

# ZERO BEAT

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W1ABC/?

What?? No news?? How about dropping a couple of news items in the Zero Beat box?? Upgrades? Awards? How about just plain gossip - even via slander, lies and depravity? Hell, I won't print them - but I'd sure love to read them !!!

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Club Officers 1982

President: Bob Petitpas WA1EXG  
Vice-President: Al Santos WA1KFA  
Treasurer: Norm Riley W1ATI  
Secretary: Bill Field WA1FYP  
Members: Lefty Cabral WA1CLU  
Directors: Bill Mercier WB1ERS  
John Doud W1SSS

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Editor: Norm Riley, our new treasurer, is placing himself at your disposal for the payment of your annual dues.

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Activities Section

Technical Committee: Ken Howland N1AVA  
Office Captain: Ray Poirier K1VJP  
Zero Beat: Barry Miller KD1H

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We still need some committee slots to be filled for the coming year. I know the recent inclement wx has deterred a few of you from attending recent meetings but hopefully, we'll be able to fill these posts very shortly.

The open positions are up on the board so give it some consideration, ok??

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Upgrades

KA1GXC Mike Correia to Technician  
KA1HCP Steve Sousa to General  
KD1H Barry Miller to Second Class Telegraph

Congratulations fellas !!

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Please consider running a Novice licensing course this time around. Someone can one for you!!

There's help for the asking. If you are interested in teaching code, theory or both contact Zero Beat. ( Or if you feel you need advice or help in one of

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these areas.

BITS AND PIECES

Don't forget that we have a Flea Market coming up on Feb. 5th at the Congregational Church in South Dartmouth!!

The hours are 9am to 4pm but come early! Not only will you get the best pickings but you can lend a hand setting up. 17 tables have to be set up so please pitch in. Set-up time is 7:30. Any donations of hot dogs or buns would be greatly appreciated!

Tables will be \$6 and admission will be \$1.

We will have a 50-50 and also raffie off a bottle of Canadian Mist Whiskey donated by our new President, Bob Petitpas.

A vintage Ten-Tec Xcvr (qrp) has graciously donated by a former member, Norman Robitaille.

Talk-in on 146.60/147.00 Mhz. There will be free parking and refreshments will be for sale so bring the harmonics along.

This event was advertised in QST and CROSSBANDER, so come early!!!

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DID YOU KNOW ???

That Amateur Radio is being used by the guerillas fighting in El Salvador? It has been claimed the guerillas are using local repeaters for tactical communication. Many of these repeaters have now been turned off due to this problem. I wonder if they were I-Ding properly ??  
CROSSBANDER

The FCC's licensing facility at Gettysburg, Pa. has a new telephone listing. The new number is ( 717 ) - 337-1212.  
CROSSBANDER

That the New England Division ARRL Convention will be held in Foxboro, Mass. on October 2-3rd, 1982. Plan ahead !!

According to CROSSBANDER, a publication for Eastern Mass. Radio Amateurs, over 100 amateurs assisted in the Lynn fire disaster? All of the participants will receive letters of recognition from the Nat'l Guard for their invaluable aid.

If anyone is looking to work Lagos, Nigeria - look for 5N6PEE on 28.666 Mhz the last Sat. of every month on or about 1600 GMT. The operator's handle is Prince.

Welcome back to Gilly Medeiros, K1SNY. Gilly returns as a full member after a short period of inactivity.

Bill Mercier emptied all the ash-trays Sunday - and he doesn't even smoke.

Sonny Nello and Lenny Gagoski have changed jobs. Sonny's now tooling around in a T-bird. It must get real good mileage 'cause it slides real well in the snow!!

Bob Petitpas's wife delivered her fifth child, a baby boy, the night before his election as President 1982.

50 th Anniversary is this year, guys. Let's not let this one slip away from us. We'll regret it if we do.

The rotor for the tri-bander is in the hands of B. Miller for final assembly. We'll be re-installing it on the tower as soon as the wx breaks.

The patience award of the month goes to Norm Riley, W1ATI. He took in all the discussions at Sunday's Session with great patience. Those short naps are great, huh Norm ??

Keep in mind for the spring- Paint Party. The bldg could use it.

Field Day Activities - Who has a generator kicking around ? Got a favorite site in mind ???

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## SUNDAY'S SESSION

What's a Sunday Session ?? It's when some of the members brave the cold winter air in order to share a little camaraderie with their fellow hams !

Half-a dozen hearty souls sat nice and toasty in the clubhouse building with a nice hot cup of coffee. And was that coffee good ! Even if it was a little weak. ( Hey, I'll do better next time guys !! ).

But more than that, it's a perfect time to air your views and opinions. Informal discussions can be really helpful. One big advantage to expressing your ideas on Sunday mornings is to see how much support a particular idea has before bringing it up at a business meeting.

