



Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 14
7:30PM
Wallace Room
Lunenburg Public Library

Andy Stewart KB1OIQ
“Linux in the Ham Shack”

The May MARA meeting presentation will feature Andy Stewart KB1OIQ who will talk about using the Linux operating system in your Amateur Radio operations. Andy is also the President of the PART in Westford.

Also at the May meeting the nominating committee of Charlie KT1I, Gary K1YTS, and Tom AB1GF will be looking for nominations for Club Officers. While all officers are elected annually, this year Barry W1HFN has said he not be available to serve another term as Secretary.

The President’s Corner

Well it may appear that Spring may have actually have arrived...About 6 WEEKS LATE! I was almost wondering if we were going to have Field Day on the Mount with

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snow still on it. Hopefully the winter coat is finally put away.

Our busy April was just that, a big blur of activity starting with the Boston Marathon. Over 280 hams and 3000 uniformed and plainclothes officers worked to ensure the safety of the runners and spectators. Thankfully there were no incidents this year and everything went smoothly. Right after that was the Groton Road Race and the Sqannacook Canoe Race Which wound up to be a cold, wet weekend. But again things wet well despite the weather. Many more upcoming events, the next one being Field Day. Mark your calendar and plan on coming up the mountain and do some operating.

The May meeting will be the officer nominations so make your intentions known if you want to upset anyone. Barry W1HFN has unseated himself so there is a

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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, 1900 local 145.37-
Gardner/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

Sunday May 18, Cambridge MA
Flea at MIT

Sunday June 15, Cambridge MA
Flea at MIT

July 18 & 19, Hartford CT
ARRL National Convention

Additional ham fest and flea market information
can be found on the W1GSL New England Area
Ham - Electronic Flea Market list at
<http://web.mit.edu/w1gsl/Public/ne-fleas>

The President's Corner

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position there to select for. I want to thank
him for an excellent job during his tenure.

The meeting will also present Andy,
KB1OIQ the president of PART who will
give a talk on Linux in the Hamshack. Andy
has built a reputation of developing
programs in Linux and should be a very
interesting topic.

Hope you find your way over and have some
fun and get a little education to boot.

73, Ray

VE Team Report

The MARA Volunteer Examiner Team held
two sessions in March and April that were
very well attended.

The March exam session served ten candi-
dates. Seven earned new Technician
licenses, two earned General licenses, and
one earned an Extra Class license.

The April exam session served four candidates
with two earning new Technician licenses and
one each earning General and Extra.

The Volunteer Examiners who provided their
services for these two sessions were Tom
AB1GF (March), Tom K1JHC (March and
April), Gary K1YTS (March and April), Bruce
KB1YRS (April), Ralph KD1SM (March and
April), Paul KD1YH (March and April), John
KK1X (March and April), Don N1HVA
(April), and Chatmon WA1FIA (March and
April).

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

March Meeting

Minutes Of The Montachusett Amateur Radio Association

12 Mar 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by president KB1LRL. Introductions were made.

Those in attendance: Ray KB1LRL, Tom AB1GF, Charlie KT1I, Gary K1YTS, Chris W2ZLX, Gordon N1MGO, Ken KB1UVP, Paul KD1YH, Tom W0TJP, Bruce KB1YRS, Steve KB1YUP, Barry W1HFN and welcome to our newest member, Victor KB1ZUZ.

Treasurer's report: balance of \$1889.90 with \$502.50 in the repeater fund. Moved and seconded to accept.

Repeater news: the 220 has been worked on extensively by Tom, Bruce, Gary and Paul. The duplexers have been tuned, the exciter has been replaced and an antenna on the way. It is hoped we can install it in the Spring.

The Framingham flea market is 6 APR and NEARFEST is 2nd and 3rd May.

Gary mentioned the Townsend Canoe Race is scheduled for 26th April. All interested in volunteering contact Gary - K1YTS. We will meet at the VFW in West Townsend at 0900L for info and location assignments.

The secretary passed around a March 2005 issue of QST with a picture of Norm W1BYH who recently became a Silent Key. Norm was operating 3D2BY in Fiji at the time.

