Ryder) Gormley, both of Westminster, along with their families. Roy is predeceased by his first wife, Sylvia (Luoma) Ryder.

Roy served for 47 months in the US Army, 43 of which were duty in the South Pacific and Japan, during World War II. During the battle for Luzon in the Philippines, he was awarded a battlefield commission and was promoted from Sergeant to 2nd Lieutenant. He was a member of the National Order of Battlefield Commissions, Disabled American Veterans, the 25th Infantry Division Association and the 89th Field Artillery Association.

He served two terms on the Westminster Planning Board, one term as chairman. At that time, he was one of the founders of the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission.

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MARA owns and operates the W1GZ repeater on 145.45 (CTCSS 74.4) in Fitchburg.

Roy served as Westminster's Civil Defense Director for 20 years. In 1975, following a 25 year career with the former W.A. Fuller Lumber Company, he organized and operated the Wachusett Area Building Commission, serving four towns in the area as their building inspector.

Following he retirement in 1981, he and Evelyn traveled extensively in Europe, Oceania, and Asia. He was an active radio amateur for 65 years with the call sign of W1OOY and was a member of the American Radio Relay League. Roy was also a 50 year member of the Westminster Country Club.

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Old Timers Lunch

de Tom K1JHC

The Old Timers met at Bickford's Restaurant in Leominster on March 3rd. Regulars were Barry W1HFN, Gary K1YTS, Charlie KT1I, Al KB1TNN, Tom K1JHC, Paul N1QDX, and Norm W1BYH. Gary K1YTS reported that Charter Member Roy Ryder W1OOY was in a Nursing Home in Baldwinville. Roy became a silent key on Thursday, April 1, 2010. With warmer weather it is time to clear up the winter wear and tear. Please feel free to join us on first Wednesdays at the Restaurant.

**BY-LAWS
OF
THE MONTACHUSETT AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**SECTION I
NAME, PURPOSES, LOCATION, CORPORATE SEAL AND FISCAL YEAR**

1.1 Name and Purposes.

The name and purposes of the corporation shall be set forth in the Articles of Organization.

1.2 Location.

The principal office of the corporation shall initially be located at the place set forth in the Articles of Organization of the corporation. The directors may change the location of the principal office effective upon filing a certificate with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

1.3 Corporate Seal.

The directors may adopt and alter the seal of the corporation.

1.4 Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of the corporation shall, unless otherwise decided by the directors, end on June 30 of each year.

**SECTION II
MEMBERSHIP**

2.1 Eligibility.

All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership.

2.2 Levels of Membership.

There shall be three (3) levels of membership:

- a. General Members with repeater privileges, hereinafter designated "General Members WRP": Those persons who hold a valid amateur operator's license, technician class or above.
- b. General Members: Those persons who hold a valid novice class license or those persons eligible for General Membership WRP but who do not so elect.
- c. Associate Membership: Those persons who are not licensed amateur radio operators, but who indicate an interest in amateur radio; such members not to participate in election or voting processes.

2.3 Privileges of Membership.

- a. General Membership WRP: Such members shall have the full privileges of the Association as determined by the membership.
- b. General Membership: Such members shall have all the privileges afforded General Members WRP except those pertaining to repeaters and their operation.
- c. Associate Membership: Such members shall have all privileges afforded General Members except that they shall not hold office in the corporation nor participate in elections or votes of the membership.

2.4 Qualification, Election, and Removal.

- a. Written application for membership shall be submitted and acted upon at a regular meeting.
A majority of the voting members present and in good standing are required to approve an application for membership. Such action shall be reported to the applicant at the earliest convenience, and recorded in the records of the Association.
- b. Each application shall contain a statement to the effect that the applicant shall hold harmless the Montachusett Amateur Radio Association, its members, and/or the owner(s) of the Association premises,

for any personal injury or property damage suffered by the applicant as a member of the Montachusett Amateur Radio Association.

