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Next Meeting

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The President's Corner

de Tom, AB1GF





Editorial
de Bill NZ1D

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 yrfthlsrvnt, 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 23rd 24th 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

de Barry W1HFN, MARA 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 and 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 kmalittle1@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.

de WOTJP

Operating Events

de <Callsign>

VE Sessions

July 18, 2018

August 22, 2018

We have 2 new Techs

6 ve's

de KDISM, KDIYH

<Feature Article Title>

de <Callsign>

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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

Other

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