It also cuts down on precious discussion time at a formal business meeting. Oftentimes, proposals have to be put off to the next meeting to finish the discussions. Sometimes more than one postponement has to be made. Very often the key proponents can not attend the next meeting. Discussions are tabled or dropped on occasion because there is not enough time to work out the necessary details.

**TOPICS DISCUSSED:** Commemorative membership cards for our 50 th Anniversary year, 1982. To be made available to the membership at a nominal cost.

Creation of a building fund EXCLUSIVELY for the installation of bathroom facilities on the premises. This would allow us to save the rental fees now paid to others for the use of their buildings. It would also allow us to hold future events here and possibly produce additional revenues by renting out the building.

The location of the facilities to be decided at a future time - once the building fund starts to take off. Let's not take this building for granted - it's big, warm, well-built, and best of all - paid for !!

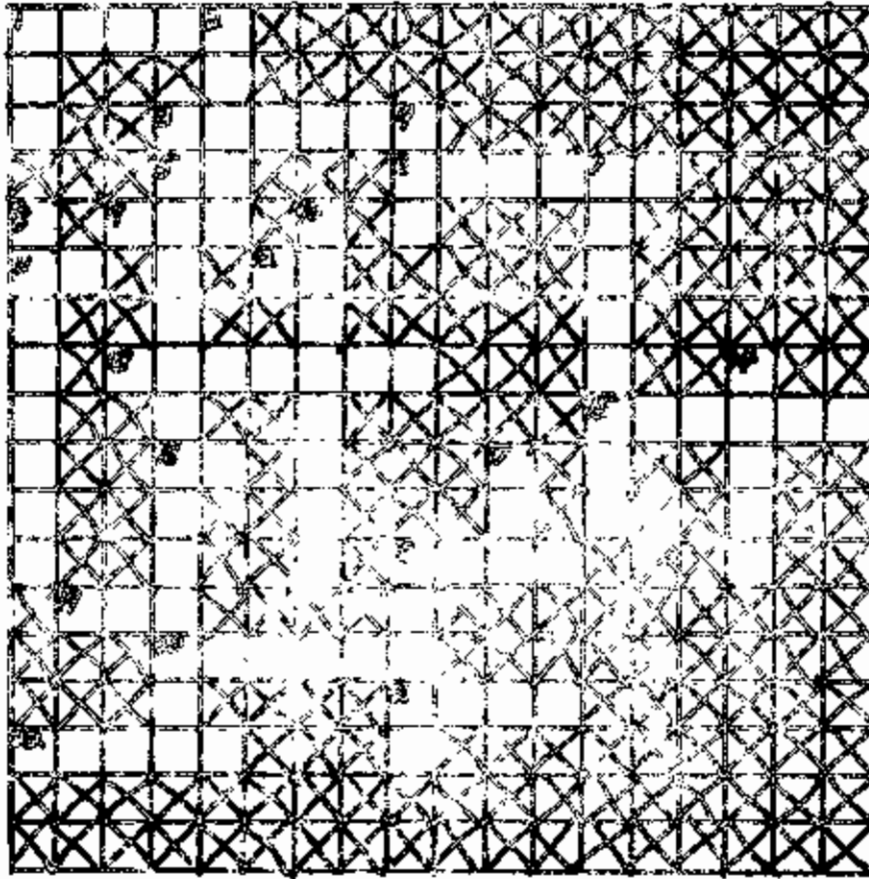
' Nappin ' Norma Riley brought the discussion up, and Al Santos proposed the motion to the 5 Board Of Directors present. A unanimous vote was recorded so the proposal will be brought before the membership for consideration at the Feb. Business Meeting.

Generalized discussion on 1982 Field Day was held. Tentative sites and equipment were discussed. Recommended site at the present time is West Island, Fairhaven. Any comments ??

Discussion on the feasibility of purchasing a new repeater set-up was also held. ( I'll bet there will be plenty of comments on this one!! )

SO - If you smell fresh coffee in the air on Sunday mornings, it's coming from the clubhouse. COME ON DOWN !!

We missed you last week !!!



ACROSS

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- 1) Hams hunt them
- 2) What is always present at Sunday's Session
- 3) All right
- 4) First license step
- 5) Number of thumbs on left hand
- 6) Supposed to do at regular intervals
- 7) Just another pretty face
- 8) Sunday's Session
- 9) He's the law
- 10) Wait
- 11) Number of upgrades- this issue
- 12) Maurice's nickname
- 13) Doc Riley's new nickname
- 14) What is due now
- 15) Returning member- this issue

- 1) Distant Uncle
- 2) Ham's worst enemy
- 3) Church where Feb. 6th Flea market is to be held
- 4) Last part of your fingers
- 5) What our Tech Committee needs or Mao's title
- 6) Annual Event
- 7) Our new President
- 8) What the power supply got on his report card
- 9) Most important member
- 10) What every club needs