- c. A member who has paid her/his dues prior to the first day of the fiscal year, and who was not expelled from membership in accordance with the provisions of section (e), following, shall be a member in good standing. A member not in good standing shall not have the privileges of voting or holding office.
- d. A member who is not in good standing, as described in section (c), preceding, may be reinstated by paying the Treasurer the annual dues owed. Said dues shall not be paid on a pro rata basis.
- e. A member whose dues are in arrears in excess of thirty (30) days, shall be removed from the membership roles, and must make application for membership as provided in section (a) preceding.
- f. If it should be found necessary or desirable to expel a member of the Association due to her/his conduct being detrimental to the Association or the amateur radio service, she/he may be voted out of membership.

Such action may occur only upon written petition signed by not less than ten percent of the total membership, and approved by not less than two-thirds of the voting members present. The petition shall state the reasons for the requested expulsion.

Notice of the proposed action shall be mailed to the subject of the petition and to each member in good standing, with a copy of the aforementioned petition not less than twenty-one days in advance of the regular or special meeting at which the matter shall be acted upon. Normally, such action shall be made, seconded and tabled at a regular meeting to allow for this notification. The vote would occur at the following meeting. A secret ballot shall be used for all matters covered by this section.

The expelled member may be reconsidered-considered for membership after one year.

2.5 Meetings.

- a. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the second Wednesday in June.
- b. Regular meetings shall be held monthly at a time and place approved by the membership; except that no regular meetings shall occur in the months of July and August.
- c. A special meeting may be called by five voting members in good standing, who present a petition to the Executive Committee stating the needs for such a meeting and the topics to be discussed.
In an emergency two officers may call a special meeting.
- d. Notification of such meetings shall be by mail, time permitting; otherwise radio, telephone or whatever means available shall be used to contact all members in good standing.
Only such business as is designated in the notice of the meetings shall be transacted, unless otherwise approved by two-thirds of those voting members present.
- e. The regular meeting date or place may be changed by a majority vote of those present at a regular meeting, provided all members have received written notice of the intent to act upon such a motion.

2.6 Dues.

- a. The corporation may, by a two-thirds majority of the total membership present and in good standing, levy upon the membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the corporation, within purposes set forth in the Articles of Organization.
- b. In determining such dues and assessments, the membership shall distinguish between General Members WRP, General Members, and Associate Members by levying a lesser amount on General Members and a token amount on Associate Members.
- c. New members shall pay dues on a pro rata basis for the year in which they become members.
- d. A notice of annual dues shall appear in the Association's publication for not less than the two months preceding the beginning of each fiscal year.

- e. The Treasurer shall provide written notice to all members who are delinquent in the payment of dues or assessments. The date of such notice shall begin the tolling of the thirty (30) day grace period during which such delinquency may be corrected.

SECTION III OFFICERS

3.1 Offices.

The offices of the corporation shall be as follows:
President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer

3.2 Qualification.

The officers of the corporation shall be either General Members WRP or General Members, furthermore, any prospective officer must not be in default of his/her obligation to pay dues and assessments levied in accordance with these By-Laws.

3.3 Election.

Election of officers shall be held each year at the annual meeting in June, providing there are enough members in attendance to constitute a quorum. Term of office for each position is one (1) year.

3.4 Vacancies.

Vacancies occurring between the regular annual election of officers shall be filled by a special election to be held at the first meeting, subsequent to the announcement of vacancy, in which there are enough members in attendance to constitute a quorum.

3.5 Removal.

Any officer may be removed from office by a vote of two-thirds of the voting members in attendance at a regular meeting, provided that a motion to such effect was made, seconded and tabled at a previous regular or special meeting. In every such instance the officer so challenged shall be notified in writing, by the Secretary or President, of the motion made, seconded and tabled, as well as the results of the ensuing vote. Such notification shall occur within two business days of the action taken. Copies of all such correspondence shall be maintained by the Secretary.

3.6 Duties of the President.

The duties of the President shall be in accordance with the rules and guidelines adopted by the membership.

3.7 Duties of the Vice President.

The Vice President shall preside over meetings from which the President is absent, and he/she shall assist the President in the performance of his/her administration, managerial and other responsibilities or circumstances, the President or the membership require.