There will be a WRTC training session 31 May at the Milara site in Milford, same as

last year. We will need more volunteers, so contact Ray if interested. The event runs 10 - 15 July.

Next months speaker will be Mario AA1VU giving a presentation on Air Force MARS. The following month will be Andy KB1OIQ presenting LINUX applications for ham radio.

Next month refreshments volunteers are Charlie for coffee and Barry for munchies.

A ten minute break for snacks, then Ray showed several videos, an old B&W Frankenstein calling CQ, the ARRL 100th Anniversary history video and a 40s era "Billy the ham" film. All were well received.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Barry W1HFN, Secretary

April Meeting

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9 Apr 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by president KB1LRL. Introductions were made.

Those in attendance: Ray KB1LRL, Tom AB1GF, Charlie KT1I, Gary K1YTS, Chris W2ZLX, Gordon N1MGO, Ken KB1UVP, Paul KD1YH, Tom W0TJP, Steve KB1YUP, Tom K1JHC, Kurt KE4IXV, Tim KQ1Y, Barry W1HFN and welcome to our newest members, David KC1BNE and Herve KC1BOM. Our guest speakers were: Tom NE1R and Marian AA1VU. Marian's wife Maria KB1DRM accompanied him.

Treasurer's report: balance of \$1808.90 with \$502.50 in the repeater fund. There was a \$200.00 expense for Field Day insurance. Also, in relation to FD, Gary K1YTS has started the ball rolling for the PortaPotty.

Tom AB1GF displayed the 220 repeater, which is working well but displays some de-sense. More work to be done on the duplexers. Gordon N1MGO mentioned people are bringing the links up and down without identifying. Please do so.

The Townsend Lions Club Annual Canoe Race is Saturday the 26th. Gary K1YTS mentioned 12 to 15 radio ops needed to cover the course. Those interested in helping meet at the VFW at 0900. The Groton Road Race is the next day, contact Ralph KD1SM if interested in helping.

Field Day is coming up, what is needed primarily are night operators. June is also the month for club officer elections. Tom K1JHC, Gary K1YTS and Charlie KT1I are the nominating committee.

NEARFEST (AKA Deerfield) is coming up 2/3 May. Many hope to attend and look for good WX.

WRTC training is 31 May at Malaria in Milford.

The club raised \$18.00 from the raffle, 1st prize went to one of our new members, Herve KC1BOM and 2nd to Charlie KT1I.

Tom NE1R and Marion AA1VU gave a presentation on Air Force MARS. Very informative. Afterwards pamphlets were distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Barry W1HFN, Secretary

Groton Road Race

On April 27 10 NVARC members were joined by 26 Amateur Radio operators from other clubs to provide radio communications for the 23rd running of the Groton Road Race. This is the 21st year that Hams have provided communications for this event.

The Ham crew connects the Race officials with each other and with the Groton Police Department. We are also stationed at road intersections around the course serving to connect the police officers from several agencies with each other.

Thanks to Bob AB1CV, Tom K1JHC, Ken K1JKR , Steve K1SMD, Pete K1SUB, Gary K1YTS, Karen KA1JVU, George KB1HFT, Nancy KB1KEF, Carsten KB1KTP, Ray KB1LRL, Steve KB1NMJ, Ken KB1UVP , Greg KB1WAQ, Dan KB1YGB, Tim KC1AJJ, Stan KD1LE, Ralph KD1SM, John KK1X, Tim KQ1Y, Charlie KT1I, Dan KW2T, Jim KX1M, Steve N1BDA, Jim N1HTS, Rob N1ICB, Keith N1KLK, Phil N1MOR , Don N1NWE, John N1PYN, Joseph N1QDZ, Mary N1RKO, Deryl N1SPA, Jim N8VIM, Paul NW1U, Tim W0TJP, Larry W1ESR, and Bob W1XP for participating this year.

Special thanks to Stan KD1LE and John KK1X for mustering at 0700 to set up NCS with me.

-Ralph KD1SM



above: Net Control and Logistics tents



above: runners pass Net Control at the start of the 10K race



above: Stan KD1LE at Net Control

KD1SM photos



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