

# MARA W1⚡GaZette



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## **Next Meeting**

Sept 12, 2018 7pm Lunenburg Public Library

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## **The President's Corner**

*I have not been very active and I want to get back on the Air. I did remove and repair my A4S and thrust Bering. I have been also working on an Inverted L Antenna for 80m and possibly 160m. The L consists of a 31.5' vertical and 16.5' of wire totaling 48'. I added an 2.5'x 18 turn inductor with no counterpoise as of yet. I can Load it in 80m but it probably does not radiate well without the counterpoise. I would like to be able to use it for November Sweepstakes. Currently I have the Cushcraft A4S with 40 m add on and the Inverted L for 80m  
de Tom, AB1GF*

## ***June Meeting, Treasurer's Report***

**Meeting called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 1930 by Tom, AB1GF.

**Attendees:** W1QED-Eric, KT1I-Charlie, KD1YH-Paul, K1YTS-Gary, W0TJP-Tim, N1MGO-Gordon, K1JHC-Tom, KK1X-John, new members KC1JEX-John, KC1JDZ-Bill and yrftlsvnt, W1HFN-Barry.

### **Treasurer Report**

current balance \$1280.48 in the account. After a bank glitch where \$500.00 was deleted from our account has been rectified, \$1780.48.

### **Current Business:**

It was requested that the club secretary update the ARRL club status. This was accomplished on 10 May. Technical Committee report; a predictable noise has been popping up on the 220 repeater, source unknown. All other repeaters appear to be functioning FB.

**There are some upcoming Events June July :**

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> ARRL Field Day**

**August 19 Club Cookout**

**Members: .**

**General Discussion:** Some FD discussion ensued; Ray has procured permission for our use of Mt Wach for the event. Initial plan is for three stations running, Eric has volunteered to run the GOTA rig this year. Some digital operation may be undertaken.

**Meeting Presentation:** There was no presentation this month

**Meeting end called:** 2020 Local

Respectfully submitted, Barry-W1HFN, Secretary

## ***State of the Repeaters***

*The Repeaters are Chugging along*

*de Tom AB1GF*

## ***The Old Timers' Lunch***

*The Old Timers Met Wednesday 1 August at the Airport Diner. Present were Paul N1QDX, Charlie KT1I, Gary K1YTS an++d Tom K1JHC. Plans were that Barry W1HFN would join us via Echo Link. Unfortunately Hamilton Street is a dead area and no one brought a Walkie so this fell through. We meet every First Wednesday at noon and you do not have*

*to be old. please come.*

*73,*

*de Tom K1JHC*

## **Public Service**

Orchard House 5 & 10K

[Saturday September 8, 2018 \(morning\)](#)

Concord, MA

Cystic Fibrosis Cycle for Life

[Saturday October 6, 2018 \(morning to early afternoon\)](#)

Holliston, MA

Ashland Half Marathon (morning)

[Saturday October 27, 2018](#)

Ashland, MA

For each event, we will need both fixed and mobile units (including bicycle-mobile).

A good 2M 70cm analog portable radio will be needed. DMR (UHF/VHF) will be used at the Cycle for Life and Ashland Half. If you don't own a DMR radio, loaners are available.

Each event takes great care of the volunteers! That's important to me, and it's why many folks keep coming back.

Contact Mark at [kmalittle@gmail.com](mailto:kmalittle@gmail.com)

Also, the big event of the fall is the Head of the Charles. To work this event everyone needs to register through their website starting September 1 (ends September 30). General volunteer information can be found here: <https://www.hocr.org/volunteers/volunteer-registration/> Amateur Radio information is emailed after you get your acceptance email.

Jimmy Fund Walk

Sunday, September 23. This is the Jimmy Fund's annual fundraising walk along the Boston Marathon route. There are positions available to work with a medical team at each rest stop along the route, so there's a variety of locations and volunteer times available. To sign up, just e-mail me back to let me know, and I'll add you to our roster. Let me know if you have any scheduling requirements or location requests—I can't accommodate everyone but I'll do my best.

BAA Half Marathon

Sunday, October 7. As usual for BAA events, we'll work with medical teams at different points along the route to provide them with any necessary communication, including EMS dispatch requests if necessary. Volunteer registration for this event [is on the BAA's web site](#). **Please register by September 12.**

If you aren't able to join us, you can still help out by spreading the word about these events. Both can use volunteers of any experience level. Feel free to share this email with your friends or clubs.

If you have questions about either event, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you, and 73,

Brett Smith, AB1RL

Public Service Coordinator, [Boston Amateur Radio Club](#)

*de W0TJP*

## ***Operating Events***

### **September, 2018**

8-10 September VHF

15-16 10 GHz & Up - Round 2

29-30 EME - 2.3 GHz & Up

### **October 2018**

15-19 School Club Roundup

27-28 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)

### **November 2018**

3-5 Nov. Sweepstakes – CW

17-19 Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone

24-25 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz

11/30-12/2 160 Meter

*de ABIGF*

## ***VE Sessions***

July 18, 2018

August 22, 2018

We have 2 new Techs

6 ve's

*de KDISM, KDIYH*









*de WIHFN*

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Family \$30

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MARA owns and operates three FM repeaters co-located on Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg. W1GZ on 145.45 (CTCSS 74.4), AB1GF on 224.34 MHz (CTCSS 103.5) and W1HFN on 927.5625 (-25 MHz) (CTCSS 74.4). The 2m repeater is also reachable via IRLP node 8433 and Echolink node 688832.

## ***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 3944**

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

### **Tuesdays, 1930 local 145.37-**

WMEN Templeton Emergency Net

### **Wednesdays, 1900 local 145.37-**

Gardner/Templeton Emergency Net

### **Nightly, 2100 local 146.97-**

Central Mass Traffic Net

### **First Monday, 1900 local 3943, 7245**

RACES Net

### **Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 1800 local 3978**

Western Mass/RI Phone Net

## ***For Sale***

15 x 10' sections Rohn 25 \$50.00 each

Cushcraft A4S Ti-band Antenna 20-15-10m

Wilson System 1 Ti-band Antenna 20-15-10m

Wilson System 33 Tri-band Antenna 20-15-10m

M2 10-30 LPS Log Periodic

de AB1GF

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