3.8 Duties of the Secretary.

The Secretary shall function as the Clerk of the Corporation and as such shall ensure that all statutory requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are complied with in a proper and timely manner. The Secretary shall maintain minutes of all annual, regular or special meetings as well as a record of all activities of the corporation. Further duties of the Secretary shall be determined in accordance with the rules and guidelines adopted by the membership.

3.9 Duties of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate accounting of all receipts, disbursements and expenditures of corporate funds. He/she shall receive all monies paid to the corporation and issue receipts for same. The Treasurer shall satisfy the debts of the corporation for the corporate assets upon the authorization of the membership. Further duties of the Treasurer shall be determined in accordance with the rules and guidelines adopted by the membership.

SECTION IV STATION TRUSTEE

4.1 Term.

The station trustee shall serve a term concurrent with that of the station license.

4.2 Qualification and Election.

The Station Trustee shall be nominated from the ranks of General Membership WRP by the Directors and shall be elected by vote of the membership in attendance at such election in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws pertaining to Voting.

4.3 Duties of the Station Trustee.

The Station Trustee shall be responsible for the proper use of all station licenses; shall supervise the maintenance of all appropriate logs and records as required by statute or as directed by the total membership. He/she shall also be responsible for the care and maintenance of all corporate property not entrusted to the Secretary or the Treasurer. Furthermore, the station trustee shall initiate or respond to correspondence relative to the station licenses and operation; shall notify the President and membership of the impending expiration of station licenses at least three months prior to the expiration date thereof.

SECTION V FISCAL MATTERS

5.1 Power to Incur Debt.

No officer, director, or member of the corporation shall contract for or incur any debt or enter into any agreement, written or oral, or otherwise obligate the corporation except by prior authorization of the total membership. No officer, director, or member shall pay out or distribute any of the assets of the corporation, liquid or otherwise, except where such payments or distributions have been previously authorized by the total membership.

5.2 Audit.

The books of the corporation shall be audited on an annual basis by a committee appointed by the President then presiding.

SECTION VI STANDING COMMITTEES

6.1 Committees.

The following committees are established to stand from term to term:

- a. Technical Committee;
- b. Membership Committee;
- c. Programs and Activities Committee; and
- d. House and Refreshments Committee.

6.2 Membership and Chairpersons.

Committee members and chairpersons shall be named by the then presiding President and confirmed by a majority vote of the remaining officers then presiding.

6.3 Executive Committee.

The presiding officers of the corporation shall form the Executive Committee, the duties and powers of which shall be in accordance with the rules and guidelines adopted by the membership.

SECTION VII RECORDS AND DISTRIBUTION

7.1 Record Keeping.

All official books and records of the corporation shall be kept by either the Secretary or the Treasurer and, after having been formally accepted, shall be bound into volumes with consecutively numbered pages.

7.2 Access to Records.

All official books and records of the corporation shall be made available to any member, regardless of classification upon motion made and seconded and carried at any annual, regular or special meeting.

7.3 Distribution of By-Laws.

Upon acceptance into membership each person shall be given a copy of the corporate By-Laws as herein set forth or later amended.

SECTION VIII VOTING

8.1 Eligibility.

Only General Members WRP and General Members may vote, provided that they are not then in default of their obligation to pay dues and assessments levied in accordance with these By-Laws. Associate Members are not entitled to a ballot.

8.2 Quorum.

Except as provided in Sections 3.5 and 9.2, a quorum for any annual, regular or special meeting shall be as follows:

- a. Annual Meeting - shall be twenty-five percent (25%) or one-quarter (1/4) of the total membership as well as a minimum of two officers then presiding.
- b. Regular or Special Meeting - shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the total membership as well as a minimum of two officers then presiding.

8.3 Procedure.

The meeting and election procedure shall be governed by the then most current edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

8.4 Absentee Voting.

Absentee voting is permitted only for issues involving Sections 2.6, III, and IX. Where such issues are anticipated, written notice shall be sent to all members not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting at which they will be dealt. Such notice shall include the time and place of the meeting as well as a copy of the motion(s) to be voted upon. No particular form of absentee ballot is to be required, however.

8.5 Proxies.

There shall be no votes cast by proxy, written or otherwise. Votes by members not in attendance shall be cast only in accordance with Section 8.4, supra.

SECTION IX AMENDMENTS

9.1 Notice.

All members entitled to cast a vote and in good standing at such time shall be afforded written notice of motion(s) to amend either the Articles of Organization or the By-Laws of this corporation. Such notice shall be given not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting at which such motion(s) will be voted upon, and shall include the time and place of such meeting as well as a copy of the proposed amendment(s).

9.2 Two-thirds Majority.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of these By-Laws as set forth hereinbefore, amendment of the Articles of Organization or of the By-Laws of this corporation may only be effectuated upon the consent of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership in attendance, through presence or absentee ballot, at the time and place of the vote upon the proper motion to amend.

End of by laws.

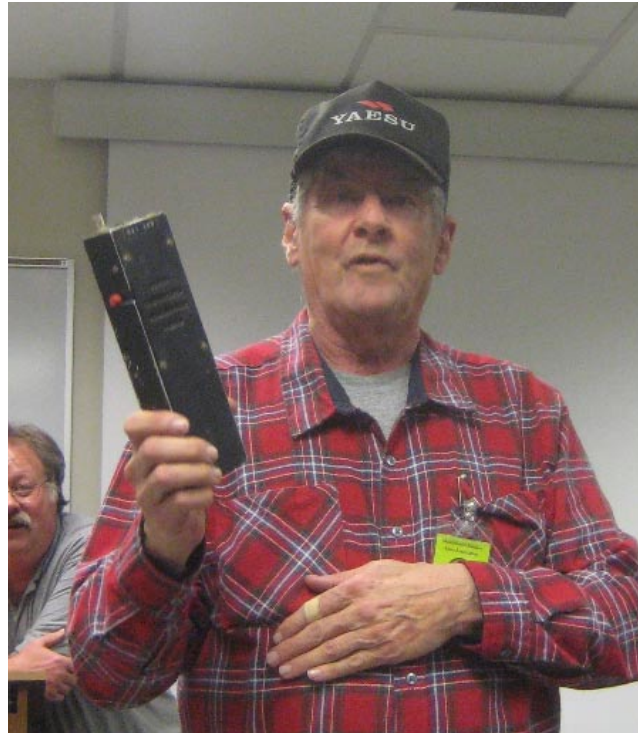
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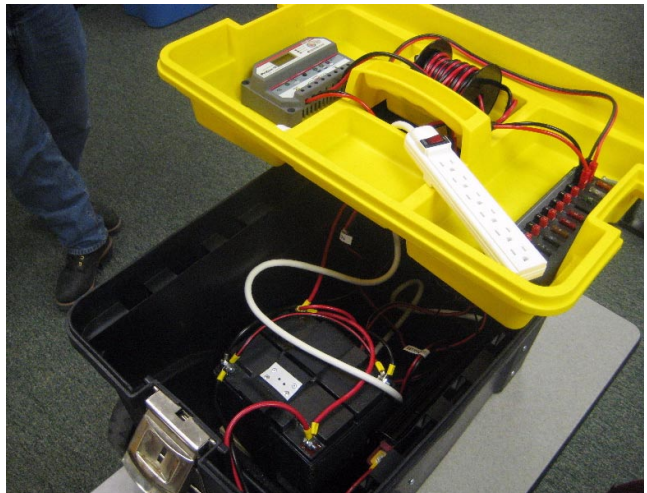
above: Bill N1UZ displayed a 40 watt portable 2m/70cm crossband repeater he built using Motorola radios. kd1sm photo



above: Paul WB1EWS brought a variety of feedlines taken out of service and had a story with each one. kd1sm photo



above: Al KB1TNN describes his vintage 1980 VHF Engineering 2m HT with custom modification for external battery charging. kd1sm photo



above: Ray KB1LRL described his emergency power kit, including a 110v inverter. kd1sm photo



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